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PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE POLISH RED CROSS IN THE BRITISH ZONE.

1. UNRRA having concluded an agreement with the Polish Red Cross on the 14th March, a plan of action for the work of the Society in the British Zone has now been drawn up in consultation with the Senior Representatives of the organisation.
2. It is agreed that there shall be a Senior Delegate for the Zone, who shall organise the Society's work under the following departments:-
  - (a) Health
  - (b) Welfare
  - (c) Care of children
  - (d) Education

It is understood that repatriation will be the dominant note of the senior delegate's planning, though it is understood that the Society is also interested in the care of the residual group.

The Polish Red Cross Repatriation Office will work in close liaison, not only with the UNRRA Repatriation Office, but also with the Polish Military Repatriation Mission at Bad Oeynhausen.

3. It is agreed that there shall be a Senior Delegate's Office, attached to UNRRA Zone H.Q. with a staff of approximately eleven persons who will be responsible for the above departments and the general administration of the Society's work.

In detail it is planned that the personnel of the Senior Delegate's Office shall be as follows:-

	1 Senior Delegate
	1 Deputy "
	1 Medical Officer
	1 Deputy Medical Officer (Hospitals)
	1 Child Care Officer
	1 Jurist for Child search work
	1 Education Liaison Officer
	1 Administrative Officer
	1 Secretary
	2 Drivers
Total	<u>11 persons</u>

4. It is agreed that there shall be four sub delegations in the Zone, three of which shall be attached to the UNRRA Regional H.Q.s and the fourth a sub delegation in the Hanover Region, probably located at Gottingen. If at any time the movement and agglomeration of Polish Displaced Persons within the Zone should require alteration of the number or location of these sub-delegations, such a change should be speedily made. It is, for instance, anticipated that if all Poles move out of Schleswig Holstein region, the Polish Red Cross delegation there would be withdrawn.



In detail, the personnel of the sub-delegation is planned as follows:-

<u>1 and 8 Corps</u>	<u>30 Corps</u>
1 Sub-delegate	1 sub-delegate
1 Medical Officer	1 Deputy sub-delegate
1 Welfare Officer	2 Medical Officers
1 Child Care Officer	2 Welfare Officers
1 Jurist for Child Search work	2 Child care officers
2 Secretaries	1 Jurist for Child Search Work
2 Drivers	3 Secretaries
1 Education Liaison Officer	3 Drivers.
<u>10 (20) total</u>	<u>15 total</u>

5. It has been agreed that as education is an especially important part of the work, there shall be separate education branches, situated at Lemförde (HQ) Hannover, Lubeck and Lippstadt. This arrangement also arises out of the fact that the education department of the old Polish Red Cross have transferred to the new official organisation all are anxious to retain their old premises and connections. In the case of Speng, Lubeck and Lippstadt, Education Liaison Officers will be appointed to the sub-delegations (see above personnel lists). It is felt that this is not necessary at Hannover.

In detail, the personnel of the education branch will be as follows:-

Lemförde HQ	16 - 20
Hannover	1 Education Officer, 1 Deputy, 1 Officer, 1 secretary 1 driver.
Lubeck	1 " " 1 Secretary, 1 driver
Lippstadt	1 " " 1 Secretary, 1 driver.

6. An additional work of the Polish Red Cross is on tracing. The Tracing Bureau (British Zone) has requested the services of 7 or 8 Polish Red Cross officers for this work.

7. It is the particular wish of the Polish Red Cross Senior Delegate for Germany that the work be developed in the closest co-operation with UNRRA. It is agreed that the Regional sub-delegations be established in close proximity to UNRRA Regional offices and that the work of each department be organised with the advice and direction of the responsible UNRRA officer.

This is particularly important in the case of the work of the Child Care Officers and jurists. These officers can be of the utmost assistance to UNRRA in their difficult task, and it is agreed that the officers work at all times with the UNRRA Child Welfare Officers.

8. A medical psychiatrist from the Polish Red Cross is available at CHQ and will be invited from time to time to work in the British Zone at the direction of the UNRRA Chief Medical Officer. Since he is a specialist in children's work, it is anticipated that his services may also be utilised by the UNRRA Child Welfare Department, particularly in relation to Juvenile delinquency.

9. It is anticipated that the Polish Red Cross will need to build up rapidly into an organisation in the British Zone with a total personnel of approximately 80 persons including officers, secretarial assistants and drivers. Should the organisation have access to supplies in future, it will be necessary to increase the staff to include supply and warehousing personnel.