

CHAPTER IV.

PRISONERS OF WAR AND  
CIVILIAN INTERNEES

17. During the period under report, 114 more "rallies" for deserters were transferred to the French Union High Command in groups and these operations were observed by the Commission's teams. Regarding civilian internees, the latest position is as follows:—

	<u>F.U.F.</u>	<u>P.A.V.N.</u>
1. Number released upto 10th December, 1955 (excluding 93 mentioned in the Third Interim Report and 67 mentioned in the Fourth Interim Report) by	25	5
2. Number of recommendations for release made by Commission under Article 21 to .. .. .		
3. Number of cases under consideration on complaints against .. .. .	144	5

19. In two cases, one concerning 16 civilian internees of Chinese nationality released in Haiphong by the French Union High Command before the transfer of Haiphong to the P.A.V.N. High Command and the other concerning 13 of Viet-Nameese nationality released unilaterally by the French High Command, the Commission, on complaints received from the P.A.V.N. High Command, has declared that these releases were inconsistent with Article 21 of the Agreement.

20. As stated in para 6 of the Third Interim Report and para 10 of the Fourth Interim Report, each party, while claiming categorically that it has carried out its obligations under Article 21, continued to make claims against the other party in respect of prisoners-of-war and civilian internees. In its further efforts to get the parties to clear these claims and counter-claims, the Commission met the two Liaison Missions and impressed upon them the necessity for giving full and adequate information in order to enable the Commission, in specific cases, to locate the prisoners concerned and determine their status.

21. The French High Command brought to the notice of the Commission five more cases where it claimed prisoner-of-war status under Article 21. Later it made another complaint that 141 Viet-Nameese officers had been or were being kept in detention in prisoners-of-war camps after the cease-fire. A team of the Commission carried out an investigation and on the basis of its investigation the Commission came to the conclusion that the allegations had not been proved. As the