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Refugees: IDC reported Viet Minh issued laissez-passer to about 5,000 Phat Diem refugees. 1,770 believed departing for Haiphong by November 16. Only 481 known to have arrived by November 22. Reports are refugees being charged 7,000 hom piasters for transportation. Also indications Viet Minh preventing Thanh Hoa refugees from crossing to Phat Diem to obtain permits. Some returning to villages because unable purchase food.

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