

SECTION 6

VIET-NAM INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE
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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM
1945 – 1976



SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM
1976 –



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INTRODUCTION TO SECTION 6

The Democratic Republic of Viet Nam (**Việt-Nam Dân-Chủ Cộng-Hòa**) was proclaimed by Ho-Chi-Minh in Ha-Noi, Viet-Nam on 2 September, 1945. This occurred before the complete occupation of North Viet-Nam by the Nationalist Chinese Army that accepted the surrender of the Japanese Army and Navy forces that had overthrown the Vichy French Government on 9 March 1945.

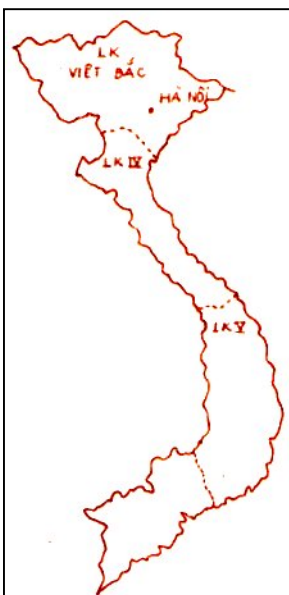
Negotiations with, initially the Chinese occupying forces, then the returning French Indo-China Government, resulted in the recognition of the Republic within the Indo-China Federation on 6 March 1946.

Strife and conflict between the Democratic Republic forces and the French Indo-China Government throughout 1946 resulted in heavy fighting in Ha-Noi and Hai-Phong in November and December and the withdrawal of the Republic Government into the hinterlands of Central Annam, and the mountains of Tonkin. The military defeat of the French at Dien-Bien-Phu and the subsequent peace conference in Geneva in 1954 resulted in the withdrawal of the French and the complete independence of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, the establishment of the State of Viet-Nam (South Viet-Nam) and the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ).

The *Geneva Accords* of 1954 (20 July, 1954) portioned historic Viet-Nam (Tonkin, Annam, and Cochin-China) into the north (Democratic Republic of Viet Nam) and the south (State of Viet-Nam). Elections to unify the whole country, as stipulated by the Geneva Accords, did not occur. A state of war existed between the two governments.

Early issues (until the end of 1954) of the Democratic Republic are generally recognized as being issued for the separated areas of Tonkin and Annam under the control of the government.

Lien Khu 4 and Lien Khu 5



From the Annam areas, collectively known as Lien Khu 4 (L.K.4 or LKIV) and Lien Khu 5 (L.K.V or LKV).

LKIV was comprised of the provinces of Thanh Hoa, Nghe Tinh, Binh Tri Thien, and its special post services were in operation for 1947-1949.

LKV was comprised of the provinces of Phu-Yen, Binh-Dinh, Quang-Ngai, and Quang-Nam, and its special post services were in operation for 1951-1954.

[this information is excerpted from reference 2]

There are many covers, most with commemorative markings and some with cachets, postmarked with LKV and LKIV markings, the majority being dated before 1955. The circular date stamps generally contain the Vietnamese words “Buu Dien Cuc” (post office), “Phong Dac Biet” (special office), Buu Chinh (post service), and Buu-Tin.

Philatelic commemorative events during this period were, in the very large majority, memorialized by means of large circular commemorative cancellations applied to covers without standard circular date stamps (CDS). I list different cachet designs and will indicate color varieties.

Commemorative cancellations are illustrated separately when possible, based on the original cover and the quality of the impression.

Cities Listed – I solicit information and material to be included in this catalog, as I freely recognize that my collection is incomplete in several areas of importance. This Section contains commemorative entries from several major cities of North Viet-Nam – Hanoi and Haiphong. Others may exist, but are lacking in my collection. I welcome additional information.

I freely solicit comments, of whatever nature, to add in the revision of this Section, and for application to future Sections.

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