

All financial transactions of UNRRA are to be audited by an Auditor selected by the Council, and the Director-General will make periodical reports to the Council on the financial status of the Administration. All the member governments are requested to see to it that UNRRA supplies in transit are not subjected to any taxes or other hindrances likely to reduce the resources of the Administration. To meet the needs of other liberated areas, member governments will keep the Director-General constantly informed about any surpluses of supplies. Similarly any available surpluses from enemy or ex-enemy territories may be used to meet the needs of liberated areas.

Director-General Lehman told the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives that UNRRA's resources "must be used only to meet the most pressing needs," and "not dissipated in financing long-range reconstruction projects." The success of UNRRA, he went on, "must be measured by the speed with which it is able to liquidate itself; the sooner it becomes unnecessary, the greater will have been its accomplishments."

ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Outstanding among the results of the Council at Atlantic City was the establishment of Standing Committees as part of UNRRA's working machinery.

The Committee of the Council for Europe, seated in London, consists of Council members representing Belgium, Czechoslovakia, the French Committee of National Liberation, Greece, Iceland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and Yugoslavia. The United States, Brazil and Canada are also represented.

The Committee of the Council for the Far East, temporarily at Washington, D.C., comprises Australia, China, the French Committee of National Liberation, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippine Commonwealth, the United Kingdom and the United States.

In cases of emergency, the Central Committee is authorized to appoint additional members of the regional Committees.

The functions of the two regional Committees consist of basic work in the preparation of estimates for over-all requirements in their areas ; they are to advise the Director-General on all questions within their province related to UNRRA activities ; they are to promote appropriate national and inter-governmental action on the part of their member governments.

The Committee on Supplies is made up of eleven representatives of countries likely to be the principal suppliers of relief materials and services at the start of UNRRA operations. Its roll is : Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, the French Committee of National Liberation, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The Supplies Committee is charged with handling supplies in consultation with the Director-General, the Central Committee, the Council and the Combined Boards. It will concern itself with the financing and transportation of supplies, it will make sure that required materials and services are available and it will see to the equitable distribution of liability for supplies and services among the supplying countries. It appoints, in consultation with the chairman of the Committee on Financial Control, a sub-committee of not more than five members to advise the Director-General in determining whether a government is in a position to pay, as provided in the Financial Plan. The Supplies Committee will meet at Washington, D.C.

The Committee on Financial Control, also located at Washington, consists of representatives of eight countries : China, Greece, Mexico, Norway, the Union of South Africa, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States. Its work is to advise the Administration on how to aid in counteracting inflationary trends, to attend to UNRRA's administrative budget as well as to any financial matter it may be entrusted with by the Central Committee.

Technical Sub-Committees. Many of the policy problems of UNRRA are of a technical nature and cannot be worked out without constant advice by specialists. Consequently, the Conference agreed to create five standing technical committees on agriculture, displaced persons, health, industrial rehabilitation, and welfare. Each member government may participate in the

work of each of these technical committees ; only persons possessing special ability and expert knowledge should be appointed as members or alternates.

These committees, and parallel sub-committees to be organized within the framework of the Regional Committees for Europe and the Far East, will also formulate proposals for technical policies within their province, and will advise the Director-General, the Regional Committees and the Council.

The four leading Powers hold vital posts on the Central Committee, the Committee on Supplies, the Committee on Financial Control and on both regional Committees. The member of the Council for the United Kingdom was elected chairman of the Committee for Europe, that for China chairman of the Committee for the Far East, while the chairmanship of the Committees on Supplies and Financial Control went to the representatives of Canada and the United States respectively.

THE UNRRA OFFICE

The Council agreed that UNRRA headquarters are to be located in Washington, D.C. Regional offices will be established in London, in the Far East and possibly in Cairo.

Recognizing that the success of the Administration would depend largely upon the vision, competence, integrity and loyalty of the men and women who would become its officers and technical staff, the Council recommended that the Director, under his full executive authority, act with the greatest possible freedom in the selection of personnel.

It was decided that the staff of UNRRA should be of an international character, selected upon the basis of individual qualifications and without discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, nationality or creed, and recruited upon as wide a geographic basis as is compatible with efficient administration. National governments and international agencies are being urged to make available to the Administration such persons in their own service whom the Director-General may invite to join UNRRA's staff.