

15th August, 1954 - The date by which the Franco-Laotian forces and the Vietnamese People's Volunteer / "Pathet Lao" forces should communicate to each other their plans for the transfer of all troops to be regrouped in Provisional Assembly Areas (Article 4 a). The forces of the Laotian National Army would remain in situ (as on 6th August, 1954) during the entire duration of the operations of disengagement and transfer of foreign forces and fighting units of "Pathet Lao". (Article 12).

21st August, 1954 - The date by which the disengagement, regroupment and transfer to Provisional Assembly Areas of all except the forces of the Laotian National Army should be completed. (Article 11).

19th November, 1954 - The date by which:

(a) the withdrawal and transfer from the Provisional Assembly Areas out of Laos, of the Military forces, supplies and equipment of the French Union and the Vietnamese People's Volunteer forces, should be completed. (Article 4 a).

(b) the transfer into the provinces of Phong Saly and Sam Neua of all Fighting Units of "Pathet Lao" not demobilised on the spot.

38. The forces in Laos were divided into four categories viz. the Laotian National Army, the forces of the French Union, the Fighting Units of "Pathet Lao" and the Vietnamese People's Volunteer forces. In the first stage, the opposing forces were to be disengaged (separated) from one another; in the second, the forces of the French Union, the "Pathet Lao" and the Vietnamese People's Volunteers were to be regrouped in the Provisional Assembly Areas; in the third stage:

(a) the Vietnamese People's Volunteers were to be completely withdrawn from Laos;

(b) the French Union forces were to be withdrawn, except for 5,000 men, as laid down under Articles 6 and 8.

(c) the fighting units of "Pathet Lao" (except for any military personnel who wished to be demobilised where they were stationed) were to be withdrawn and finally assembled in the provinces of Phong Saly and Sam Neua.