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AN OUTLINE OF IMPORTANT DATES ...

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1945 -- end of Japanese occupation of Vietnam....

cupation of Vietnam.... BACK + 44K

1954 -- BATTLE OF DIENBIENPHU...

1x9x5x4x end of French War in Indochina; Geneva Agreement provides for temporary division of Vietnam into north & south

- American combat personnel dispatched as "advisors" to Diem regime in South Vietnam
- 1960 National Liberation Front formed in South Vietnam, John F. Kennedy elected president
- By year's end, 18,000 U.S. "advisors in South Vietnam; Berlin Wall established....
- 1962 Kennedy sends Green Berets to Vietnam
- 1964 Gulf of Tonkin Resolution passed in Senate, authorizing
  U.S. military action against Vietnam. President Johnson launches first bombing raid on North Vietnam
- 1965 President Johnson sends combat troops to South Vietnam
- 1966 U.S. planes bomb Hanoi (the capital city in the North)
- U.S. planes hit Russian ships in a bombing raid of Haiphong Harbor in North Vietnam. By the end of the year, 535,000 U.S. troops were stationed in South Vietnam.
- National Liberation Front launches TET offensive, coordinated military attacks throughout South Vietnam. Negotiations between U.S. and North Vietnam begin. March: President Johnson decides not ro run for re-election. 500 civilians killed at the village of My Lai.
- 1969 Nixon begins secret bombing of Cambobia. Gallup Poll shows that 52% of American people believe it was a mistake to become militarily involved in Vietnam. Ho Chi Minh dies...
- 1970 April: U.S. invasion of Cambodia
- 1971 Nixon intensifies bombing of North Vietnam
- Heaviest B-52 bombing over both north and south Vietnam;
  Christmas terror bombing of Hanoi
  Nixon visits China and the Soviet Union
  The Committee to Re-elect the President (Nixon) stages
  a break-in at the Democratic National Committee Headquarters,
  beginning of the Watergate scandal.
- January: Paris Peace Agreement signed; U.S. troops begin withdrawal from Vietnam. But U.S. military and economic aid to South Vietnamese government means that the fighting continues. Bombing of Cambodia and Laos continues until August. In June: Watergate hearings begin.

- 1974 -- Nixon resigns as a result of the Watergate scandal; Gerald Ford becomes U.S. President
- 1975 April: Saigon regime topples after successful PRG (Provisional Revolutionary Government) PRG declares victory in the war.
- 1976 April: elections held for Vietnamese National Assembly, formally reunifying north and south....