

first with a long and well-written statement from Madame Nhu's Vietnamese Women's Solidarity Movement (see our telegram No. 206 and attachment).†

9. By November 3, however, the GRVN had still not revealed officially its policy regarding the Commission. The Commission meanwhile felt it necessary to send a letter to the SVM requesting that transport and other services be restored to the Polish Delegation.

10. During October four formal meetings of the Commission were held: the 629th, 630th, 631st and 632nd. Two of these meetings, the 629th and the 631st, were devoted to Operations and Freedoms items; the other two meetings were devoted to the Colonel Nam case and its repercussions. In addition to the formal meetings, five informal meetings took place as well as a number of informal discussions among the Commissioners.

11. The month saw only one personnel change in the departure of Mr. J. Tworog, Polish Alternate Delegation, on October 31.

12. Despite the clamor over the Nam case, plans to go to Hanoi on November 20 for two and a half weeks were not abandoned.

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13. This case was last mentioned in our report for January 1960. At that time a decision was taken to postpone discussion of the new evidence provided by the SVM on the grounds that the Indian and Polish Delegations required more time to study the SVM letter and its enclosures.

14. Our contention on the subject of arrivals and departures of American personnel prior to 1960 has always been that any figures arrived at as a result of a study of Weekly Team Reports are inadequate and unreliable since the controls conducted by the Commission during this period were insufficient to allow correct conclusions to be drawn. In this regard, the latest documents provided by the SVM, which consist of copies of official Pan American World Airways manifests, together with the photo-static copies of transportation requests applicable to the movement from Vietnam of seventeen U.S. personnel, in our opinion prove completely that the Weekly Team Report figures for 1956-57 period were inadequate.

15. At the 631st meeting the Polish Delegation attempted to get a violation of Article 16 recorded against the SVM on the grounds that the evidence produced by the SVM to account for the excess of 759 arrivals over departures was not satisfactory. They also attempted to get a procedural violation of Article 16(f) against the South on the grounds of unnotified arrivals and departures. On the other hand, we attempted to get the case closed on the grounds that the SVM had provided adequate proof that the figures reflected in the Weekly Team reports prior to 1960 were incomplete and therefore unacceptable as valid records of the arrivals and departures of U.S. military personnel during 1956-57. However, notwithstanding the inaccuracy of the Weekly Team Reports, this was a very difficult case to defend as the SVM had accounted for only a small portion of the excess arrivals over departures. Further, there was the matter of the Party failing to notify all arrivals and departures. Therefore a decision was taken to record a procedural violation against the Party on the grounds that the Mission had not complied with the provisions of Article 16(f). With regard to the question of actual numbers of arrivals and departures during this period, a decision was taken to refer this aspect to the Party and the reply, when received, to be considered by the Operations Committee. We attempted to get a three-month time limit, however, the best we could achieve was six weeks. The intention here is to have the SVM produce documents covering the total number of military personnel who had moved by civil airlines during the period under review. This is, of course, an extremely difficult task; further it is doubtful if the Mission will be able to produce