

NOTE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

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You may wish to make some comment on the annexed Foreign Office note on the European Advisory Commission.

1. We should acknowledge the very full information on the United Kingdom approach to post-hostilities problems which we have been given, at official levels.

2. It might be advisable, in discussing the machinery of control in Europe, to reiterate the views we expressed in answer to a Dominions Office telegram of last June: i.e. that Canada will have earned the right to an adequate voice in such machinery by her participation in the liberation of Europe and by the contribution she will make to relief and rehabilitation. Although we presumably do not want to commit the country at this point to long-range participation in the occupation of Germany, the fact that substantial Canadian troops will be with the occupation forces in the first stage should be noted.

3. You could associate yourself with the United Kingdom hope that the European Advisory Commission will develop into an effective instrument and express the hope that the French and other peoples (possibly ourselves) may soon be associated with it more directly.

4. It might be worth asking for some frank comments on the way in which the Advisory Council for Italy has worked out and for some comparison of the two bodies and possibly an indication of the lessons on international co-operation to be drawn from experiments to date.

5. You might also enquire whether the United Kingdom is still thinking in terms of a United Nations Commission for Europe as proposed last June. There has been little mention of such a body in recent proposals for dealing with Germany.

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