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COMMITTEE ON CIVIL ORGANISATION IN
TIME OF WAR

ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE ON
REFUGEES AND EVACUEES

Note by the Chairman

At its meeting on 15th November, 1952, the Council approved the recommendation contained in the Progress Report prepared by the Committee on Civil Organisation in Time of War (document C-M(52)101) to establish a Committee on Refugees and Evacuees.

Although the final terms of reference of this Committee were not laid down, the Council approved the suggestions made by the Committee on Civil Organisation in Time of War on the work to be done by the Committee on Refugees and Evacuees.

"The 'Committee on Refugees and Evacuees' /is/ to be composed of delegates from all those Governments which wished to be represented, from the Standing Group, from SHAPE and from appropriate subordinate commands. These representatives should be qualified to deal not only with the purely technical problems involved but also with the broader political aspects of the matter. The Committee's first task would be to collate the information already available about this work and, in particular, to establish the progress made in the discussions which have taken place between some of the NATO Governments and between certain Governments and the Military authorities. Thereafter the Committee should examine the problem of controlling and handling the movement of persons in wartime, and make appropriate recommendations on these subjects, seeking guidance wherever necessary from the Committee on Civil Organisation in Time of War which would be responsible for dealing with all matters of general policy.

.... It /is/ undesirable at this stage to lay down any exact terms of reference for the Committee on Refugees and Evacuees. It /is therefore/ suggested that the Committee itself should study the matter, and make appropriate recommendations to the Committee on

Civil Organisation in Time of War in due course, bearing in mind that the establishment of sub-committees on a regional or functional basis might be found desirable."

It would be appreciated if delegations would send to the Secretary of the Committee on Civil Organisation in Time of War, Mr. R. Stinglhamber, the names of their delegates to the Committee on Refugees and Evacuees in order that a meeting may be convened during the month of January.

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