

regarding grant of all facilities required by the team from local civil and military authorities. Four cases of this type in the Vinh region have been referred to the High Command of the P.A.V.N. and two in the NHA TRANG region to the High Command of the French Union Forces during the period under report.

17. While the Commission has, in view of the complicated administrative and other problems which the parties have had to face, shown a great deal of patience, the action of some local civil authorities in the North in dealing with matters relating to implementation of Article 14(d) and some in the South dealing with matters relating to Article 14(c) have retarded the implementation of the democratic freedoms under these Articles in various areas. It must be added that there are substantial areas in Viet-Nam where there have been no investigations by the Commission's teams and the extent of implementation of these articles in those areas can only be inferred from the extent of implementation ascertained in specific areas which were the subject of investigation by the Commission's teams.

18. The provisions of Article 35 which require the concurrence of the High Command for Mobile Team investigations except along the frontiers and the dependence of the Commission's teams on local civil and military authorities for logistic and security arrangements has led to delays and even obstruction in some cases which have retarded the implementation of various Articles of the Agreement. The Commission has, in addition to bringing specific cases of delays or obstruction by the local authorities to the notice of the High Command, told both High Commands that they must assume responsibility for the actions of the subordinate officials.

19. The delay in the implementation of Article 14(d) which has a specific time-limit within which the implementation must be completed, has been a matter of serious concern to the Commission so far as the zone under the control of the P.A.V.N. High Command is concerned (vide paragraph 11). In addition, there have been in recent investigations, cases where one group of people demonstrated against another group and, though non-violent in its attitude to the Commission's team, caused obstruction to the Team's investigation. The implementation of Article 21 and the delays in investigation in this connection in the zone of the French High Command have been the cause of some anxiety to the Commission particularly as the reasons therefor mentioned in paragraph 22 of the Second Interim Report still continue despite the provisions of Article 27. There has, in addition, been another undesirable development, viz., demonstrations involving