

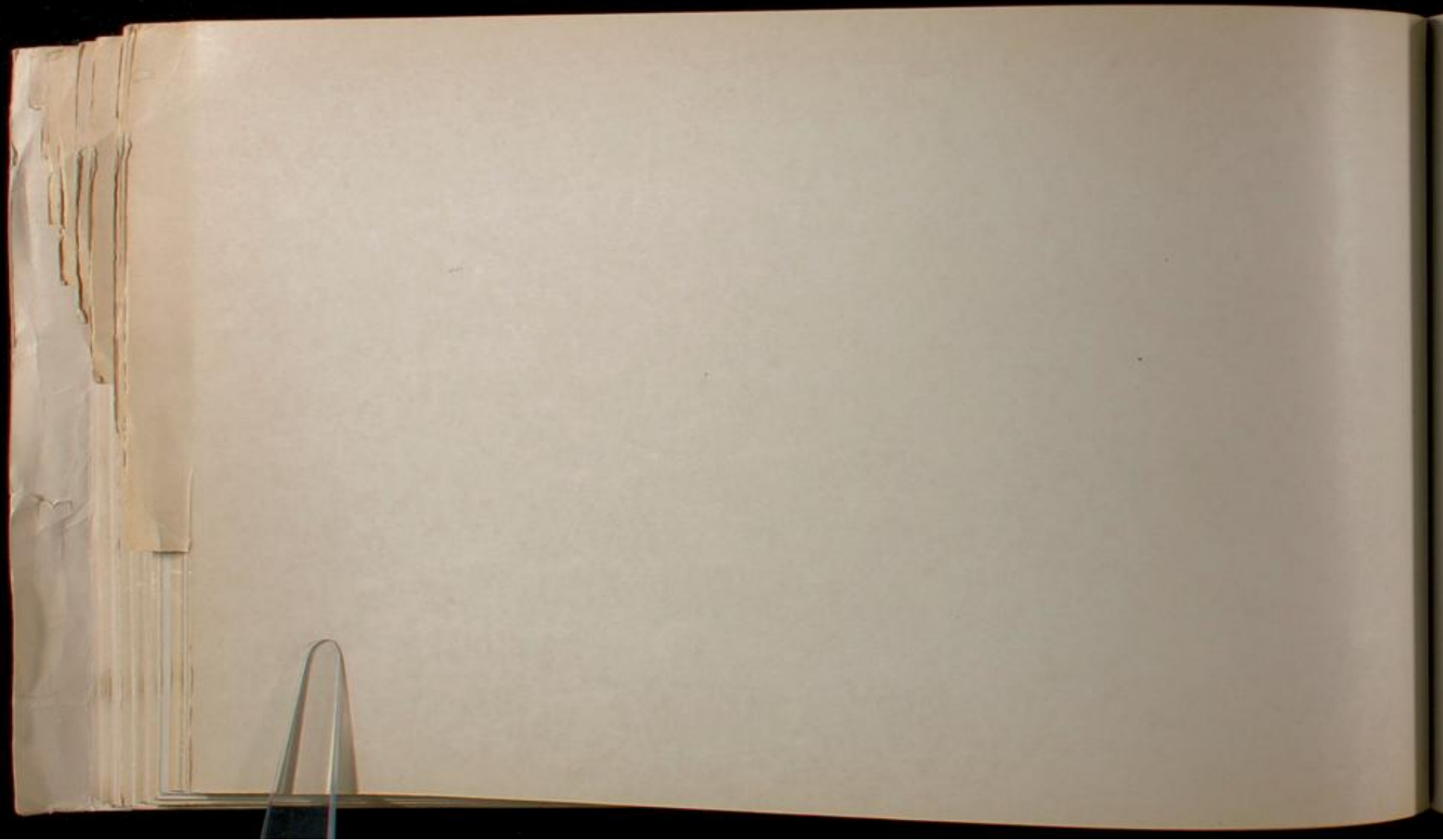
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## INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

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DECLARATION REGARDING THE DEFEAT OF GERMANY AND THE ASSUMPTION OF SUPREME AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

5 June, 1945

The Representatives of the Supreme Commands of the United Kingdom, the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the French Republics, hereinafter called the "Allied Representatives", acting by authority of their respective Governments and in the interests of the United Nations, accordingly make the following Declaration:

Release of Prisoners of War

## ARTICLE 6

a) The German authorities will release to the Allied Representatives, in accordance with the procedure to be laid down by them, all prisoners of war at present in their power, belonging to the forces of the United Nations, and will furnish full lists of these persons, indicating the places of their detention in Germany or territory occupied by Germany. Pending the release of such prisoners of war, the German authorities and people will protect them in their persons and property and provide them with adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical attention and money in accordance with their rank or official position.

b) The German authorities and people will in like manner provide for and release all other nationals of the United Nations who are confined, interned or otherwise under restraint, and all other persons who may be confined, interned or otherwise under restraint for political reasons or as a result of any Nazi action, law or regulation which discrim-

inates on the ground of race, colour, creed or political belief.

c) The German authorities will, at the demand of the Allied Representatives, hand over control of places of detention to such officers as may be designated for the purpose by the Allied Representatives.

POTSDAM AGREEMENT

2 August 1945

Orderly Transfers of German Population

The Conference reached the following agreement on the removal of Germans from Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary:

The three Governments, having considered the question in all its aspects, recognize that the transfer to Germany of German populations, or elements thereof, remaining in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary, will have to be undertaken. They agree that any transfers that take place should be effected in an orderly and humane manner.

Since the influx of a large number of Germans into Germany would increase the burden already resting on the occupying authorities, they consider that the Allied Control Council in Germany should in the first instance examine the problem with special regard to the question of the equitable distribution of these Germans among the several zones of occupation. They are accordingly instructing their respective representatives on the Control Council to report to their Governments as soon as possible the extent to which such persons have already

entered Germany from Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary, and to submit an estimate of the time and rate at which further transfers could be carried out, having regard to the present situation in Germany.

The Czechoslovak Government, the Polish Provisional Government, and the Control Council in Hungary are at the same time being informed of the above, and are being requested meanwhile to suspend further expulsions pending the examination by the Governments concerned of the report from their representatives on the Control Council.

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CONTROL COUNCIL

DIRECTORATE OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND DISPLACED PERSONS

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DIRECTORATE REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL TRACING SERVICE FOR UNITED NATIONS' MISSING IN OCCUPIED GERMANY

Note: This paper has been coordinated with the Political, Military and Internal Affairs and Communications Divisions of the four National Elements of the Allied Authority and they concur therein.

Objectives.

1. Recommended that the following should be the objectives of the Tracing Service:-

- (a) to search for and trace military and civilian missing of the United Nations;
- (b) to establish, where possible, the fate of those missing who cannot be found alive;
- (c) to locate, collect and preserve all available records regarding displaced persons in Germany;
- (d) to serve as a link to bring interested persons into communication with each other.

National Tracing Bureau.

2. Recommended that each interested United Nation that has not already established a National Tracing Bureau within its own national boundaries should be invited to establish such a Bureau, which should receive all initial enquiries concerning missing of its own nationality.

Zone Search Bureaux.

3. Recommended:

- (a) that these Bureaux (which are already established in each Zone) should assume responsibility for instituting searches in their own Zones, including searches on all enquiries passed to them by the Central Tracing Bureau;
- (b) that each Zone Bureau should operate under the complete jurisdiction of its own Zone Commander subject only to the general policies of the Allied Control Council and the Central Tracing Policy Board. (see below)

Central Tracing Bureau.

4. Recommended:

- (a) that the Allied Control Council should be requested to invite UNRRA to place the Central Tracing Bureau and Associated Central Records Office, which it is already operating, at the Council's disposal to be operated by UNRRA under policies and directives issued by the Central Tracing Policy Board;
- (b) that the Central Bureau should operate as a central clearing house between the Zonal and National Bureaux and not as an executive body; it should not, therefore, issue policies and directives to the Zonal Bureaux, this being the task of the Central Tracing Policy Board.

Search Parties.

5. Recommended:

- (a) that the Central Tracing Bureau should not have search parties under its own jurisdiction;
- (b) that each Zone Commander should agree where, upon the recommendation of the Central Tracing Policy Board, he considers it necessary and desirable, to admit into his Zone either Liaison Officers or special teams of the other United Nations.
- (c) that such Liaison Officers or teams should work in conjunction with, and under the control of, the search organization of the receiving Zone Commander.

Routing of Enquiries.

6. Recommended:

- (a) that every enquiry should be addressed initially to the National Tracing Bureau of the country of which the person being enquired for is a national; or, in the absence of a National Tracing Bureau, to the Government concerned;
- (b) that, in the case of doubtful or unknown nationality, the enquiry should be addressed initially to the Central Tracing Bureau;
- (c) that, if the National tracing Bureau (or Government) is unable to answer the enquiry, it should be forwarded on to the Central Tracing Bureau;
- (d) that, if the Central Tracing Bureau is itself unable to answer, the enquiry should be sent to the appropriate Zonal Bureau for a search to be instituted; or, if the appropriate Zone is unknown, it should be sent to all Zonal Bureaux;

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- (e) that the answer to an enquiry should pass in reverse through the same channels, with the proviso that, where facilities exist, a copy of the answer may be sent direct to the enquirer.

Records.

## 7. Recommended:

- (a) that each Zone Commander should agree to make available to the Central Tracing Bureau all information, including records (originals or copies) uncovered in his Zone which concerns other nationals;
- (b) that each United Nation should be invited to make available to the Central Tracing Bureau all information, including records (originals or copies), uncovered within its national boundaries which concerns other nationals;
- (c) that the Allied Control Council should be requested to ask other countries which are not included in the United Nations to make available the records in which the Central Tracing Policy Board is interested;
- (d) that the Central Tracing Bureau should retain in its Central Records office only those records which, owing to their nature, cannot be decentralised; and that all other records should be passed to the National Tracing Bureau concerned.

Location of Central Tracing and Zonal Search Bureaux.

## 8. Recommended:

- (a) that the Central Tracing Bureau should be in a suitable place where signal and

road communications and accommodations are available;

- (b) that the Central Tracing Policy Board should carry out a joint reconnaissance as soon as possible to decide, in conjunction with Q Branch and Signals, the exact location;

- (c) that the four Zonal Bureaux should be situated as near as possible to the Central Bureau.

Control of Tracing Service.

## 9. Recommended:

- (a) that there should be established a Central Tracing Policy Board consisting of one representative of each of the four Military Governors;
- (b) that the Board should be responsible for:
- (i) determining the policies regarding the tracing of missing or displaced persons and the collection and use of records pertaining to such persons;
  - (ii) coordinating the work of the four Zonal Search Bureaux;
  - (iii) controlling, by the issue of directives, the policies to be followed by the Central Tracing Bureau.

10. The above mentioned organization as a whole would be under control of the Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons Directorate.

Approved at Berlin 17 September 1945  
(COM/P(45)24)

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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

CLARIFICATION OF THE POLICY CONCERNING THE RETURN OF REFUGEES TO THEIR PLACES OF FORMER RESIDENCE IN GERMANY

1. On 22nd September 1946, at its NINTH MEETING, the Coordinating Committee considered the broad question of control of population movements. After hearing several rapporteurs and after discussions concerning refugees in Germany and other countries, the Coordinating Committee decided, according to the English and French languages text, that those Germans who have a domicile in Germany but are now displaced from Germany should be returned to their homes, but according to the Russian language text this decision reads: "that Germans who are living in Germany, but are displaced persons, will be returned to their former domiciles" (Conclusion 115 P) CCRC/M(46)9. It was further decided that such transfers should take place at points and at rates agreed by each Zone Commander.

2. At the SIXTY-THIRD MEETING of the Coordinating Committee held on the 8th July 1946, a further consideration of this problem of returning German refugees now outside Germany to their former homes led to a decision that the Directorate of Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons should obtain all necessary information from the countries concerned, and based on that information prepare a provisional plan for submission to the Coordinating Committee for approval (Conclusion (368) CCRC/M(46)34).

3. The Directorate of Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons now finds itself in a predicament where the Soviet Member interprets the Coordinating Committee decisions so as to prohibit any one Zone Commander from accepting any German refugees from outside Germany into his respective zone until the provisional plan, as directed, is approved by the Coordinating Committee, while

the British, French and United States Members of the Directorate interpret the decision as to require a plan being submitted for all such persons as may become known to the Allied Control Authority for Germany, but at the same time permitting each Zone Commander to accept from countries outside Germany, Germans who formerly had a domicile in his occupied Zone of Germany to return to it at such time as the Zone Commander considers propitious.

4. In view of both the situations described above and the most recent decision of the Coordinating Committee (Conclusion (483), CCRC/M(46)44), instructing the Directorate to study the whole population transfer problem, the Directorate of Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons requests that the Coordinating Committee approve the recommendations made in the following paragraph in order to clarify one of the important policies bearing on a comprehensive study of the whole problem.

5. The Directorate requests that the following principle be approved; that Germans, who formerly were bonafide residents of what is now one of the Four Occupied Zones of Germany, and who fled from their homes because of war, shall be permitted to return to their normal place of former residence at times and at rates established by the Commander of the zone to which such persons wish to return, regardless of where these German refugees may now be living. In the application of this principle there shall be no interference with the implementation of the plan of resettling Germans from Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland according to the plan of the Control Council dated 20th November 1946, and with the exchange between the Four Occupied Zones, of refugees and discharged ex-Wehrmacht members.

6. In forwarding this letter the Soviet Member of the Directorate could not agree to paragraph 5

above unless the word "provided" was substituted for the words "it is understood" in line 7 of the English text.

Approved at Berlin 17 October 1946 CCRC/P(46)225

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THE ALLIED CONTROL COUNCIL FOR GERMANYSECTION VII - POPULATION TRANSFERSPart 1 Prisoners of WarA. United Nations' Prisoners of War(1) Statement of Problem

During the latter stages of the war and immediately after the capitulation of Germany there were found in Germany approximately 1,796,827 United Nations Prisoners of War in the area of the armies operating under SBAEP and the area conquered by the Soviet armies.

(2) Task of the Allied Control Authority

The problem for the Allied Control Authority was to continue the policy of the Allied Armies of returning United Nations Prisoners of War to the control of the Military Authorities of the countries concerned with the minimum delay. The task of the Allied Control Authority was also to provide them with necessary medical treatment and supplies.

(3) Work Accomplished

Total number of United Nations' Prisoners of War who have been repatriated from Germany up to January 1st, 1947, and total number remaining to be transferred out of Germany are shown in attached Appendix "A".

(4) Agreements Already Reached

None

(5) Unilateral Statements

The Soviet Member proposes the following recommendation: All United Nations' Prisoners of War, without exception, who are still in Germany, must be handed over to the Military Authorities of the nations concerned not later than 1st May 1947.

The British Member does not support this recommendation.

B. Enemy and Ex-Enemy Prisoners of War(1) Statement of Problem

Until 1 October 1945 all responsibility for dealing with ex-members of the German Armed Forces was a responsibility of the Military Directorate. From that date, Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons Directorate was allotted responsibility for co-ordination of the movements involved with the repatriation of these enemy and ex-enemy prisoners of war.

(2) Task of the Allied Control Authority

When policy decisions involving the movements required for the repatriation of these releasable prisoners of war have been taken in the Army Directorate, the Directorate of Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons implements such movements through its executive agency, the Combined Repatriation Executive (C.R.X.)

(3) Quadripartite agreements

- (1) CONTROL COUNCIL DIRECTIVE NO. 18 ON DEMOBILIZATION AND DISOLUTION OF GERMAN ARMED FORCES  
CORG/P(45)114 Revised Appendix "A" Approved by CORG/M (45)20, Conclusion (263)

- (11) RETURN TO GERMANY OF GERMAN MILITARY INTERNEES NOW IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES  
CORG/P(45)159 Approved by CORG/M(45)22, Conclusion (295)

- (11) CONTROL OF MOVEMENTS OF POPULATION (Inter-Zonal Exchange of German ex-Wehrmacht)  
CORG/P(45)72 Approved by CORG/M(45)3, Conclusion (1173)

(4) Work Accomplished

Total number of ex-members of the German Armed Forces and ex-enemy Prisoners of War, moved up to January 1st, 1947, by C.R.X., is shown in attached statistics (Appendix "B").

(5) Agreements Already Reached

None

(6) Unilateral Statements

(1) The British Member considers that the Allied Control Council should be given information without delay by the Governments concerned as to the numbers of enemy and ex-enemy prisoners of war held outside Germany and remaining to be repatriated; the zones in which they were previously domiciled; and the rate at which it is intended to make them available for repatriation, so that the Council can make plans for their reception in Germany. The Council should estimate the rate of which prisoners of war can be absorbed into Germany.

(11) The U.S. Member supports the British statement in full.

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Part 2 United Nations Displaced Persons

(1) Statement of Problem

Up to and after the German capitulation the Allied Armies liberated a large number of United Nations Displaced Persons in Germany, and collected these people gradually into Assembly Centers, provided them with food and shelter, and repatriated them as rapidly as conditions permitted, to their home countries.

(2) Task of Allied Control Authority

The policy followed by the Allied Control Authority has been to continue to provide care and maintenance for these Displaced Persons, whose total number registered in the Zones on 1 August 1945 had been estimated at 1,508,907, but increased later to 3,620,630, pending their repatriation which remains the primary objective.

The U.S. Member supports the above statement with the addition of the words "and/or resettlement" after the word "repatriation".

(3) Quadrupartite agreements

(i) ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED NATIONS MISSING PERSONS TRACING SERVICE

CORC/P(45)54 approved by CORC/M(45)8, Conclusion (106)

(ii) CONDUCT OF SEARCHES BY THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES IN CONNECTION WITH UNITED NATIONS CITIZENS

CORC/P(45)164 approved by CORC/M(45)22, Conclusion (299)

(iii) TIME-TABLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT

CORC/P(45)69 approved by CORC/M(45)16, Conclusion (122)

(iv) CENSUS AND REGISTRATION OF UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN IN GERMANY

CORC/P(45)79 approved by CORC/M(46)12 Conclusion (132)

(v) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR AND DISPLACED PERSONS DIRECTORATE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POTSDAM AGREEMENT.

CORC/P(45)59 approved by CORC/M(46)5 Conclusion (88)

(vi) CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF GRAVES OF UNITED NATIONS PERSONS

DPGW/P(45)41 Revised approved by DPGW/M(45)11 Conclusion (88)

(vii) TREATMENT OF NON-GERMANS ENTERING GERMANY

CORC/P(45)36 approved by CORC/M(46)6 Conclusion (89)

(4) Work Accomplished

(i) Appendix "C" to this report shows, by Zone and nationality, the numbers of Displaced Persons belonging to United Nations or Non-Enemy nations who had been up to 1 January 1947, repatriated or resettled, or who on that date remained in the different Zones of Occupation.

(ii) Appendices "D" (British report), "E" (French report), "F" (Soviet report) and "G" (U.S. report) show separately for each zone, action accomplished up to 1 January 1947 concerning:

- Tracing of United Nations nationals including all documents affecting them.
- Care and maintenance of graves of United Nations nationals.

- Census and registration of all property and belongings of United Nations Displaced Persons.

(5) Agreements Already Reached

(i) Accredited representatives of interested nations whose citizens are still in camps and assembly centers allotted to Displaced Persons should have the right to visit these places when accompanied by Officers of the occupation forces for the purpose of conferring with these persons.

(ii) All propaganda directed against United Nations interests or against repatriation will be forbidden in Displaced Persons Camps.

(iii) Distribution of newspapers, magazines and pamphlets published and printed in the countries of which Displaced Persons are citizens shall be allowed in Displaced Persons Camps. The exhibition of films produced in their native countries shall be permitted in Displaced Persons Assembly Centers after approval by proper Allied Control Authority agencies. These Displaced Persons shall also be allowed unrestricted use of international communications facilities to correspond with their relatives and acquaintances in their home countries. The accredited repatriation Liaison Officers of the United Nations may carry between the Zones and their home countries letters from United Nations Displaced Persons.

(iv) Organizations established for carrying on the humanitarian task of tracing missing United Nations Displaced Persons and Prisoners of War should be continued, and that such organizations should continue to instruct German Authorities to furnish all necessary facilities required by such organizations.

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(v) Arrangements should continue for the census and registration of all property and belongings of United Nations Displaced Persons and that the German Authorities should be instructed to continue to give all possible assistance towards the legitimate return of this property with the minimum of delay.

(vi) Arrangements should be continued for the repatriation of the remains of deceased United Nations nationals upon request of the countries concerned and that the German Authorities should be instructed to continue to grant all necessary facilities for such purposes.

(vii) Arrangements should continue for the care and maintenance by the German Authorities of the graves of United Nations nationals who died in Germany.

(6) Unilateral Statements

(i) The U.S. Member emphatically opposes the incomplete statement of policy contained in paragraph (2) above in that DPOW/P(45)2 Revised clearly shows that it has been the unanimous intention of the Directorate that non-repatriable United Nations Displaced Persons are to be resettled. The U.S. Member further recommends that German Authorities be required to recognize the preferential status accorded by the Allied Control Authorities to United Nations Displaced Persons who still remain in Germany pending repatriation or resettlement, and that the German authorities be required to ensure that no discriminatory actions against these persons by Germans are tolerated.

The French and British Members support this recommendation. The Soviet Member does not.

(ii) The Soviet Member considers it wrong to resettle Soviet Displaced Persons in Germany or in other countries far away from their home country, and therefore recommends to propose to the U.S., British and French occupation authorities that they should give the utmost assistance to facilitate the repatriation of Soviet citizens, and that the German authorities should be required to render all possible assistance for the speediest return of these people to their home country.

The U.S. and British Members do not agree with this recommendation.

The French Member points out in this respect that the French occupation authorities carry out the provisions of the Franco-Soviet Agreement signed in Moscow on the 29th June 1945.

(iii) The U.S. Member recommends that the Germans as a result of having incited and participated in both racial and political persecution, be required to accord reasonable immunity and haven to those persons, regardless of nationality, who have suffered such abuse and are now in Germany or who enter Germany seeking refuge.

The British and Soviet Members do not support this recommendation.

(iv) The French Member considers it undesirable - except for certain special cases - that Displaced Persons who have valid reasons for not returning to their native country be permanently resettled in Germany, on account of the demographic increase and economic conditions in Germany.

The U.S. Member supports this statement.

The Soviet Member supports this recommendation but objects to the exceptions mentioned therein.

(v) The British Member recommends that such United Nations Displaced Persons as are permitted to remain in Germany should be assured by the German Authorities adequate rights and protection including the right of work without discrimination and the right to repatriation in due course.

The U.S. and French Members support this recommendation.

The Soviet Member does not support this recommendation.

(vi) The U.S. Member recommends that German authorities be required to facilitate the resettlement of those United Nations Displaced Persons and of persecutees who are unable or are unwilling to return to their native lands for reasons which are considered valid by such international organizations as may be established, and to ensure that conditions prerequisite to emigration are kept liberal, that physical installations necessary thereto are provided and that ultimate responsibility of United Nations in these matters is recognized.

The French Member supports this recommendation.

The Soviet Member does not support this recommendation.

(vii) The Soviet Member recommends that:

(a) No war criminals or persons who in any way collaborated with enemies of the United Nations should be regarded as Displaced Persons. They must all be handed over under guard

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to the Military authorities of the nations concerned not later than 1 May 1947.

(b) All Soviet displaced persons now living in camps and other inhabited places in the British, U.S. and French Zones of occupation of Germany must be returned to their country of origin not later than 1 May 1947.

(c) The Administration and staff of Displaced Persons Camps must be composed in the first place of representatives of the nations of which the displaced persons are citizens.

The French Member points out, in this respect, that the French authorities of occupation carry out the terms of the Franco-Soviet Agreement signed in Moscow on the 29th June 1945.

The British and U.S. Members do not support the above recommendation except the first sentence of the sub-paragraph under the heading of (a). They recommend that persons, of whom it can be satisfactorily proved that they are war criminals or had collaborated with the enemies of the United Nations, should not be regarded as Displaced Persons. In their view the acceptance of labor in German agriculture or economic employment, or the refusal to accept repatriation should not be construed as collaboration for this purpose.

(viii) The Soviet Member, while accepting as agreed the recommendation concerning the visiting of Displaced Persons Camps, considers it essential, however, to state in this paragraph that in his opinion accredited representatives should have the right not only to interview

Displaced Persons, but also to check the lists of these persons, as well as their index cards and personal documents which are in the possession of the camps' administrative staff.

The U.S., British and French Members do not support this recommendation.

Part 3 Enemy and Ex-Enemy Displaced Persons

(1) Statement of Problem

During the period when the Allied Armies were in control, a certain number, which cannot now be verified, of Displaced Persons of enemy and ex-enemy nationality were found in Germany and collected under control. They were afforded shelter, aid and maintenance until their repatriation should be possible.

(2) Task of Allied Control Authority

This policy has been continued since 30 August 1945, when the Allied Control Authority took over this responsibility. The policy has been, up to now, to repatriate these people whenever transportation and facilities were made available.

(3) Quadripartite Agreements

CONTROL OF MOVEMENTS - CORC/P(45)72,  
OF POPULATION approved by CORC/M  
(45)9, Concl.(11)

(4) Work Accomplished

Numbers of enemy and ex-enemy Displaced Persons who have been repatriated up to January 1st 1947 and those who remained in the Zones of

Occupation on that date, are shown in Appendix "B" to this report.

(5) Agreements Already Reached

None

(6) Unilateral Statements

The U.S. Member recommends that the nationals of enemy (except Germany) or ex-enemy countries be deprived of any status which may cause them as a group to become the responsibility of either the German authorities or the Occupying Authorities. Such persons should live as individual aliens in Germany, subject to all laws of the community. Their countries of origin should be required to authorize their return.

The French and British Members support this recommendation.

The Soviet Member does not support it.

Part 4 German Refugees

(1) Statement of Problem

Throughout the war large numbers of German nationals, normally domiciled in Germany were displaced from their home areas to other parts of Germany or to adjacent countries as a result of the war. In addition, some countries held numbers of Germans whose presence they considered obnoxious.

(2) Task of Allied Control Authority

Large numbers of these people returned either to their home area or moved to other areas of Germany throughout 1945, and this movement could never be completely controlled. Towards

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the end of 1945 the Allied Control Authority established a system of getting under some form of control the movements of such of these refugees who required return to their home areas.

The movements of Germans in this category (Refugees) have presented very serious problems and it has not as yet proved possible to return all of them to their former domiciles. A large proportion of the housing, accommodation, particularly in the congested parts of Germany was destroyed or damaged during the latter stages of the war and many of the industries which formerly provided these people with a livelihood do not now function. The problem of returning German refugees from outside Germany is still far from complete; the exact number of these persons outside Germany has not yet been determined, a factor which further complicates the problem.

(3) Quadrupartite agreements

- (i) CONTROL OF MOVEMENT OF POPULATION COAC/P(45)72 approved by COAC/M(45)9, Conclusion (115)
- (ii) PROPOSED AGREEMENTS CONCERNING THE EXCHANGE OF GERMAN REFUGEES IN GERMANY AND AUSTRIA ON A ONE FOR ONE BASIS. COAC/P(45)116 approved by COAC/M(45)15, Conclusion (197)
- (iii) CLARIFICATION OF THE POLICY TO BE FOLLOWED IN REGARD TO THE RETURN OF REFUGEES TO THEIR FORMER PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN GERMANY. COAC/P(45)325 approved by COAC/M(45)55, Conclusion (584)

- (iv) RECALL OF GERMAN OFFICIALS AND OBNOXIOUS GERMANS FROM NEUTRAL COUNTRIES. COAC/P(45)26 approved by COAC/M(45)5 Conclusion (48)
- (v) TRANSFER INTO GERMANY OF GERMAN MINORITIES FROM COUNTRIES NOT REFERRED TO IN THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT. COAC/P(46)108 studied under COAC/M(46)18, Conclusion (184)
- (vi) RECALL AND REPATRIATION OF GERMAN OFFICIALS, AGENTS AND OTHER OBNOXIOUS GERMANS. COAC/P(46)42 approved by COAC/M(46)6 Conclusion (72)
- (vii) MEASURES FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FROM ONE ZONE INTO ANOTHER DURING EXCHANGE OF EMIGRANTS. COAC/P(46)72 approved by COAC/M(46)11 Conclusion (12E)

(4) Work Accomplished

Attached statistics indicate number of:

- (i) German Refugees exchanged between Zones (Appendix "I")
- (ii) Obnoxious Germans and former German officials returned from abroad (Appendix "J")
- (iii) German refugees repatriated from abroad (Appendix "G")

(5) Agreements Already Reached

German Authorities are required to continue to accept back into Germany her nationals, including obnoxious Germans, from United Nations

countries who demand the repatriation of such persons. The rate of acceptance for such persons will continue to be determined by the respective Zone Commanders.

(6) Unilateral Statements

The U.S. Member recommends that responsibility for transfers of German Refugees within Germany be delegated to German Authorities, and that free resettlement within Germany of such persons be permitted, disregarding Zone of former residence.

The British Member supports this recommendation.

The French and Soviet Members do not support it.

Part 5. Transfer of German Population (Expellees)(1) Statement of Problem

Under the terms of Section XIII of the Potsdam Agreement, the German population, or elements thereof, to be moved from Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia were to be transferred into Germany. The subsequent Control Council plan implementing the former agreement included the transfer of the German minority from Austria into Germany.

(2) Task of the Allied Control Authority

The numbers of these expellees to be transferred (6,850,000) were based on estimates accepted by the Allied Control Authority.

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(3) Quadrupartite Agreements

- (1) PLAN FOR THE TRANSFER OF GERMAN POPULATIONS TO BE MOVED FROM AUSTRIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND POLAND INTO THE FOUR OCCUPIED ZONES OF GERMANY  
 COML/P(46)57 approved by COML/M(45)12, Conclusion (102)
- (11) TRANSFER INTO GERMANY OF GERMAN MINORITIES FROM COUNTRIES NOT REFERRED TO IN THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT  
 COML/P(46)108 studied under COML/A(45)18, Conclusion (184)
- (111) TIMETABLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT  
 COML/P(45)69, approved by COML/A(45)15, Conclusion (122)

(4) Work Accomplished

Numbers of German expellees transferred into Germany (in accordance with the approval plan of the Control Council and outside this plan) are shown in Appendix "L".

(5) Agreements Already Reached

None

(6) Unilateral Statements

(1) The British Member states that the effects of the forced transfer of large numbers of German expellees into the devastated British/U.S. occupied parts of Germany are producing a situation which is potentially most dangerous. This is caused partly by the fact that these transfers are being completed while the agreement to treat Germany as an economic whole has

not been fulfilled although it is a necessary corollary to these transfer measures.

The British Member considers that the adjustment of the overcrowding of the British and U.S. occupied parts of Germany is a matter which should be seriously considered in the preparation of any Peace Treaty.

The U.S. Member supports this recommendation.

The Soviet and French Members do not support this recommendation.

(11a) The French Member points out that the procedure for the transfer of the German minority in Austria to the French Zone of Germany is contained in an agreement which was unanimously approved by the Directorate (EPOW/M(45)12 Conclusion (99). Acting on this agreement, the Allied Secretariat, in the name of the Allied Control Authority in Germany, sent a letter to the Allied Commission in Austria (ASAC(45)2, dated 8th January 1946), according to which the French Zone of Occupation in Germany agrees to receive those Germans who normally reside in Austria and who had not acquired Austrian nationality before 15th March, 1938.

The U.S. Member supports this statement.

(11b) The Soviet Member considers incomplete the statement made by the French Member in paragraph (6) (11a) of the present Part 5 as regards conditions of transfer of German minorities from Austria to the French Zone. The French delegate refers only to initial documents relating to this question; whereas on receipt of a second letter from the Allied Commission in Austria this problem was again

considered at meetings of the Directorate and the Coordinating Committee. The latter took no final decision and referred all documents to the Legal Directorate for a clarification of points which had arisen during discussion.

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SUBJECT:

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POPULATION TRANSFERS, (Part I, I, 4., (1), CFM/47/M/148)

ORIGIN: Dir. & Spec. Coms.

FOUR POWER AGREEMENT

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FOUR POWER AGREEMENT

(1) The Council of Foreign Ministers confirms the agreements reached by the Allied Control Council for Germany recorded in Section VII, Part 2, paragraph 5, of its Report under the title United Nations Displaced Persons as follows:

(a) Accredited representatives of interested nations whose citizens are still in camps and assembly centres allotted to Displaced Persons should have the right to visit these places when accompanied by officers of the occupation forces for the purpose of conferring with these persons:

(b) All propaganda directed against United Nations interests or against repatriation will be forbidden in Displaced Persons Camps:

(c) Distribution of newspapers, magazines and pamphlets published and printed in the countries of which Displaced Persons are citizens shall be allowed in Displaced Persons Camps. The exhibition of films produced in their native countries shall be permitted in Displaced Persons Assembly Centres after approval by proper Allied Control Authority Agencies. These Displaced Persons shall also be allowed unrestricted use of international communications facilities to correspond with their relatives and acquaintances in their home countries. The accredited repatriation Liaison Officers of the United Nations may carry between the Zones and their home countries letters from United Nations Displaced Persons:

(d) Organisations established for carrying on the humanitarian task of tracing missing United Nations Displaced Persons and Prisoners of War shall be continued and that all such organisations should instruct German authorities to furnish all necessary facilities required by such organisations:

(e) Arrangements should continue for the census and registration of all property and belongings of United Nations Displaced Persons and that the German Authorities should be instructed to continue to give all possible assistance towards the legitimate return of this property with the minimum of delay:

(f) Arrangements should be continued for the repatriation of the remains of deceased United Nations nationals upon request of the countries concerned and that the German Authorities should be instructed to continue to grant all necessary facilities for such purposes.

(g) Arrangements should continue for the care and maintenance by the German Authorities of the graves of United Nations nationals who died in Germany.

NOTE

The recommendations and decisions confirmed or taken by the Council of Foreign Ministers are transmitted to the Control Council for Germany and to the Commanders-in-Chief of the occupation forces of Germany for appropriate action within their spheres of competence.

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(Pages 3 & 4; CFM/47/M/148)

ACTION TAKEN BY CFM: Referred to Control Council for Action

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AGREED

SUBJECT:

POPULATION TRANSFERS (Part I, I, 4. (2), CFM/47/M/148)

ORIGIN: DRG. &amp; Spec. Comm.

| FOUR POWER AGREEMENT  | U.S.   | U.K. | FR. | SOVIET |
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|   | <p><u>FOUR POWER AGREEMENT</u></p> <p>(2) Council of Foreign Ministers agrees upon the following principles with reference to United Nations Displaced Persons in Germany and to population transfers.</p> <p>(a) Any war criminals found in Displaced Persons Camps are to be turned over under guard to the Military Command of the countries concerned upon the request and upon production of satisfactory evidence that the individuals whose transfer is requested are in fact war criminals;</p> <p>(b) All "Committees", "Centres", and other similar organisations which may be found to be engaged in activities hostile to the interests of any of the Allied Powers will be immediately disbanded;</p> <p>(c) The voluntary repatriation of Displaced Persons who are now in Germany will be accelerated;</p> <p>(d) Control Council shall study further the whole question of the transfers of population into Germany with a view to directing to the areas best able to receive them those populations whose transfer to Germany may be decided in the future. Account shall be taken in this study of the situation existing in each Zone.</p> <p>(Page 4; CFM/47/M/148)</p> |      |     |        |
| <p><u>NOTE</u></p> <p>The recommendations and decisions confirmed or taken by the Council of Foreign Ministers are transmitted to the Control Council for Germany and to the Commanders-in-Chief of the occupation forces of Germany for appropriate action within their spheres of competence.</p> <p>(Page 4; CFM/47/M/148)</p> |  |      |     |        |
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SUBJECT: POPULATION TRANSFERS, Resettlement of DP's outside Germany (Part I, II, 3.(a), CFM/47/M/146 &amp; II, CFM/47/M/93)

ORIGIN: DfG. &amp; Spec. Comm.

| FOUR POWER POSITION   | U S  | U K | F R   | S O V I E T |
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| <p>(a) Resettlement outside Germany of persons whom it has been impossible to repatriate shall be encouraged....</p> <p>(Page 5: CFM/47/M/93)</p> | <p><u>US RESERVATION</u></p> <p>.... to the extent that provision is made therefor.</p> <p>(Page 5: CFM/47/M/93)</p> |     | <p><u>FRENCH and SOVIET PROPOSAL</u></p> <p>Permanent settlement of Displaced Persons on German territory shall not be authorized.</p> <p>(Page 5: CFM/47/M/93)</p> |             |

ACTION TAKEN BY CFM: Referred to Control Council for Information and Study

NOTE: No conclusive action taken by the Control Council as of 1 Feb. 1948

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SUBJECT:

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POPULATION TRANSFERS, Administration of EP Camps (Part I, II, 3. (b) CFM/47/M/148 &amp; II. (b.) CFM/47/M/93)

ORIGIN: Drg. &amp; Spec. Comm.

SOVIET

FOUR POWER POSITION

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NO AGREEMENTUS, UK and FRENCH POSITION

The US, UK and French Delegations did not agree with this proposal.

(Page 6; (b), CFM/47/M/93)

SOVIET PROPOSAL

To provide that the administration of the Camps for Displaced Persons shall consist primarily of the representatives of states whose citizens are among the Displaced Persons.

(Page 6; (b), CFM/47/M/93)

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SUBJECT: POPULATION TRANSFERS, Special Quadripartite Investigations Committee (Part I, II, 3.(c) CFM/47/W/148 &amp; II(c)CFM/47/W/93) DRIGIN DFO. &amp; Spec. Comm.

| FOUR POWER POSITION  | US  | UK | FR | SOVIET  |
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| <p><u>NO AGREEMENT</u></p>   | <p><u>US, UK and FRENCH POSITION</u></p> <p>The US, UK and French Delegations did not agree with this proposal.</p> <p>(Page 6; (c), CFM/47/W/93)</p> |    |    | <p><u>SOVIET PROPOSAL</u></p> <p>To form a special Quadripartite Committee for investigating the situation in Camps for Displaced Persons located in the American, British and French Zones of occupation, in order to ascertain the desire and intention of these persons to return to their homeland.</p> <p>(Page 6; (c), CFM/47/W/93)</p> |
| <p>ACTION TAKEN BY CFM: Referred to Control Council for Information and Study NOTE: No conclusive action taken by the Control Council as of 1 Feb. 1948.</p> |   |    |    |   |

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SUBJECT: POPULATION TRANSFERS, Suspension of Transfers of Population (Part I, II, 3.(d), CFM/47/M/148 & II, (a), CFM/47/M/93)

ORIGIN: DTG. & Spec. Comm.

| FOUR POWER POSITION        | U S  | U K | FR  | SOVIET  |
|----------------------------|--|-----|---|---|
| <p><u>NO AGREEMENT</u></p> | <p><u>US and UK POSITION</u></p> <p>The US and UK Delegations did not agree with this proposal. The US and UK Delegations, however, are prepared to examine sympathetically these French proposals.</p> <p>(Page 6:(d), CFM/47/M/93)</p> |     | <p><u>FRENCH PROPOSALS</u></p> <p>(1) No new transfer of German-speaking populations shall be effected in addition to those already decided upon by previous agreements.</p> <p>(2) Insofar as the consent of the states concerned can be obtained, the transfer still to be executed under the Potsdam Agreements shall be suspended.</p> <p>(Page 6:(d), CFM/47/M/93)</p> | <p><u>SOVIET POSITION</u></p> <p>The Soviet Delegation did not agree with this French proposal.</p> <p>(Page 6: (d), CFM/47/M/93)</p> |

ACTION TAKEN BY CFM:

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SUBJECT: POPULATION TRANSFERS, Organization of German Emigration (Part I, II, 3, (e), CFM/47/W/146 &amp; II, (e), CFM/47/W/93)

ORIGIN: Dfg. &amp; Spec. Comm.

| FOUR POWER POSITION  | U S   | U K | F R   | S O V I E T   |
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| <p><u>NO AGREEMENT</u></p>   | <p><u>US and UK POSITION</u></p> <p>The US and UK Delegations did not agree to this proposal. The US and UK Delegations, however, are prepared to examine sympathetically this French proposal.</p> <p>(Page 6; (e), CFM/47/W/93)</p> |     | <p><u>FRENCH PROPOSAL</u></p> <p>(e) German emigration shall be organized. To this end a conference of the qualified representatives of the four occupying powers shall be convoked before July 1st, 1947 in Paris. To the extent that it shall deem useful, this conference can invite representatives of other states and in particular those which are in a position to receive German emigrants into their territory.</p> <p>(Page 6; (e), CFM/47/W/93)</p> | <p><u>SOVIET POSITION</u></p> <p>The Soviet Delegation did not agree to this French proposal.</p> <p>(Page 6; (e), CFM/47/W/93)</p> |
| <p>ACTION TAKEN BY CFM: Referred to Control Council for Information and Study NOTE: No conclusive action taken by the Control Council as of 1 Feb. 1948.</p> |   |     |   |   |

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SUBJECT: POPULATION TRANSFERS, Reference of DP Problem to IRO (Part I, II, 3 (c), CFM/47/M/148 &amp; II, (z), CFM/47/M/93)

ORIGIN: DFG. &amp; Spec. Com.

FOUR POWER POSITION

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NO AGREEMENTUS PROPOSAL  
(Based on CFM/47/M/19)

That the whole problem of Displaced Persons be not discussed in detail by the Council of Foreign Ministers, but be referred to the I.R.C.

(Page 6: (r), CFM/47/M/93)

UK POSITION

The UK Delegation supports the I.R.C., but reserves its position on this particular proposal, pending the assumption by the I.R.C. of its responsibilities in Germany.

(Page 7: (z), CFM/47/M/93)

FRENCH POSITION

The French Delegation cannot agree to this proposal in its present form. It indicates, however, that the I.R.C. as soon as it starts to function in Germany will receive all facilities to function effectively in the French Zone.

(Page 7: (s), CFM/47/M/93)

SOVIET POSITION

The Soviet Delegation does not agree to this proposal, considering that the question of resettlement and redistribution of the Displaced Persons which fall under the competence of the Control Council in Germany are included within the competence of the Council of Foreign Ministers and that there is no reason to exclude these questions from the competence of the CFM and ACC. On the contrary, the IRO cannot deal with such questions. According to the terms of reference of the IRO (which is attached to the UNO) to which the Soviet Government has not adhered, only purely humanitarian and not political aims fall under the competence of this organization, as has been officially stated by the founders of the organization.

(Page 6a7: (r), CFM/47/M/93)

CFM/47/M/19  
15 March, 1947

Statement by the Head of the US Delegation

DISPLACED PERSONS

The problem of displaced persons in Germany was not included on the Agenda for this session as agreed in New York but was discussed in the Report of the Allied Control Council. It involves one of the most tragic consequences of the war. The people and Government of the United States have, for the sake of humanity and civilization, the most direct and intense interest in the speedy rehabilitation and resettlement of these human beings caught in the baneweb of war. Many evidences of the sympathetic view which the American Government and people take of their problems have already been given.

The attitude of the United States Government on this difficult problem is well-known. The matter has been extensively debated in the United Nations where Mrs. Roosevelt at both the London and New York meetings of the General Assembly expressed the policy of the American Government. There is nothing in the Report of the Allied Control Council which has led us to change that attitude. The Soviet charges made here were largely made there, and answered there.

As a result of decisions taken in the United Nations, of which all governments represented in this Council are members, progress is being made toward the establishment of the International Refugee Organization. The United States Government is giving its full support to this effort to mitigate the sufferings of thousands of helpless victims of the war. It is the hope of the US Delegation that rapid progress will follow in establishing the International Refugee Organization, and further that it will be successful in its efforts to solve this problem.

The International Refugee Organization has been founded to find a solution for this difficult problem. If the Council attempts to deal with it here, it may complicate rather than help the efforts of the International Refugee Organization.

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SUBJECT: POPULATION TRANSFERS, Costs of DP Maintenance (Part I, II, 3, (g), CFM/47/M/148 &amp; II (g), CFM/47/M/93)

ORIGIN: Dfg. &amp; Spec. Comm.

| FOUR POWER POSITION | US  | UK   | FR | SOVIET   |
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| <u>NO AGREEMENT</u> |   | <u>US, UK and FRENCH POSITION</u><br>The US, UK and French Delegations do not agree to this (Soviet) proposal.<br><br>(Page 7: (g), CFM/47/M/93) |    | <u>SOVIET PROPOSAL</u><br>In view of the fact that each occupation power had the opportunity to complete in full the repatriation of Displaced Persons and Refugees to their countries of origin after the capitulation of Germany, it should be prohibited to charge any expenses incurred for the maintenance of Displaced Persons and Refugees to German account or to the account of occupation forces as of January 1, 1947. (See CFM/47/M/85).<br><br>(Page 7: (g), CFM/47/M/93) |
|                     | <u>US POSITION</u><br>The US Delegation points out that in its opinion the pressure on the German economy would be more effectively relieved by stopping influx of additional transfers into Germany.<br><br>(Page 7: (g), CFM/47/M/93) |  |    |  |

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SUBJECT: POPULATION TRANSFERS, Redistribution of Refugees and Expellees (Part I, II, 3(b), CFM/47/W/148 &amp; II, (b), CFM/47/W/93)

ORIGIN: DFG. &amp; Spec. Com.

FOUR POWER POSITION

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NO AGREEMENTUS POSITION

The US Delegation accepts this proposal.

(Page 7: (b), CFM/47/W/93)

UK PROPOSAL

The Control Council shall study the possibility of a redistribution of refugees and expellees already transferred to the various zones of Germany, in order to effect a more equitable and a more even settlement. A German Commission shall be established to study this question. This Commission shall be accorded freedom of action and of movement throughout Germany as a whole and shall be responsible for the implementation of its own recommendations subject to the rights of the Governments of the Länder being safeguarded and subject to the general supervision of the Control Council.

(Page 7: (b), CFM/47/W/93)

FRENCH POSITION

The French Delegation does not accept this proposal.

(Page 7: (b), CFM/47/W/93)

SOVIET POSITION

The Soviet Delegation accepts this proposal.

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UNAGREED

SUBJECT: POPULATION TRANSFERS, Enlistment of DP's in Units &amp; Services (Part I, II, 3.(j), CFM/47/M/148 &amp; II.(j), CFM/47/M/93)

ORIGIN: DRG. &amp; Spec. Comm.

| FOUR POWER POSITION   | US | UK | FR | SOVIET  |
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| <p>All Delegations agree that the decision on this question will depend on the decision which may be taken on the corresponding point in the Section on Demilitarisation.</p> <p>(Page 8: (j), CFM/47/M/93)</p> <hr/> |    |    |    | <p><u>SOVIET PROPOSAL</u></p> <p>To forbid any kind of enlistment whatever of Displaced Persons in semi-military organizations (guard units, guard companies, etc.) now in existence or being formed on the territory of the Western Zones of Germany, and to release those Displaced Persons who already belong to such organizations.</p> <p>(Page 7: (j), CFM/47/M/93)</p> <hr/> |

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AGREED  
SUBJECT:

Return of German Prisoners of War to Germany (CFM/47/M 42nd Meeting &amp; CFM/47/M/153)

ORIGIN: CFM

FOUR POWER AGREEMENT

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1. German prisoners of war located in the territory of the Allied Powers and in all other territories will be returned to Germany by December 31, 1948.

2. The repatriation of German prisoners of war will be carried out in accordance with a plan which will be worked out by the Control Council not later than July 1st of this year.

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SUBJECT: Transfer of Persons of German Origin (from Austria) (CFM/47/W/35th Meeting &amp; CFM/47/W/159)

ORIGIN: CFM

| FOUR POWER AGREEMENT  | US                                     | UK | FR | SOVIET |
|---|--|----|----|--------|
| <p>At its 39th Meeting the Council of Foreign Ministers instructed in accordance with CFM/47/W/159 the Allied Control Council for Germany to determine the conditions necessary for the resettlement in Germany of persons to be transferred from Austria in accordance with Art. 16/Bis of the draft Treaty for the reestablishment of an independent democratic Austria.</p> <p>-----<br/> <b>ARTICLE 16 bis</b><br/> <b>Transfer of Persons of German Origin</b><br/>         (Reichsdeutsche and Volksdeutsche)</p> <p>1. Austria undertakes to complete within the period determined by the Control Council for Germany, the transfer from Austria of German nationals (Reichsdeutsche) who are subject to transfer to Germany in accordance with existing inter-Allied agreements, including decisions of the Control Council for Germany.</p> <p>2. Austria also undertakes to cooperate in carrying out the plans made or to be made by the Control Council for Germany for the transfer to Germany of Volksdeutsche whose transfer is provided for by existing inter-Allied agreements, including decisions of the Control Council for Germany.</p> <p>3. The provisions of this Article shall not apply to persons who fall within the categories of exemption approved by the Allied Commission for Austria.</p> <p>(Page 1: Attachment to CFM/47/W/159)</p> |  |    |    |        |
| ACTION TAKEN BY CFM:  | Referred to Control Council for Action |    |    |        |

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Population Transfers, General

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| PAPER(S): CCBL/M/47/12<br>DATE: 3 June 1947<br><br><u>2nd Action</u><br><br>Marshal SOKOLOVSKY wished to add an additional item to the decision of the Coordinating Committee, namely to request Zone Commanders to submit periodic reports to the Control Council on the implementation of the agreed decisions of the Council of Foreign Ministers on the question of Displaced Persons.<br><br>Marshal DOUGLAS said that he was prepared to accept the Soviet proposal in principle but that the Meeting should request the Coordinating Committee to consider in what form and how often these reports should be rendered.<br><br>THE MEETING:<br><br>(56) agreed:<br><br>(a) to note the action taken by the Coordinating Committee; and<br><br>(b) to accept Marshal SOKOLOVSKY's proposal in principle, and to request the Coordinating Committee to consider in what form and how | PAPER(S): CCRC/M/47/27<br>DATE: 2 June 1947<br><br><u>1st Action</u><br><br>The Meeting next considered the instructions concerning Population Transfers (Part I, paragraph 1, item 4).<br><br>The CHAIRMAN said that these instructions were intended for Commanders in Chief of Occupation Forces to take appropriate action within their spheres of competence, and that it was implicitly recognized that the administration of Displaced Persons camps was the responsibility of Zone Commanders. He proposed, however, that item 4, Instruction (2)(d) should be referred to the Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons Directorate who should consult with other Directorates on this matter - more especially with the Manpower Directorate.<br><br>THE MEETING:<br><br>(269)(e) agreed:<br><br>(1) to refer item 4, Instructions (1) and (2)(a), (2)(b) and (2)(c) to the Zone Commanders; | PAPER(S):<br>DATE: | PAPER(S):<br>DATE: | PAPER(S):<br>DATE: |

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Repatriation of German Prisoners of War

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| DATE:           | DATE: 17 May 1947  | DATE: 17 June 1947   | DATE:     | DATE:            |
|                 | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>1st Action</u></p> <p>.....</p> <p>The second matter concerned the plan to be drawn up for the absorption into the German economy of all prisoners of war in the territory of the Allied Powers and in all other territories to be repatriated by December 31st, 1948. The preparation of this plan by the Control Council by 1st July was dependent upon the agreement of the Foreign Ministers that the controlling Powers should furnish to the Control Council not later than 1st June 1947 their plans for the repatriation to Germany of the German members of the former German Armed Forces and Auxiliary Services now under their control. The British Delegation had already taken action with its Government to obtain this plan and be trusted that his colleagues would do likewise. Until these plans were received from the respective Governments he considered it would be premature to instruct the appropriate Directorates to prepare a draft of the Control Council plan to be ready by 1st July.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>4th Action</u></p> <p>THE DIRECTORATE</p> <p>(145) (a) decided to address the note contained in Appendix B to the governments of Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Denmark, Greece, Norway and Italy.</p> <p>The French government was charged with sending these communications to the governments concerned through the normal diplomatic channels.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Page 4; DPCL/M/47/18)</p> <hr/> <p>Appendix B to 16 June 1947<br/>DPCL/M/47/18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY<br/>POLITICAL DIRECTORATE</p> <p>NOTE TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, THE NETHERLANDS, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, YUGOSLAVIA, DENMARK, GREECE, NORWAY AND ITALY CONCERNING THE REPATRIATION OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR.</p> <p>*The French Government, acting in the name of the Allied</p> |           |                  |

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| <p>PAPER(S):</p> <p>DATE:</p> | <p>PAPER(S):</p> <p>DATE:</p> <p>[1st Action cont'd]</p> <p>.....</p> <p>THE MEETING:</p> <p>(263) agreed with the CHAIRMAN's proposal.</p> <p>(Pages 10/11; COAC/M/47/26)</p> <p>COAC/M/47/27      2 June 1947</p> <p><u>2nd Action</u></p> <p>General HEATING referred to the discussion of the Coordinating Committee under Any Other Business on the above subject at its 121st Meeting on the 7th May 1947 (COAC/M/47/25) (-Minute 263) calling for the submission of the relevant plans by 1 June 1947. He submitted the U.S. Plan to the Coordinating Committee for transmission to the Control Council and asked his Colleagues if their plans were yet ready.</p> <p>General TRATVIN replied that the Soviet plan was now being drafted and would be ready in the near future.</p> | <p>PAPER(S):</p> <p>DATE:</p> <p>(Appendix B to DPCL/M/47/18 cont'd)</p> <p>Control Authority for Germany, has the honor to bring the following to the attention of the Government of _____:</p> <p>*The Council of Foreign Ministers decided during its meeting in Moscow that German prisoners of war held on the territory of Allied Powers or on any other territory shall be repatriated to Germany before 31st December 1948.</p> <p>*The Council of Foreign Ministers decided, furthermore, that the repatriation of German prisoners of war will be carried out according to a plan to be elaborated by the Control Council by July 1, 1947 at the latest.</p> <p>*The Allied Control Authority for Germany would be grateful to the Government of _____ if it would submit to it as early a date as possible all relevant data needed to set up this plan.*</p> <p>(See 5th Action)</p> | <p>PAPER(S):</p> <p>DATE:</p> | <p>PAPER(S):</p> <p>DATE:</p> |
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Repatriation of German Prisoners of War

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| PAPER(S):<br>DATE: | PAPER(S):<br>DATE:<br><br>(2nd Action cont'd)<br><br>General HAPST stated that he was not yet in possession of his plan.<br><br>General ROBERTSON said that the British figures were now available and would be submitted immediately to the Allied Secretariat.<br><br>(Page 32; OCRO/M/47/27)  | PAPER(S): DOCS/S20/47/169<br>DOCS/M/47/18<br>DATE: 28 Aug. 1947<br>31 Aug. 1947<br><br><u>9th Action</u><br><br>THE DIRECTORATE:<br><br>(L22) agreed to postpone the discussion until a future meeting when the French and British Delegations will be in a position to discuss this subject.<br><br>(Page 7; DOCS/M/47/18) | PAPER(S):<br>DATE: | PAPER(S):<br>DATE: |
|                    | OCRO/M/47/28 9 June 1947<br><br><u>3rd Action</u><br><br>THE MEETING:<br><br>(301) instructed the Political Directorate to inform all the United Nations which might be holding German prisoners of war that their repatriation plans should be forwarded to the Control Council as soon as possible.<br><br>(Page 20; OCRO/M/47/28)<br><br>(See 4th Action) |   |                    |                    |

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| PAPER(S):<br><br>DATE: | PAPER(S): CCRC/W/47/29<br><br>DATE: 19 June 1947<br><br><u>5th Action</u><br><br>THE MEETING:<br><br>(320) agreed that the Allied Secretariat should keep the repatriation plans for German prisoners of war sent in by the U.S. and British Delegations until it had received the other plans.<br><br>(Page 20; CCRC/W/47/29)<br><br>-----<br>CCRC/W/47/30      26 June 1947<br><br><u>6th Action</u><br><br>THE MEETING:<br><br>(336) agreed to instruct the Allied Secretariat to report to the Foreign Ministers on the delay which had occurred in the preparation of a repatriation plan for German prisoners of war.<br><br>(Page 14; CCRC/W/47/30)<br><br>-----<br>CCRC/W/47/32      5 July 1947<br><br><u>7th Action</u><br><br>349.<br>The Soviet Representative stated that the Soviet plan for the repatriation of | PAPER(S):<br><br>DATE: | PAPER(S):<br><br>DATE: | PAPER(S):<br><br>DATE: |
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Repatriation of German Prisoners of War

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| PAPER(S):<br>DATE: | PAPER(S):<br>DATE:<br><p>(7th Action cont'd)</p> <p>German PW's to Germany was in the possession of the Allied Secretariat.</p> <p>(Page 15: OORC/M/47/31)</p> <p>-----<br/>OORC/M/47/35      30 July 1947</p> <p><u>8th Action</u></p> <p>390.<br/>The French Representative stated that the plan for the repatriation of German PW's under the control of the French Government would be handed in to the Allied Secretariat the following day.</p> <p>(Page 20: OORC/M/47/35)</p> <p>-----<br/>(See 9th Action)</p> <p>-----</p> | PAPER(S):<br>DATE: | PAPER(S):<br>DATE: | PAPER(S):<br>DATE: |

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Transfer of Persons of German Origin (from Austria)

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| PAPER(S):       | PAPER(S): CGC/P/47/121  | PAPER(S): DPO/M/47/13  | PAPER(S): | PAPER(S):         |
| DATE:           | DATE: 21 May 1947   | DATE: 29 August 1947   | DATE:     | DATE:             |
|                 | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>1st Action</u></p> <p>At its 39th Meeting the Council of Foreign Ministers instructed in accordance with CGC/47/W/159 the Allied Control Council for Germany to determine the conditions necessary for the re-settlement in Germany of persons to be transferred from Austria in accordance with Article 16 bis of the draft Treaty for the re-establishment of an independent democratic Austria.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Page 7; CGC/P/47/121)</p>                | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>3rd Action</u></p> <p>THE MEETING</p> <p>(122) agreed to send a communication to the Allied Commission for Austria asking how many persons, they think, are eligible for transfer to Germany under Article 16 Bis of the draft Peace Treaty for Austria (Appendix "B", CGC/P/47/121).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Page 7; DPO/M/47/13)</p> |           |                   |
|                 | <p>Appendix "B" to CGC/P/47/121</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE 16 bis<br/><u>Transfer of Persons of German Origin</u><br/><u>(Reichsdeutsche und Volksdeutsche)</u></p> <p>1. Austria undertakes to complete, within the period determined by the Control Council for Germany, the transfer from Austria of German nationals (Reichsdeutsche) who are subject to transfer to Germany in accordance with existing inter-Allied agreements, including decisions of the Control Council for Germany.</p> |  |           |                   |

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Transfer of Persons of German Origin (from Austria)

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| <p>PAPER(S):</p> <p>DATE:</p> | <p>PAPER(S):</p> <p>DATE:</p> <p>(1st Action cont'd)</p> <p>2. Austria also undertakes to co-operate in carrying out the plans made or to be made by the Control Council for Germany for the transfer to Germany of Volkdeutsche whose transfer is provided for by existing inter-Allied agreements, including decisions of the Control Council for Germany.</p> <p>3. The provisions of this Article shall not apply to persons who fall within the categories of exemption approved by the Allied Commission for Austria.</p> <hr/> <p>COBC/M/47/27      2 June 1947</p> <p><u>2nd Action</u></p> <p>69. Regarding ... Instructions on the determination of conditions necessary for the Resettlement in Germany of certain persons from Austria under Article 16/Bis of the Draft Treaty of Austria, he (the Chairman) considered that these instructions should be forwarded to the Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons Directorate for submission of</p> | <p>PAPER(S):</p> <p>DATE:</p> | <p>PAPER(S):</p> <p>DATE:</p> | <p>PAPER(S):</p> <p>DATE:</p> |

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