

As these arrangements will take a little time to complete, the Three Governments have in the meantime issued the following Declaration of Intent:—

“Recognizing that this great country can no longer be deprived of the rights properly belonging to a free and democratic people; and

Desiring to associate the Federal Republic of Germany on a footing of equality with their efforts for peace and security;

The Governments of France, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America desire to end the Occupation régime as soon as possible.

The fulfilment of this policy calls for the settlement of problems of detail in order to liquidate the past and to prepare for the future, and requires the completion of appropriate Parliamentary procedures.

In the meantime, the Three Governments are instructing their High Commissioners to act forthwith in accordance with the spirit of the above policy. In particular, the High Commissioners will not use the powers which are to be relinquished unless in agreement with the Federal Government, except in the fields of disarmament and demilitarization and in cases where the Federal Government has not been able for legal reasons to take the action or assume the obligations contemplated in the agreed arrangement.”

## II.—Brussels Treaty

The Brussels Treaty will be strengthened and extended to make it a more effective focus of European integration.

For this purpose the following arrangements have been agreed upon:—

- (a) The Federal Republic of Germany and Italy will be invited to accede to the Treaty, suitably modified to emphasize the objective of European unity, and they have declared themselves ready to do so. The system of mutual automatic assistance in case of attack will thus be extended to the Federal Republic of Germany and Italy.
- (b) The structure of the Brussels Treaty will be reinforced. In particular the Consultative Council provided in the Treaty will become a Council with powers of decision.
- (c) The activities of the Brussels Treaty Organization will be extended to include further important tasks as follows:—

The size and general characteristics of the German defence contribution will conform to the contribution fixed for EDC.

The maximum defence contribution to NATO of all members of the Brussels Treaty Organization will be determined by a special agreement fixing levels which can only be increased by unanimous consent.

The strength and armaments of the internal defence forces and the police on the Continent of the countries members of the Brussels Treaty Organization will be fixed by agreements within that organization, having regard to their proper functions and to existing levels and needs.

The Brussels Treaty Powers agree to set up, as part of the Brussels Treaty Organization, an Agency for the control of armaments on the Continent of Europe of the continental members of the Brussels Treaty Organization. The detailed provisions are as follows:—

1. The functions of the Agency shall be:—

- (a) to ensure that the prohibition of the manufacture of certain types of armaments as agreed between the Brussels Powers is being observed;