

After interviewing witnesses, the Fixed Team from Savannakhet arrived at the conclusion that the meeting had actually been held and that the above-mentioned "Pathet Lao" representatives were present there, but that the population had been assembled to bid farewell to the Vietnamese People's Volunteers troops, and that the "Pathet Lao" delegate told the people that the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" forces were leaving that area and going to Vietnam and advised them to stay in their villages and devote themselves to peaceful work.

From among the allegations submitted by the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" Party, the following were subjects of investigations carried out by the International Commission:

Allegations by the PVV/PL Party and Results of Investigation

GROUP A

1) On the night of 22nd November, 1954, the town of Sam Neua was attacked by an armed band maintained by the Franco-Laotian Party.

The Political Committee of the International Commission after having considered the observations made by the Sub-Team, Sam Neua, came to the conclusion that the complaint was not substantiated.

2) On 23rd August, 1954, one Dakota paraded 24 men at Boun Neua;

3) on 24th August, 1954, two Dakotas paraded 25 men, 7 packages of weapons and 24 packages of rice, at Boun Neua;

4) on 27th August, 1954, one Dakota paraded 21 men and 7 packages at Boun Neua;

5) on 30th August, 1954, one Dakota paraded 6 men and several packages of arms at Boun Neua. On the same day another aircraft landed on the field at Boun Neua, and 2 Laotian officers disembarked;

6) on 3rd September, 1954, one Dakota paraded 4 packages of arms and 22 packages of rice;

7) from 23rd August, 1954, till 3rd September, 1954, a detachment of Laotian National Army troops was paraded and prepared defensive positions transforming Boun Neua into a new fortified position.

Results of investigation regarding complaints 2 to 7 above:-

The Fixed Team from Phong Saly came to the following conclusions:

* With regard to the allegations of personnel and supplies, the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" troops claimed that they paraded relief of personnel and supplies.