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The French force was too small to advance beyond Keelung, and the Pei-tao coal mines remained in Chinese hands.

The French Formosa expedition, 1884

Li Hongzhang rejected pleas for the northern Beiyang fleet to be sent south to battle the French blockade.

Wars The United States Didn't Win

The Chinese had also built a battery armed with smoothbore cannon to sweep the plain to the east of Makung and a large entrenched camp to the north of the town to house the regular troops of the island's garrison.

Wars The United States Didn't Win

By terms of the agreement and the following treaty of June 11 , the Black Flags and the Chinese army were ordered to return to China in exchange for the French abandoning their designs on the Pescadores Islands and Formosa. They had a few fortified cities and towns among them; Tainan and Taihoku, with a population of about 40,000 were the most important. They were occupied by the French until July 1885 and Admiral Courbet, by then a national hero in France, died aboard his flagship Bayard in Makung harbour during the occupation.

The Chinese Siege of the French Fortress at Tuyen Quang, Tonkin, Vietnam, 1885

It therefore decided to back Rivière. The growing tension between France and China gave rise to anti-foreign demonstrations inside China during the autumn of 1883. Hoping to exploit Courbet's defeat, Liu Yongfu attacked the French lines the same night, but the Black Flag attack also failed disastrously.

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At the same time, Lange's battalion left its bivouac on Dome Hill and began to advance towards Makung, its flanks covered by d'Estaing and

Vipère in Makung Bay and Annamite in Dome Bay.

L'expédition française de Formose, 1884

Hopes for an alliance were reawakened in December 1884 when a clash occurred between China and Japan in , when Japan supported the by against the pro-Chinese Korean government, prompting to request the French ambassador in Japan to approach the Japanese government with an offer.

Expedition french Formosa 1884

Rivière jubilantly reacted: 'This will force them to take forward their Tonkin Question! France had fought the war to oust the Chinese from Tonkin, not to make colonial conquests in China itself, and the French punctiliously evacuated the Pescadores on 22 July 1885. The war was initially fought between the communist forces of North Vietnam, supported by the fellow-Communist states of the Soviet Union and China, and the government of South Vietnam, supported by the U. By this time, after six hours of marching, several men had either grown delirious or passed out from the heat so the expedition returned to the ship.

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