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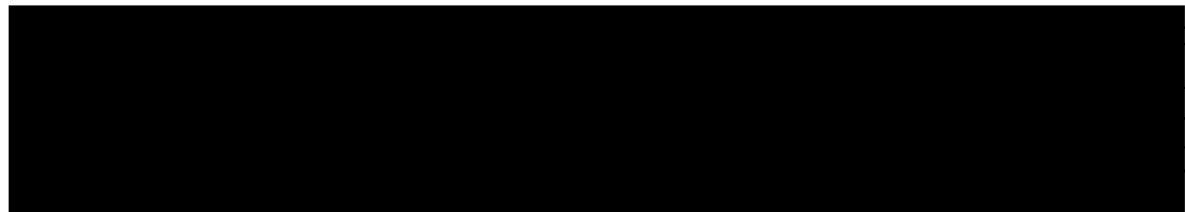
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1. The Banque de l'Indochine recruited in China an unstated number of Chinese to work on the Saigon plantations. About half of the first group to arrive were killed by Vietnamese guerrillas. The news of this development rendered further recruiting impossible.

25X1X 2. The French have been recruiting Chinese to act as police in Hanoi and Haiphong. ( ) Comment: This may be an extension of the plan worked out for Saigon in early 1946 by which a joint Franco-Chinese police force was used for the maintenance of order in Chinese-inhabited districts and for the protection of the Chinese population both against Vietnamese attacks and disorderly elements of French troops).

25X1A 3. ( ) Note: The Lien Ho Wan Pao, liberal-leftist newspaper in Shanghai published the following article on 7 April 1947:

"Kunming (By Mail) --- Regarding the recruiting of volunteers by the Annam Nationalist Party in Yunnan Province, it is learned that the National Defense Ministry has issued directives to the Yunnan Provincial Government to the following effect:

(1) All officers and men of the General Officers' Corps, who have not received written demobilization orders from the Government, are not permitted to participate in the Annam Nationalist Party.

(2) No one is allowed to organize troops and to mobilize bandits inside Chinese territory under the pretext of helping the Revolutionary movement in Indo-China. As for the activities of the Annam Nationalists in enlisting volunteers in Yunnan, they should be outlawed.

(3) The Annam Nationalist Party should limit its organization and activities within the territory of French Indo-China only."

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