

3. Fourth-Interim Report of the Commission to the Co-Chairmen:

The Chairman explained that the Commissioners had worked out a joint draft of the Fourth Interim Report, which had been circulated to the three Delegations. The draft was placed on the table. It was decided that the formal approval of this draft should be postponed some-times later in the day, and in the meantime, the three Commissioners agreed to initial the draft indicating that it was jointly worked out by the three Delegations on October 3, 1955.

Later in the day, the Fourth Interim Report was formally adopted and signed by the three Commissioners.

4. Canadian Commissioner's Tribute to Mr. G. Parthasarathi

Referring to the impending departure of Mr. G. Parthasarathi to India, the Commissioner for Canada said as follows:

"It is with feeling of deep regret that I and the members of my Delegation will see you leave Cambodia tomorrow. I have had the privilege at various times during the past few years of working closely with several very distinguished representatives of your great country - Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, Mr. Krishna Menon and others. I hope it is not impertinent if I say that your qualities make you a fitting member of that great company of diplomats and that you bring lustre even to such a group.

"Here in Cambodia we have immensely benefited by your wide knowledge and understanding of the people living in this important part of the world; the resurgence of which is, I think, the most significant and promising development of our generation.

"You have ably discharged not only the task of representing your country, but also that of chairing our deliberations. Driving a troika, while good sport, is not always easy, and I should like to pay tribute to the skill, patience, and understanding with which you have accomplished this sometime tricky-task. Your ability in suggesting solutions ultimately acceptable to those holding views which were sometimes widely divergent has served this Commission well, and you should feel justly proud of our record of continuous unanimity. Indeed, it is because of this very ability that the International Commission in Cambodia has never been obliged to vote on any issue and that a spirit of friendliness and understanding has persisted both in our formal deliberations and our personal contacts.

"The history of Cambodia and of this International Commission during the past thirteen months has been the success story of the Geneva settlement. A war