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do not know whether that committee has met yet. The situation in the far east is far more uncertain than it is in Europe.

Mr. STIRLING: Is India represented on that?

Mr. CLAXTON: India is represented on that one. The administration itself has its headquarters at Washington, and there is seated the headquarters and executive of the administration under its director general, the former Governor Lehman, who has been in active control of its affairs ever since he was appointed by the unanimous vote of the nations at Atlantic City.

The administration is a going concern. As the hon. member indicated, its principal purpose now is to survey requirements and make its claims on the combined boards for requirements. That work is actively being carried on. A very large part of the staff necessary to do the work has been recruited. At the same time the work is being carried on in London with relation to requirements for Europe. So that the work of UNRRA is actively being carried on to-day.

Mr. KNOWLES: Could the Prime Minister or his parliamentary assistant give some idea of the proportion of this ten million dollars which is required for administrative purposes and the proportion which is allocated for the purchase of Canadian goods? I believe the Prime Minister said that the money would be divided between these two purposes.

Mr. CLAXTON: The administrative budget of UNRRA was approved by the council at its first meeting at Atlantic City and it totalled ten million dollars. That was the estimate made by the director general in the light of the information then available to him. The total income that UNRRA expects to receive in consequence of the contributions of the member nations is in the neighbourhood of \$2,000 millions, so that hon. members can easily calculate what portion of the total income of UNRRA is to be spent in administrative expenses.

Mr. KNOWLES: And the administrative budget is allocated in proportion to the contributions?

Mr. CLAXTON: That is not quite so. The administrative budget is allocated between the countries on a different basis from their contributions. I can give my hon. friend some information as to the basis arrived at if he wants it. The proportion of the administrative expenses payable by Canada is three per cent of the total of ten million dollars, but Canada, in making her contribution, can count

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the amount allocated to her in the administrative budget on account of the total that Canada decides to give.

Mr. DIFENBAKER: I should like to ask a question with regard to administrative staffs. From a reading of the debates in the United States it is indicated that quite a number of persons are being trained there for the purpose of taking positions in the administrative staffs. I should like to know whether any Canadians are being trained to-day, and the numbers of Canadians who may reasonably be expected to secure positions once the administration is in full swing, also the qualifications for the positions in connection with the administration.

Mr. CLAXTON: One of the resolutions laid down at Atlantic City by the council was that the staff should be recruited as a genuine international staff. I can quote the resolution if my hon. friend wants it. So far as I know, that resolution is being carried out by the administration. Director general Lehman, in recruiting his staff, is endeavouring to secure the people who are best qualified to do the job, without regard to the country which they represent. But at the same time he is endeavouring to see that the genuine international character of the staff is maintained. The list of the deputy directors general would indicate that. Sir Arthur Salter is the senior deputy director general. He is a member of the British house and a former minister of the crown in the United Kingdom, having great experience in transportation and other work. The other deputy director generals, I believe, come from seven or eight different countries. Sir Frederick Leith Ross is deputy director general for Europe, and a Canadian, Mr. Van Gelder, is deputy director general in charge of administration. There are a number of other Canadians on the staff of UNRRA already. When it is said in the newspapers that UNRRA is recruiting a staff for training for service abroad, I think the newspapers are rather in advance of the administration in that regard, because so far the administration has not been actively engaged in recruiting staff for service abroad. It has been engaged in organizing its work at Washington. To-day it has most of the staff necessary to carry on all the work it is carrying on. I am not quite sure how many additional people will be required, but if any Canadians do wish to apply they should apply directly to the UNRRA administration at duPont Circle building in Washington and their applications will be considered like anyone else's. It is not expected that any staff will be recruited by UNRRA for service in Canada.