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WORKING GROUP ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC COMMUNITY

Summary Record of a meeting held on  
10th January, 1952 at 3 p.m. at 13,  
Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

PRESENT

Chairman: Mr. L.D. Wilgress (Canada)

M. K. van der Brug-en (Belgium)	Mr. S.F. Rac (Canada)
Signor A. Rossi Longhi (Italy)	Mr. J. Melander (Norway)
Dr. A.R. Tammenoms Bakker (Netherlands)	Mr. S.C. Sommerfelt (Norway)

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. W.J. Galloway	}	(United States)
Mr. Henry W. Sawyer III		

SECRETARIAT

Mr. A.H. Bradford  
Miss M.B. Neilson

1. THE CHAIRMAN opened the meeting by pointing out that in the short time available before the Lisbon Conference it would not be possible for the Committee to make any outstanding progress. He suggested that the Committee should continue its work on the lines already agreed, with a view to making further proposals in its next report to the Council.

The Committee proceeded to discuss the points raised in its Interim Report, (C8-D/6).

SECTION A

2. THE CHAIRMAN suggested that as this question had been dealt with at some length in the report, nothing more should be added to it at the present stage. The subject might be studied further at a later date in the light of the experience of the Council Deputies in these matters. This was agreed.

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3. It was agreed to leave this section for further consideration until after the Lisbon meeting.

SECTION C - Paragraphs 17 - 23

4. It was agreed that this was a field in which progress might be made before the Lisbon meeting. The Committee was awaiting the report requested from the FEB, on economic and financial matters, which was expected before the end of January. The Committee would then meet to consider the question further.

5. On the question of reorganization of NATO raised in paragraph 23, it was agreed, subject to the results of Mr. Spofford's talk with Mr. Pearson, that the Council had assigned this task to the Council Deputies.

Movements of Labour (paragraphs 24 and 25)

6. It was agreed that this was a question on which proposals might be elaborated before the Lisbon meeting. THE CHAIRMAN suggested that it would be useful to examine the results of the recent Brussels Immigration Conference. He thought it would be premature to call a meeting of experts at this stage.

7. THE BELGIAN DELEGATE pointed out that the Brussels Conference had been concerned mainly with transatlantic emigration of labour. He thought that the work of the Social Commission of the Council of Europe on intra-European movements of labour should also be considered.

8. MR. SAWYER referred to the work of the Man-power Committee of the OEEC, which had covered the question in some detail. To his knowledge, no one yet had an estimate of the impact of rearmament on the man-power situation in those countries with surpluses or shortages of man-power. There were considerable obstacles to the movement of labour, including such factors as the difficulty of making precise forecasts of man-power capacity, and the housing shortage.

9. THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATE pointed out that the TCC report had covered the short-term problem of labour movements within Europe. He thought that the long-term problem of emigration from Europe should be considered on the basis of the findings of the international agencies already mentioned.

10. It was agreed that Mr. Sawyer should make a brief report on the work accomplished in this field by the Brussels Treaty Organization, the Council of Europe, and the OEEC. The Committee would consider this report at their next meeting.

Co-operation in the Social Field (paragraphs 27 - 31)

11. It was agreed that the group of experts proposed in paragraph 31 could not usefully be convened before the Lisbon meeting.

12. THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATE suggested that the five countries represented should ask their experts in this field to discuss the terms of reference of a working group of experts of the twelve countries, to be set up after the Lisbon meeting.

13. THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATE referred to the work of the Social Commission of the Council of Europe. It was agreed that the Norwegian Delegate should approach the Social Commission for material on this question. This material, if available, would be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee, when the suggestion of the Netherlands Delegate would be further considered.

#### SECTION D

14. On the question of public information it was agreed to await the 3-year programme survey requested from the Director of the NATO Information Service.

15. In the cultural field it was agreed to set up a sub-committee of experts of the five countries represented, to report to the Working Group, who would

- (1) consider the advisability of convening a conference of experts of the twelve countries on cultural co-operation. If they reported in favour,
- (2) draw up a questionnaire to the twelve Governments to define the scope of the conference,
- (3) later, on the basis of the replies to the questionnaire, draw up terms of reference for the conference.

16. It was agreed that this sub-committee should meet on Thursday, 17th January, at 3 p.m. at 13, Belgrave Square, S.W.1., and that the meeting should be opened by Mr. Wilgress.

17. The next meeting of the Working Group was fixed for Thursday, 17th January at 5.30 p.m.