

25. In Vientiane itself, telephonic communications is provided for the International Secretariat and the three Delegations by the establishment of the Commission's own telephone exchange-"DOVE".

26. For communication among the three Commissions, a wireless net has been established covering Hanoi, Phnom, Penh and Saigon.

Medical
Cover

27. For providing medical service for the members of the International Commission, there are two doctors: one from India and one from Poland. The Commission maintains a five-bed, non-diet, sick bay in Vientiane. Full medical facilities including hospitalisation are available from the French Military Hospital in Vientiane. Supplies of medicines, drugs and other materials are procured from the French Army authorities in Laos.

28. The Commission's Teams receive medical attention from local French Military Hospitals except in the two provinces of Phong Saly and Sam Neua, where the Commission has stationed a Nursing-cum-Sanitary Assistant in each place. In addition to these, each Fixed and Mobile Team is also supplied with a First-aid kit.

Meetings

29. Since its inception on 11th August, 1954, the International Commission has held 56 meetings. In addition to these, the International Commission has held 5 meetings with the Joint Commission. The first meeting with the Joint Commission, which was informal, took place at Khang Khay on 13th August, 1954. The second meeting took place at the airport of Plaine-des-Jarres, 26 Kms. from Khang Khay, on 18th August, 1954, while the third meeting was held on 8th September at Khang Khay. It was realised by then that these brief meetings with the Joint Commission were not enough to discuss fully the problems that had to be solved. The next meeting, therefore, was held at Vientiane and lasted from 29th September until 5th October, 1954. The last conference with the Joint Commission, also at Vientiane, continued from 29th October until 6th November, 1954. During these long sessions, the International Commission was able, by persuasion and advice, to iron out some of the differences of views between the two Parties and to suggest lines of agreed action.

30. Besides these formal meetings, there were constant consultations among the three Delegations and informal meetings with the Parties separately. This method of negotiation by formal and informal approach, stressing the spirit of the Geneva Agreement rather than sticking to narrow interpretations of the text, has been of great help in producing an atmosphere of reconciliation and friendliness in which differences of views could be discussed without bitterness and serious issues settled amicably.

31. It is gratifying to put on record that in spite of inevitable differences of opinion and approach, all decisions of the Commission have been unanimous. The members of the Inspection Teams have likewise shown unanimity in most of their findings. The occasional divergences of views have been in matters of detail, in the

Unanimity