

that on April 8, 1957, two Damruots of the Thai Police armed with rifles, crossed the Cambodian frontier and hunted in the Khum of Tatrao (Kampong Thom); they returned to Thailand after two days. The Royal Government lodged a protest with the Thai Government and requested it to take measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

The Commission noted the letter and acknowledged receipt thereof to the Royal Government.

(ii) Letter No. 237/DGP/X dated 26th April, 1957

The Royal Government with the above letter, forwarded a copy of their verbal note No. 230/DGP/X dated the 25th April, 1957 addressed to Royal Thai Embassy regarding an incident already discussed verbally with the Thai Representative. On the 26th March, 1957, Thai Damruots armed with automatic weapons and carbines, penetrated into Cambodian territory, arrested ten members of the forest department staff who were carrying out certain items of work, seized their implements and materials; took them to a Thai Office in Thailand and subjected them to interrogation concerning such matters as military strength in Cambodia etc. The arrested persons were stated to have been liberated and the material returned through the intervention of the Chief of post of POIPET. When they resumed their work on the 27th March 1957, ten Damruots came to the wood yard threatened the forest staff with arms and ordered them to discontinue their work. The Royal Government in its letter indicated that renewal of such violations of territory would impair the good neighbourly relations existing between the two countries, and requested the Royal Government of Thailand to issue necessary instructions to the Thai authorities concerned.

The Commission decided to note the Royal Government's letter and acknowledge receipt thereof.

(iii) Letter No. 271/DGP/X dated the 10th May, 1957

The Royal Government, with the above letter, forwarded a copy of their Verbal Note No. 270/DGP/X dated the 10th May, 1957 addressed to the Royal Thai Embassy informing it of the under-noted four incidents:-

(a) Twenty-five Thai Damruots were permanently occupying the Temple of Preah Vihear in Cambodian territory. Three other Damruots daily mounted guard at about 500 meters from the Temple, on the track built by the Royal Government of Cambodia.

(b) On 21st February, 1957, a Thai plane flew over Preah Vihear six times.

(c) On 21st February, 1957, five Thai Damruots entered the village of RUSSEY, in the province of KOMPONG-THOM.

(d) A Thai flag was flying on the top of the hill of Preah Vihear.

In the verbal note, the Royal Government protested against such violations of territory deliberately committed by the Thai army and police forces and requested the Royal Thai Government to take necessary steps for the prevention of such incidents; the Royal Government which desired to maintain good relations with its neighbours and especially with Thailand was pleased to believe that the Royal Government of Thailand