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OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Co-ordination Committee for Assistance to Refugees from Hungary

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE TWELFTH MEETING

held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Tuesday, 29 October 1957

PRESENT:

In the Chair:

Mr. READ
Deputy High Commissioner

Other Members of the UNHCR Staff Hq.

Mr. PINEGAR
Mr. GASTAMBIDE
Mr. COLMAR
Mr. KELLY
Mrs. SIMS

United States Resident Delegation

Mr. LA CLAIR

Intergovernmental Committee for
European Migration

Mr. CORDT MØLLER

American Friends Service Committee

Mr. WOOD

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Mrs. SMALL

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Mr. KUDLER

Lutheran World Federation

Miss FUCHS

National Catholic Welfare Conference

Miss NORTON

Unitarian Service Committee

Mrs. MATTHEY

World's YWCA

Miss ARNOLD

World ORT Union

Mr. SOLUN

World Council of Churches

Mr. LEDERMANN
Miss JABOOR

World University Service

Mr. DUCRET
Mr. IOVENKO

World's YMCA

Mr. MOYSE

Mr. READ outlined developments in the situation of the Hungarian refugees in Austria and Yugoslavia since the last Consultative Meeting in June. He remarked that neither the International Committee of the Red Cross nor the League of Red Cross Societies was represented at the present Meeting, due to the fact that the International Red Cross Conference was taking place at New Delhi. Although the League had officially withdrawn from operations in both Austria and Yugoslavia on 30 September, the national Red Cross Societies were carrying on the work with some international help.

At mid-October the number of Hungarian refugees in camps in Yugoslavia was 4039. The United States Selection Mission had chosen some 1,000 for admission to the United States and it was hoped that they would reach a total of 2,500 by the end of the year. The Australian Mission had finished its work and had only selected 1,400 towards its target figure of 2,000. New Zealand was willing to take 100; and certain other countries, notably France and Brazil, expected to take smaller groups. It was hoped that by the end of the year the vast majority of the refugees would have been placed.

There would, however, remain a certain number of difficult cases and cases difficult to resettle. Of an estimated 150 TB-cases, Denmark and Sweden had agreed to take 40 each (accompanied by family members) and Norway would probably take another 20. Opportunities needed to be found for some 100 post-TB-cases and 600 cases with social problems. It was hoped that Belgium would take a certain number of these cases. The Netherlands Government had agreed to take between 40 and 65 of the unaccompanied children.

Mr. Read referred to the High Commissioner's wish and hope that the Hungarian refugee operation in Yugoslavia could be closed by the end of the year, and urged the agencies to intensify their efforts so that placement opportunities could be found for the remaining TB, post-TB and problem cases.

In Austria it was estimated that 20,900 Hungarian refugees still remained, divided about equally between camp and out-of-camp. It was estimated that by the end of the year there would remain about 16,000 of these still needing international assistance. ICEM hoped that about 6,500 would emigrate during 1958 leaving a residue of 9,500. The UNREF Executive Committee had approved a permanent solutions programme totalling \$3,500,000 and a large proportion of this sum was already in hand. However, this would not be fully adequate to provide for the satisfactory integration of the whole 9,500 and he hoped that eventually the migration figure might be increased.

Mr. CORDT MØLLER (ICEM) stated that he had little to add to the information just given. With regard to Austria, he remarked that the Australian selection mission had found it difficult to get candidates corresponding to the Australian emigration criteria, which was a rather disquieting sign. The United States was at present selecting very few, and those on a parolee basis. Emigration to Latin American countries was based on voluntary agencies sponsorships and the number of candidates was very small. ICEM was at present engaged in a survey to find out the number of Hungarian refugees in Austria still needing assistance of one kind or another. It was intended that the documents collected through this survey would be maintained at a Documentation Control Centre and made available to voluntary agencies for their placement programmes.

In Yugoslavia, selection missions from France, the United States of America and New Zealand would be active during November and it was estimated that about 1,500 refugees would remain by the end of the year. ICEM would probably keep its office open until the end of January. The remaining refugees were likely to be concentrated in Geroovo Camp.

Difficulties had arisen with groups of refugees who had already been placed in Turkey, Ireland and the Dominican Republic. New resettlement opportunities had been found for about 250 of those wishing to leave Turkey and opportunities remained to be found for a further 150. Integration in Ireland had proved very difficult, and most of the refugees concerned had now moved to the United Kingdom and found work there. Of the 500 refugees who had emigrated to the Dominican Republic, 272 had applied to leave and these had returned to Austria and were being dealt with as part of the remaining Hungarian caseload there.

Mrs. SMALL (International Union for Child Welfare) remarked that the figure of unaccompanied children in Yugoslavia had been estimated to be 500, and asked what arrangements were being made for these young refugees in addition to the emigration to the Netherlands which had been mentioned.

Mr. COLMAR in reply said that about 115 unaccompanied children had gone to Sweden, and with about 60 who were expected to go to France, he believed all the young people in this category remaining in Yugoslavia would have been provided for.

Miss JABOOR (World Council of Churches) said she understood a small number of unaccompanied boys was being presented to the New Zealand Mission. If these boys emigrated to New Zealand no doubt proper arrangements would be made for their training and integration.

Mr. CORDT MØLLER (ICEM) said that the New Zealand Government was not anxious to take unaccompanied youth but had agreed to interview a small number presented to the mission. There was no doubt that if these boys were taken they would be given suitable training.

Referring to unaccompanied youth in Austria, Mr. KELLY said that although the legal situation had now been cleared up, there were at present very few emigration opportunities.

Mr. READ added that up to the present the efforts for this group had been concentrated on Yugoslavia and that it might now be possible to find more opportunities for the young refugees in Austria. He also referred to a suggestion from the Austrian Hochschülerschaft that scholarships provided for the Hungarian students should be in the form of grants and not loans. He pointed out that the UNREF Executive Committee had insisted that this assistance should be in the form of loans.

Mr. IOVENKO (World University Service) said that there remained only about 50 young Hungarians in Yugoslavia of university calibre and it was hoped that some additional scholarships would be forthcoming from the Scandinavian countries. In Austria, some plans needed to be made for the new group now reaching university stage. Only about 200 students remained for whom no scholarship opportunities yet existed. The 500 Ford Foundation scholarships had been entirely filled. In Italy, a small number of Hungarian students were facing difficulties, and since WUS had no agent in that country, he would welcome offers from any agency who would be able to assist.

Mr. KELLY stated that \$135,000 had been allocated for the provision of scholarships to Hungarian students. Some of these scholarships would be for half a year and others for a full year. It would not be possible to assist the group of new students to which Mr. Iovenko had referred since the UNREF Committee stipulated that the scholarships were to be used for terminating studies already begun.

Mr. Kelly quoted the breakdown for the Hungarian permanent solutions programme as follows:

Small loans	\$250,000
(loans of \$770 to each of 325 families)	
Housing	\$2,250,000
(to provide about 900 dwellings)	
Elementary schooling	\$20,000
Youth projects, including unaccompanied youth . .	\$280,000
Aid to university students	\$135,000

Aid to intellectuals	\$40,000
Aid to unmarried mothers	\$25,000
Language training	\$20,000
Publication of Hungarian language news bulletin .	\$10,000
Administrative expenses	\$70,000

There were estimated to be some 4,500 young Hungarians under 18 of whom approximately 1,900 were unaccompanied and living in hostels. Projects to the value of \$543,000 were being implemented and \$137,000 remained to be allocated. It was hoped to keep part of this balance in reserve for possible needs in 1959.

Mr. MOYSE (World Alliance of YMCAs) asked whether the conditions for the placement of Hungarian refugees in housing were the same as those for earlier refugees. It had been suggested that the Hungarian refugees received preferential treatment.

Mr. KELLY, in reply, said that while the rents and conditions of repayment were the same, it was undoubtedly true that refugees received housing more quickly under the Hungarian programme than under the regular UNREF housing programme. The administration of funds was less complicated in the Hungarian programme, there being no matching funds from Austrian Government sources.

Mr. PINEGAR said that almost exactly a year after the beginning of the Hungarian refugee movement it was gratifying to be able to look back and see what had been accomplished and how much had depended on the close co-operation between all the agencies involved and the energy and spirit of dedication that had been displayed.

On the suggestion of Mr. READ, it was agreed that the Co-ordination Committee for Assistance to Refugees from Hungary should now be dissolved.

REFUGEES FROM HUNGARY IN YUGOSLAVIA

Statistical report No.20 covering the period from 13 through 26 October 1957

I. Movement of refugee population

Movement and situation	Change during the period ^a	Cumulative figures as of 26 October 1957
Recorded arrivals	+ 30	19,845
Recorded emigrations	+ 726	12,790
Official repatriations	+ 34	2,717
Refugees in Yugoslavia	- 730	4,338
.... locally integrated	+ 10	610
.... in camps or centres	- 748	3,677
.... "absentees"	+ 8	51

^a Increase + decrease -II. Refugees living in camps or centres, by age group, as of 26 October 1957

Age group	Number
0 - 13	974 ^a
14 - 17	542 ^b
18 - 24	873
25 - 34	836
35 - 44	266
45 - 54	184
55 & over	53
Total	3,728

^a Of whom 6 unaccompanied^b Of whom 345 unaccompanied.III. Refugees living in camps or centres, by ethnic origin, as of 26 October 1957

Ethnic origin	Number
Hungarians	3,608
Volksdeutsche	30
Jews	29
Others	61
Total	3,728

IV. Refugees living in camps or centres, by type of household, as of 26 Oct.1957

Category	Persons		
Single males	687		
Single females	240		
All single persons	927		
Category	Persons	Households	Persons per household
Complete families	...	1,304	...
Incomplete families	...	428	...
All families	2,801	1,732	1.6

V. Refugees living in camps or centres, by former occupation, as of 26 Oct.1957

Occupation	Number	Percentage
<u>Manual workers</u>		
Unskilled workers	234	6.3
Skilled workers	1,126	30.2
Highly skilled workers	180	4.8
Farm workers	74	2.0
Sub-total	1,614	43.3
<u>Persons professionally employed</u>		
School and University teachers	49	1.3
Highly qualified specialists with University degrees	107	2.9
Civil servants	186	5.0
Journalists, artists, etc.	21	0.6
Liberal professions	154	4.1
Sub-total	517	13.9
Military	30	0.8
Students (High school and University)	298	8.0
Others	1,269	34.0
Total	3,728	100

VI. Emigrations from Yugoslavia, by country of destination, 13 through 26 October 1957, and total emigrations by 26 October

Country of destination	13 - 26 Oct.	Total on 26 Oct.
<u>I. European countries</u>		
Austria	1	376
Belgium	-	2,177
Denmark	124	155
Finland	-	1
France	-	2,181
Germany	60	1,084
Italy	-	170
Luxembourg	-	4
Netherlands	-	20
Norway	1	311
Sweden	-	1,023
Switzerland	4	700
United Kingdom	12	83
Sub-total I	202	8,285
<u>II. Non-European countries</u>		
Argentina	-	9
Australia	183	1,199
Brazil	74	389
Canada	2	1,079
Chile	-	5
Cuba	-	6
Irak	-	1
Israel	-	167
New Zealand	-	7
South Africa	-	4
Turkey	-	2
U.S.A.	265	1,388
Uruguay	-	1
Latin America - destination unknown	-	248
Sub-total II	524	4,505
T O T A L	726	12,790

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REFUGEES FROM HUNGARY IN AUSTRIA: 1 THROUGH 31 OCTOBER 1957

	Change during period	Total on 31 Oct.
I. <u>Movement of refugee population:</u>		
Arrivals from Hungary	-	178,900 ^a
Arrivals from other countries	...	570 [†]
Natural increase (births less deaths)	...	160 [†]
Emigrations	+ 600	152,600 ^b
Repatriations	+ 200	6,900 -
Remaining in Austria	- 800	20,100
II. <u>Emigrations by country of destination</u>		
1. <u>European countries:</u>		
Belgium	8	3,410 [†]
Denmark	33	1,170
France	49	10,230 *
Germany	12	14,250 *
Iceland	-	50
Ireland	-	540
Italy	4	3,850
Luxembourg	-	225
Netherlands	5	3,555 *
Norway	-	1,155
Portugal	-	4
Spain	-	17
Sweden	9	5,435
Switzerland	3	11,960 *
United Kingdom	6	20,580
Sub-total	129	76,400
2. <u>Non-European countries:</u>		
Argentina	3	905
Australia	206	8,830
Brazil	29	945
Canada	1	24,515
Chile	2	260
Colombia	-	215
Costa Rica	10	13
Cuba	-	5
Cyprus	-	2
Dominican Republic	-	580
Ecuador	-	1
Israel	2	1,880
New Zealand	3	960
Nicaragua	-	4
Paraguay	-	7
Rhodesia	-	30
South Africa	-	1,310
Turkey	-	505
U.S.A.	142	34,710
Uruguay	3	30
Venezuela	68	460
Sub-total	469	76,200
GRAND TOTAL	598	152,600

Note: Apparent discrepancies in the cumulative totals are due to rounding.

^a Including an estimated 16,800 unrecorded arrivals

^b Including an estimated 1,300 unrecorded repatriations

* Unconfirmed estimate [†] Provisional figure

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REGISTRY SECTION

25 OCT 1957

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21 October 1957

oe 433 (2-570)
12-12h
Dear Mr. Keeny,

I had hoped to have a word with you or with Mrs. Sinclair while you were in New York in connection with the forthcoming conference of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Having missed this opportunity, may I take the liberty of writing this short note concerning the ICRC relief operations in Hungary, upon which you might not have been briefed. I do so as the sole remaining member of the small unit constituted by Mr. de Seynes to implement the Secretary-General's responsibilities under the General Assembly resolutions on this question.

As you will recall, the General Assembly adopted two resolutions calling for international assistance to Hungarian refugees, and the Secretary-General in conjunction with the High Commissioner issued joint appeals for financial assistance and resettlement opportunities. Nothing further need be said on this point, since the refugee action was very highly publicized and I am sure is well known to you in UNICEF, and since, I presume, the High Commissioner's representative at the conference will be in a position to supply all information needed.

The implementation of the two General Assembly resolutions concerning relief inside Hungary was given effect to organizationally by an agreement between the United Nations and the ICRC designating the latter as the sole agency for the distribution of relief supplies in Hungary. As a result of this arrangement, contributions to the United Nations (which were a very small percentage of the over-all \$20,000,000 distributed by the ICRC) were made available to that organization. The only official United Nations account of the relief action to date was given in the last annual report of the Secretary-General. I attach a copy of this section of the report, which should be adequate for all briefing purposes.

Mr. S. M. Keeny
Director of the Asia Regional Office
UNICEF
Patila House
Hardinge Avenue
New Delhi
INDIA

I am not certain whether the relief action of the ICRC in Hungary will be extensively discussed at the forthcoming conference. In view, however, of the bygone feelings between the League and the ICRC, as well as the fact that the League's refugee action tended to overshadow the ICRC relief action in world publicity, I thought the attached material might be useful in case the need should arise to "balance the ledger" or say an appropriate word of tribute to the ICRC for what it did, in behalf of the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

K. W. Taylor
Office of the Under-Secretary for
Relief to the Hungarian people

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TELEPRINTER CONFERENCE BETWEEN MR. READ, NEWYORK AND MR. LINDT, GENEVA,
WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 1957, 1011-1035 EDST.

FROM NEWYORK:

YES MR READ IS HERE PLEASE START CONFERENCE

- I FEEL QUITE OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION STOP
I AM ONLY SPENDING TODAY AND TOMORROW IN NEWYORK AND EXPECT
TO SAIL ON SATURDAY STOP NEVERTHELESS IN THESE TWO DAYS I
WILL HAVE TO SEE SOME OF OUR FRIENDS FOR EXAMPLE ON THE US
DELEGATION (HAVING LUNCH WITH MRS LORD TODAY) AND WOULD
THEREFORE APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING ME A COUPLE OF LINES HERE
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FIRST QUESTION

THERE REMAIN TODAY IN AUSTRIA ROUGHLY 20,000 HUNGARIAN REFUGEES
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE UNRELIABILITY OF PRESENT AVAILABLE
STATISTICS STOP IN YUGOSLAVIA TODAY 6,000 REFUGEES LEFT
WITH UNUSED US AND AUSTRALIAN QUOTAS THIS NUMBER SHOULD BE
BROUGHT DOWN TO UNDER 3,000 OTHER POSSIBILITIES ARE BEING
EXPLORED STOP AS FAR AS AUSTRIAL IS CONCERNED ICEM EXPECTS
TO MOVE UNTIL THE ND E E THE END OF DECEMBER A MAXIMUM OF
6,000 STOP

SECOND

WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED APPROPRIATION OF ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED
THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR PERMANENT SOLUTIONS HUNGARIAN REFUGEES
IN AUSTRIAL FROM US STOP STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED YESTERDAY FOR
SOME SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION STOP I RECEIVED FROM LORD MAJOR
LONDON LAST SATURDAY AN ADDITIONAL POUND STERLING FIFTY THOUSAND
FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGEES STOP BRITISH RED CROSS HAS DEMONSTRATED
INTEREST IN SPENDING POUND STERLING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
FOR PERMANENT SOLUTIONS OLD KE E E OLD REFUGEES IN CONNECTION
CAMP CLOSURE STOP

THIRD

NO PROGRESS CONCERNING US COMMITTEE AS NO CHAIRMAN CAN ENTER
INTO CONSIDERATION WHO ASKS FOR RECEIVING SALARY FROM
HCR STOP DO NOT CONSIDER THIS QUESTION OF FIRST PRIORITY STOP

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POSSIBLY SADRI IN ADDITIONAL TO GONZALES AND NY STAFF

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mr. Philippe de Seynes, Under-Secretary for
Economic and Social Affairs

Date: 5 March 1957

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FROM: Myer Cohen, Executive Director for Relief to
the Hungarian People *Myer Cohen*

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: _____

SUBJECT: Hungarian Relief

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FROM: J.Henderson

EUROPEAN OFFICE
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Palais des Nations
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18 December 1956

Wrote to
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Dear Miss Henderson,

This morning I had a talk with Mr. Lindt, the High Commissioner for Refugees. Due to the fact that he had just arrived, was conducting his first staff meeting and was leaving for Austria this afternoon, and in view of all the picture taking and statements for the press etc. we had only a few minutes together so that there was no discussion of a job description of my proposed assignment in Austria. The High Commissioner simply made the point that by all means he wished to take advantage of the offer made by Mr. de Seynes' department.

However, he would like to discuss with Mr. Beermann in Austria what functions I would assume as he felt that that should be clearly defined. He further stated that he would prefer that I make the trip to Beirut before starting the assignment and not be in the position of having to go to Beirut during the assignment in Austria. Mr. Read stated that he had thought that the matter was somewhat more urgent and that I should go immediately, but agreed with the High Commissioner that perhaps it was more practical for me to make the trip to Beirut first.

There was some discussion of whether the High Commissioner's office would pay my roundtrip fare Vienna-Beirut. Mr. Read stated that their finance people had some question about the possibility of making this payment. The High Commissioner, however, took the position that it was a minor expense in return for a staff member whose salary they would not have to pay and thought that the matter could be worked out satisfactorily.

Accordingly, I suggested to the High Commissioner that I would proceed to Beirut and that, when he had made his decision, they could let me know in Beirut. It was, however, suggested that I should be prepared to return at last by the 28th of December.

After this conversation, I cabled you as follows:

"TAAGA 584 Henderson from Grigg. Talks with High Commissioner indicate he wishes my services but prefers: one first talk to his man Austria during visit there and two I begin work after trip Beirut. Therefore proposed itinerary is Rome December 20th, Beirut December 22nd, confirm your agreement."

I shall await your further instructions in Beirut. Presumably, the High Commissioner will get in touch with you when he returns to New York from his Austrian visit.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest C. Grigg,
Chief, Middle East Regional Office
for Social Affairs.

Miss Julia Henderson,
Director,
Bureau of Social Affairs.

cc: Mr. Cohen✓
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Miss Julia Henderson, Director, Bureau of Social Affairs

Myer Cohen, Executive Director for Relief to the
Hungarian People

Hungarian Relief

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I am attaching herewith a note which I prepared following
our conversation at lunch today. If you agree, we might use
it as a basis for a talk with Lindt prior to ^{our} any telephone
conversation with Mr. Grigg.

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cc: Mr. de Seynes
Mr. Townley

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DATE: 13 DECEMBER 1956

CONFERENCE REQUESTED BY: MR. READ, GENEVA

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TIME ENDED: 1634 EST

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Proposal regarding secondment of Mr. Ernest Grigg
to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

If the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees would like to have the assistance of an official with wide experience in the care and maintenance of refugees, it may be possible to arrange for the secondment of Mr. Ernest Grigg to the High Commissioner for a period up until March 1, 1957.

Mr. Grigg has had extensive experience with the care and maintenance of refugees both with UNHCR and with IRO and is particularly well qualified to advise with regard to a problem of the type which now exists in Austria.

It is proposed that Mr. Grigg be seconded to UNHCR and work completely under the direction of the UNHCR during the period of this assignment. It is, of course, desirable to consider carefully the nature of the assignment which Mr. Grigg will be expected to undertake. In view of the fact that Mr. Grigg's services will be available to the HCR only temporarily, it is not considered desirable that Mr. Grigg should be given a position with executive responsibilities in Vienna. It might be well if he were to be given the title of Special Assistant to the HCR and asked to visit Vienna immediately for the purpose of a brief survey of the situation with a view to finding in what ways the operation in Vienna needs to be strengthened. Mr. Grigg would then report his findings to the HCR in Geneva and perhaps spend the remainder of his period of assignment following up on the recommendations which he himself would be making to the HCR for improvement of the operation in Vienna.

Another possibility would be that Mr. Grigg meet the HCR in Vienna and begin his assignment at the time of the HCR's visit.

Handed to Mr Lund
13/XI/56

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AGREEMENT

between

the Director of United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees

and

the Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee

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1. (1) The following sets out, as a basis for first agreement, the principles upon which the Director of the United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees and the Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee will enter into necessary detailed arrangements to implement the United Nations Relief Program to Palestinian refugees.
- (2) Documents A/731, dated 22nd November 1948 and Annexure 2 to A/6. 3/337, dated 12th November 1948, of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the English texts of which form the basis upon which the General Assembly approved establishing a relief program for Palestinian Refugees, together with the regulations approved by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, will constitute the primary documents upon which this present agreement will be based. The provisions of the present agreement are to be read in the light of such documents.
2. The American Friends Service Committee agrees to undertake responsibility for the distribution of such supplies as are furnished it under the auspices of the United Nations Relief to Palestine Refugees, within the territories assigned and immediately upon budget approval.
3. The United Nations will, in this connection, agree to recognize the American Friends Service Committee as an independent and autonomous organization which undertakes to effect, under its sole responsibility, the distribution of relief supplies to be received at port of destination from the United Nations Organization as donors, in the territory assigned.

It is agreed and approved by the United Nations Organization that the distribution of such relief supplies effected in the field by the American Friends Service Committee, in complete independence, will not in any way place it in a subordinate position with respect to the United Nations and that it will not be required by the latter organization to carry out any other tasks than those above mentioned.

4. The American Friends Service Committee will continue their present and independent program in Israel on an entirely autonomous basis, and will operate in conjunction with the International Committee of the Red Cross in that area on a mutually acceptable basis. In addition, the American Friends Service Committee will assume responsibility for the United Nations refugee relief program in the Arab controlled areas of southern and southwest Palestine adjacent to the Egyptian border (see map attached). The American Friends Service Committee will provide in addition for such services as are necessary for the proper conduct of the operation. No distribution will be effected by the American Friends Service Committee through Governments, either national or municipal, without the prior approval of the United Nations' Director of Relief to Palestine Refugees.

In accordance with the policy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in respect of distribution as hereinafter enunciated, the American Friends Service Committee agrees that it will incorporate the following instructions as a basic directive to its Executive Officer in charge of field operations:

"That in the equitable distribution of relief, the operating agency will, insofar as possible, take into account the numerical importance of the respective communities to be assisted on the basis of minimum essential need, without distinction to race, colour, creed or political belief and so as to ensure that one group of refugees will not be favoured to the prejudice of any other group and that the requirements of those in greater need will have priority over the requirements of those in lesser need."

5. It will be further provided that in the implementation of this policy, the operating agency will take into account assistance provided from all sources to refugees of the respective communities so that in the event of any group or groups receiving assistance in funds or kind from outside sources, United Nations supplies made available to such groups will be used to supplement much outside assistance on the basis of their minimum requirements only. It will thus be ensured that assistance from the United Nations will be utilized to the fullest extent to provide maximum assistance to those refugees not receiving supplementary aid from outside sources."
6. The American Friends Service Committee agrees to recognize the special position of UNICEF in respect of that organization's supplementary relief program on behalf of Palestinian refugees. In this connection an overall agreement may be reached between the Director of United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees, UNICEF and the American Friends Service Committee, to provide for the coordination of the UNICEF program into the overall program of United Nations Refugee Relief, it being understood that the present UNICEF field staff will continue to coordinate their program in the field with the operational executives responsible for the field distribution program of the American Friends Service Committee.

It is expected that UNICEF will agree to hand over to the appropriate voluntary agency for distribution in each area in which they operate, the supplies procured by UNICEF for their own program. If this program is established, UNICEF will hand over such supplies on an agreed percentage basis, according to the estimated number of mothers and children in such areas. United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees will then attempt to provide the balance of relief supplies to the operating agencies in their areas. In addition, UNICEF may consider loans of stocks under arrangements to be made for such timely replacement as would not interfere with the carrying out of the UNICEF program.

UNICEF personnel in the field would be free to observe the distribution of all such supplies handed over or loaned to ensure that UNICEF policies were being carried out.

The details of the above arrangements would be a part of any formal agreement concluded between UNICEF, United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees and the American Friends Service Committee.

7. The special position of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and of independent voluntary Societies in terms of paragraph 7 and 12 of General Assembly Resolution (Document A/731 dated 22nd November 1948) is recognized by and will be interpreted between the parties to this agreement as follows:

(a) To the extent that governmental and voluntary relief agencies now operate, or will in future operate, in behalf of Palestinian refugees under agreement entered into between such agencies and the respective governments in the area of operations, it is appreciated that such agencies are acting in their independent and autonomous capacity and are in no way subject to the control or under the protection of either the Director of United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees or of the American Friends Service Committee. It will, however, be the joint endeavour of the Director of United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees and the American Friends Service Committee to secure coordination of the work of such agencies within the United Nations program of relief and to this end such independent societies will be invited to coordinate their work with the program of the United Nations Relief.

(b) Whilst the Director of United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees will recognize the American Friends Service Committee as the sole responsible operating and distribution agency of the United Nations Program in the area mentioned in paragraph 4, he will nevertheless refer offers of assistance from voluntary agencies to the American Friends Service Committee who will in turn take to accept or reject preferred assistance to the extent that this is deemed expedient or necessary but with due regard given.

where such assistance is accepted to the budgetary limitations of the agreed operational expense.

(c) The general intent of the preceding sub-paragraph will be that services of United Nations Specialized Agencies or voluntary Societies will not be excluded but that on the contrary the participation of such agencies will be sought or accepted wherever it will be to the benefit and within the financial possibilities of the program but only on the understanding that their participation will be under the direction and control of the American Friends Service Committee in its area of operations and through whom they will submit such operational and financial reports as are required and agreed between the Director of United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees and the American Friends Service Committee.

8. Upon the assumption, as above, by the American Friends Service Committee, of the responsibility for the distribution of relief furnished by, or under United Nations auspices, the United Nations Director of Disaster Relief and his staff, presently attached to the Mediator, will withdraw from their relief activities on a schedule and inventory to be agreed, and responsibility for distribution will be assumed by the American Friends Service Committee.

9. The constitution and the extension of the relief action, which are necessarily dependent upon the funds available, shall be periodically reviewed by the United Nations and the American Friends Service Committee.

Pending the establishment of an overall budget to cover all relief activities undertaken by the American Friends Service Committee, there will be immediately placed at the disposal of the American Friends Service Committee an advance of funds to cover requirements for initial recruitment, employment and preliminary operational expenses to an extent approved by the Director of United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees.

In addition to funds required by the American Friends Service Committee and approved by the Director of United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees to meet initial operational expenses, the Director will provide by arrangement

as required such further subsequent advances approved by him and/or reimbursements of expenses incurred by the American Friends Service Committee approved by him, including provisions regarding the currencies in which such advances and/or reimbursements will require to be met.

Any expenditures of supplies or of monies over and above amounts approved and made available by the Director of the United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees shall be the liability solely of the American Friends Service Committee. No request for reimbursement in respect of such expenditure shall be made to the Director of the United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees.

10. The American Friends Service Committee will submit monthly operational reports and financial reports of expenses incurred by them in fulfillment of their Agreement certified by accredited auditors both in such detail as the Director may require. The Director of United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees will have the privilege at United Nations expense to re-audit such financial reports.

11. In the event of active hostilities extending to Egypt, then the American Friends Service Committee may withdraw from the refugee relief operation in combat areas.

12. Whilst the Director of the United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees recognizes the complete autonomy and independence of the American Friends Service Committee and that the distribution operation in the field will be under its sole direction and control, he will nevertheless take measures to ensure that adequate and regular liaison is established by the Director of United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees with the American Friends Service Committee both at executive and an field levels.

The American Friends Service Committee shall assist the Director of the United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees in ensuring that such adequate and regular liaison is established.

13. It is agreed that should the American Friends Service Committee and the Director of the United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees fail to agree

upon a preliminary budget or upon any future operating budget, this agreement shall terminate as of the date of the end of such budget or budgets which may have been previously approved, or upon the failure to agree upon a preliminary budget. The first and all succeeding budgets shall include a reserve to cover the cost of liquidation.

14. No penalty shall result through failure of the United Nations Director of Relief for Palestine Refugees to deliver supplies in accordance with schedule or supply program.

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