

CHAPTER VII

REDUCTION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION

63. With the conclusion of the elections in Cambodia held on September 11, 1955, the major part of the work of the International Commission has come to an end. Consideration was given to a progressive reduction of the activities of the Commission as envisaged in Article 25 of the Geneva Agreement. The International Commission in Vietnam and Laos were also consulted before we took a final decision.

64. During the remaining period of its work here, the Commission will be engaged in the following tasks:

(1) Under Article 21 of the Geneva Agreement, the Commission has a responsibility regarding questions of violations or threats of violations, which might lead to a resumption of hostilities.

(2) The Commission will supervise the entry of military personnel and war materials on grounds of foreign assistance as envisaged in Article 13(c). It has also to supervise the implementation of Article 7 relating to foreign military bases and military alliances. In this regard, the Commission would bear in mind the assurances given by the Royal Government in connection with the implementation of the Khmero-American military aid agreement of May 16, 1955 (vide letter from the Commission to the Royal Government dated July 5, 1955, the Royal Government's reply of July 13, 1955, and the Commission's Resolution of July 23, 1955).

(3) The conclusion of the general elections is the culmination of the process of re-integration of the former members of the Khmer Resistance Forces into the national community envisaged in Article 6 of the Geneva Agreement. Certain cases pending with the Government, based on petitions by the ex-KRF and investigations by our Teams, will be followed up, but no new major cases, necessitating the Commission's intervention, are expected. The Commission is confident that no reprisals will be taken against the former members of the Khmer Resistance Forces and that the policy of broad national reconciliation will be followed.

65. In view of what has been stated in paragraphs 63 and 64 above, the future tasks of the Commission are of a limited character justifying reduction in its personnel. A scheme of reduction as outlined in the succeeding paragraphs was adopted by the Commission.

66. There are at present five Fixed and four Mobile Teams. This number would be reduced to four Fixed and one Mobile Teams located as under:-

- (a) Fixed Team, Phnom-Penh.
- (b) Fixed Team, Svay-Rieng.
- (c) Fixed Team, Kampot.
- (d) Fixed Team, Kratie.
- (e) Mobile Team, Battambang.