

- (a) occupying of new positions after 6th August;
- (b) extension of Franco-Laotian positions and re-inforcement of personnel;
- (c) paratropping of troops and war material.
- (d) attacks on Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" units and capture of their personnel.
- (e) assaults by armed bands, acts of violence against persons and property.
- (f) acts in violation of the democratic freedoms of the civil population.
- (g) forces recruitment.

**174. Franco-Laotian Complaints:**

- (a) attacks on the Royal Laotian Army units.
- (b) stationing of PVV outside their Provisional Assembly Area and their presence subsequent to the date fixed for the withdrawal of foreign forces.
- (c) preventing officials of the Royal Laotian Government from carrying out their administrative functions.
- (d) acts in violation of the democratic freedoms of the civil population.
- (e) forced recruitment.

175. The Fixed and the Mobile Teams at Phong Saly were instructed by the International Commission to carry out enquiries at Boun Neua, Ou Neua, Ou Tay, Pong Nang, Malitao, Lao Meo Chai and Lyvay. Similarly, the Fixed Team at Sam Neua was directed to investigate into the complaints at Hua Xieng, Hua Muong, Houei Thau and Ban Saloui. The progress was slow. The Teams were considerably hindered in their work by the paucity of roads and aircraft, exceptionally bad climatic conditions, by the frequent absence of Joint Groups, by the constant and simultaneous demand on their services at different parts of the two provinces. The International Commission, therefore, had to draw up a list of priorities for investigation, the main consideration being seriousness of the complaint and prevention of further incidents. Enquiries already undertaken or ordered by it are being carried out, along with the general investigation into the location of Laotian National Army troops.

176. At the same time, the International Commission has appealed to both sides as follows:-

"Having noted with concern recent incidents in the provinces of Phong Saly and Sam Neua, the Commission recommends that the Franco-Laotian and the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" Commands issue

Complaints by Franco-Laotian side

Investigation by International Commission Teams

Appeal to both sides