

- (a) prisoners of war and political internees of non-Laotian or Vietnamese nationality;
- (b) Laotian prisoners of war and political internees; and
- (c) ordinary civilian internees of Laotian nationality.

It gave the exact number of prisoners held by each Party under each category, and laid down that the first category should be exchange at Sam Son in the province of Thanh Hoa (Vietnam), the second at Hua Muong in the province of Sam Neua (Laos) and the third either at Ban Phon Hong (Laos) and Mahaxay (Laos) or at a place selected by the local authorities of the place of detention. In all, the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" and the Franco-Laotian sides agreed to exchange, in addition to 309 prisoners released on 8th and 11th September, 1954, 266 prisoners of all categories held by the former and 101 held by the latter, by 10th October, 1954. Finally the two Parties contracted to make enquiries as regards the prisoners of war and civil internees claimed by the other but still remaining untraced.

91. The progress made with regard to the problem of prisoners of war and civil internees can be gauged by comparing the actual release figures and the claims during the period anterior and posterior to the agreement of 27th September, 1954.

Number
Claimed
-Vs-
Number
Released

1. French Union prisoners of war and civil internees

Date	Held by the PVV/PL according to F/L	Admitted by the PVV/PL	Released by the PVV/PL
Before 27th September, 1954	167 PsOW 10 CIs	350 PsOW 6 Pol Inter- nees	195 PsOW (F/L say 5 more were released)
Between 27th September and 10th October		250 PsOW (as stated by the PVV/PL at the meeting of the International Commission with the Joint Commission on 29 Sept. 1954).	150 PsOW
Total	177	606	345

* No special organization for exchange should be set up.