

Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side claim that of the 88 persons handed over by the on 15th October, 1954, 7 were Laotian prisoners of war and 81 Laotian political internees - the Franco-Laotian side say that 13 were prisoners of war and 75 were civil internees. Out of 220 Vietnamese and "Pathet Lao" prisoners of war and civil internees handed over by the Franco-Laotian side, 36 according to the Franco-Laotian side were Vietnamese prisoners of war, 38 Vietnamese political internees, 54 Vietnamese civil internees, 15 "Pathet Lao" prisoners of war, 32 "Pathet Lao" political internees and 45 "Pathet Lao" civil internees. According to the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side there were 25 Vietnamese prisoners of war, 19 political internees, 74 civil internees, 7 "Pathet Lao" Prisoners of War, 6 political internees, 71 civil internees and 18 had not taken part in any political or military activity. These 18, according to the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side, should not have been exchanged, since they were not covered by Article 16 of the Geneva Agreement. Similarly, at least on two occasions, according to the Franco-Laotian side, the prisoners who were to have been handed over by the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side were replaced by others;

(g) two classes of prisoners of war (the Cambodians captured in Laos but not belonging to the French Union forces in Laos, and the People's Volunteers of Vietnam who fought in Laos but were captured in Vietnam) were separately exchanged under Article 16 of the Geneva Agreement. 59 Cambodians and 11 Vietnamese were released by the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side and the Franco-Laotian side respectively. The Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side have not, however, acknowledged receipt of these 11 Vietnamese;

(h) certain differences in the claims and the actual release figures may be due to the prisoners having died in captivity;

(i) according to the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side, 13 French Union and 10 Laotian prisoners of war and political internees died in captivity. The Franco-Laotian side on the other hand, have communicated a list of 53 dead "Pathet Lao" prisoners of war and civil internees.

The basic difference in the complaints lodged by the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side and those by the Franco-Laotian side is that while the former say that the latter are handing over to them "civilian instead of prisoners of war and political internees", the Franco-Laotian side say that the Vietnamese People's

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