

C. Miscellaneous (investigations into the positions of Laotian National Army troops and others).

Miscellaneous
Processing
Complaints

138. The Commission investigated into such incidents only where one Party or both Parties approached the Commission directly requesting an intervention or investigation.

139. When a complaint was received from a Party or from the Joint Commission, addressed to the International Commission, it was processed through the Political Committee, and if the nature of the complaint was of a serious type, it received the immediate attention of the International Commission. The International Commission and/or its Political Committee issued instructions to the International Commission's Teams in the area where the alleged incidents occurred, to carry out the necessary investigations. In order to facilitate investigations into complaints, the International Commission decided to draw up a priority list of complaints from both sides. Due care was taken, while preparing this list, of the nature, seriousness, number and the date of occurrence of the complaints. This list was strictly adhered to except in special cases where the nature of complaint was of a very serious type and was a threat to peace. In such cases the International Commission took immediate action superseding, for the time being, the priority list. Intimation of the proposed investigation was also given to the Joint Commission and/or local representatives of the Parties so that the Team could get all facilities. Whenever deemed necessary, the Team was assisted with a questionnaire, not exclusive in character, for the purpose of carrying out the investigation. This questionnaire was in addition to the standing "Notes for Guidance of Inspection Teams" issued by the International Commission. The Team not only recorded evidence from the parties concerned, but took every opportunity of interrogating witnesses through random selection. The report of the Team received the immediate attention of the International Commission which decided upon the line of further action.

Method of
Super-
begging
Aptosis
Military
Nature

140. The following paragraphs given details of investigations carried out by the Commission excluding the series of investigations regarding allegations by the Franco-Laotian Party of forced recruitment by the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" Party and irregularities regarding withdrawal, regroupment and assembly of forces of the two Parties which are mentioned in Chapters III and VII.

Details of
Investiga-
tions

141. From among the allegations submitted by the Franco-Laotian Party, the following were subjects of investigations carried out by the International Commission:

Allegation
by Franco-
Laotian
Party and
results of
investiga-
tion

GROUP A

- 1) 34th and 38th Companies of the Vietnamese People's Volunteers coming from North Vietnam arrived on 23rd August, 1954 at Ou Neua and Ou Tay where they were still on 30th September;

(4) looking, illegal requisitions, illegal taxation and destruction of property.