

(b) Border raids by forces of Hoa Hao and, in one or two instances by the units of the South Vietnam Army, across the southern frontiers of Cambodia have been reported. The Government have also alleged that Cambodians in Cochin-China are being persecuted.

(c) That arms are being discovered by the Government from time to time and that they are proof that the former resisters are planning to create trouble in the future.

22. As regards (a), a reference to this problem of reintegration was made earlier. The situation has eased though the Government has the feeling that some of the leaders of the resistance movement are still underground. It may be stated that investigations by our teams do not bear out the charge of the Government that bands of former K.R.F. are moving round the country.

23. As regards (b), the Commission has investigated these complaints. It is established that these raids across the border are organised by the irregular forces of the "war lords" in South Vietnam. Information supplied by the Government and such facts as have been gathered by the Commission, have been passed on to the Vietnam Commission for necessary action. But representations to the French authorities in South Vietnam have not yielded any tangible results. It is agreed on all sides that only direct talks between the governmental authorities of South Vietnam and Cambodia can bring about a satisfactory settlement. In the last few weeks, however, the situation on the border has eased and fewer raids are reported.

24. As regards (c), the Royal Government has reported to the Commission that arms had been discovered in various parts of Cambodia. The Government's aim in reporting these cases is to prove the non-observance of the pledge given by the ex-K.R.F. at the time of their demobilisation in August 1954 and by the Viet Minh forces at the time of their withdrawal from Cambodia in October, 1954. It may be recalled that Colonel Nguyen Than Son, President of the Delegation of the Vietnamese Military Units and Khmer Resistance Forces on the Joint Commission (dissolved on October 20, 1954) had informed the Commission that arms and ammunition used by the K.R.F. had been destroyed in various spots in Cambodia. The Cambodian Government has maintained that, far from destroying arms, the Viet Minh had carefully concealed them with the intention of using them in the future.

25. The teams have carefully investigated all cases of arms discoveries reported by the Government. The quantum of arms and ammunition involved has been small and most of it is not in a serviceable condition. In most cases it has not been possible to fix responsibility for the cache on any particular party. In Appendix "B" to this report is given a list of important cases handled by the teams during the period under review.

26. The Commission has taken much trouble in investigating cases of arms discoveries. In order to arrive at the fairest possible assessment of each case, a very exhaustive questionnaire for the guidance of the teams has been issued by the Commission. The said questionnaire is attached as Appendix "C" to this report. In addition,