

(b) Prisoners released by the Popular Army	11,706
(2) Figures supplied by the Democratic Republic Authorities:	
(a) Prisoners released by the Popular Army	11,882
(b) Prisoners released by French Union Forces	65,465

69. There have been discrepancies in the figures as indicated above and during the past three months, the Commission has been receiving claims and counter-claims made by both sides. The Commission accordingly on the 4th November, 1954, formally requested the Parties and asked them to submit consolidated statements showing:

- (a) The number of prisoners of war and civilian internees released up-to-date;
- (b) The number of prisoners of war and civilian internees still in detention and in whose cases specific demand has been made by one Party or the other;

AND

- (c) The approximate period within which the Parties hoped to settle all the pending cases under the terms of Article 21.

70. To this letter, both the Parties replied that they had fulfilled their obligations under Article 21 and that they had not retained any prisoner of war or civilian internee of the other side. The Parties, however, stated that they were investigating the claims made by each other. Appendix III is a statement showing the position regarding prisoners of war and civilian internees according to the latest information available to the Commission.

71. One of the possible reasons for the discrepancies between the figures supplied by the French and the figures supplied by the Democratic Republic might be that the figures supplied by both sides include all members of their Forces who are missing and believed to be prisoners of war. Many of these persons may have died or disappeared during the hostilities without having been prisoners of war. The International Commission is pursuing the matter with the two parties.

72. Besides the exchange of prisoners of war and civilian internees, other matters arising out of Article 21 have come before the Commission during the last three months. They include the problems of deserters, of the grant of asylum by