

APPENDIX "H"

Minutes of the 61st meeting of the International Commission held on October 3, 1955, at the "Philharmonique".

Present:

Mr. G. Parthasarathi, Chairman.
Mr. A.C. Smith, Commissioner (Canada).
Mr. Z. Wolniak, Commissioner (Poland).

1. Consideration of the minutes of the 60th meeting:

The minutes were read and passed.

2. Business arising out of the minutes:

The Chairman referred to the "Statement of Finances of the Commission" attached as Appendix 'A' to the minutes of the 60th meeting. He said that after consultation with the Vietnam and Laos Commissions, the Phnom-Penh Commission had received £100,000 out of £250,000 received by the Vietnam Commission for the Common Pool of the three Commissions in Indo-China as contributions from the Government of the UK and the USSR. Another contribution from the People's Republic of China was awaited. The Chairman informed the Commissioners that when Mr. M.J. Desai, Chairman of the Vietnam Commission, passed through Phnom-Penh on the 2nd October, he stated that more than £125,000 was expected from the Government of the People's Republic of China as their contribution. When this amount was received, the Phnom-Penh Commission could expect to receive £75,000 out of that sum. The Chairman continued that in the original proposal made by the Cambodian Commission to the Co-Chairmen through the Government of India, it was suggested that a sum of 15 million piastres (equivalent to £150,000) be paid to the Government of Cambodia against their claim of 20 million piastres (equivalent to £200,000) on account of the Commission's share of the expenditure. The balance of the dues to the Royal Government could be paid by the Commission after the accounts had been audited. The audit of the Government's bills would be a long process, as the Royal Government would have to furnish necessary documents in support of the expenditure which would take time. A sum of £100,000 (equivalent to about 10 million piastres) had already been paid by the Commission to the Royal Government as the first instalment of the Commission's liabilities and roughly another £50,000 was due. When the further sum of £75,000 was received from the Vietnam Commission, the Chairman suggested that it would be wise to make payment of a second instalment of £25,000 to the Royal Government, keeping a sum of £50,000 as a reserve for use in future by the Commission in case the Royal Government failed to make regular payments to the hotels on account of the boarding expenses of the members of the Commission. A letter had already been sent to Mr. Desai requesting him to make available to the Phnom-Penh Commission a further sum of £75,000/-.