

cases have been released. The remaining cases and further complaints from the D.R.V.N. authorities about illegal detention of other civilian internees are under investigation. Two similar complaints from the French High Command were investigated but no persons claiming to be prisoners of war or civilian internees were traced. The Commission detail with the High Command of the P.A.V.N. for expeditious remedial action.

CHAPTER V

DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM UNDER ARTICLE 14(c) AND (d) OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENT.

COMPLAINTS REGARDING NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLES 14(c) AND 14(d)

9. The implementation of these articles of the Agreement continued to be a matter of serious concern to the Commission throughout the period under review. Since the last Report, the Commission sent out 10 Mobile Teams for investigation in respect of alleged breaches of freedom of movement and 5 Mobile Teams for investigation in respect of alleged breaches of democratic freedoms.

ARTICLE 14(c)

10. Of the incidents mentioned in paragraph 116 of the First Interim Report and some new incidents reported since, investigations have been completed in 6 cases and the Commission has made its recommendations involving action by the High Command of the French Union Forces under Article 22 for violation of Article 14(c) in four cases.

The D.R.V.N. authorities continue to send in complaints relating to alleged violation of Article 14(c) in the form of reprisals and illegal detention of former resistance workers. The French authorities have, on the other hand, sent in complaints regarding alleged interference by the D.R.V.N. through their sympathisers with the administration in areas controlled by them. A Mobile Team of the Commission is investigating these charges and counter-charges in Central Viet-Nam where the problem is particularly acute.

ARTICLE 14(d)

11. The first returns received at the end of February in accordance with paragraph 11 of the recommendations mentioned in paragraph 10 of the Second Interim Report were not satisfactory. The reports of Mobile Teams that had been sent out to LUU MY (subject of separate Press Release) and THUAN NGHIA in NGHE AN Province showed that the situation in these areas was particularly unsatisfactory in that the recommendations of the Commission were not being implemented fully. In view of this and the large volume of complaints that continued to come in, the Commission decided to send three Mobile Teams to make a fortnight's survey of the provinces of NAM DINH, NINH BINH, THAI BINH, THAN HOA,