

CHAPTER I

ESTABLISHMENT AND MACHINERY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION IN VIET-NAM

1. The Commission held 82 meetings for the transaction of its day to day business bringing the total number of meetings from its inception to 467. 12 Mobile Teams for investigation, reconnaissance and control were sent out making a total of 138 since the Commission started its activities.
2. With the assistance and co-operation of both Parties, the Commission completed the transfer of its headquarters from Hanoi to Saigon and started functioning officially at Saigon from April 1, 1958 with a sub-office at Hanoi. The Commission's proposals in this regard were forwarded to the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Conference in the Commission's letter No. IC/ADM/1-32/57 dated December 20, 1957 (Appendix A).
3. During the period under review the Commission personnel was reduced by 194. As a result of this and of the reduction in the frequency of the Commission's air courier service to Hanoi after the Commission's move to Saigon, there was a reduction of about £24,000 in the Commission's monthly expenditure.
4. The Secretaries-General of the Commissions in Viet-Nam, Laos and Cambodia held their Fifth Co-ordination Conference in July, 1957 and Sixth Conference in November, 1957 in accordance with the provisions of Article 45 of the Geneva Agreement. Various administrative matters of common interest to the three Commissions were discussed and the Conference decisions were adopted by the three Commissions.
5. In view of the casualties suffered in this Commission referred to in paragraph 9 of the Seventh Interim Report and those suffered in the other Commissions, a scheme was finalised for the insurance of the members of the three Supervisory Powers in Indo-China against death and physical injury caused