

Laotian Army Headquarters at Vientiane. The Committee appreciated his position and told him that the Committee was working in conjunction with the Joint Military Committee and their sole job was to make personal contacts and find out if there are any difficulties being experienced so that they could assist if required. Returning from the office of the Commandant to the airfield, the Committee saw the foot convoy, which they had seen sometime ago whilst flying over in a helicopter approaching the reception camp. The Committee halted at the track for a little while and saw these people walk past. The convoy also contained women. They were carrying their haversacks and packs and appeared to be healthy and cheerful.

Later on in the evening at Xieng Khouang the Committee was informed that the Commandant at Plaine-Des Jarres had now received an intimation from Vientiane and that he would be pleased to take the Committee around the camps which had been organised for the purpose.

On the 8th morning the Committee reached Plaine-Des Jarres by plane and Commandant Tamsook received them at the airfield and then in his own jeep took them round the camp. The camp is organised to receive approximately thousand people at a time and has a sick-bay. The welfare of the people had been taken into account and a stage had been erected for showing cinema and variety shows. During their visit to the Camp, the Committee met Col. Thao Phawa (one of ex-PL members of the Joint Military Committee) and Mr. Thao from Sam Neua, an official of the ex-PL. These two officials have been detailed by ex-PL to supervise and help in consultation with Royal Government in the arrangements of receipt and dispersal of the personnel. The Committee, in the presence of Lt. Col. Thao Phawa and Mr. Thao, and Commandant Tamsook spoke to a number of people who had arrived from Sam Neua and from the talk the Committee formed the impression that they were ex-PL personnel and appeared happy and cheerful to go back to their old places after a period of over four years or so and that the Royal Government had made the good arrangements for