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AIR MAIL
No. 659

SUNJET: Transmitting Minutes of Meeting of Advisory Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons, ETC., 26 September 1944

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith, for the Department's information, a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons, ETC., of September 26, 1944.

Respectfully yours,

For the U. S. Political Adviser

[Signature]

Enclosure

1. Copy of Minutes

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In triplicate to Department

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State Dept. Letter 411
By H. H. Potts, Dssn.

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1. Those present were:

Mr. Mason Dobson — American Red Cross,
Mr. Kimberland — American Friends Service Committee,
Mr. L. Greenleigh — American Joint Distribution Committee,
J. F. Johnson — American Joint Distribution Committee,
Major A. Knight — British Red Cross,
Mr. Gibson — Friends Ambulance Unit,
Sir Clifford Hitchens-Smith — Inter-Governmental,
Mr. H. Warr — Committee on Refugees,
Mr. P. Hartley — U.M.I.A.A. — APR.
Governor H. L. Cochran — U.M.I.A.A. — APR.
Mr. G. Nadso — U.M.I.A.A. observers in Italy,
Mr. W. Byer — War Refugee Board,
Colonel G. R. Findlay — Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, A.G.C.
Captain Hartman — APR.
Major A. A. Bennett — G-2 (Q1) APR,
Major W. H. White — G-2 (Q1) APR,
Lt. Col. D. E. Jackling — G-2 (Q2) APR,
Captain S. A. Goldsmith — G-1, APR.

2. Governor Cochran, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, presided. He reported General Spofford’s keen regret at being unable to be present at this meeting. He also reported some observations that General Spofford had made in regard to conditions he found in France, and that he thought that the time was now appropriate, or would be very soon, for a small representation of one or more of the Committee to visit France in order to obtain better understanding of the Displaced Persons problem in that area.

ACTION TAKEN:


a. In 6 (a) suggested that figure 600000 was incorrect. Secretary to check.

b. In 7 (c) corrections — that statement be attributed to Mr. Wiggins rather than Mr. Kimberland — and that statement indicate that Americans’ Service Committee works on behalf of all groups, Jewish and non-Jewish.

c. Concerning 7 (d) — Mr. Ackerman is to submit a revised statement on War Refugee Board.

d. In other respects, the Memorandum was approved.

2. The Report of the Sub-Committee on Repatriation was presented paper by Lt. Col. D. E. Jackling. The Committee was in agreement with report with exceptions noted below (see Discussion).
The fourth Wednesday of the month, now appearing to be convenient, agreed that meetings of the Advisory Committee be held, beginning at 10 a.m. on the fourth Friday of the month, with the understanding that the Secretariat, in addition to the regular meetings as required, may call special meetings as required. Accordingly, the first regular meeting will be held on Friday, 27 of October 1944.

**DISCUSSION**

The Meeting was principally concerned with problems of repatriation and transfer of displaced and stateless persons. On behalf of the Sub-Committee on Repatriation, Lt. Col. Jackling presented a paper summarizing discussions of that Committee.

It was agreed that the unofficial draft of the paper which had been presented to those present at the meeting, would in the light of suggestions made, be re-written, and thereafter, distributed to members of the Advisory Committee. Reduced is herein made or changes suggested in the unofficial draft:

1. With respect to definitions - Displaced Persons (a) for citizens of Nationalities of United or Enemy Nations or Others who are to be repatriated.

2. (c) The statelessness in law or in fact for whom a place of temporary or permanent residence needs to be found.

3. It was agreed that in designating Italian displaced persons this should be Exclusive of former Italian Soldiers.

4. With respect to responsibility of A.R.P.H.G., it was agreed that such responsibility in operational zones should follow closely responsibility defined for SHAPE.

5. With respect to the responsibility of the International Red Cross, a revised version of the paper should take into consideration the provisions of the Tokyo Agreement which it was stated I.W.C. considers binding upon it.

6. Agreed that with respect to (foreign) voluntary societies statement indicating requirement that they should work in collaboration with UNRRA wherever the latter is at work in the area concerned, be omitted as necessary.

7. The title of Processing Centers be simplified and clarified through use of a sub-title, such as RELOCATION AND CONTROL CENTERS.

8. With respect to registration of Displaced Persons in various types of Processing Centers, it was agreed that the SHAPE system of registration, although apparently complicated, be adopted in the interest of standardization and uniformity; that the Secretariat inquire through A.R.P.H.G. whether the SHAPE system of registration had been fully coordinated with the International Red Cross and systems established in Records Bureau of A.R.P.H.G.'s Sub-Commission of Displaced Persons and Repatriation and with the Records Bureau of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

9. With respect to coordination of transportation and movement, it should be made clear that this refers not only to the problems within the ETO, but also outside Europe.

In general discussion indicated the necessity for establishing the closest possible co-ordination with SHAPE; flexibility in operation, and some desirable for determination of classification of persons as Prisoners of War or Displaced Persons or internees. In accordance with decisions made from time to time by the S.D.C. and the desirability for immediate and precise planning for reception and distribution of Displaced Persons in the various countries in ETO, and more particularly in Italy, Yugoslavia, Albania, and Greece.

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By S.R. Date: MAR. 8 1973
It was indicated that with respect to the conversion of funds held by refugees, a satisfactory procedure had not yet been established by the Combined C.A. Committee and the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Experience of Italy to Palestine, and on Italy to N.A.R. had been most difficult. The larger number of these refugees will be magnified many times under the very large scale upon the creation of displaced persons. The C.C. may soon be concerned with Co-ordination has to be established and those who may be concerned with the and work that might be done in this direction by those concerned with the and those who may be concerned with agreements being made among Governments to deal with the general problems involved in controlling accounts and kinds of currencies which refugees and displaced persons are entitled in the various countries. It was further indicated that in all probability there should be organized a Committee of the various financial advisors to work with the Sub-C. Committee of the Advisory Committee. In due course recommendations might be made to C.I.A.G. and C.S.G. by S.I.A.M. with sufficient force to bring about the establishment of an effective and just procedure.

It was suggested that the various voluntary relief and service organizations other than U.N.R.A., that are members of the Committee might find it appropriate to utilize the services set up and to be set up by U.N.R.A. Implicit was not any recommendation of control by U.N.R.A. over kinds or quantities of supplies or methods or places of shipment. On the other hand there was implicit the suggestion that there might be a saving of personnel, time and money if organizations with such smaller needs than U.N.R.A.'s could consolidate such needs through U.N.R.A.'s facilities.

Since this was an entirely new subject, it was agreed that no action be taken at this meeting, but that it be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting, thus providing time for representatives of the various organizations to give the matter consideration.

The establishment of priorities in repatriation of displaced persons who may possess certain skills or who may for various reasons be asked for by Governments, was discussed. The tentative arrangements have already indicated that they required certain personnel from Middle East refugee camps, such as midwifery, nurses for military duty, and women who have some training for nursing. It is possible, it is not probable, that Governments will generally desire to receive back as rapidly as possible such persons as would be particularly helpful in agriculture, in building reconstruction and generally speaking professional and scientific personnel. The resolution agreed on is indicated under Action Taken and represents the thinking of the Committee at this time. Presumably any attempts at establishing priorities in repatriation would require the co-ordination and agreement of all the factors involved, namely the Military Commanders, Governments, and the general speed and flow of planned migration. What would also be required normally would be rather high grade organization of the B.M.A. Centers that would produce a reasonable amount of knowledge concerning the people who were being served.

The meeting which had begun at 11:15 and had re-assembled at 1:30, adjourned at 3:40.

S. A. Goldsmith
S. A. Colonel, A.D.S.,
Secretary.
SUNOT: Transmittal of Document(s).

TO: Mr. L. Ackerman, War Refugees Board.

1. Forwarded herewith 1 copy of Minutes of Meeting of Advisory Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons, WTO 29 September 1944.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of the fore going, detach and return immediately to G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

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TO: G-5, Section,
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Received 1 copy(ies) of Minutes of Meeting of Advisory Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons, WTO 29 September 1944.

Signed

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Section

(Note)
1. Those present were:

- Mr. Magen Dobson - American Red Cross
- Mr. Kimberland - American Friends Service Committee
- Mr. L. Greenleigh - American Joint Distribution Committee
- J. W. Parson - American Joint Distribution Committee
- Major A. Knight - British Red Cross
- Mr. Gibson - Friends Ambulance Unit
- Sir Clifford Northcote-Smith - Inter-Governmental
- Mr. A. J. Shilling - Committee on Refugees
- Mr. D. Hartley -
- Mr. G. Nadeau - U.N.R.R.A. observers
- Mr. R. Dreyfus - in Italy
- Mr. A. Sorrieri -
- Mr. L. Ackerman - War Refugee Board
- Colonel C. B. Findlay - Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
- Captain Hartman -
- Major A. K. Bennett - O-2 (QI) AFNC
- Major T. H. Wilt - O-2 (QI) AFNC
- Major L. A. Goldsmith - O-5, AFNC

2. Governor Cochran, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, presided. He reported General Spofford’s regret at being unable to be present at this meeting. He also reported some observations that General Spofford had made in regard to conditions he found in France, and that he thought that the time was now appropriate, or would be very soon, for a small representation of one or more of the Committee to visit France in order to obtain better understanding of the Displaced Persons problem in that area.

ACTION TAKEN:

1. Corrections agreed in Memorandum on Proceedings of Meeting held at A.F.H.Q., 2 September 1944.

a. In 6 (a) suggested that figure 6000 Maltese was incorrect. Secretariat to check.

b. In 7 (c) corrections - that statement be attributed to Mr. Wiggins rather than Mr. Kimberland - and that statement indicates that American Friends Service Committee works on behalf of all groups, Jewish and non-Jewish.

c. Concerning 7 (d) - Lt. Colonel D. B. Jackling assigned to submit a revised statement on War Refugee Board.

d. In other respects the Memorandum was approved.

2. The Report of the Sub-Committee on Repatriation was present for consideration by Lt. Colonel D. B. Jackling. The Report was in agreement with report with exceptions noted below. (See Document RECLASSIFIED By Authority of JCS

LETTER 7-17-44

S.R. Date MAR 6, 1944
(a) In connection with the registration of Displaced Persons in Assembly Centers and for Processing Centers, the Secretariat was instructed to ascertain from SHAPE whether or not the Registration system of the International Red Cross had been integrated with the SHAPE Registration Forms and system as well as with the Registration system of the Records Bureau of ADCF & R Sub-Commission and the proposed Records Bureau of Balkan Operations.

(b) The following recommendations were approved:

(1) That liaison be established at once with Supreme Headquarter Allied Expeditionary Force in connection with the problem of repatriation of displaced persons throughout Europe, and that civilian agencies represented in the Theater maintain similar contact with their own agencies and report accordingly. The object will be to make sure that all plans made in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations are so far as possible, coordinated with the plans already made or about to be made for the European Theater.

(2) That particular attention be paid to the problem of transportation and movement, and that the Movement and Transportation Section of Allied Force Headquarters in particular be invited to study the problem with representatives of 0-5 Section. In the event of a European Inland Transportation Commission being set up, it is recommended that there should be representation from Commission to prevent the problems of transportation of displaced persons within the Theater.

(iii) That existing machinery of propaganda be utilized to give as much publicity as possible to the necessity for obeying "stand still" orders within the Theater.

(iv) That the definition of responsibilities of the various parties involved in Paragraph IV hereof and the outlined methods of achieving the object summarized in paragraph V hereof be adopted as a basis for standard operating procedure within the Theater.

(v) That personnel of UNRRA and Agencies co-operating with UNRRA be infiltrated into the military organization at the earliest possible stage.

(vi) That camps already set up within the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, e.g., Philippville and Pedulla be not disbanded until it is clear that all future use for them is over.

3. It was agreed that a small sub-committee be appointed to work in close co-ordination with the Financial Adviser of 0-5, SHAPE, and with such other persons as may prove advisable, in order to present to the SAC appropriate recommendations for action with regard to the conversion of funds held by Displaced Persons.

4. It was agreed that consideration of the possibility and advisability of the various Relief and Service Organizations, represented by members of the Committee, using the technical and central shipping and supply services being established by UNRRA - be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Advisory Committee.

5. It was agreed that, in principle, priorities in repatriation for various types of Displaced Persons, might be established, provided the Government(s) involved agree or desire such priority selection of Displaced Persons; provided that Military Commanders involved consent; and provided further that such application of priorities does not excessively slow the flow of movement of Displaced Persons.

6. It was agreed that UNRRA (Balkans) be invited to designate a representative to become a member of the Advisory Committee; it was also agreed that the chairman be empowered at an appropriate time to extend a similar invitation to such organizations as might eventually be set up for other areas within the Theater.
7. The fourth Wednesday of the month, it was agreed that meetings of the Advisory Committee be held, beginning at 11:15 a.m. on the fourth Friday of the month, with the understanding that the Committee meet in special sessions as required. Accordingly, the next regular meeting will be held on Friday, 27 of October 1946.

DISCUSSION

The meeting was principally concerned with problems of repatriation and transfer of displaced and stateless persons. On behalf of the Sub-Committee on Repatriation, Mr. Cowell presented a paper summarizing discussions of that Committee.

It was agreed that the unofficial draft of the paper which had been presented at the present meeting, would be subject to suggestions made, be re-written, and thereafter, distributed in a proper manner. The sub-committee classified to members of the Advisory Committee. Record is hereinafter made of changes suggested in the unofficial draft:

1. With respect to definitions - Displaced Persons (a) Civilian nationals of United or Enemy nations or persons who are to be repatriated.

2. (c) Stateless in law or in fact for whom a place of temporary or permanent residence needs to be found.

3. It was agreed that in designating Italian displaced persons this should be EXCLUSIVE OF FORMER ITALIAN SOLDIERS.

4. With respect to responsibility of M.P.D. it was agreed that such responsibility in operational zones should follow closely responsibility defined for SHAEF.

5. With respect to the responsibility of the International Red Cross a revised version of the paper should take into consideration the provisions of the Tokyo Agreement which it was stated IRC considers binding upon it.

6. Agreed that with respect to (foreign) voluntary societies statement indicating requirement that they should work in collaboration with UNRRA where the latter is at work in the area concerned - be deleted as necessary.

7. The title of Processing Centers be amplified and clarified through use of a sub-title, such as RELOCATION AND CONTROL CENTER.

8. With respect to registration of Displaced Persons in various types of Processing Centers it was agreed that the SHAEF system of registration, although apparently complicated, be adopted in the interest of standardization and uniformity; that the Secretariat ensure through SHAEF whether the SHAEF system of registration had been fully co-ordinated with the International Red Cross system and systems established in Records Bureau of ACO's Sub-Commission of Displaced Persons and Repatriation and with the Records Bureau of ACO's Sub-Commission of Displaced Persons and Repatriation and with the Records Bureau of the Balkan Mission.

9. With respect to coordination of transportation and movement it should be made clear that this referred not only to the problems within the ACO, and to Inter-Region movement in Europe but also outside Europe.

In general discussion indicated the necessity for establishing the closest possible co-ordination with SHAEF flexible in operation, and hence the desirability for determination of classification of persons as Prisoners of War or Displaced Persons or interned. In accordance with decisions made from time to time by the ACO and the desirability for intensive and precise planning for reception and distribution of Displaced Persons in the various countries in ACO, and more particularly in Italy, Yugoslavia, Albania, and Greece.

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by 8-10, Date MAR 8 1973
It was indicated that with respect to the conversion of funds held by refugees, a satisfactory procedure had not yet been established by the Combate of the Committee of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. The Committee was concerned with the financial difficulties of the refugees, and the Committee of the Economic and Social Council was asked to consider the matter further. It was further indicated that in all probability there should be established a Committee of the various financial advisors to work with the Sub-Committee of the United Nations. In due course recommendations might be made to the Economic and Social Council, with sufficient force to bring about the establishment of an effective and just procedure.

II.

It was suggested that the various voluntary relief and service organizations that are members of the Committee might find it appropriate to utilize the supply services now established and to be established by UNRRA, implicit in the recommendation of control by UNRRA over kinds or quantities of supplies on methods of payment or delivery. On the other hand there was the suggestion that there might be a saving of personnel, time, and money in organizations with smaller needs than UNRRA's could consolidate such needs through UNRRA's facilities.

Since this was an entirely new subject, it was agreed that no action be taken at this meeting, but that it be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting, thus providing time for representatives of the various organizations to give the matter consideration.

IV.

The establishment of priorities in repatriation of Displaced Persons who may possess certain skills or who may be particularly valuable to Governments, was discussed. The popular authorities have already indicated that they required certain personnel from Middle East Refugee Camps, such as shipwrights, men for military duty, and women who have some training for nursing. It is possible, if not probable, that Governments will generally desire to receive back as rapidly as possible such persons as would be particularly helpful in agriculture, in building reconstruction and generally speaking in professions and scientific personnel. The resolution agreed on indicated that action taken at this time is generally in favor of the thinking of the Committee at this time.

The Meeting which had begun at 11:15 and had re-assembled at 2:30, adjourned at 3:40.
No. 734

SUBJECT: Establishment of Advisory Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons at Allied Force Headquarters.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that there has been established at Allied Force Headquarters an Advisory Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons.

There are enclosed herewith, copies of: (1) the agenda for the first meeting, (2) the draft Administrative Memorandum for the establishment of the Committee, (3) the Minutes of the first meeting, and (4) the Memorandum which covers in greater detail the matters discussed at the first meeting.

It will be noted that the Administrative Memorandum provides that a representative of the Office of the Political Adviser shall be a member of the Committee.

Additional information concerning this committee and its activities will be forwarded to the Department whenever available.

Respectfully yours,

For the United States Political Adviser

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Agenda,
2. Copy of Draft Administrative Memorandum,
3. Copy of Minutes,
4. Copy of Memorandum.

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TSE/et,
AGENDA

Meeting, Advisory Committee, Refugees & Displaced Persons, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, to be held AFHQ in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, at 1130 hours, 2 September 1944.

1. Chair will be taken by Chief Administrative Officer
2. General Need of coordination of Agencies.
   a. Italy - Internes & Disper Sub-Commission and Italian Refugees Committee of ACC.
      i. Problems of Yugoslavia.
      ii. Trans-shipment to - Middle East
          Palestine
          UNRRA
      iii. Establishment of French No. 10 rice camps -
          Mubala and Phillippeville.
      iv. Attachment of private and Governmental Agencies to ACC - UNRA (Intern-Governmental Committee on Refugees, JIO, American Friends Service Committee, UNRA observers). "Work of American and British Red Cross in Refugee Camps - clothing service.
   b. Southern France.
   c. Greece, Albania and Yugoslavia. AEL & UNRA.
   d. Other Countries within Mediterranean Theater of Operation.
   e. Problems for Coordination - SHAPE.

4. Statement by Governor Cochran in connection with UNRA program and later responsibility for work of and with private and Governmental agencies.

5. Organization of Committee.
   a. General outline of Functions
   b. Officers and membership

6. Discussion
An Advisory Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons is hereby established at AFP.

The object of the Committee shall be to assist in the development of methods and plans for care of Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

This object shall be accomplished through:
(a) joint consideration of the resources and programs of the various organizations - (i) civil governmental, (ii) military and (iii) private civilian - engaged in that work; and
(b) subsequent planning and directives emanating from the respective appropriate authorities.

The initial composition of the Committee shall be as follows:

Chairman: The Chief Administrative Officer, AFP
Vice Chairman: The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, ANFR
Joint Secretaries: One of the UNRRA observers and a representative of G-5.

The Committee shall recommend any changes in its composition which conditions from time to time seem to warrant.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held at least once a month following the first meeting, and at such other times as the Chairman may direct.

It shall be the duty of the Secretaries to keep an adequate record of the Committee's meetings and work; to gather such data concerning Refugees and Displaced Persons as the Committee and/or the Chairman shall direct; and to accomplish such other tasks as the Committee may delegate to them, looking toward the cooperative development of the military and civilian agency program in this field.

Nothing herein stated shall be construed to affect the powers of the usual governing bodies of the various private or governmental agencies to manage their own internal affairs in accordance with powers vested in them.
SUBJECT: Meeting of Advisory Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons - Mediterranean theatre of Operations - 2 Sept 1944 - at AFR

Distribution below.

1. The meeting had been called by G-5 Section of AFR and was attended by the following representatives of organizations named: from American Friends Service Committee, Messrs. R. K. Fisherland and R. Wriggins; American Joint Distribution Committee, Messrs. A. Greenleaf and R. Fruhan; British Red Cross, L. General Sir Kenneth McLeod and Major A. Knight; Allied Control Commission, Internasal and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Col. C. B. Findlay and Lt. Colonel C. P. Eathen; ACC, Italian Refugees Branch, Col. L. A. Bellis; Interdepartmental Committee on Refugees, Sir Clifford Easly-Smith; UNRA, Messrs. R. L. Cochran, S. W. Kenny, A. A. Surloni, and W. G. Wall; War Refugee Board, Mr. L. Ackerman; Office of British Resident Minister, Sir Anthony Hambold; Office of U.S. Political Adviser, Mr. G. B. Brown; AFR. Lt. General J. S. Clark, G.O., - Col. G. M. Spofford, A.C. of S, G-5, - Lt. Col. B.D. Jackling, G-5, Major S. A. Goldsmith, G-5.

2. The CGO outlined the importance of the work which the Committee, when formed, would undertake in the care of refugees and displaced persons, and Col. Spofford made a report of the present situation as to extent of problems and the work of the military and civilian governmental and private agencies in this field.

a. In Italy, some 45,000 displaced persons received care, of whom 28,100 Yugoslavs had been sent to camps in Egypt, 91 Jews to Palestine and 916 mostly stateless persons to the U.S. An appreciable number lived in towns and cities of Italy and received various forms of relief. About 23,000 were now in the 1 453 camps. There were approximately 250,000 Italian refugees, many of whom presented problems of repatriation and were essentially the responsibility of the Italian Government with assistance and guidance of Italian Refugee Branch of ACC.

b. The camp at Mdhala, French Morocco, capacity of 20,000 and the camp at Philippoville, French North Africa, initial capacity of 10,000, were to be maintained to meet situations requiring speedy availability of facilities. Mdhala currently cared for persons coming out of Spain, and Philippoville had been made ready to care for Yugoslavs, in line to become a UNRRA responsibility after 1 October.

c. The Middle East camps now and or UNRRA, aside from transit facilities at Aleppo, care for approximately 40,000, of whom 27,000 are Yugoslavs and 12,000 Greeks, the rest being a polychot group.

3. The work of the various organizations represented was described briefly, the potential problems and forms of organization for caring for refugees and displaced persons in Austria, parts of Southern Germany, in Greece, Albania and Yugoslavia were outlined.

4. It was unanimously agreed that:

a. There was need for coordination between all organizations and agencies working with refugees and displaced persons in the Theatre.

b. The form of organization as indicated in the draft administrative order should be established - with change in para 2, to include after "care" - the words "repatriation and resettlement."

5. It was agreed also that:

a. Signers
a. Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean should be requested to revise policy with respect to evacuating Jugoslavs from Italy, now to permit as many as possible, up to a ceiling of 3,000, to be held in the country;

b. A sub-committee be designated to study problems of repatriation;

c. Information concerning the work of the various agencies represented on the Advisory Committee be collected; especially that an inventory of their personnel be made;

d. Reports of individual agencies, likely to be of interest to the others, be summarized and circulated among all concerned.

e. It was decided that the Committee should meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month, the next meeting to be held on the 27th of September in Rome.

/sg/ S. A. Goldsmith
S. A. GOLDSMITH
Major, USA
Secretary

Note: A memorandum is in course of preparation, and will shortly be distributed, covering in greater detail the matters discussed at the meeting.
5. Opening Remarks by Chairman:

a. Supreme Allied Commander was responsible in this Theatre for, among other things, the rescue, administration, maintenance, repatriation, or settlement of refugees and displaced persons. There were already in the Theatre a number of agencies - some sponsored by the Allied Governments, others representing various interests. The help given by these agencies in the solutions of the problems was welcomed. It was, however, obvious that the activities of all such agencies should be co-ordinated. It had been considered that there was need for an agency to act in an advisory capacity to AFHQ; and, particularly, to advise the Allied Commander on the contributions which could be made by civilian relief and welfare organisations in the solution of the problems. No such body now existed. The question was whether such a body should be formed, but before putting the question he proposed to review the current situation and to ask representatives of the agencies present to explain briefly the scope of their activities.

6. Review of Current Situation:

(a) Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, (Col. Findlay, Director, I & DPC).

45,000 internees and displaced persons of about 30 nationalities had passed through the hands of the Sub-Commission. The majority of them had been Yugoslavs. It had been directed by the Supreme Allied Commander that installations in Italy should be run on a transit basis. 28,120 Yugoslavs had been evacuated to camps in the MID-EAST. Approximately 600 Jews had been sent to Palestine. Approximately 1,000 - mostly Jews - had been sent to United States. 6,000 Maltese had been evacuated to Tripoli and 1,200 additional Maltese would probably shortly follow. There were, at the moment, about 7,000 Yugoslavs in camps in Italy. There was room for another 4,000 approximately. The Yugoslav authorities had expressed a wish that no further evacuation...
evacuation from Italy of Yugoslavs should take place, and had agreed to restrict the numbers leaving Yugoslavia.

d. Situation in the MID-EAST, UNRRA/MERRA. (Maj.S.A. Goldsmith).

The camps in MID-EAST of direct interest were those taken over from MERRA by UNRRA, namely, KHATABA, TOLMBAT, EL SHATT and MOSES WELLS in Egypt; NUSEIRAT (South of Gaza) in Palestine and AMRA in Syria. The last was a transit camp for reception principally of Greeks, who had found their way in and through Turkey and whose evacuation from that country had been guaranteed by MERRA. KHATABA and EL SHATT were Yugoslav camps, MOSES WELLS and NUSEIRAT were Greek camps, and TOLMBAT was used, primarily, as a convalescent center for Yugoslav children. (A camp was also being prepared at EL ARISH, near the Egyptian-Palestine border, at which up to 500 "Royal" Yugoslavs could be accommodated.) MERRA, as distinguished from UNRRA, still had responsibility for camps in India, Persia, East Africa, and elsewhere, where Poles and some Greeks were under care. MID-EAST command had recognised a "permanent responsibility" for supplying to the present UNRRA camps administrative personnel (present ceiling of 315 officers and men), and furnishing supplies, the latter on a reimbursable basis. The Yugoslavs involved had come from the Transit camps in Italy. They had made a radical adjustment in living in Khataba. UNRRA and EL SHATT were desert camps, and camp administrators as well as camp doctors agreed that sick children, TB patients and the more feeble adults do not do well in the desert. The Yugoslav Central and Subordinate Committees showed considerable energy, initiative and desire to assist and even supervised the camp activities in contrast to the Greeks who were generally satisfied to let their camp administrators do the thinking and the work. (MOSES WELLS was on the Gulf of Aqaba and NUSEIRAT on the Mediterranean.) In general, the aim was to return these people to their homelands in better physical condition than that which obtained when they were received and to this end consideration was being given to more careful routing of young children, sick adults and the possibility of transfer of some Yugoslavs from MID-EAST to PHILLIPSVILLE camp.

c. Italian Refugees Branch, Allied Control Commission, (Colonel Hulls).

This Branch was formed to handle refugees in the military zone. 200,000 people had been moved from the North to the South of Italy. Outside the military zones this movement, and the return to their homes of the persons moved, was the responsibility of the Italian Government, but the Government had not yet been able to assume the full responsibility and the work would, therefore, have to be continued by the Branch.

d. Policy. The Chairman explained briefly the present policies of the responsible authority. A tentative agreement had been reached with the Yugoslav authorities that no further evacuations from Italy of Yugoslavs should be affected, subject to the in-take from Yugoslavia not exceeding a further 2,000 and the ceiling for Yugoslavia of 9,000 not being exceeded. A camp at PHILLIPSVILLE, French North Africa, was in readiness to receive 10,000 displaced persons. This was equipped with a 600-bed hospital, and the capacity of the camp could be increased to 40,000, if necessary. The camp would eventually be taken over by UNRRA. MID-EAST camps could accommodate a further 13,000.

It has been decided that if further evaucations were necessary...
necessary, PHILIPPEVILLE should first be used. It was also under consideration whether 2,500 persons in "indifferent health", now in MID-EAST camps, should be transferred to PHILIPPEVILLE.

7. Activities of Agencies.

a. Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, (Sir Clifford Northcote-Smith).

This body worked in close conjunction with the American Joint Distribution Committee, the American Friends Service Committee, the British Friends Ambulance Unit. It looked after refugees and displaced persons not cared for by other organizations, with particular attention to Stateless persons. Investigation and planning for individual cases was done by APSC. Representatives of IGCs had now been nominated for France and North Africa.

b. Joint Distribution Committee, (Mr. Arthur Greenlegh).

Problem existed in Italy since 1934 when Italian Jews founded committees to assist refugees Jewish people from Hitler persecution. By 1938, the load became too great and the American Joint Distribution Committee was asked to assist in financing the program. Funds from the JDC were sent into Italy without interruption until the Nazi occupation. After that, the committee in Italy was financed by borrowings authorized by the JDC, such assurance being transmitted through the Vatican. In France a similar program had been carried on by borrowings authorized by JDC by means of which many Jews otherwise in danger of their lives were saved. The program in France had been directed particularly to the saving of children by paying for their care and hiding in Monasteries, in other institutions, and in the homes of non-Jewish families. There were two representatives in Italy, one in the North and one in the South. There were also two representatives in Istanbul, one in Switzerland, one in Spain, two in Portugal, one in London, and one in Palestine. Programs were also carried on through authorized borrowings in the occupied countries of Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland and Belgium. Program of assistance to displaced persons were carried on through local committees by JDC in the neutral countries of Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal and Turkey.

c. American Friends Service Committee (Mr. Kimberland).

In limited fashion acted in the same relation to certain non-Jewish groups as the JDC acted towards Jewish groups. The cases of refugees not otherwise cared for were brought to the attention of the authorities.

d. War Refugee Board, (Mr. Akermann).

WRB was set up by executive order of President of the United States. Its function was to help persons escape from German occupied territories and to assist those who had succeeded in escaping. These activities would cease with the cessation of hostilities. One of its activities had been the arrangement for evacuation of persecuted persons from Spain; these persons had been cared for in the Marshal Lyslay Camp, FEDHILA. The camp itself was conducted by UNRRA. It also had responsibility in connection with the recent evacuation of Stateless persons to the U.S.
British Red Cross. (Lt.-Gen. Sir Kenneth MacLeod).

The functions of this body were governed by the Geneva Convention and were normally confined to services in connection with troops. During the military phase of operations assistance had been given to AUC in dealing with Refugees and displaced persons and would continue. Personnel were also in readiness for similar activities in the Balkans.

American Red Cross, (Mr. Dobson) said that his organization's activities paralleled those of B.R.C. in relation to American Troops. About 50 officers had been assisting AUC in the 5th Army area and plans were in hand to assist in Southern France.

Note: Both Red Cross representatives requested that a ruling be sought regarding the activities of other Red Cross organizations in the Theatre, the ruling now in force technically limiting all Red Cross activities to those of British and American organizations.


a. Southern France. Chairman said that to date there had not been much of interest reported; no large groups had been found whilst the French authorities were coping adequately with their own Nationals. The function of AFR was to assist the French authorities and Civil Affairs Officers were available to give this assistance. That the help of civilian agencies would be required and welcomed was almost certain.

b. Balkans. (Lt.-Col. Jackling). Planning had been going on and special consideration had been given to relief and rehabilitation problems. Plans would fit in with the work of existing organizations (Swiss-Swedish delegation of IRO) in Greece, and UNRRA would take over responsibility as soon as possible. For Yugoslavia and Albania the position was not quite so clear; there might have to be limitations on agency activities in relation to relief problems. Further details would be given at a later meeting.

c. Austria (Lt.-Col. Jackling). The study of plans for Austria in respect of displaced persons had made provision for approximately 2 million persons falling into various categories. This study would be circulated; it would be enough to say at the moment that transportation would be the chief problem and in connection with this, camps for homeless or persons en route to their homes would tax the resources of all agencies.

d. UNRRA (Governor R.L. Cochran). The UNRRA Charter was specific on many points, but was at the moment indefinite regarding Italy. Recommendations had been made for consideration at the next meeting of the UNRRA council. (to be held in Montreal in mid-September). Generally speaking, UNRRA was to be the agent for distribution of relief supplies which are furnished by some other agency during the military phase, and would undertake medical care and welfare work at the invitation of the military authorities. In a subsequent period, UNRRA would take over complete responsibility in concurrence with the military authorities and the government of the country concerned. The Director General of UNRRA was very anxious that maximum use be made of the services and resources of private and governmental agencies, within the framework and plans of UNRRA.
9 It was agreed by all agency representatives present that:

a) The establishment of an Advisory Committee was desirable;
b) That information and reports of common interest should be collected and circulated;
c) That details of resources in personnel and materials should be furnished for use of the Committee in future welfare and relief planning;
d) That one of the first Considerations of the Committee should be planning for repatriation.

10. The draft of an Administrative Order constituting the Advisory Committee (APPENDIX C) was considered and the following amendments accepted by the Chairman:

a) Para 2. After "care" insert "and repatriation or resettlement."
b) Para 4. Last line to read "American Friends Service Committee."

11. First Meeting of Advisory Committee - decided that the first meeting of the Advisory Committee should be held on Wednesday 27 September 1944, at a place and time to be notified to constituent members. Suggestions of items for inclusion in the agenda to be submitted to G-5 Section, AFHQ, accompanied by brief notes for circulation before the meeting (latest date for submission, Sep. 20, 1944).

September, 1944
SUBJECT: Meeting of Advisory Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons — Mediterranean Theatre of Operations — 2 Sept 1944 — at AFHQ.

TO: Distribution Below.

1. The meeting had been called by G-5 Section of AFHQ and was attended by the following representatives of organizations named: from American Friends Service Committee, Messrs. K. Kimberland and H. Wriggins; American Red Cross, Mr. Dobson; American Joint Distribution Committee, Messrs. A. Greenlegh and H. Pearman; British Red Cross, Lt. General Sir Kenneth McLeod and Major A. Knight; Allied Control Commission, Interned and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Col. C. B. Findlay and Lt. Colonel C. P. Fothergill; ACC, Italian Refugee Branch, Col. L. R. Balle; Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith; UNRRA, Messrs. W. L. Cochran, S. N. Keeney, A. A. Serend, and W. G. Walk; War Refugee Board, Mr. L. Ackerman; Office of British Resident Minister, Sir Anthony Rumbold; Office of U.S. Political Advisor, Mr. G. D. Horner; AFHQ, Lt. General J. G. W. Clark, CAO — Col. C. M. Spofford, A C of S, G-5 — Lt. Col. D. S. Jecckling, G-5; Major S. A. Goldsmith, G-5.

2. The CAG outlined the importance of the work which the Committee, when formed, would undertake in the care of Refugees and Displaced Persons, and Col. Spofford made a resume of the present situation as to extent of problem and the work of the military and civilian governmental and private agencies in this field was reviewed.

a. In Italy, some 45,000 Displaced Persons had received care, of whom 28,120 Yugoslavs had been sent to camps in Egypt, 571 Jews to Palestine, and 956 mostly Stateless persons to the U.S. An appreciable number lived in towns and cities of Italy and received various forms of relief. About 5000 were in the 1 & 1PS camps. There were approximately 200,000 Italian Refugees, many of whom presented problems of repatriation and were essentially the responsibility of the Italian Government with assistance and guidance of Italian Refugee Branch of ACC.

b. The Camp at Pedhala, French Morocco, capacity of 2000 and the Camp at Philippeville, French North Africa, initial capacity of 10,000, were to be maintained to meet situations requiring speedy availability of facilities. Pedhala currently cared for persons coming out of Spain, and Philippeville had been made ready to care for Yugoslavs, and is to become a UNRRA responsibility after 1 October.

c. The Middle East Camps now under UNRRA, aside from transit facilities at Aleppo, care for approximately 40,000, of whom 27,000 are Yugoslavs and 12,000 Greeks — the rest being a polyglot group.

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3. The work of the various organizations represented was described briefly, the potential problems and forms of organization for caring for Refugees and Displaced Persons in Austria, parts of Southern Germany, in Greece, Albania and Yugoslavia were outlined.

4. It was unanimously agreed that:-

a. There was need for coordination between all organizations and agencies working with Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Theatre.

b. The form of organization as indicated in the Draft Administrative Order should be established - with change in para 2, to include after "care" - the words "repatriation and resettlement."

5. It was also agreed that:-

a. Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean should be requested to revise policy with respect to evacuating Yugoslavs from Italy, now to permit as many as possible, up to a ceiling of 9,000, to be held in the country;

b. A sub-committee be designated to study problems of Repatriation;

c. Information concerning the work of the various agencies represented on the Advisory Committee be collected, especially that an inventory of their personnel be made;

d. Reports of individual agencies, likely to be of interest to the others, be summarized and circulated among all concerned.

6. It was decided that the Committee should meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month, the next meeting to be held on the 27th of September in Rome.

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Note: A memorandum is in course of preparation, and will shortly be distributed, covering in greater detail the matters discussed at the meeting.

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Liaison Officer, UNRRA, AFRQ (Mr. Cochran)
Allied Control Commission
American Red Cross (Mr. Jefferson, Naples)
British Red Cross (Sir Sergison Brooke, Rome)
War Refugee Board (Mr. Asher)
Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees (Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith)
American Joint Distribution Committee (Mr. Greenleigh)
Friends Service Committee (Mr. Kimberlin, Algiers, Mr. Waggins, Rome)
British Resident Minister
U.S. Political Adviser.
SUBJECT: Activities of Organisations and Agencies for Relief and Rehabilitation - Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

TO: See Below

1. In order that co-ordinated information may be available in considering future plans for relief operations in this Theatre and also that concrete proposals may be formulated for consideration at the next meeting of the Advisory Committee recently set up, I am to ask you if you would be good enough to give a brief outline of the activities of the organisation which you represent insofar as they concern relief in the Mediterranean Theatre.

2. The subjects of particular interest are:

a. The objects of the organisation as indicated by its charter or by directives.

b. The nature of current operations and the work contemplated during, say, the next six months.

c. Expenditure incurred (excluding official salaries) during 1943 or nearest last fiscal year.

d. Budget proposals (excluding official salaries) for 1945 or current fiscal year.

e. Total number of personnel employed in the Theatre.

i. Administrative.

ii. Executive or Field Workers.

iii. Specialist personnel.

(a) Medical

(b) Nursing

(c) Welfare

(d) Accountants and Storekeepers

(e) Supply

(f) Transport (Drivers & Maintenance)

(g) Any others by categories.

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It is not desired that any special research should be undertaken to obtain accurate statistics in respect of any of the above items.

3. I am also to ask if we could be furnished with a copy of the most recent period report (monthly, quarterly, etc), submitted to your higher echelon.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

[Signature]

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AGENDA

Meeting, Advisory Committee, Refugees & Displaced Persons, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, to be held APHQ in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, at 11:00 hours, 8 September 1944.

1. Chair will be taken by Chief Administrative Officer.

3.26 Review of Current Situation.

a. Italy - Internes & Displaced Sub-Commission: Italian Refugee Committee of ACC.

i. Problems of Yugoslavia: Palestine

ii. Trans-shipments to Middle East: UNRRA observor.

iii. Establishment of French No Africa camps: Fedhala and Thippeville.

iv. Attachment of private and Governmental Agencies to ACC-Displaced, (Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, IFC, American Friends Service Committee, UNRRA observor), Work of American and British Red Cross in Refugee Camps - clothing - service.

b. Southern France:

c. Greece, Albania and Yugoslavia, AME & UNRRA.

d. Other Countries within Mediterranean Theater of Operation.

e. Problems for Coordination - SHAPE.

2.6 General Need of coordination of Agencies.

4.3 Statement by Governor Cochran in connection with UNRRA program and later responsibility for work of and with private and Governmental agencies.

5. Organization of Committee.

a. General outline of Functions.

b. Officers and membership.

6. Discussion.
1. An Advisory Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons is hereby established at A.F.H.Q.

2. The object of the Committee shall be to assist in the development of methods and plans for care of Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

3. This object shall be accomplished through:
   (a) joint consideration of the resources and programs of the various organizations - (i) civil governmental, (ii) military and (iii) private civilian - engaged in that work, and
   (b) subsequent planning and directives emanating from the respective appropriate authorities.

4. The initial composition of the Committee shall be as follows:

   **Chairman**
   - The Chief Administrative Officer, A.F.H.Q.

   **Vice Chairman**
   - The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, A.F.H.Q.

   **Joint Secretaries**
   - One of U.N.R.R.A. observers and a Representative of G-5.

   **Members**
   - A Representative of:
     - United States Political Adviser
     - British Resident Minister
     - Allied Control Commission
     - United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration
     - American Red Cross
     - British Red Cross
     - War Refugees Board
     - Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees
     - American Joint Distribution Committee
     - Friends Service Committee

5. The Committee shall from time to time recommend any changes in its composition which conditions may require.

6. Meetings of the Committee shall be held at least once a month following the first meeting, and at such other times as the Chairman may direct.

7. It shall be the duty of the Secretaries to keep an adequate record of the Committee's meetings and work; to gather such data concerning Refugees & Displaced Persons as the Committee and/or its Chairman shall direct; and to accomplish such other tasks as the Committee may designate, looking toward the cooperative development of the military and civilian agency program in this field.

8. Nothing herein stated shall be construed to affect the powers of the usual governing bodies of the various private or governmental agencies to manage their own internal affairs in accordance with powers vested in them.
Meeting of Refugee, Deprived Persons, Mediterranean Theatre 11-20-44

Present: C.A.O. Gene Clark

G.R. - Herbert Goldsmith, C. Dockery
IDP (acc) Col. Findley, Col. Phillips
AFSC - Martin Longman
FAU - Fred McClain
B.P.C. - Troy Knight
ACE - Mr. Docker
JDC - Greenberg, Perlman
B. Hillman - See Anthony Hubbard
USPOAD - Hume
URB - Lee
IGCR - See Phillips

Weber - Col. Weber - Mr. Keeney - Someone
Longman - Maj. Stepak

Gene Clark made only offer of, directed to then terminated
U. new to C.A. Stephenson

At bottom left, personal comment: "Use this for calling info"
Finally - also handle allied animals.

Chief suggests it to get other animals into the Corps in the US. Italy as personnel needed would tend under discussion with AMIC. - Colbon.

Says meeting cannot get needed some time.

Inc every country aying type. 

Refers to - being says not why a question of number since due to demand at

(Washington, July 16th, 1940).
Finally on Mar. 8 extension—ENO 1900 to end of May
Goldsmith reported on holding 200 more

Mr. Cuyler—holdings

7 camps due direct from, while conditions
improved, made progress. All was well—but they were
very ill—health. When they arrived—were sick
people did not die right away right. They had to
improve health—had 40,000 cases of smallpox.

Keener says very diff. to care of small children in 1873
47 cases of measles—1002 cases of cholera—120 deaths

4,000 died in those small children of Russia

Then—

Palestine—about 2000 off left—privacy to
There is occupied territory—only 1500 families

arrest to us—wounded by their family

Tripli Camp—not been ordered to enter a
Camp—has been done—but in staff
Place of Tripli
Federa - Here U.S. army continues temporarily
- Advised at headquarters - to hold
- was off of it that last too long - Finally says
- the answer is - There. Ask 5th Cir. to check on supply needed to continue camp
- King says also make 47. Plan is being
- they recommend in 40 days

Philippines - camp ready - Established function
- Time and almost ready to operate - Same
- 100 ft. - preferred 10 - 10,000
-acres 7,000 - preferred 30 - 10,000
- allotted acres 7,000 - Ph. long time to be
- needed for crops but good reason for entry from Europe
- to arrive - problems don't know yet -
- Finally asks that some 500 men be sent to
- Stil

Cuba - 500 persons already recruited - Better sampling from
- new high transportation - 9.7 balance from
- Now up to 1,000 at Washington

Afternoon Session

Work of 1938 (Spin Cuff) - tentative yields upon Europe - B.T.
- Let other try. It will not be done. So Italy -
- 1) refusal of exp. reasons & 2) how not jobs can't be done
- by other agencies - - a medical logist - 3) non-activeapse
to and stationed there - that you have added store, made
their force and for jobs or what to do with
4 IGCR - still in GCR, 8 of 19 of them in GCR
4) contacts in individuals - check if some individuals
want to emigrate - find jobs - many of your
groups, and reflect the - emigration act - lose
notch when you don't want to go back.

Germans on YDC - 300,000 worked in US since 1935
another way of a camp in 1935, to aid refugees - in 1935, September
3 YDC - given until now - they opened door, waiting 7
then a month there, then detour, off here; Jewish diamonds
in North Stb - 195,000 came, did not return, 100,000
also came from tiny figures - also from Europe,
- funds have also been sent into France, the total - 100,000 in
a month - don't have letters of problem there.

AFSC -bpard - assistance to uprooted refugees
with YDC & IGCR - usually can send groups,
bring family to life of Americans, so that they'll take care
of these heads.

YDC - Brief Statement in WEB - unable & unable to help

BRC - Civil efforts to settle helping in Europe and camps
- last month, 35,000 Syrians - another in Tule.

Work for aid, 800 in total, 000 in Cairo.
ARC - operate with military - our group works out will - 50 people 9/14 - 16 on way -
luckily of which 15 are needed - France.
- Red Cross works - aid areas successfully.

Other orgs lent organizers (Adams) - logical
were selected by General but left dry - anything,
Poor after lunching - doing a little coeder-
why - put up to 10/49 - but we will

Staff by Col. Hill - deals with the arrivals - right to
Control refugees from front lines to defense areas - to
have complete control - some to rear - avoid going
dispute -
If possible, don't move people - keep them where they are
- at present, there are 200,000 usage have been made - a clear junction line to
the town - at 1/2 - 100,000 - 150,000 Salle
Refugees - get further, is to put them somewhere
- try to allocate a portion to local regions - sometimes
due transport - the bus crews - from a - south
indifferent - there are fewer changes - due to different
lines which don't want them - regulations different
- want to get farmers back to homes - but no right to
Handle them. Stalemen asked to engage it - but they re few, engage & have no facilities - problem will take some time to work out.

Charles France

Sharp escort 4 days late - didn't find us large.
Groups to none - French late there - they French
encourager but French taking care. There with food with
food, food organization. French letter received.
expected. Have some food a engaged. Groups 7
refused letters not intended yet. Car officers
French (Ca. Arma's & T. E.) are charged with
fortress - May French overrun the area.
Men, Engels, etc. will create problems.
Information - Todd orders also in S. France.

French will no action as much as possible.
T/FM/G will assist for matter under 70 to
W. Sharpe. Car officers given in France are in area.
Confidential - Car officers will fully take new situation
Camps of force. - Col. Hall thinks force were sent to
Somme. - Hazen & French & they still in hiding.
Greece, Athens, January 1965

A.M. 5 PM. 5 PM. D. A. place 3500 persons, 3500 persons...

in Athens, under Gen. Haig, at 3 PM. return to

A. P. evacuee

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Sarajevo, Bosnia

Forthwith new cadet - AM to three less relief
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Spotlight cannot be used due to confusion.

Austria: Consider placing barbed wire on steep slopes.

Turkey: Austria will accept thousands; he said first 5,000 = 1,777,000. Clearing plans to be mimeographed for three copies.

Herzegovina: About 374,000, 7/12 of 45,000. (About 25,000)

All in need, except handful in Austria.

Co-op. with Turkey: if there is 100,000 more, we can make it work. About 3,000,000 now.

The nurse: Tension. I hope we can work. 

Shake hands with Co-op.: It will be great. Let's

Austria: how this stated in terms of Co. work. Can they meet us there? 

Austria plan will be given. 

UNRRA (shame) - Progress slow only, as to help to help.

Still an every country that collaborated

Needs + Effort might change this. - We can help operate with medical care, child care, etc.凧arters -

Selfishly whole will not be handled by same.
Other Agency

Dr. Parker—first as agent to be under Cairo agent—
to be turned over to line for as early as possible—
Maurice hoped to be made US Secretary within
framework of planning—
Red period estimated at 6,000,000—
Red area known
Ref. on conditions—att 500 new personnel recruited
& all must be known at 6 weeks—

Any plans larger—other plan?

Leg Committee

they 4th lead in on loss en Rome (SHX)
 grupos to send in reports of scores different
plan to start sub-committee on formulation—
ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
AFO 152

29 August 1944

G-5 389.7


TO: See distribution below

1. In further reference to our letter of 24 August, this meeting, therein indicated, will be held at 11:30 o'clock, in the office of the Chief Administrative Officer, AFRH, on Saturday, 2 September.

2. It is suggested that your representative, together with others, assemble in the offices of G-5 Section at 11:15.

3. The Agenda for the meeting is herewith attached.

CHARLES H. REEDFORD,
Colonel, G.H.Q.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl.: as above

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Date: MAR 8 1973
AGENDA

Meeting of Advisory Committee, Refugees & Displaced Persons, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, to be held at HQ in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, at 1130 hours, 2 September 1944.

1. Chair will be taken by Chief Administrative Officer.

2. Review of Current Situation.
   a. Italy - Internes & Displaced non-Commission and Italian Refugee Committee of ACC.
      i. Problems of Yugoslavs.
      ii. Trans-shipments to Middle East - Palestine, U.S.A.
      iv. Attachment of private and Governmental Agencies to ACC-Tableau (Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, JDC, American Friends Service Committee, UNRRA observers). Work of American and British Red Cross in Refugee camps - clothing service.
   b. Southern France.
   c. Greece, Albania and Yugoslavia. AMF & UNRRA.
   d. Other Countries within Mediterranean Theater of Operation.
   e. Problems of coordination - SHAPE.


4. Statement by Governor Cochran in connection with UNRRA program and later responsibility for work of and with private and Governmental agencies.

5. Organization of Committee.
   a. General outline of functions.
   b. Officers and membership.

6. Discussion.

TO: See distribution below.

1. In view of the problems likely to confront the authorities concerned with Refugees and Displaced Persons in this theatre in particular and in Europe generally, it is considered desirable that representatives of the various Governmental and Private Relief and Refugee Organizations should meet to discuss these problems.

2. A preliminary meeting will accordingly be held at A.F.H.Q. on Saturday, September 26th, 1944, at a time to be notified later. Your organization is invited to send a representative.

3. Would you kindly indicate the name and location of the officer designated as your representative, to whom the agenda and further particulars of time and place will be sent (with copy to you).

CHARLES H. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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By SIR dato MAR 8 1973

CONFIDENTIAL
Algiers, February 11, 1944

No. 106

Subject: Transmitting copy of report concerning the condition of Jews in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's circularagram of January 26, 1944, 7:30 p.m., and to transmit as of interest to the Department a report with its enclosure regarding the condition of Jews in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

It is noted that the report has been made available to the Secretaries of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, but out of abundance of caution and in the light of the Department's special interest in the question, I am forwarding a copy direct.

Respectfully yours,

Selden Chapin,

Counselor of Embassy, in Charge

Enclosure

1. Report dated February 8 with enclosure.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-43

By R. H. Parks Date

March 8, 1973

Emitters No. 1 to Emitters No. 100 of February 11, 1943

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION

6 February 1943

HEADQUARTERS G-3, Allied Occupied Sector of Italy, Sicily and Sardinia

The Assistant Director, General Orders Office,

303 Constitution Ave., Washington, D.C.

Major General J. R. Hildebrand, Chief, Civil Affairs Division, War Department, Washington, D.C. (2)

Major General S. N. Kirby, Director of Civil Affairs, War Office, Whitehall, S.W. 1 (3)

War Office, (G.A. 3(b)), Whitehall, S.W. 1 (1)

R. D. Murphy, American Resident

Mr. Harold R. Wilton, British Resident Minister (2)

1. The attached copy of an interim report on the conditions in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia is forwarded for your information, and it is requested that you will disseminate the particulars contained in the report to such other authorities as may be interested.

2. Certain details contained in the report are considered to require clarification, or further explanation. These are:

(a) Prisoners of War (POW) camps referred to in para 1 are camps established for the care and administration of Allied
POWs evacuated from the German forces, and should properly be regarded as such.

(b) The figures given in para 2 should be understood to refer to refugees, displaced, or lately interned Jews, and
should not be confused with those Jews who are normally resident in Italy, who, if they had been interned, may now have returned to their homes.

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Letter 75-72

By SLR Date MAR 8 1973
(a) In para 3 the designation "H.I. Room" has been taken from British military terminology, and is the abbreviation for "Medical Inspection Room". It is understood that the "H.I. Room" facilities in India, be a medical centre for the care and treatment of the local Jewish community.

(b) Regarding medical supplies, as mentioned in para 6: between 1 January and mid-February 600 long tons gross of medical supplies were planned for delivery. Of this quantity 600 long tons gross have already arrived, and the situation should be satisfactory in future.

(c) Para 2, communications. International Red Cross correspondence and exchange forms are now being distributed, and with the early recognition of Foreign units with Italy, Sicily and Italian correspondence will be greatly facilitated.

3. Further reports on the condition of Jews will be furnished from time to time. Meanwhile their interests are being watched, and such assistance as it possible will be dispensed to those in need.

A. T. MICHIEL

Colonel, Acting Chief,
Military Government Section
SUBJECT: Conditions of Jews in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia

20th January, 1944

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Director

Registration of non-Italian resident as free citizens in liberated Italy has not yet been undertaken. It is, therefore, difficult to submit a complete factual report at this stage.

I. GENERAL

The following is compiled from information in the possession of this Sub-Commission, supplemented by reports received from Region 1, Region 2, Chief Rabbi, Collonges, A.D.C., and the Jewish Chaplain, No. 2 District. The report called for from Region 6 is not yet to hand.

No Jewish problem, as understood in other European countries, exists in Italy. The Sub-Commission has handled approximately 3,000 Jews in liberated Italy. Among these have been native Italian Jews, who have been either released from internment or displaced from their normal places of residence by reason of military operations; refugees from Germany, Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia who invaded Italy before or during the war, and refugees received recently from the Balkan Islands. These have been cared for in internment camps at FERRAMONTI (Calabria) and PALERMO (Sicily), in No. 1 and No. 2 P.W. Camps at BARI and NAPLES, and in Transit Camps in SICILY Province (While en route to Middle East).

It is difficult to estimate the total number of Jews in liberated Italy. Numbers resident in or passing through camps are known, but there are many scattered throughout the country whose numbers can only be estimated. In many towns and villages are individual groups, and others are to be found in remote districts where they took refuge during the Fascist regime. From time to time, groups who have been hiding, apply for assistance and are received, and there have been instances of Jews who have been afraid to disclose their identity, but revealed themselves on seeing Jewish soldiers of the Allied Forces.
The distribution of known Jews is, approximately, as follows:

(a) ITALIAN MAINLAND

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<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>Peveraglia Camp</td>
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<td>1st P.W. Transit Camp, BARAV</td>
<td>660</td>
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<td>PALERMO</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>SICILIA</td>
<td>40</td>
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<tr>
<td>Villages near and around CACEA-PRAGA</td>
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<tr>
<td>Households in the Province of PALENCIA</td>
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<td>SICILIA</td>
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<td>TARIANO</td>
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It would be reasonable to estimate the total number of Jews at 1,000 to 5,000, about half of whom are accommodated in established camps.

(b) SICILIA (Section 11)

The number being cared for by the Sub-Commission at PALERMO is 500, comprising Yugoslavs, Czechoslovaks, Poles and one Albanian. In addition, it is estimated that 29 Jews are living in the Island.

(c) LIPARIA (Section 11)

Reports not yet received but four (4) cases reported to be in the Island.

(d) LIPARI ISLAND

Report.

ORGANIZATION

The Jewish instinct for community organization has again been demonstrated. Prior to the Allied landings, the Union of Jewish Committees, "UNIADERE", with a Central Office in Northern Italy, cared for Jewish immigrants. Contact with this body ceased in October last, but local representatives in liberated territory have formed local committees which continue their independent existence.

At PESARO, where the camp had been in existence for several years, the Jewish group has organized itself into a well-disciplined community. Recently the Convent have been assisted in the formation of a Communal Organization at BARI, where no Community existed before the war. It is proposed to set up a Jewish M.I. room in connexion with the latter.

In PALERMO the old Jewish Community is re-established and in rendering assistance to those of their own faith seeking advice on individual problems.
The establishment of local committees is of value in that they provide:
(a) a recognized channel for the transmission of official instructions affecting the community in general, and
(b) responsible bodies able to exercise control over the community and eliminate frivolous and unauthenticated individual petitions for official consideration.

They are also able to exercise a measure of control in domestic matters and to assist in the registration of refugees and the collection of personal data.

No restrictions other than those necessary for camp discipline and security purposes are imposed upon camp inmates.

HEALTH

The general standard of health is good. In camps men and women interns with medical and nursing experience attend to the needs of their fellows and supplement the services of Camp M.O.'s. Separate hospitals for Jewish refugees have not been set up but they share equally with other refugees the facilities provided by camp hospitals, and by civil hospitals for more serious medical and surgical cases.

Medical supplies have been provided and although not sufficient for more than bare requirements, camp inmates have been better off than the surrounding population. The small community in Sicily has maintained a good standard of health and medical supplies have been reasonably adequate. At FERRAGAMO the situation has not been so favourable, but it is improving slightly with the arrival of shipments from abroad. An urgent need for medical and surgical supplies, however, still exists.

CLOTHING

There has been a considerable demand for clothing, particularly for women and children. Assistance has been given to men by the distribution of salvaged military uniforms. Women have established with the American Red Cross and a shipment of clothing has been received during the last few days. These are being distributed equitably and it is hoped to alleviate immediate problems. Generally speaking, internees are better off than refugees from forward areas as the former, having lived in camps for a considerable period, have been able to increase a certain amount of clothing by purchasing.

SYNAGOGUES

No synagogues are known to exist outside camps. In camps Rabbis provide for the religious requirements of their communities.
FINANCIAL STATUS.

Refugees and ex-internees are generally in need of financial assistance.

Many, among ex-internees in particular, there are a number with considerable amounts of money in their possession. Those in Dang are receive full rations in kind, or some food, and an subsistence allowance.

FAMILIES.

Almost invariably no news of families has been received by refugees since leaving their homes, in some cases, three or four years ago.

SOCIAL INTEREST.

Jews, individually and as Communities, have been emphasis that they have no interest and no wish to take part in either local or national political life. On the contrary, most express a strong desire to be allowed to enter Palestine where they expect to be free from political influence and persecution.

RELATIONS.

On the whole Jewish traders and business men are operating and conducting their business normally. Recently one Jew was prosecuted and convicted of black market operations and that action was approved by his own Community. Allegations of black market trading have been made against, other Jews but the foregoing is the only known case of proceedings having been brought. Many are in employment.

CURRENT.

No signs of anti-Semitism have been noted.

MEMH.

Considering their past experiences and privations, the morale of the Jewish population is high. Nearly 200 of the male Jewish, but non-British, residents of FERMAYDET CAMP have expressed a wish to join Palestinian units of the British Army.

CONCLUSION.

Refugees and ex-internees of the Jewish faith represent a small proportion of the number being handled. They have received their share of relief and financial and other assistance according to availability. It is recognized that their lot is hard but liberation has brought about material improvement in many ways. Their capacity for organization and the services rendered to their communities by the many educated and professionally qualified Jews amongst them
The only equipment available is that taken by refugees of other nationalities. The only
material taken is that which was on board, and in the delays in repatriation, or evacuation,
only a few took time to salvage.

Tour the Office

/\ W. B. Harken,

P. R. McLean,

Chief, G-1 Signal

Deputy Director

Since the report was signed the following cablegram has been received from the Office:

"Probably no civilian Jews in Crete. There were only fifteen
last census 3 July 43 and since then have left island."