

legislation was enacted by the National Assembly on October 18.

10. The major questions still to be worked out were those of the transfer of the two northern provinces as well as integration of the civil and military personnel of the Fighting Units of the Pathet Lao, and the enlarging of the Government to include representatives of the Fighting Units of the Pathet Lao. Agreements was reached on November 2 by the Joint Political and Military Committee on all those questions.

Agreements.

11. On November 2, the Prime Minister and Prince Souphanouvong signed a Joint Communiqué (Annexure 10) which forecast a political settlement for Laos. The communiqué provided for:

- a) The formation of a Government of National Union in which the Fighting Units of the Pathet Lao would be represented.
- b) The presentation of the new Government to the National Assembly subsequent to the official handing over to the Royal Government of the provinces of Sam Neua and Phongsaly and the Fighting Units of the Pathet Lao.
- c) The formulation of policies for the National Union Government based on the programme set out by the Prime Minister in his speech of August 8 in the National Assembly.
- d) The recognition of the Neo Lao Haksat as a political party with the same