CHAPTER IV

FOREIGN AID IN WAR MATERIALS
MILITARY BASES AND ALLIANCES

Entry of war materials

1. Responsibility for the control of war materials entering Cambodia, during the period under review, continued to be exercised by the Fixed Team at Phnom Penh. In March 1957, the Royal Government of Cambodia sent to the Commission a Statement of Armaments received from 1954 onwards. When the Royal Government was requested to supply the Commission with a statement showing the assessment of armament requirements during 1957, it informed the Commission that no request for armaments had yet been presented to the American Military Aid Mission because the requirement of the Royal Armed Forces for 1957 to 1958 had not been drawn up and that when a general statement of the requirements had been drawn up, a copy would be forwarded to the Commission. No statement had been received by the close of the period under review.

2. In its task of checking the entry of war material into Cambodia, the Fixed Team at Phnom Penh received full co-operation from the Royal Government. The Commission was satisfied that the imports of war materials by the Royal Government were not in excess of requirements for its effective defence.

3. Foreign Military bases

The International Commission has nothing to report on the establishment of military bases in Cambodian territory during the period under review.

4. Military Alliances

The International Commission has nothing to report regarding military alliances during the period under review.

5. The International Commission considers that the Royal Government of Cambodia has continued to fulfil most satisfactorily its responsibility under Articles 7 and 13(c) of the Geneva Agreement.

6. In this connection it is noted that in November 1957 the National Assembly of Cambodia passed a law which was duly promulgated, defining the country's external policy by stipulating that:

(a) The Kingdom of Cambodia is a neutral country

(b) It will abstain from all military or ideological alliances with foreign country

(c) It will not attack any foreign country.

(d) In case of aggression, the Kingdom reserves the right to:

(1) self-defence by arms

(2) call on the United Nations

(3) call on a friendly country.