

A considerable part of the session at Atlantic City was devoted to defining the relationships and the division of responsibility between the Council, the Director General and the Standing Committees of the Council. The Canadian delegation took an active part in working out a satisfactory system of organization. The functional principle of international representation was found to be a highly appropriate principle, and received widespread support. By this system, countries having most to contribute to certain aspects of the work of U.N.R.R.A. were given corresponding responsibility in the development of policy with regard to those aspects. In the final decisions of the Council, the role of the representative bodies of the Administration in the formulation of policy was firmly established.

Aside from the Council itself, the policy-making organs of the Administration consist of the Central Committee, the Standing Regional Committees for Europe and the Far East, the Standing Committees on Supplies and Financial Control, and the Standing Technical Committees on agriculture, displaced persons, health, industrial rehabilitation, and welfare.

Central Committee

The Director General is also chairman of the Central Committee which deals with general policy matters between sessions of the Council. Representatives of the United Kingdom, United States, China and Russia are members of this Committee. The relative importance of the Central Committee has been considerably reduced since the presentation of the initial proposals, and all its decisions must be reported promptly to each of the member governments, and must later be ratified by the Council.

Regional Committees

The Regional Committees for Europe and the Far East will prepare recommendations for the Council regarding the basis for the determination of relief requirements in those areas, and will advise the Director General with respect to equitable apportionment of relief supplies within their respective regions. The Committee for the Far East is under the chairmanship of the representative of China and consists of representatives of all member governments in that region. The United Kingdom representative is chairman of the Committee for Europe, which is composed of the representatives of all the member governments in Europe together with the representatives of Brazil, Canada, and the United States.