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- 1. TITLE: FRANCE RETURNS PROVINCES IN INDO-CHINA
- 2. At Vientiane, only a short distance from war-wracked Hanoi, a ceremony of peace. To this colorful spot in Indo-China's Laos protectorate (near the border of Siam), giant native canoes bring French Admiral Thierry D'Argenlieu, High Commissioner to Indo-China. D'Argenlieu, who was a member of the first United Nations meeting in San Francisco, is here to return to these people two of their provinces taken from Siam. Natives greet him with offerings of flowers. Laos, a protectorate before the war, is now given self-government -- under its own king; an example, say the French, of the arrangement they want in Indo-China.
- 12. Native dancers perform for the Admiral.
- 14. The King of Laos arrives. Sole ruler now of one of France's four protectorates in Indo-China, he represents over a million subjects.
- 18. To his Majesty, the Admiral presents the Resistance medal and returns to him the two provinces. Far from a total battleground, Indo-China today -- in part at least -- shows the bright face of peace and a new way of life.

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