

(ii) The above four persons were taken to the province of Sam Neua; later they ran away and returned to their villages.

c) PAKSE AREA:

The Commission has not finalised this report.

The Commission agreed that:

(a) there was evidence to support the contention that fighting took place at one Pathet Lao post but it could not be conclusively proved that the Laotian National Army first attacked the Pathet Lao to drive them out;

(b) The presence of Koumintang troops in Malitao and its vicinity was not proved. There was no conclusive proof of the authenticity of the documents in this case. The Commission did not consider that any further endeavour on its part would achieve any more conclusive results.

No depot was found at Ban That or in its vicinity. Both Parties were informed of the results of investigation.

From the available evidence the presence of Vietminh troops was not established.

The Commission decided that in future complaints of this nature should be investigated without delay on the team's initiative.

Alleged attack and occupation by Laotian National Army troops of 3 Pathet Lap positions in the province of Phongsaly and the presence of Kuomintang troops in this province.

Pathet Lao
November
1954.

Documents found on body of alleged People's Volunteers of Vietnam officer who died in September 1954.

Royal Laotian
Government
May 1955.

Alleged importation of supplies, armaments, clothing and rations by Pathet Lao from Vietnam stored at Ban That in Sam Neua province.

Royal
Laotian
Government
June 1955.

Alleged assembly of Vietminh elements in an area south of Sam Neua town.

Royal Laotian
Government
June 1955.

ANNEXURE 30