

so reintegrated. If the International Commission would like to have a ceiling date for such reintegration, then he suggested that his Government would have to be approached.

In response to an enquiry from the Chairman as to whether the term K.I. appearing in the body of the letter quoted above represented Khmer Issaraks, Colonel Lon Nol replied in the affirmative.

5. Colonel Thanh Son then said that he agreed with what had been said by Colonel Lon Nol regarding the results of the meeting of the Joint Commission after the last Liaison Meeting on 14th October 1954.

(a) With regard to mine-clearing operations, Colonel Thanh Son said that these operations had been carried out except at some places deep in the forests near Kampot where removal could not be effected because the persons who had laid these mines had either died or left the country. However, his Delegation had marked these places with suitable sign-posts and the Khmer Royal Government and the International Commission would be officially informed of the measures taken by his Delegation to remove these mines.

(b) Regarding the release of prisoners of war and civilian internees, Colonel Thanh Son said that the two parties were agreed that this problem had not been entirely solved. His Delegation had already released the prisoners of war taken at Kratie and Stung Treng. The provincial authorities, while recognising this fact, however alleged that these persons were prohibited by the Vietnamese Military Units from going back to their homes. So far as he knew, Colonel Thanh Son continued, they never prohibited these prisoners of war from going back to their homes and it appeared to him that they did not return for fear of being enlisted again in the Army. Since the Vietnamese Military Units had now left the country and the Khmer Resistance Forces were no longer in existence, Colonel Thanh Son said, it was absolutely impossible for them to prevent these persons from returning to their homes now. As to the Cambodian prisoners of war who belonged to the French Army, Colonel Thanh Son said that his High Command had already given orders for them to be set free. It was agreed, continued Colonel Thanh Son, by both the Delegations that the consideration of the problem of the released prisoners should continue and lists of prisoners who had not yet been liberated should be exchanged and processed between the two High Commands with the help of the International Commission.

(c) Regarding the arms and weapons of the demobilised forces, Colonel Thanh Son said that these had been destroyed. He added that he could indicate to the International Commission the places where they were collected and destroyed. But it would be quite easy for the Khmer Government, he continued, to locate the other places, as they were mentioned by his Delegation to the provincial authorities during discussions at the appropriate time.