

The Mobile Team from Vientiane after interviewing witnesses came to the conclusion that there had been coercion. The evidence conclusively proved that Lieutenant Khamsay of the Laotian National Army assaulted 2 villagers while they were being interrogated.

The Commission brought the incident to the attention of the appropriate authorities and requested that necessary disciplinary action be taken and necessary instructions be issued to their officers to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

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The Franco-Laotian Party, in the Joint Sub-Commission at Paksong, had deliberately been creating difficulties to prevent the Vietnamese People's Volunteers officers of the Joint Group from contacting the French Union units during their regroupment.

Investigation by the Fixed Team from Pakse showed that this anomaly was due to the Joint Commission at Khang Khay not giving specific instructions to the Joint Groups. The Team was of the opinion that as the withdrawal of forces had been completed, no further action was necessary at the time when the investigation was carried out.

Investigation carried out by the International Commission on its own initiative

- 1) Checking the presence of Laotian National Army troops, their strength, commanders and cadres of French officers as on the day of investigation and on 22nd July, 1954 and 6th August, 1954 at Boun Neua.

From the evidence gathered by the Fixed Team from Phong Saly it appeared that at the time of the investigation (beginning of November) there were 150 to 200 Laotian National Army troops under Capt. Kham Son and Sgt. Chief Carmona. The Team stated discrepancies between the evidences by Capt. Kam Son, Sgt. Chief Carmona and "Pathet Lao" witnesses. In this connection it was not possible to determine whether Laotian National Army troops had been at Boun Neua on 22nd July and 6th August, 1954 or not.

- 2) Checking as above of Laotian National Army forces at Ou Neua.

This could not be carried out because of the absence of the Laotian National Army troops at Ou Neua during the Phong Saly Fixed Team's visit there between 12th and 18th November, 1954.