

Foreign Exchange Control Regulations; amendments

18. The Minister of Public Works reported that the Special Committee of Council had requested that the proposed amendments to the Foreign Exchange Control Regulations be submitted to Cabinet for consideration. The Committee had had some doubts as to the desirability of approving these amendments since they provided, inter alia, that a permit under these Regulations was subject to any terms and conditions either contained in the letter or document or not prescribed by the Board in granting the permission.

19. The Prime Minister thought that, although the true purpose of the amendment was probably entirely legitimate, it would seem inadvisable to make any regulation which appeared to allow prosecutions for infractions of conditions which had not been made known to the person or persons charged.

20. The Minister of Justice as Acting Minister of Finance suggested that decision be deferred in this matter pending further consideration of the points raised.

21. The Cabinet, after discussion, deferred decision on proposed amendments to the Foreign Exchange Control Regulations pending further consideration and report in respect of the proposed amendment to section 11 of the Regulations.

27th Canadian Infantry Brigade; legal status in Germany

22. The Secretary of State for External Affairs noted that certain constitutional difficulties had arisen in connection with the stationing of the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade in Germany as part of the Integrated Force under the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. It had been thought undesirable to send the Brigade to Germany as part of the Occupation forces already there. On the other hand, as the German government was not a party to the N.A.T.O. Forces Agreement, it was difficult to see how Canadian troops could be sent to Germany in any other capacity. This problem was now under consideration.

23. The Minister of National Defence said that the problem of the status of Canadian troops in Germany was under discussion by General Simonds and

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