

Indo China is part of French Union (Empire)

- The 1940- 1945 background to the Indo China Wars
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June 1940 Fall of France



Vichy Govt set up in France by Germans.
Petain = French leader
Vichy France is given control of French colonies

Indo China now controlled by Vichy French army



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August 1940 Japan
Accord with Vichy France on Indo China

Japanese leave Indo China under Vichy French control, but resources to be exploited for Japan

Allies make Ho responsible for setting up a Resistance army to Vichy (ie Japanese) rule in Indo China. US/CIA support to set up Army in south China. Ho's forces focus on being nationalists, not Communists



Viet Minh army, led by Giap



Sept 1944

August 1945



Sept 1944: Giap controls much of north
Fighting continues against Vichy troops & Japan
Nationalist programme drawn up for peace
FDR is impressed
Ho believes national independence is close