

it attempted to amend the Agreement. The Chairman overruled this objection and held that no unanimity was necessary as the Resolution was merely designed to find a solution to a particular incident. The Resolution was accordingly declared passed by the Chairman by a majority vote under paragraph 1 of Article 34.

There followed a discussion in the Commission as to whether the difference of opinion on the point of order raised by the Polish Delegation should not be referred to the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Conference. It was finally decided there was no need to follow this course. The recommendation was formally sent to the 'Pathet Lao' and the Royal Laotian Government on 23rd and 28th April respectively.

The Polish Delegation then urged that their point of view should be conveyed by the Secretariat to the Parties simultaneously with the text of the Resolution. The Chairman ruled that no provision existed for informing the Parties of a minority opinion and refused to accept the Polish request. Thereupon the Polish Delegation declared that the Resolution was "not binding for anybody" and announced its intention - which it carried out later - to inform the Parties direct of its point of view.

The reply from the High Commands of the Fighting Units of 'Pathet Lao' rejecting the recommendation was received only on 11th June. (see Appendix 'G').

84. The Fixed Team, Xieng Khouang, conducted the following investigations:

i. Muong Peun

The Commission received complaints from both Parties concerning attacks on each other in the Muong Peun area during the months of January, February and March. Two investigations were carried out. The Team found that both sides were using encirclement and pressure tactics resulting in threats of annihilation and intimidation towards each other. On some occasions, fighting took place. The Team found that the villages in the area changed hands quite frequently - sometimes through evacuation and at other times as a result of force. In view of the numerous complaints in this area, the Commission ordered a Sub-Team to be sent to Muong Peun area where it has since remained.

vii. Hua Xieng

The Royal Laotian Government alleged that the Fighting Units of 'Pathet Lao' attacked the Laotian National Army post at Hua Xieng. While the Indian and Canadian members of the Team concluded that the 'Pathet Lao' had attacked this post, the Polish member felt that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate this allegation. The Commission is still considering the report of investigation.