

With contempt for all Agreements and decisions signed, Franco-Laotian elements endeavoured to enter secretly or openly, or to drop by parachute in several areas inside the two provinces which Article 14 of the Geneva Agreement has earmarked as the final regroupment zone for all fighting units of "Pathet Lao". The successive para landings in Boun Neua carried out from 23rd August to date are a striking example, against which we have on several occasions protested without ever being able to extract one reply even from the Franco-Laotian Delegation.

Furthermore, the Franco-Laotian Command has assembled in these two provinces vagabond elements to form them into groups of "pirates", has supplied them with the necessary means and has incited them to acts of plunder, sabotage, terrorism against the civil population. We call them "pirates", not because we wish to use a hostile term as the Franco-Laotian Party often suggests, but simply because of the nature of their activities, these being only acts of plunder, destruction, acts against the life and property of the population, thefts, etc.. which are not of a military character. All these incidents relating to para-drops, penetrations and fresh extensions by Franco-Laotian elements, hostile acts with the use of arms against our troops after the ceasefire, clearly indicate the hidden intentions of the Franco-Laotian Party, whose sole aim is to make official the presence of elements who have recently penetrated (in the two provinces of Phong Saly and Sam Neua) or dropped and of these groups of pirates-saboteurs which the Franco-Laotian Party falsely terms "units of the Laotian National Army", to reduce to naught Article 14 of the Geneva Agreement.

Thus, the Franco-Laotian Party, not only has not honestly implemented the clauses of Article 14 and of the decisions of Khang Khay, but is also trying to provoke serious incidents in flagrant violation of the spirit and letter of the Agreements, thus creating fresh difficulties and fresh obstacles to the final political settlement and to the implementation of the clauses of the Agreement, particularly to the transfer of the fighting units of "Pathet Lao" to the two provinces of Phong Saly - Sam Neua and to the withdrawal of the forces of the Vietnamese People's Volunteers to Vietnam.