

BACKGROUND TO VIET NAM: 2
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EUROPEAN INCURSION - VIETNAMESE REACTION

MAKING OF FRENCH INDO-CHINA

OTHER RELEVANT EVENTS

A.D. 1500 -

1511 Portuguese conquer Malacca

1557 Portuguese trading station at Macao
(So. China)

1600 -

1614 Jesuit missionaries banished from
Japan

1615 2 Jesuit Fathers at Fai Fo,
port south of Tourane among
Japanese Christians in a
trading post

1627 Father Alexandre de Rhodes in
Tonkin

[Alexandre de Rhodes, a native
of Avignon, France; later
perfected a romanized script
for Vietnamese language]

1633 1st Dutch ships at Fai Fo

1658 2 French priests as Vicars
Apostolic of Tonkin and
Cochin-China

1664 French East India Company founded

1697 French East India Company closed
factory in Tonkin

1700 -

Vietnamese Christians about
300,000 (estimate)

1774 Suppression of Society of Jesus
enabled French missionaries to
extend influence

1784 Nguyen Anh - Mgr. Pigneau de
Behaine

1787 Cession of Tourane & Condore
Island to French for
assistance

1789 FRENCH REVOLUTION

"Men are born, and always
continue free and equal in
respect of their rights"

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OTHER RELEVANT EVENTS

1800 -

- 1801 Unification of Vietnam
(GIA LONG, Emperor)
- 1802 Envoys to Peking:
recognition as tributary
- 1820 Emperor Minh Mang
Capital established at Huế
- 1833 Edict - Christianity a
crime punishable by death

1836 All ports closed to European
shipping

1839 Pope Gregory XVI - French primary
in Far East missions except
Tourane
British established at Hong Kong

- 1843 French warships at Tourane
- 1853-57 Persecution of Christians
(95 martyrs, incl. 14
Europeans)
- 1858 French-Spanish naval occupation
of Tourane
- 1859 French-Spanish conquest of Saigon
- 1862 Treaty- France acquired 3
eastern provinces of Cochinchina

1863 Treaty- French protectorate over
Cambodia

1869 Opening of Suez Canal

- 1874 Protectorate over Tonkin
- 1884 Protectorate over Annam
- 1895 Acquisition of Laos as
Protectorate, conceded
by Thailand

1874 Moslem revolt in SW China

1898 USA acquires Philippine Islands

1900 -

- 1907 Indochinese Federation
- 1914-18 43,000 troops & labor
corps to France

1905 Japanese naval victory at
Port Arthur

1911 Chinese Revolution

1914-18 WW 1: Russian revolution

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OTHER RELEVANT EVENTS

1923-27	Nguyen Ai Quoc in Russia and China	
1930	Communist party active in Vietnam	
		1937 Fall of Nanking (China) to Japanese
		1939 WW II: completion of Burma road
1940-41	Japanese occupy Indochina: Viet Nam formed - Ho Chi Minh	
1943	1st US air raids on railways, ports and shipping	1944 US reoccupies Philippines
1943	2 Sept. Proclamation of independence- Democratic Republic of Vietnam	1945 Independence for Philippines
	Japanese take over: surrender	
occupation	Chinese in north - 16th parallel	
	British in south	
1946	Reestablishment of French in Indo-China; outbreak of fighting	1950 Korean War (US-UN action vs. Chinese)
1954	French surrender at Dien Bien Phu	1954 Geneva Accords; SEATO formed in Manila