

14. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that, if the necessary arrangements could be made with the Allied High Commission in Germany, a statement be issued to the effect that the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade would form part of the Integrated Force under General Eisenhower and would be located in Germany; the activities of the brigade, however, would be limited to defence purposes under the North Atlantic Treaty.

International Refugee Organization; instructions to Canadian delegation

15. The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, referring to discussion at the meeting of October 5th, 1951, reported that the Tenth Session of the Executive Committee of the International Refugee Organization would open at Geneva on October 18th. The Eighth Session of the General Council of the same body would open on October 22nd.

It was recommended that the Canadian delegation to these meetings follow closely the instructions already approved by Cabinet and issued to the Canadian delegation to the I.L.O. Migration Conference at Naples. The Canadian delegation should base its position on the assumption that the International Refugee Organization would in fact terminate its operations on December 31st, 1951. Plans for utilizing remaining I.R.O. funds should be examined critically, bearing in mind the possible advantages of maintaining programmes which would keep in operation the I.R.O. personnel and fleet until some decision had been reached in the United States with respect to possible further uses of these facilities in any European migration scheme. The delegation should particularly avoid committing the government to support any proposals for further contributions to I.R.O. Any such proposal should be referred to Ottawa for guidance.

An explanatory note had been circulated.

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16. The Cabinet, after discussion, approved instructions to the Canadian delegation to forthcoming International Refugee Organization meetings at Geneva as submitted by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, subject to concurrence by the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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