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DATA FOR WEEK 4 February 1955

3829 ESCAPEES REPORTED FOR WEEK ENDING 22 JAN AND 1136 FOR WEEK 23-29 JAN. LATTER PROBABLY INACCURATE REPORTING DUE TET HOLIDAYS. NO CHANGES ESCAPEE OPERATIONS NVN.

STATUS EVACUATION 28 JANUARY: NON-FRENCH CIVILIANS 464,435; FRENCH CIVILIANS 30,867; VN MILITARY 55,009; FRENCH MILITARY 68,861; GRAND TOTAL 619,172. USNS GEN HOWZE DEPARTED AFTER TRANSPORTING OVER 50,000 REFUGEES.

ORGANIZED OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL VIETMINH PROTESTS AGAINST EVACUATION CIVILIAN EQUIPMENT INCREASED MARKEDLY LAST TWO WEEKS. FRENCH, VIETNAMESE MATERIALS EVACUATION COMMITTEE RECEIVED OFFICIAL VIETMINH PROTESTS REGARDING MATERIAL EVACUATED TO DATE. SERIOUS RIOT 26 JAN WHEN FRENCH ATTEMPTED REMOVE FRENCH ARMY STANDBY GENERATOR FROM HAIPHONG WATERWORKS. THREE DEMONSTRATORS INJURED CARRIED BY MOB 1000 TO ICC HEADQUARTERS. FRENCH NOW REQUIRE PROOF AMERICAN AID ORIGIN BEFORE MATERIAL CAN BE EVACUATED.

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