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CHRONOLOGY OF IMPORTANT EVENTS ( TO MAY 31, 1958)

- May 16, 1957 The Commission adopted a resolution urging the parties to continue negotiations with the utmost vigour.
- May 31 The Royal Laotian Government resigned and negotiations were suspended.
- July 15 The Commission adopted a resolution drawing the attention of the parties to its resolution of May 16, and expressing concern over the continuing suspension of negotiations.
- August 8 Prince Souvanna Phouma spoke in the National Assembly, presenting a prospective Government and outlining a programme of action.
- August 9 The National Assembly approved Prince Souvanna Phouma's new Government.
- August 14 Prince Souphanouvong welcomed the Prime Minister's programme for a peaceful settlement to unify the country.
- September 25 The Parties resumed direct negotiations.
- November 2 Political and Military Agreements were signed by the negotiating delegations and a Joint Communique forecasting a political settlement was issued by Prince Souvanna Phouma and Prince Souphanouvong.
- November 12 The Political and Military Agreements were signed by Prince Souvanna Phouma and Prince Souphanouvong, setting out the modalities for the implementation of the November 2 Joint Communique.
- November 18 The provinces of San Neua and Phongsaly were formally returned to the authority of His Majesty the King of Laos by Prince Souphanouvong.
- November 19 The National Assembly approved unanimously a Government of National Union under Prince Souvanna Phouma, which included two members of the former Fighting Units of the Pathet Lao.
- The Neo Lao Haksat Party, successor of the Pathet Lao, commenced its activities as a legal political party.
- December 6 The Cabinet set May 4 as the date of the supplementary general elections.
- December 8 The province of San Neua was officially transferred to the Royal Laotian Government by Prince Souphanouvong in a ceremony in the town of San Neua.
- December 12 The province of Phongsaly was officially transferred to the Royal Laotian Government by Prince Souphanouvong in a ceremony in the town of Muong Khoua.