

ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANISATION

Establish-
ment of
the Inter-
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Commission

1. The Geneva Agreement on the cessation of hostilities in Laos by its Article 25 stipulated:

"An International Commission shall be responsible for control and supervision of the application of the provisions of the Agreement on the cessation of hostilities in Laos. It shall be composed of representatives of the following States:

Canada, India and Poland.

It shall be presided over by the representatives of India. Its Headquarters shall be at Vientiane."

2. In accordance with this, on 11th August, 1954, Brigadier A.S. Pathania, Mr. F.G. Ballachey and Mr. S.B. Soltysiak, as representatives of India, Canada and Poland respectively, formed themselves into the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos.

3. Major General P.S. Gyani, Alternate Delegate of India, arrived on 21st August, 1954. Under his Chairmanship, the International Commission was engaged in the task of organising itself, establishing liaison and finalising the rules of procedure for disengagement and regroupment of the forces of the two Parties.

4. The Delegate of India, Ambassador Dr. J.N. Khosla, who had till then been acting as Chairman of the International Commission in Vietnam, arrived in Vientiane and assumed charge as Chairman of the International Commission on 4th September, 1954. Ambassador Mr. M. Graniewski, the Delegate of Poland, arrived on 14th September and Ambassador Mr. L. Mayrand, the Delegate of Canada, reached Vientiane on 1st October, 1954.

5. Thus it was only by the beginning of October, 1954, that the final composition of the International Commission was effected. Each Delegate, who has the personal rank of Ambassador, is assisted by one or two Alternate Delegates and also by Military and Political Advisers.

6. The International Commission is served by an International Secretariat. The Chairman of the International Commission is also, ex-officio, the Secretary-General of the International Secretariat. Under him there are three Deputy Secretaries-General, one each from India, Canada and Poland. For various reasons, principally accommodation, the Secretariat could not get itself well organised till the end of September. The Deputy Secretary-General from India assumed his duties on 4th September and those from Canada and Poland arrived on 5th October and 1st November, 1954 respectively.

7. The work of the Secretariat is divided among the three Deputy Secretaries-General. The

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