

but not, I hope again, difficult to get on with.

"I firmly believe that the teaming up of different nations with different backgrounds on tasks of international importance and in the cause of peace, makes for better understanding of each other and, to that extent, for harmonious and fruitful international co-operation. I do not want to claim any special virtues for this Commission. At the same time I must say that the way in which the three Delegations have worked together here was a remarkable demonstration of mutual goodwill.

"Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wolniak, I thank you sincerely for all your help, all your co-operation and, above all, your warm friendship for me which have enabled me to tackle with you the difficult tasks which we tried to manage to the best of our abilities. Much has been said about my future plans. I can only say that if I am to work with diplomats of your charm and distinction, it will be an incentive for me to choose diplomacy as a career.

"May I also pay a special tribute to General T.E.D. O'Snow whose acting Commissionership of the Canadian Delegation coincided with a particularly delicate period in the Commission's history and whose sound military knowledge and thoughtful advice were of such great help to the Commission. I thank him for all his assistance and co-operation.

"With the conclusion of general elections in Cambodia, the work of the Political Advisers' Committee of which its Chairman, Mr. S.D. Kalelkar, has been the link, now comes to a natural close. I would like to record here my appreciation of the work of Mr. Kalelkar and Mr. Bourbonniere and Mr. Grabarek from the Canadian and Polish Delegations who, in processing political cases for the benefit of the three Commissioners, have rendered invaluable service to the work of the International Commission.

"Let me say a few words about our Deputy Secretary General, Mr. S.C. Nandy, who has also been acting as Conference Secretary. He carries a dual burden. No Commissioner could have failed to notice the conscientious, hard work Mr. Nandy has put in and the quiet efficiency with which he has performed it. I would also like to thank the other Deputy Secretaries General, Mr. Des Rosiers and Mr. Teslar. Mr. Des Rosiers has done excellent work during the period of the elections particularly. Mr. Teslar has had the difficult task of dealing with the petitions. I would also like to commend the enthusiasm of Mr. B.P. Mathur, the Public Relations Officer of the Commission. Our Interpreters, both those recruited in Geneva and those from India, have likewise done a good job of their hard task. Mr. R.L. Bakhshi, the Accounts Officer, and his assistants too have distinguished themselves by tackling complicated problems of national and international accounts. The most hard worked of all, however, have been the office staff of the National as well as the International Secretariat -- particularly the stenographers and typists -- whom, I must confess, we have ridden rather hard. While paying them a tribute, a few apologies