

(2) according to the recorded evidence, the above-stated acts of violence were committed by "100 Meos and two French men. It appeared from the report that the Franco-Laotian Delegation did not at the time of investigation deny and/or challenge the allegations of the presence and participation in this incident by the two French men".

The Political Committee recommended that the attention of the Franco-Laotian Delegation be drawn to the evidence recorded regarding the presence and participation of the two French officers in this incident. It further recommended that the Delegation should also be requested for an early report in the matter in accordance with the statement of Mr. Bardet, the Chairman of the Franco-Laotian Delegation in the Joint Group, during the course of the investigations, that the Franco-Laotian Delegations was not trying in any way to support such an incident, and that if that raid had really happened, it constituted a violation. Mr. Bardet had also declared that the Franco-Laotian Delegation gave its word that it would report the case to its Headquarters so that sanction and damages would be duly considered.

3) At Boun Neua the Franco-Laotian forces compelled 13 people of the local population to repair the landing ground. A similar act was repeated on 27th August, 1954.

The Fixed Team from Phong Saly stated that it was possible that civilians had been used for doing repair work at the airfield. There was no evidence, however, that they were compelled to do so.

4) In the Lao Ngam area, in the village of Ban Khi One Nhai, situated in the Provisional Assembly Area, on 7th August, 1954, a unit of Laotian National Army forces threatened the civilian population and committed acts of violence.

The Fixed Team from Pakse reported that because of unconvincing evidence, it was impossible either to confirm or to deny the allegation.

5) On 6th October, 1954, in the village of Ban Thalot, the Chief of the Muong of Tourakome and Lieutenant Khamsay arrested an inhabitant of a village situated in the Provisional Assembly Area. Further, on their order, 1 man and 2 women were arrested in the house of the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" Delegation of the Joint Group at Phong Nong. The arrested persons were tortured. The villagers were threatened by the Chief of the Muong and Lieutenant Khamsay.