

and released 6. The Franco-Laotian side agreed that they had received 6, of whom 4 were clergymen and 2 civilians;

(d) the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side claim to have liberated 1,079 prisoners of war and 61 political internees before the cease fire, between April, 1953 and July, 1954. If these are added to the figures of Laotians exchanged after the cease fire, the total release would then be 1,747 prisoners of war (excluding 59 Cambodians) and 193 political internees, as against 999 prisoners of war and 900 civil internees claimed by the Franco-Laotian side. The International Commission has recommended that the Joint Commission should compare the nominal rolls to check whether the 876⁺ prisoners of war still claimed by the Franco-Laotian side are included in the list of 1,079 prisoners of war claimed to have been released by the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side. The Franco-Laotian side has replied that the list of 1,079 prisoners of war given to them does not tally with their own;

(e) the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side claimed 399 Vietnamese People's Volunteers prisoners of war and civil internees, and were handed over 139 (excluding one sick) whom the Franco-Laotian side admitted having held. Similarly, out of 266 "Pathet Lao" prisoners of war and civil internees demanded by the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side, 81 were reported by the Franco-Laotian side to be under detention, but actually 92 were released. The International Commission has asked the Franco-Laotian side to submit an explanation regarding the balance of prisoners of war and civil internees still claimed by the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side. A similar explanation was asked for from the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side;

(f) there were glaring differences regarding the number and categories of prisoners of war and civil internees exchanged. In most cases, the differences were due to the difficulty in fixing the identity or the category of the person exchanged. Thus, on 11th September, 1954, the Franco-Laotian side claimed to have received 200 French Union prisoners of war. The Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side say that they handed over 195 French Union prisoners of war and 5 Laotian prisoners of war. Similarly, the Vietnamese People's

* According to a letter from the Franco-Laotian side of 20th December, this number has increased to 965.