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U-K-640 (unaccompanied children)  
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Sir John Magowan, K.B.E., C.M.G.  
British Embassy  
3100 Massachusetts Avenue  
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Sir John:

Thank you for your letter of 27 June, replying to my letter of 22 May, in respect of the directive on unaccompanied children in the British Zone of Germany. I appreciate the interest shown by His Majesty's Government in correcting such impediments as the directive may have created in the performance of UNRRA's functions in connection with tracing and registering unaccompanied children and in seeking to clarify this matter in connection with the negotiation of the agreement between the Preparatory Commission of the IRO and the authorities in the British Zone.

I have conveyed the content of your letter to the Paris DPHQ, to the ERO and to the PCIRO, with the request that Paris DPHQ inform the PCIRO of any information concerning difficulties experienced by UNRRA in the operation of this directive and of any recommendations which should be made to the PCIRO in the light of such information. I have also asked that Paris keep this Headquarters and the ERO informed of its communications on this subject to the PCIRO in order that UNRRA's views may be made known to you and to His Majesty's Government.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Weeks  
Director General

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3 July 1947

Clearances:  
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Flynn Brown  
Burinski Jackson



Germany - 640 (unaccompanied children)

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

Ref: 4103/133/47

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4th April, 1947.

Dear Colonel Katzin, ✓

Thank you for your letter of April 1st on the subject of responsibility for displaced persons in Austria. I did not appreciate that there was any risk of breakdown in the flow of supplies to displaced persons' camps in Austria or that it was incumbent on us to make proposals. I have, therefore, asked London for their comments and I will let you know their reply in due course.

Yours sincerely

John Barnes ext. 739  
R. W. Jackling.  
on behalf of

Col. A. G. Katzin,  
Deputy Director General &  
Chief Executive Officer,  
UNRRA,  
1344 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.,  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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Mr. Roger W. Jackling  
British Embassy  
3100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jackling:

Thank you for your letter of 22 March to the Director General stating the position of your Government on the provision of supplies for displaced persons in Austria. I am gratified to learn that the British authorities will exercise the responsibility of negotiating with the Austrian Government for the provision by them of supplies. In view of the importance of these supplies to UNRRA's operations, I would like to request that your Government advise UNRRA in Washington and at Vienna of its proposals for supply standards and procedures and of the results of its negotiations.

I am informing the State Department of the decision of your Government and of my request for information on negotiations with the Austrian Government. I am similarly asking that Department to inform us of the plans of the U.S. military authorities for the provision of supplies to displaced persons in the U.S. Zone. The decision of your Government is also being reported to the French Embassy with a request to be informed of the decision of the French Government on the provision of supplies in the French Zone.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred G. Katzin  
Deputy Director General  
and Chief Executive Officer

clearances:

Chait

Burinski

Swenson

Katzin



CTC  
CTI:loyd:hh  
28 March 1947

cc: Paris  
London

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*X - Austria - 640 (British Zone)*

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

Ref: 4103/196/47

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*87*  
22nd March, 1947.

*My Dear General,*

*Austria 7640*  
I refer to your letter of January 27th to Mr. Makins about the responsibility for providing supplies to displaced persons in Austria, which I communicated to the Departments concerned in London.

I have now received further information in the light of which I think there may have been some misunderstanding of Mr. Makins' letter of January 7th. The latter was intended to make clear that my Government did not regard itself as under any financial responsibility for the care and maintenance of displaced persons in the British Zone, and that this responsibility rested on the Austrian Government.

There is, however, no intention of dissociating the British authorities in Austria from all responsibility in connexion with displaced persons. I am requested to assure you that the British authorities will maintain the supervision of all operations in respect of displaced persons, and exercise the responsibility of negotiating with the Austrian Government for the provision by them, either by requisition or import, of all supplies.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Robert Jackling*  
R. W. Jackling

General Lowell W. Rooks,  
Director General,  
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration,  
1344 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.,  
WASHINGTON 5, D.C.



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5 Feb. 47

Special Messenger  
"by hand"

Mr. Roger Makins  
Counselor  
British Embassy  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Makins:

The Administration reported to the Central Committee on January 28 that the European Office for Displaced Persons Operations would be established on February 15 at Paris, France. This office will be responsible for Displaced Persons Operations in all European countries.

The Administration wishes to inform His Majesty's Government that it will welcome consultations in Paris with representatives of the Government such as have been and are continuing to be carried on in Washington, London, Germany, Austria and Italy concerning the Administration's Displaced Persons Operations and in accordance with Resolutions 92 and 99 passed by the Fourth and Fifth Sessions of the Council.

The Administration requests that it be informed of the names of representatives in Paris with whom consultations may be arranged.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General

*M.F.*  
MFlynn/anhw  
4 Feb. 1947

Clearances:

Mikhail A. Burinski - Rm. 311A *M.B.*  
Charlotte T. Lloyd - Rm. 514A *CTL*  
Frank Weisl - Rm. 520A *FW*

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27 JAN 1947

The Honorable  
Roger Makins  
Minister Plenipotentiary of Great Britain  
British Embassy  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Makins:

In your letter of 7 January you informed me that His Majesty's Government consider that the responsibility for the provision of supplies, both material and financial, for UNRRA's Displaced Persons operations in 1947 in Austria rests with the Austrian Government and that UNRRA should request the Government to provide any essential supplies not available to UNRRA for the administration of assembly centers. I should like to request that you ask His Majesty's Government to review this position in the light of the following considerations.

The responsibility for the care and maintenance of displaced persons in Austria rests with the military authorities. This has been recognized in the several basic arrangements made on this subject between UNRRA, the Allied Council and the Austrian Government. In our Agreement of 5 April 1946 with the Austrian Government, which was authorized and approved by the Allied Council, it was stated in Article IV(a) that "the Government recognizes that the Allied Council has reserved authority for dealing with displaced persons and that arrangements will be made between the Allied Council and the Administration for the Administration's participation in or assumption of the responsibility for the care, maintenance and repatriation or return of displaced persons as authorized by the UNRRA Council Resolutions." As yet no agreement has been reached between the Allied Council and UNRRA for such assumption of authority, and such draft agreements as have been discussed recognize ultimate responsibility in the Allied Council. Moreover, under the ACA Control Agreement for Austria, the High Commissioner retains direct responsibility for the care of displaced persons. In addition, UNRRA Resolution No. 99 in paragraph 5 assumes that the provision of basic supplies for displaced persons in Austria is the problem of the Governments members of the Allied Commission for Austria.

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The Honorable  
Roger Makins

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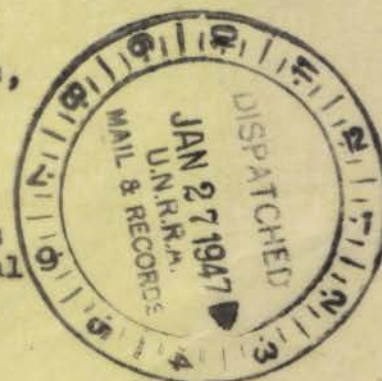
Aside from the question of official responsibility, I consider it essential from a practical standpoint that the military take the responsibility for the provision of necessary supplies both from indigenous and from imported sources. The military authorities are in a position to requisition supplies and to enforce any obligations assumed by the Austrian Government for provisioning displaced persons according to standards agreed with the military. We have been advised by our Mission in Austria that because of practical difficulties faced by the Government which has insufficient resources to meet its own needs, it would not be possible for UNRRA to obtain supplies for this purpose from the Austrian Government for the first six months of 1947.

I hope that His Majesty's Government will reconsider and revise its position. The State Department has informed us that the U.S. Army intends to furnish the necessary basic supplies until June 30, 1947, beginning as soon as the curtailment of the UNRRA supply program makes military assistance necessary. Thus far we have not been informed of the position of the French Government in this matter.

I might add that the position of the United States with respect to the provision of supplies to the displaced persons in Germany corresponds with the position of His Majesty's Government. On this matter also we have not been informed of the position of the French Government.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General



CTL  
CTLloyd:hh  
22 Jan 1947

cc: B/Supply  
B/Services  
ERO, General Counsel

Clearances:

Davidson *acd*  
Burinski *M.B.*  
Borders *B*  
Katzin *HK*



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20 JAN 1947

Miss Selene Gifford, Director  
Displaced Persons Division  
European Regional Office  
UNRRA  
11 Portland Place  
London, W.1, England

Dear Miss Gifford:

Reference is made to your cable 14508 and to Brigadier Waddington's letter of 14 December 1946, regarding the repatriation of British nationals from the Middle East to Greece.

I have consulted with the office of the General Counsel, and by reference to ERO Directive Number 3, issued October 1945, it would appear that UNRRA may assume the responsibility for the cost of repatriating nationals of paying countries if requested by the governments of such countries. In such cases, costs will be paid as for nationals of non-paying countries subject to the right of recovery by UNRRA from the governments of the paying countries. Nevertheless, repatriation should not be held up pending negotiations for financial settlement.

It would, therefore, appear that the Middle East office properly proceeded to repatriate this group, but UNRRA should seek recovery for the costs thereof from HMG. Will you please take the necessary action and inform this office of developments.

Sincerely yours,

*✓ - Greece-647*

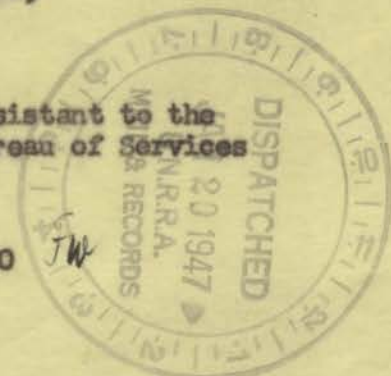
R. J. Youdin, Special Assistant to the  
Deputy Director General, Bureau of Services  
c.c. Dudley Ward, ERO  
C.T.Lloyd, Washington *CTL* *AET*

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R.J.Youdin/lw  
16 January 1947

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INCOMING CABLEGRAM

U.K-640 (Greece)

NUMBER: 14508  
FROM: London to Washington  
REPEATED: Cairo 15  
DATED: 7/1/47  
RECEIVED: 7/1/47 - 2:03 p.m.

1. Reur 18039 and our 1593 Cairo repeated Washington Savings 738.

2. Cairo have replied as follows "1. Group of 43 British Nationals repatriated to Samos have been regarded as an UNRRA responsibility at all times and no charge has been made to HMG for repatriation costs. 2. They were evacuated with the other Greek subjects and although holding British passports the families concerned are all of Greek origin and their permanent homes are in Greece. 3. The DG during his visit to NEO urged their early repatriation by UNRRA and himself intervened with UNRRA Athens and Greek Government asking that this group be accepted for repatriation by Government."

3. In view of above we believe charges should be borne by Administration.

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7 JAN 1947

The Honorable  
Roger Makins  
British Embassy  
3100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Makins:

In the discussion at the 43rd Central Committee meeting on 20th December on the proposed displaced persons policy in the British Zone of Germany, you informed the Administration that a ration standard of 1550 calories for the normal consumer had already been placed in effect for displaced persons in the British zone. This Administration had not previously been advised by your Government of this fact, and this fact was not indicated in the proposed Government announcement. As pointed out in the Director General's memorandum to the Committee (CG(46)137) which was the basis for the discussion of this subject at the meeting, in the opinion of this Administration such a ration is considered to be inadequate "for the maintenance of health and well-being and of a nutritionally adequate diet", which is the standard of supplies which the Commander-in-Chief, British Army of the Rhine and Military Governor of the British Zone in Germany, undertook to provide to displaced persons in the agreement between himself and UNRRA executed on 27 November 1945. Accordingly I must conclude that this agreement is not being fulfilled in this respect by the British Military authorities.

I must therefore request that you convey to His Majesty's Government my regret that this action was taken without prior notice to UNRRA and my protest against the failure of the British military authorities to fulfill this agreement with respect to a matter of such cardinal importance to the Administration and to the displaced persons.

Sincerely yours,

Lovell W. Rooks  
Director General



CLloyd:hh:ra<sup>CTL</sup>  
2 Jan 1947

cc: Bureau of Services  
General Counsel, ERO

Clearances: Burinski  
Katzin



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Roger Makins  
British Embassy  
3100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

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In your letter to me of 11 December concerning displaced persons supply operations in the British Zone of Germany, you stated:

"His Majesty's Government agree that the present arrangements for the provision of basic supplies, accommodation, transportation and other services in the British Zone of Germany should be continued as long as UNRRA are discharging their present



The Honorable  
Roger Makins

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responsibilities in respect of the displaced persons there. This means that they would continue to operate on the basis of the existing agreement with the Commander-in-Chief with any modifications which may be negotiated by subsequent agreement."

I assume, therefore, that your Government contemplates requesting a modification of the existing agreement. I would appreciate your advice on this point.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks  
Director General

Lloyd:hh  
2 Jan 1947

cc: Bureau of Services  
General Counsel, ERO

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R. Lloyd  
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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

4167/659/46

December 11, 1946.

D. G. Rooks  
My dear General

United Kingdom - 640  
Hv

With reference to your letter of September 27th concerning the continuance of the Administration's displaced persons operations, I am instructed by His Majesty's Government to inform you that they would be glad if UNRRA would continue its displaced persons operations in the British Zone of Germany in 1947. His Majesty's Government agree that the present arrangements for the provision of basic supplies, accommodation, transportation and other services in the British Zone of Germany should be continued as long as UNRRA are discharging their present responsibilities in respect of the displaced persons there. This means that they would continue to operate on the basis of the existing agreement with the Commander-in-Chief with any modifications which may be negotiated by subsequent agreement.

As far as Italy is concerned, His Majesty's Government is unable to contemplate any reassumption of responsibility of any nature whatever towards displaced persons who have been handed over to and accepted by UNRRA. With the prospective coming into force of the Italian Peace Treaty and the total evacuation of British forces from Italy, His Majesty's Government will not physically dispose of resources and manpower in Italy to enable it to provide or to arrange for the provision of any share of basic supplies for displaced persons of any nature.

I hope to be able to inform you shortly of the views of His Majesty's Government in regard to Austria.

Yours sincerely,

R. Lloyd  
Rog. Makins

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General L.W. Rooks,  
U.N.R.R.A.,  
Washington, D.C.



UNRRA

OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

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NUMBER: 18039  
TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 10/12/46 - 11:39 a.m.  
DISPATCHED: 10/12/46 - 12:46 p.m.

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Reference Cairo to London 1593 repeated Washington 738. Assume all expenses for repatriation British Nationals borne by or will be charged to HMG.

Drafted by:  
RJYoudin (Bureau of Services)  
2 December 1946

Cleared by:  
Davidson  
Lisner  
Weisl  
RJYoudin

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\*Lake Success, N.Y.

6 December, 1946 C

My dear Mr. McNeill:

Thank you for your letter of November 20 concerning the admission of post-hostility refugees from Poland into the British Zone of Germany.

Rather than continue the discussion as to the obligations under Resolution No. 99, I note the conditions described by you concerning food, accommodations, transportation and other factors in the British Zone. I sincerely hope that as soon as conditions improve you will reconsider my request of October 14.

It occurred to me that, with the plan providing for economic unity and the arrangement between the United Kingdom and the United States, the situation will soon change, thereby permitting a more humane and considerate treatment of these unfortunate people.

Sincerely yours,

Director General

FHL/cs

The Right Hon. Hector McNeill, M.P.  
Minister of State  
Foreign Office  
Downing Street  
London, England

Poland - 640

Mailed airmail from Lake Success



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4 DEC 1946

Mr. Alfred E. Davidson  
General Counsel, U. N. R. R. A.  
Room A3-142  
United Nations  
Lake Success  
Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Al:

Subject: British Policy on DPs, Germany

Although I expect to give you this information by phone today, here it is in writing in case I do not reach you.

The attached cable is the final text of the Control Office statement on compulsory work and standards of living, which text is not to be released until British representatives have discussed the matter with UNRRA Headquarters. I have not yet been able to discuss this subject with Commander Jackson, as he has said he is unavailable for this discussion for the time being. Accordingly, I do not know whether he has had any consultation with the British or the U.S. representatives about it. General Rooks advises me that Commander Jackson wishes to handle the matter personally.

With respect to compulsory work, Mr. Burinski wishes to raise with Commander Jackson the DG's apparent agreement to the proposal for compulsory work in the German economy. Since Commander Jackson has been advised of this and is unable to discuss the whole subject with us, I assume that if he brings it up at the Central Committee it will be his responsibility. We understand, however, that he will not bring it up at this Central Committee meeting. Accordingly, I cannot take any further action at the moment.

Sincerely,

Charlotte T. Lloyd

Lloyd:hh  
4 Dec 1946



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*By hand*

26 NOV 1946

*N. K-640 (Children  
Unaccompanied)*  
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Mr. Roger Makins  
Counsellor  
British Embassy  
3100 Massachusetts Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Makins:

We wish to bring to your attention a proposed Allied Control Commission directive on Determination of Nationality of Unaccompanied Children in Germany, of which we have been informed by a cable received from the European Regional Office. A copy of the draft directive and the cable are enclosed.

This matter has been the subject of frequent conferences between UNRRA and the military authorities in Germany. On October 9, the Acting Chief of UNRRA Operations, Germany, forwarded to the POW and DP Directorate, A.C.A. a statement pointing out UNRRA's views on the directive and urging further consideration of the problem before the proposal was finalized. A copy of this statement is enclosed. You will note that it pointed out in detail the reasons for UNRRA's request that further consideration be given the problem. It requested that the UNRRA recommendations be brought to the attention of the POW and DP Directorate, the Legal Directorate and the Coordinating Committee. Despite these recommendations, we are informed that the directive will be released without revision in the near future.

We believe this question is of such importance to member governments that it should be discussed by the Central Committee. Accordingly, we plan to place it on the agenda of the Central Committee meeting to be held on 4 December. We therefore request that immediate action be taken to delay the issuance of the proposed directive until there is an opportunity for such discussion and that you issue instructions to the United Kingdom member of the Allied Control Commission in Germany for this purpose.

It is our hope that a discussion of this subject will yield a conclusion more in keeping with UNRRA's views and those of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. As you will see from the attached



Mr. Roger Makins

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documents, our view is that the occupying authorities should recognize a continuing responsibility for locating non-German children, safeguarding their interests and returning them ultimately to their countries.

We have forwarded this same information and request to the USSR, US and French Government representatives.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell W. Rooks  
Deputy Director General  
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosures: 3

1. Draft directive A.C.A.
2. Cable 13186 from London
3. Statement of Acting Chief of Operations, Germany.

CC: Charlotte Lloyd, G.C.

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25 November 1946





*reference*  
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Dudley Ward, Esq.  
General Counsel  
European Regional Office  
U. N. R. R. A.  
11 Portland Place  
London W-1, England

Dear Mr. Ward:

I have sent to Al Davidson in New York a copy of your letter to him of 4 November concerning the HMG position on consultation by Soviet liaison officers on Baltic DP matters. Al is spending almost all of his time there on General Assembly matters. I have asked the State Department if they have determined the question of international law which you discuss. After further discussion, I will try to have a reply on the merits sent to you soon. At present, all I can see to do is to report the decision of HMG to the Central Committee for their information.

Your letter said that a copy of the official letter of HMG on this subject was enclosed, but the letter contained no enclosure. It would be helpful to have a copy of this letter as soon as possible.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte T. Lloyd  
Assistant General Counsel

Lloyd:hh  
21 Nov 1946

cc: Davidson

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*Baltic Area 640*





UNRRA

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

INCOMING MESSAGE

U. K. 640

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SAVINGRAM NO:

A-2311

FROM:

London

DATED:

24/10/46

RECEIVED:

29/10/46 - 11:33 a.m.

A. Regret delay replying your 15136 re Geneva D.P. Meeting, but difficulty find representative H.M.G. who has followed through on points raised, owing absence at other International Meetings.

B. According our records only points for investigation were:

- 1) Have British Zone altered rules allowing DP's correspond own language as opposed English or German.
- 2) Do British Zone accept so-called stateless certificates issued various organisations without International authority.
- 3) Can Russian L.O.S. be included military screening boards.

C. Only suggestion put up for UNRRA Investigation Courier Service for D.P. mail, which in our view not practicable.

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23 October 1946

My dear Mr. Minister

At the thirty-eighth meeting of the Central Committee, held on Friday, 18 October, in answer to an inquiry made by Mr. Feonov concerning the availability of information on unaccompanied children in UNRRA camps, Miss Gibbons, Deputy Director General in charge of Relief Services of the European Regional Office of UNRRA, stated that a report on this subject had been presented to the Committee of the Council for Europe. I would like to inform you that this report on unaccompanied United Nations children in Germany was submitted at the thirtieth meeting of the CCE as Annex I of the Report on UNRRA Operations in the European Region for April and May, 1946 (CCE(46)53). It was circulated to members of the Central Committee on 5 August 1946.

I would also like to refer you to the minutes of the thirty-first meeting of the CCE (CCE(46)75), herewith enclosed, from which you will note that the question of the report was raised at this meeting, and that the Committee agreed to ask the Administration to bring this report up-to-date for discussion at some future meeting.

Additional information is now being prepared for the members of the Central Committee and will be sent to you as soon as it is ready.

Sincerely yours,

P. W. Kuo  
Deputy Director General  
In Charge of the Secretariat

Enclosure

The Honorable  
Roger Makins  
Minister Plenipotentiary  
British Embassy  
Washington, D. C.

cc: Mr. Roger Jackling

DISPATCHED  
Office of the Secretariat  
Date OCT 23 1946



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The Honorable  
Roger Makins, C.M.G.  
Minister Plenipotentiary  
British Embassy  
3100 Massachusetts Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

21 OCT 1946

Dear Mr. Makins:

As you are aware, Resolution 99, in addition to authorizing the Administration to continue its Displaced Persons operations until the International Refugee Organization or its interim commission can take them over, also instructs the Administration to take various steps to encourage repatriation. These steps include measures relating to assistance to liaison officers in the discharge of their functions, to the supply of information to displaced persons about conditions in their home countries, to free and uncensored communication between displaced persons and their families, to segregation of elements hostile to repatriation, and to the removal of ineligible.

Paragraph 7(d) of Resolution 99 recommends that "close cooperation and consultation should be established between the Governments of countries of origin and the Control Authorities or the Administration..." for these purposes. Paragraph 7(f) recommends "that the Control Authorities should be requested through the Governments of their respective countries to cooperate actively with the Administration and the Governments of the countries of origin so as to enable the fullest possible effect to be given to the principles and recommendations" referred to above.

I feel sure that your Government will be anxious to cooperate with the Administration and with the Governments of the countries of origin in implementing the policies laid down in Resolution 99 and I should be grateful if you would let me know whether appropriate instructions have been sent to the British military authorities in Germany and Austria to act accordingly. Any detailed information which you can give me about measures to be taken in implementation of this Resolution will be much appreciated. In particular, I should like to suggest that the process of screening collaborators and similar undesirables could be greatly accelerated by cooperation between the military authorities and the representatives of the Governments concerned. I should be glad to learn whether your Government agrees with this view and is prepared to issue instructions accordingly.

Please allow me to take this opportunity of expressing my real

✓ - Germany - 640 - (British Zone)  
✓ - 640 - International Refugee Organization  
✓ - UK - 723 (60 Day Nations)



The Honorable  
Roger Makins

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appreciation of the cooperation which your Government has exhibited in adopting the plan to provide returning displaced persons with rations for 60 days as an incentive to their repatriation. I am very hopeful that this will produce a substantial improvement in the numbers of displaced persons returning to their homes.

I am addressing similar letters to the representatives on the Central Committee of the United States and France.

Sincerely yours,

F. H. LaGuardia  
Director General

Robertson:hh  
15 October 1946

Clearances:

Davidson *AD*  
Alspach *ena*  
Burinski *M.B.*  
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UNRRA

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

DATE

18 October 1946

CROSS INDEX

U. K. - 640

TO

Hector McNeill  
Foreign Office, Downing St.,  
London, Eng.

FROM

F. H. LaGuardia  
Dir. Gen.

SUMMARY

Re: Return of displaced persons to their homes.

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China - 640 (Germans & Austrians)

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28 October 1946



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14 October 1946

U.K. - 640

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H. McNeil, Esq., M.P.  
Minister of State  
Foreign Office  
Downing Street  
London, England

My dear Mr. McNeil:

As you know the present policy of the British military authorities in Germany excludes post hostilities refugees from Poland from UNRRA care in the British zone. You will recall that we discussed in Geneva the problem of refugees coming from Poland and you questioned the authority of this Administration to care for this group under the UNRRA resolutions. I felt then, and I feel now, that the Administration had such authority (and in my opinion, this view was confirmed by the Council at its Fourth Session - see Council IV Doc. 89); but if there was any question about it, Resolution 99 adopted at Geneva clearly confirmed UNRRA policy in this matter.

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F. H. LaGuardia  
Director General

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Oct 8, 1946



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 Minister of State  
 Foreign Office  
 Downing Street  
 London, England

14 OCT 1948

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Oct. 8, 1946





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*(children)*  
*Am*

1 OCT 1946

Mr. George W. Rabinoff  
Acting Director  
Welfare and Repatriation Division  
European Regional Office  
UNRRA  
21 Portland Place  
London W-1, England

Subject: Possibility of D.P. Children from U.K. going to U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Rabinoff:

We have discussed the content of your letter of August 22 with the U. S. Committee for Care of European Children and also with a representative of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice. Both these agencies look with favor upon the idea of including the displaced children in U.K. as coming under the President's Directive of December 22, 1945.

There is a strong possibility that there will be some changes made in the President's Directive in the very near future that may enhance the possibilities of the displaced children in the U. K. emigrating to the United States.

Miss Olsen, Acting Director for the U. S. Committee for Care of European Children, assured us that her agency would be very happy to assist in any way possible in the resettlement of these displaced children.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Alspach  
Acting Director  
Repatriation Division



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30 Sept. 1946





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for 25*

Foreign Office,  
S.W.1.

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*AM*

Essex House,

New York, N.Y.

September 30th 1946.

*My dear Director General,*

Very many thanks for your letter of the 18th September, containing a message on the subject of Refugees and Displaced Persons, which, I note, has also been sent to the other members of the Economic and Social Council. The United Kingdom Government, as you know, have had the points which you make in your message very much in mind.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Philip Noel Baker*

DIRECTOR GEN

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Mr. Fiorello H. La Guardia.



TO:

DAVID LLOYD

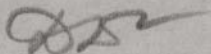
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FOR HANDLING!

AED

Mrs. Chace,

Can you call Mr.  
Winking & ask why he  
thinks we are concerned in  
this claim, etc?



Alfred E. Davidson



United Kingdom - 640  
cc

The Honorable  
Roger Makins  
Minister Plenipotentiary of Great Britain  
British Embassy  
1100 Massachusetts Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

27 SEP 1946

My dear Mr. Minister:

As you are aware, Resolution 99 authorizes the Administration to continue its displaced persons operations until such time or times as they are taken over by the International Refugee Organization or by any appropriate interim commission or by any other appropriate body, provided that none of these operations shall be continued by the Administration after June 30, 1947. Paragraph 5 of the same Resolution recommends that the Governments Members of the Control Council for Germany continue to provide such basic supplies, accommodation, transportation and other services as may be required for displaced persons under existing or revised arrangements between them and the Administration. It goes on to recommend that the Governments Members of the Allied Commission for Austria take note of the fact that on the completion of its present supply program for Austria the Administration will be unable to provide basic supplies for displaced persons in that country.

We are now planning for UNHRA's displaced persons operations in 1947 and budgeting for these operations as required by paragraph 2 of Resolution 99. It is therefore necessary for us to know what will be the policy of the governments concerned as regards these operations in Germany and Austria. The same question will also arise as regards Italy.

In view of the adoption of Resolution 99 by the UNHRA Council at its Fifth Session, I presume that the United Kingdom will wish UNHRA to continue its Displaced Persons operations in the British Zone of Germany. In that event, I assume that the British Army will be prepared to continue providing basic supplies, accommodation, transportation and other services on the understanding that UNHRA will be responsible for the administration of the assembly centers and for the provision of such amenity supplies as it may be possible to provide, in accordance with existing arrangements or such modifications thereof as may be negotiated by agreement between the British Army and UNHRA. I should be grateful if you could confirm this understanding.

I also presume that, in view of the adoption of Resolution 99, the United Kingdom will wish UNHRA to continue its Displaced Persons operations in the British Zone of Austria, and that, on the completion of the UNHRA supply program for Austria, the British Army will be prepared to provide or arrange for the provision of basic supplies, accommodation, transportation and other services, on the understanding that UNHRA will be responsible for the administration of the assembly centers.

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Similarly, I assume that the United Kingdom will wish UNRRA to continue its Displaced Persons operations in Italy and that, on the completion of the UNRRA supply program for Italy, the British Army will be prepared to provide or to arrange for the provision of its share of basic supplies, accommodation, transportation and other services on the understanding that UNRRA will be responsible for the administration of the assembly centers.

I should also be grateful for your confirmation of these last two points.

I am addressing a similar letter relating to all three countries to the American member of the Central Committee and a similar letter relating to Germany and Austria to the French member of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Lowell W. Rooks  
Chief Executive Officer

Robertson:hh  
26 September 1946

Clearance: Alspach *OKA*  
Burinski *MB*  
Davidson *AEJ*





UNRRA

## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*U.K. - 640 (Labour Policy)*

*R.B.*

NUMBER:

8738

FROM:

London

DATED:

16/7/46

RECEIVED:

16/7/46 - 3:44 p.m.

Davidson from Ward.

Your 10496.

Assured by Control Office that British Military authorities are not planning to require DP's to work or to go home. As labour policy for DP's is under active consideration in Control Office and Military Government. I have requested on lines of above cable that such policy be not implemented without consultation with UNRRA.

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U. K-640 (So Rhodesia)  
20 JUN 1946  
E.C.

The Honorable  
Roger Makins, C.M.G.  
British Embassy  
3000 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Makins:

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This is not a matter within the competence of this Administration, especially since it is known that many active fascists were interned in Southern Rhodesia by the British authorities. I am, therefore, merely passing this on to you for such action as you may deem appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

F. LaGuardia  
Director General

RJYoudin/mm  
12 June 46

Enc. 2 Letter from civ. internees at Camp Fort  
Victoria, 6 May 1946, to Mr. LaGuardia

Synopsis translation of above

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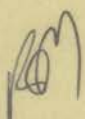
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14 June 1946

My dear Mr. Makins:

In pursuance of paragraph 2(d) of Council Resolution No. 92, I am enclosing a "Report on Operations under Resolution 92."

Please note that a discussion of this report is on the agenda of the next meeting of the Central Committee which has already been sent to you.

Sincerely yours,

Pl W. Kuo  
Deputy Director General  
In Charge of the Secretariat

Enclosure

The Honorable  
Roger Makins  
Minister  
British Embassy  
Washington, D. C.

cc: Mr. R. K. Taylor

By Hand

FORM AD-87  
(25 FEB 1946)

UNRRA

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

INCOMING

DATE  
10 May 1946.

CROSS INDEX

U.K. - 640 (D.P.)

TO

FROM

London 6015

SUMMARY

Warren was requested by fact finding committee to secure number of Displaced persons in US Zone etc....

RECORD FILED

Germany - 640 (D.P.)

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28 January 1946

U.K. - 640 (Refugees)  
EC

28 January 1946

My dear Mr. Makins:

The attached memorandum concerning UNRRA Policy with respect to Post-hostilities Refugees is forwarded for your information on behalf of the Director General.

Sincerely yours,

P. W. Kuo  
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British Embassy

Washington, D.C.

CC - Mr. R. K. Taylor

Commander Jackson

Alfred E. Davidson

UK-640 - (Poles)

RC

Dec. 6, 1945

As you know one of the major projects for which our office has a share of responsibility is the take-over of the British camps for Poles. I should like to discuss this matter with you and be brought up to date and consulted before any arrangements are made.



UK-640 - (Far East)

RC

24 November 1945

Mr. Roger W. Jackling  
British Embassy  
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jackling:

I am replying in Mr. Ray's absence to thank you for your RS-100E(3)/70/45 of the 13th of November on the question of displaced persons in the Far East.

We are sending a signal to Williams in Shanghai, advising him of the facilities that Admiral Mountbatten has kindly made available.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick D. Harris, Lieut. Col.  
Deputy Director  
Office for the Far East

FDHarris/alg  
24 November 1945







FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

29th November, 1944.

U.K. - 640

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United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

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I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*S. L. Hall Patch.*

*E. L. Hall Patch  
(name from Army Holland)*



10 January 1945

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29 November (UR 1607/438/850) sent from London in response to the Administration's letter of 21 September containing four inquiries with regard to Administration assistance in and for the British Territories of the Far East.

The Administration wishes to express its appreciation and thanks for the discussion of your Government's position and proposals concerning consultation, close contact and cooperation between your Government and the Administration, with reference to the activities of the Administration in the Far East.

May I call His Majesty's Government's attention to the recent opening of our Southwest Pacific Area Office at Sydney, Australia. This Office expects to be functioning effectively

The Right Honorable

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

London, England



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Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Director General

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1

(UR 1607/438/650)

29th November 1944

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s/s E.L. Patch



2 September 1944

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- (c) Ad Hoc T/E(44)27, Paragraph 15 - Mr. Rayhoff recommended that this paragraph should read as follows: "If requirements calculated on these bases cannot be met from any source of supply, the available supplies shall be allocated to the different countries in the same ratio that the approved import program of each country bears to the sum of the import programs." The Working Party understood that in drafting this paragraph, the Sub-Committee in London had been prompted by the need for consistency with the adoption of a minimum wardrobe basis as distinct from an importation basis for requirements. Most of the Working Party felt that in the practical interpretation of Paragraph 15, it would, however, be better to provide that if the requirements calculated on these bases cannot be met from any source of supply, the available supplies should be apportioned in the "same ratio that the approved import program of each country bears to the sum of the approved import programs."
- (d) On the question of the absence of an advisory body in Washington corresponding to the Ad Hoc Textiles Sub Committee in London, Mr. Bergithon said that the Clothing Section feel that it is desirable to have in Washington a Committee on textiles consisting of representatives of the various Governments who have authority with regard to procurement and who can advise especially on specifications of requirements and to whom the Bases of Requirements could also be referred. The Working Party felt that as this Committee would need to meet mainly when the occasion arises for technical discussions, there would be no need for a Standing Body but that technical representatives living in America who have a close knowledge of the individual countries might be nominated by the Governments concerned to serve in such a Technical Advisory Committee.
- (e) Footwear Bases - Ad Hoc T/E(44)27, Page 8: The Working Party, while agreeing with the standard set in Paragraph 3, assumed that in practice this would mean that each individual should have two pairs of boots or shoes. The repairable materials programmed for should be sufficient to keep the one pair of shoes or boots in repair. The Clothing Division undertook to provide a definition of the base of "one pair of wearable boots or shoes per person."
- (f) Ad Hoc T/E(44)27: The principle of a relief standard adopted for Textiles by the Sub Committee: The Working Party although seized with the difficulties of estimating present stocks and deficiencies in the Minimum Wardrobe standard, agree with the principle of bringing all the countries concerned up to an agreed clothing standard as soon as feasible. The Working Party appreciated the difficulty