

IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES, INSIGNIA, ETC.

29. A draft protocol was prepared defining the immunities and privileges which the Commission desired should be made available to its personnel. This protocol has been accepted by the High Command of the People's Army of Viet-Nam, but is still under the consideration of the French High Command.

BUDGETARY AND LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

30. In this connection, the Commission has issued identity cards and arm bands to all its personnel. The Commission's vehicles have been painted white and have special numbers. The Commission flies its own flag on its buildings and cars.

31. In accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement, the costs involved in the operations of the International Commission are to be shared equally between the two parties. The International Secretariat is preparing a budget of expenditure to be shared ultimately between the two parties and this will be submitted for the approval of the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Conference. It has been agreed that the expenditure of the National Delegations will be borne by the Member-countries except boarding, lodging and necessary logistic support which will be shared by the two parties.

32. Indian Army Signals have established a wireless net covering the three countries of Viet-Nam, Cambodia and Laos, to provide communications among the three Commissions and the Teams.

33. The French High Command has arranged an air courier service between SAIGON, PHNOM PENH, VIENTIANE and HANOI thrice a week for carrying personnel and mail of the three Commissions. Arrangements for road transport have also been made by the parties at both Commission Headquarters, HANOI and SAIGON and for the fixed and mobile teams.

CO-ORDINATION OF THE THREE SECRETARIATS-GENERAL

34. Article 45 of the Geneva Agreement provides that the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Viet-Nam shall act in close co-operation with the International Commissions for Supervision and Control in Cambodia and Laos. It further provides that the Secretariats-General of the three Commissions shall be responsible for co-ordinating their work and for relations between them. In pursuance of this provision, the first co-ordination meeting was held in HANOI from the 11th November, 1954 to 15th November, 1954. Most of the problems discussed were administrative and included technical questions regarding Conference procedure, financial and accounting arrangements, publicity work, disposal of petitions and complaints and Secretariat organisation. It was decided that these Conferences of the Secretariats-General of the three Commissions should be held periodically.

35. The Commissioners wish to record their appreciation of the co-operation and assistance which they have received from the staff of the Secretariat-General; of the good work of the fixed and mobile teams, often performed under rigorous and unusual circumstances; and of the valuable help afforded by the staff of the three National Delegations.