

(b) noted that the Minister of Resources and Development had indicated it was not essential for his department to be represented.

German war criminals

14. The Minister of National Defence, referring to the discussion at the meeting of October 18, 1951, pointed out that it would be necessary to reply to a question in the House of Commons as to whether the recent action of the government in transferring Kurt Meyer to a criminals' prison in Germany had resulted from foreign representations.

15. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the report of the Minister of National Defence regarding German war criminals and agreed that:

- (1) the Secretary of State for External Affairs take immediate steps to have the German Ambassador informed, in reply to his representations, that the government was unable to agree to remission of the sentences of Kurt Meyer and Johann Neitz;
- (2) in order to dispose of the enquiry in the House of Commons concerning Meyer,

(a) the Minister of National Defence would table the relevant Order in Council, report his consequential action in designating Werl prison as a Canadian Service prison and committing Meyer to it and explain that German representations for the remission of Meyer's sentence had been received subsequent to the decision to transfer him to Germany; and

(b) the Secretary of State for External Affairs would then outline his department's discussions with the German Ambassador.

Ming Sung ships; new allegations; transfer to U.K. registry

16. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, referring to the discussion at the meeting of October 18th, 1951, said that authorities in Hong Kong had transmitted unconfirmed reports that Canadian-registered ships of the Ming Sung Industrial Company were carrying communist troops to Hainan and that there were fairly reliable reports that these ships were also carrying strategic materials between Macao and Canton.

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