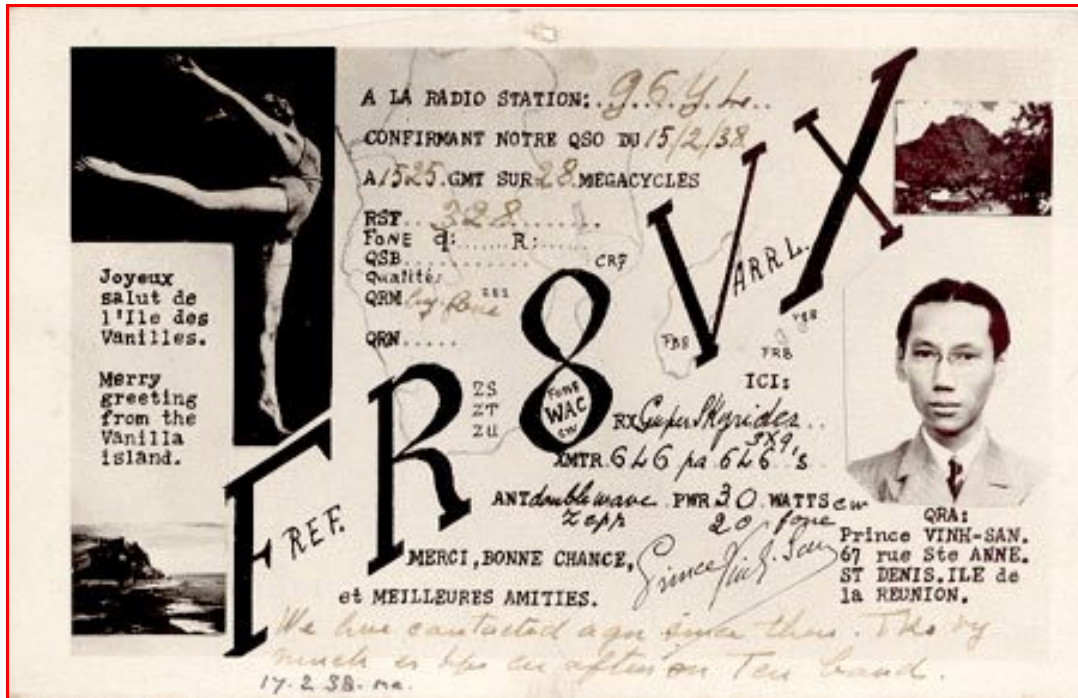


**Prince Nguyen Phuoc Bao Vang - FR8VX \*1899-1945\*** The Prince was also French educated and in later years be known as Major Claude Vinh San. A series of Colonial problems led Vietnam in 1900 to divide into 3 colonies. The young Prince led a Royal life in Vietnam. He was known as the Child King but was deposed and exiled in 1916 to far off St-Denis, serving the Free French at St. Denis, Reunion Island - Indian Ocean.



Claude Vinh San had a passion for radio and electronics. He enjoyed his hobby of ham radio on Reunion Island and frequently in Paris. He was seen regularly setting in front of his station transmitter-receiver and beam antenna in contact with radio amateur's all over the wide world. He managed to obtain the famous call of General Charles de Gaulle.

The Prince in the years of 1930 had assembled a major station of clandestine radio on Reunion. Claude was also a martial arts expert, another of his passions. He loved Judo and had a Black Belt. Vinh San had a special affinity to the French language.

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