

UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

(Minutes of the proceedings of the Military Conference)

For the implementation of the Geneva Agreement and chiefly the Agreement of 9th March, 1955 of the Political Conference on the cessation of hostile acts, the Military Conference between the mission of the High Command of the Laotian National Army and the mission of the High Command of the Fighting Units of Pathet Lao was held in Vientiane from 27 June to 26 September, 1955.

The question set down in the agenda for being discussed are the following:-

- 1) Cease-fire in the provinces of Sam Neua and Phong Saly;
- 2) Prohibition to reinforce the troops and to increase the arms and ammunition;

3) Regroupment zones for Royal troops in the two provinces.

After the two parties had agreed on the cease-fire and on the prohibition to reinforce the troops, to augment the arms and ammunition, the discussions were pursued on the question of regroupment zones of the Royal troops in the two provinces (but the question just discussed is only on the regroupment zone in the provinces of Sam Neua, as for the question of Phong Saly, it will be discussed subsequently).

In the conference and till now, the two parties have given their respective points of view as regards the limits of the regroupment zones of Royal troops in the province of Sam Neua, but their details have not yet been discussed. These points of view are the following:-

PROPOSALS OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT SIDE:

A) In the neighbourhood of Muong Peun: A limit goes from the hill Phou Nampa 1827, of Ban Choursan and along the river of Namloy, the hill 1939, goes around Muong Peun describing a circle, 6 km to the North and to the East from Muong Peun, then it follows the course of the Nam Peun, the Nam Dange up to Ban Tapto, goes directly to the provincial border of Xieng Khouang. But 3 villages (Nakong, Kohay, Sophot) require to be under the Royal Government.

B) In the neighbourhood of Pathi, Pakha, Houeinha: A limit surrounds 3 posts (Pathi, Pakha, Houeinha) forming a triangular line at a distance of 5 kms from each post.

C) As regards the route: between Muong Peun and the neighbourhood of Pathi, it (the route) is required for the permanent use for traffic purposes.

PROPOSALS FROM THE PATHET LAO SIDE:

A) In the neighbourhood of Muong Peun: A limit goes from the top of the hill Phou Nampa 1827 to Ban Choursan, to Namloy, hill 1939, surrounds the village of Muong Peun describing a circle at a distance of 6 kms to