

(National Defence memorandum, and attached letter from the Minister to the Minister of Labour, March 26, 1945 - C.W.C. document 970).

2. The Minister of Mines and Resources enquired whether, in view of the greatly improved war situation, it would not be possible to modify or eliminate the present heavy Army requisitions for men under the N.R.M. Act.

3. General McNaughton explained that requisitions and call-ups were running on a month to month basis and were regularly re-assessed, in accordance with requirements. It was proposed to submit a full report on the subject to the War Committee at an early date.

4. The War Committee noted, with approval, the Minister's reports.

Operational reports

5. Major Geymonat, with the aid of intelligence maps, reported on the progress of operations in Western Europe, in Italy, on the Russian front, and in the Far East.

6. The Secretary submitted the Chiefs of Staff Operational report for the Month of February, 1945, copies of which had been circulated.

(Chiefs of Staff Operational Report, March 26, 1945 - C.W.C. document 965).

7. The War Committee noted submission of these reports.

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8. The Prime Minister read and commented upon a revision of the draft statement which had been discussed at the previous meeting of the War Committee, on March 22nd.

The revised draft had been prepared by the Secretariat, after receiving the comments of the Ministers of National Defence.

Copies of the revised draft were distributed to the Ministers of National Defence.

(Draft IV of proposed statement, March 27, 1945).

9. The War Committee, after going over the revised draft in detail, and after considerable discussion, agreed that substantial further revision was necessary, particularly in relation to those paragraphs which dealt with the method of selecting

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