

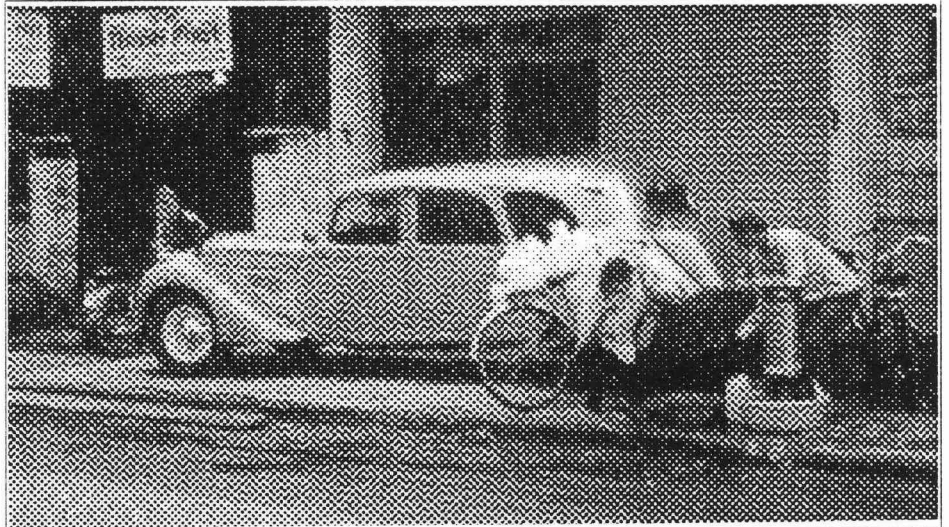
Tractions in Vietnam

Over the years the director of Citroën in the Netherlands, Erik Verhaest, had been aware that there were Tractions on the road in Vietnam. So in 1994 he set out to visit the former French colony and he returned with fantastic photographs that he kindly made available for publication.

The most spectacular is the gold '11' that has been modified both front and back to look rather 'British' and reminiscent of the 1950s. (This is the 'Splendilux' body, I think - Ed.) The wide front bumper bar is designed to be mounted with horns, driving lights and badges. However, this Vietnamese owner has only two klaxons - but other items are planned for. The vehicle is powered by the four cylinder engine.

The body has also been extended after the third window. Unfortunately the bicycle with its load of plastic bottles obscures the details, but the rear guards are rounded - in the style of the front ones and the boot lid displays a flatter than normal profile.

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Photos of 54H-01-03 have been published in 'Traksjon' previously. It is pleasing to report that the car has recently undergone an extensive overhaul. [!!!! Ed] The panel beating can still be seen under the black paint.

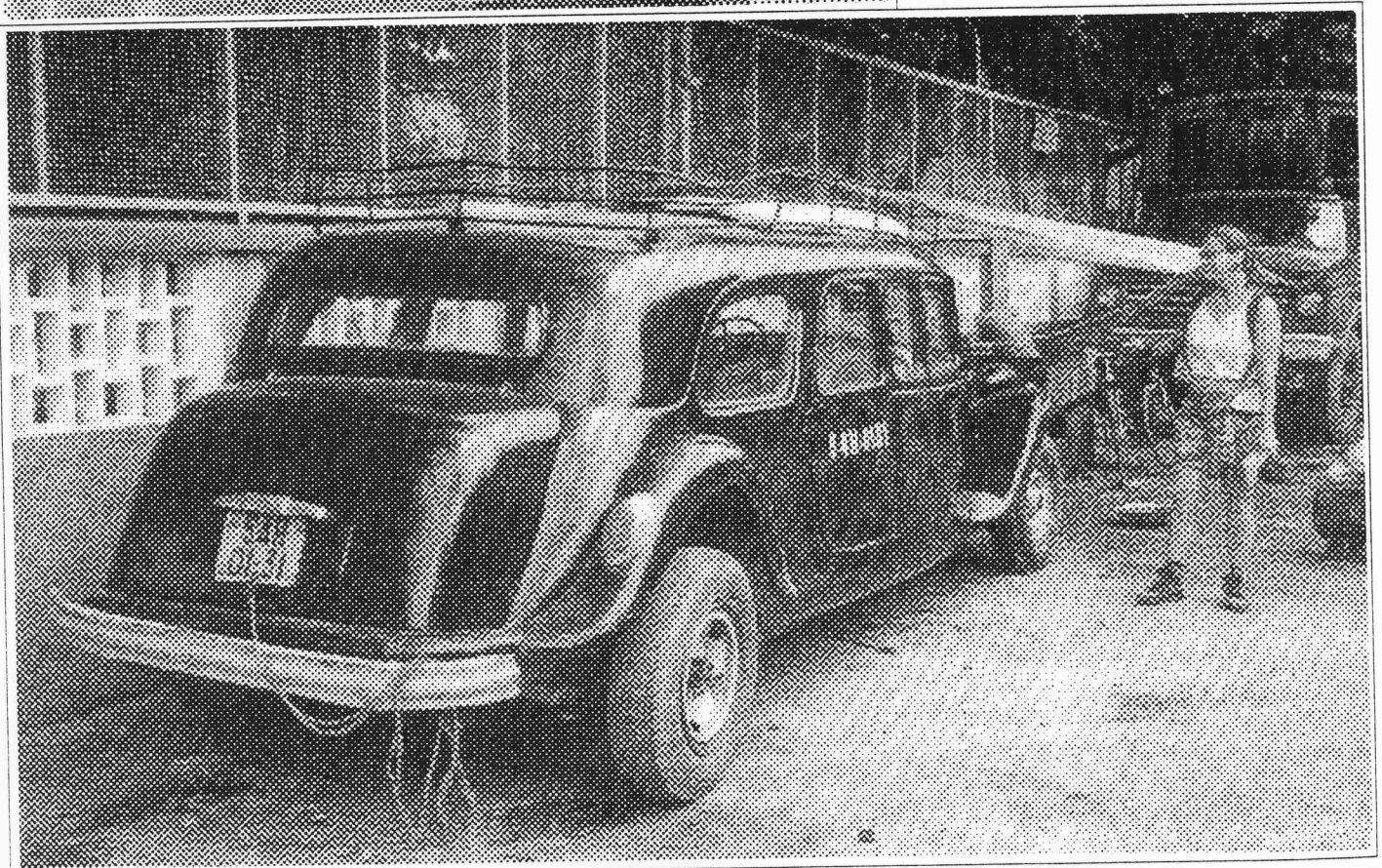
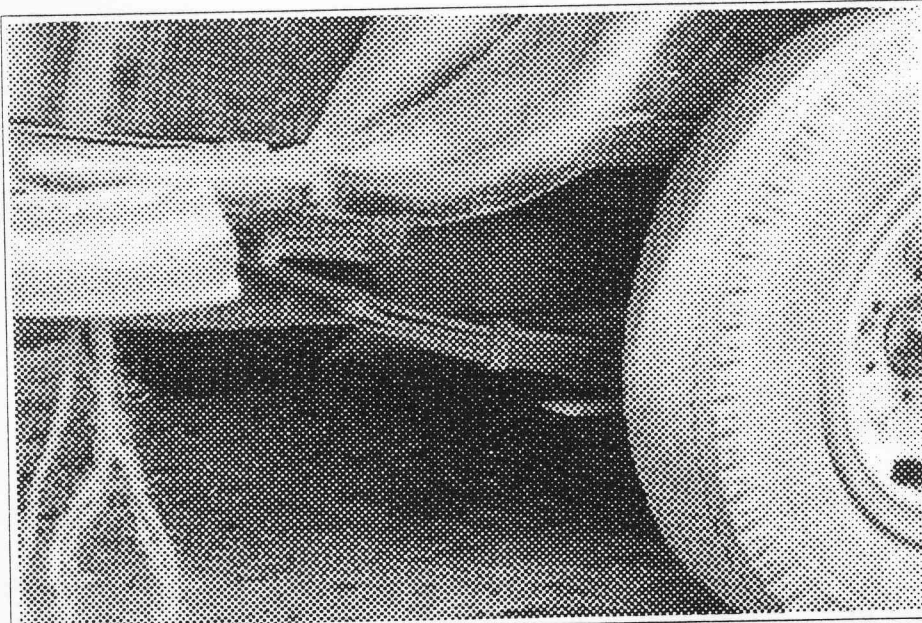
The body has been lengthened by around 20cm to provide even more room in the back. The interior still needs to be completed and this will be undertaken once the paintwork is finished.

Nice details include the rear leaf suspension.

Red and black colour schemes appear to abound and two are featured here - 60B-22-92 and 51M-04-73. The former boasts bright red bonnet and doors whilst the latter is graced with the entire sides being the contrasting colour. [CCOCA member George Tippet has provided a photo of 60B-22-92 painted totally in black! Ed]

The 2CV van, of 1960, is common with most 'Ducks' in Vietnam has the head lights fared into the guards.

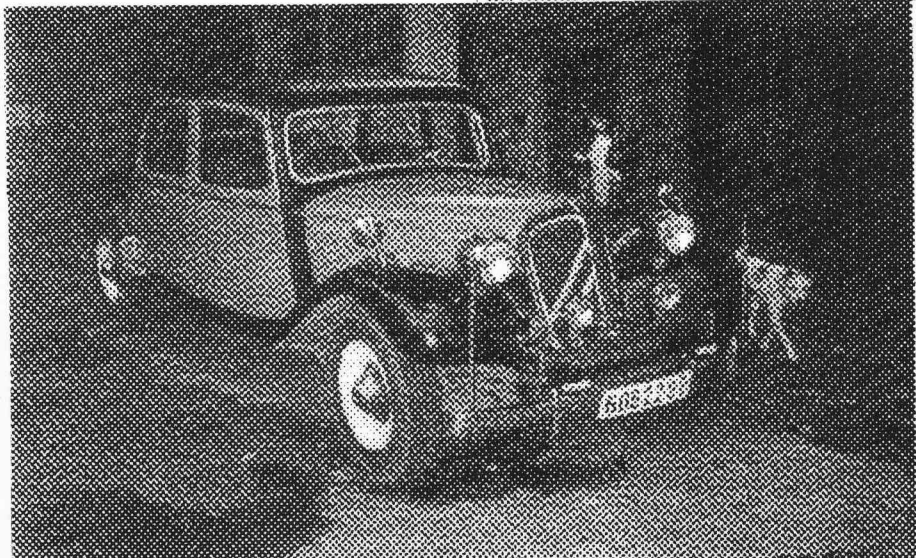
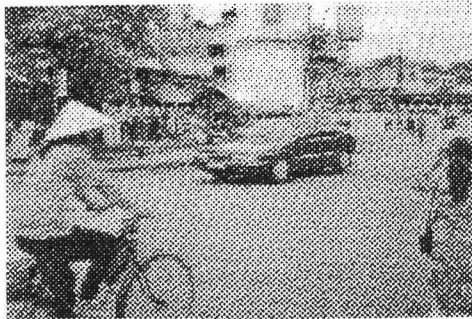
The Mehari-like transport is the Dalat - a jeep on a 2CV base that was produced in the local Citroën factory in the 1970s.



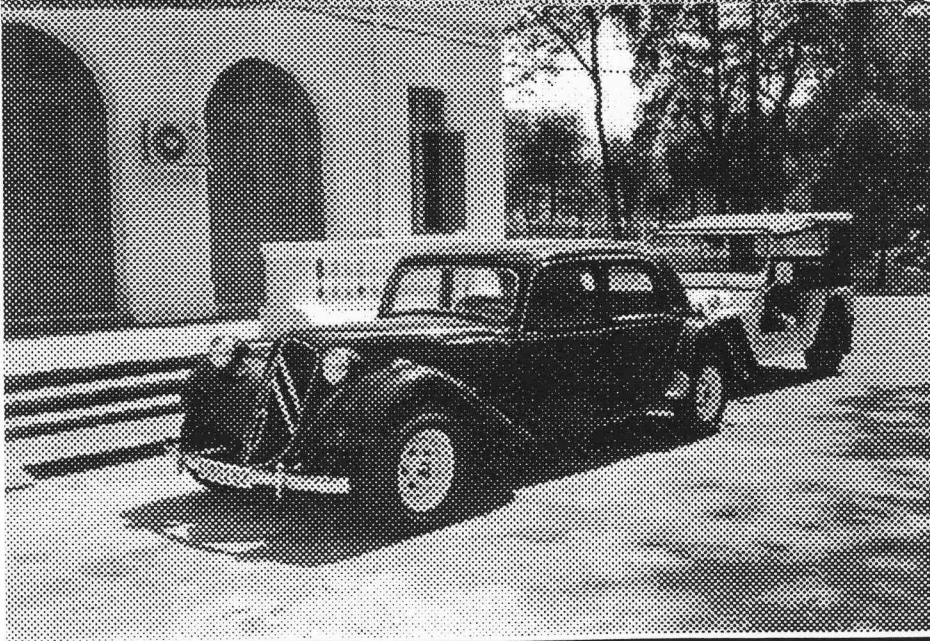
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And, to close? An XM from Citroën's Vietnamese factory.

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Above: Also from Citroën's Vietnamese factory - the Dalat. Based on 2CV running gear. Photo: George Tippet
Below: A common modification to 2CVs in Vietnam is the fairing of the lights into the front guards.



Above Left: Photo of Traction #60B-22-92 from the original Dutch article. The car is two tone.
Left: The same car photographed by CCOCA member George Tippet. We assume the Dutch photo is newer, given the presence of rear view mirrors on the front guards and the bar holding the lights, referred to in the article.