

the Ukrainian, Polish and Byelo-Russian delegates, while the Danish, Dutch, American, Belgian, French and other delegates supported the U.K. stand. The Canadian representative, Mr. Kewles, made a speech summarizing the two schools of thought, indicating that the Yugoslav Delegate was approaching the problem from a purely political point of view and suggesting that it was after all primarily a humanitarian problem. Towards the end of the debate, the U.S.S.T. Delegation proposed a compromise measure which suggested the creation of a specialised agency on refugees, the cessation in the refugee camps of all propaganda against any one United Nation, or any of its members, assistance in repatriation, and assistance to those persons not desirous of returning to the country of origin to settle in their country of residence with the consent of the country of origin. Mrs. Roosevelt, the American Delegate, then proposed a further compromise solution, the essence of which was that no uprooted persons should be compelled to return to their country of origin though they should be encouraged to do so, and that no action as a result of the resolution should be of such a character as to interfere in any way with the surrender and punishment of war criminals. The question was then referred to a sub-committee which produced a majority report.

The argument between the Soviet group and the other countries may be summarised as follows:

- (1) Who is to determine whether a displaced person is a bona fide refugee or not, the proposed international agency or the country of origin.
- (2) Should propaganda among refugees against repatriation and against members of the United Nations be permitted.
- (3) Should the personnel of the international organization on refugees be largely drawn from the countries of origin.

The report of the sub-committee was a fair compromise, admitting that war criminals should not receive any of the benefits of genuine refugees, but standing firmly by the principles of the ^{right} asylum and humanity. The Soviet Delegation presented a series of amendments which were voted down. The only real concession which received approval was a

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