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MANUAL OF ARRANGEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS AFFECTING
THE ACTIVATION, ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE
CENTRAL EUROPE WAGON POOL (CEWP): REPORT BY THE
PLANNING BOARD FOR EUROPEAN INLAND SURFACE TRANSPORT

At its meeting on 15th March, 1961(1), the Council made recommendations for the setting up of the Central Europe Wagon Pool(2) in the event of a crisis or war.

2. When he submitted to the Council at the same time the memorandum on the setting up of this body(3), the Chairman of PBEIST informed the Council that "a large number of technical instructions had been, or were being, prepared" which later on "would be compiled in one document, to which the memorandum and the recommendations would constitute an introduction"(4).

3. Between 1961 and 1967 and taking into account the accession of Denmark and the United States (1963) and of Italy (1965), the Manual in question (bearing the above-mentioned title) has been gradually prepared in detail by railway experts and circulated as AC/15(CE)D/45. It has been compiled in such a way as to facilitate up-dating where required (decimal classification, substitution of revised for superseded pages, etc.) and has already been the subject of two sizeable Corrigenda.

4. PBEIST recently approved the Manual at its meeting on 20th to 21st June, 1967(5) but, owing to its highly technical nature and volume, has preferred not to request that it be re-issued by the International Staff in the various document series used by higher authorities.

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- (1) See C-R(61)9, Item II
 - (2) See C-R(61)9, Annex
 - (3) See C-M(61)1
 - (4) See C-R(61)9, paragraph 2(end)
 - (5) See AC/15-R/40, paragraph 14

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5. To sum up, it will be noted that this Manual, which in a sense forms the "War Book" of the body which it is planned to set up, has enabled the following main details to be worked out:

- (a) terms and conditions for the membership of Denmark, the United States and Italy;
- (b) measure to be taken in the event of a crisis or war for setting up the CEWP in accordance with NATO civil precautionary and alert measures;
- (c) terms and conditions for withdrawal from the EUROPE Agreement;
- (d) entry into force and scope of the CEWP (contributions, wagon levels, list of categories of wagons covered by the Pool);
- (e) operation of the "Clearing Office" set up (which is responsible to ACTICE) and requirements for communications facilities;
- (f) supervision of tank-carrier flat wagons;
- (g) classification of ordinary and special flat wagons, their marking and parallel classification of flat wagons and of heavy and/or out-of-gauge tracked vehicles, etc.

6. At its meeting of 16th/17th November, 1967, the Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee noted the present report by the Planning Board for European Inland Surface Transport and agreed that it should be forwarded to the Council for information.

7. In conclusion, the North Atlantic Council is invited:

~~(a) to take note of the following documents:~~

- AC/15(CE)D/45 of 14th September, 1964;
- Corrigendum No. 1 of 22nd February, 1965;
- Corrigendum No. 2 of 17th November, 1966;

already circulated to all delegations concerned;

- (b) to note that the arrangements and instructions giving effect to the memorandum and recommendations issued in 1961 concerning the setting up of the CEWP are dealt with in the aforementioned documents forming the Manual of the Central Europe Wagon Pool (CEWP).

8. If no objection has been raised by delegations by 24th January, 1968, it will be assumed that Council has taken note of the above report and, in particular, of paragraph 7.

(Signed) Manlio BROSIO