

copies of a few more complaints from the Royal Cambodian Government alleging acts of violation of Cambodian territory by the armed forces of the Republic of Viet-Nam, the latest incident being said to have taken place on the 25th of March, 1957.

6. The Secretaries-General of the three Commissions in Viet-Nam, Laos and Cambodia held their fourth co-ordination conference at SAIGON from March 29 to March 31, 1957, in accordance with the provisions of Article 45 of the Geneva Agreement. Administrative matters including the question of effecting economy and the rationalisation of various procedures and practices were discussed.
7. The Commission has discontinued its own coastal courier air service in South Viet-Nam from the 19th of April, 1957, and is using the commercial air services available locally. It has also decided to effect an appreciable reduction in the strength of its Signal staff and to use the communication facilities available locally both in North and South Viet-Nam. The Commission realises that the substitute services will not be as efficient as its own special arrangements but is satisfied that the change-over will not be detrimental to the functioning of the Commission.
8. In paragraph 81 of the Sixth Interim Report reference was made to the question of the improvement of air services for the maintenance of teams in North Viet-Nam. The Commission has since been able, where necessary, to use alternative means which it considers satisfactory and has therefore decreased its air support requirements accordingly without affecting in any way its control duties. The Commission had requested the P.A.V.N. High Command to renovate the air strip at TIEN YEN for use by light aircraft for evacuation purposes in case of emergency. A reply is awaited from the High Command.
9. During the period under review, four persons died while serving on the Commission in South Viet-Nam. Major A.N. Missal died of a heart attack. Signalman Venugopal died following a jeep accident. The Commission ordered a review of the regulations for driving its vehicles in both zones. Signalman Gurmit Singh was shot dead by a policeman in SAIGON and the South Vietnamese authorities stated it was a regrettable accident and offered to pay a sum of money to his next of kin. Mr. A.E.L. Cannon was murdered in a Commission villa in SAIGON. The Commission has extended its full co-operation to the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam in the investigation into this murder and has deputed its representative as observer during the investigations and has reminded the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam of the responsibilities which the latter has assumed for the safety and security of Commission personnel.
10. Ambassador G. Parthasarathi, representative of India, left in December, 1956, and Ambassador T.N. Kaul took over as representative of India in February, 1957. Major General D.S. Brar acted as the representative of India during the interval. The Canadian Commissioner, B.M. Williams, Esquire, left in February 1957, and T. Le M. Carter, Esquire, took over as Canadian Commissioner in March, 1957. During the interval Brigadier R.W. Moncel acted as the representative of Canada. Ambassador J. Michalowski, representative of Poland, left in May, 1956, and Ambassador A. Szymanowski took over in September, 1956, as representative of Poland. During the interval Mr. J. Goldblat acted as the representative of Poland.