

(e) that if it should be decided that it would be in the British Commonwealth interest that the expansion of international commercial air services should meanwhile continue to be restrained, it would be desirable to effect some relaxation of the practice governing the carrying out of priority civilian passengers and goods in military transport aircraft. There were strong objections from the Service point of view to the principle of civilian passengers and freight being carried for hire in military aircraft, but it was felt that this objection was one primarily the concern of governments to resolve and it might be met in part by the governments undertaking to bear the cost. In the event of changes being made, it would be desirable for the governments operating such services to come to some arrangement as to priorities and scale of payments.

The Committee also considered the operation of military trans-Pacific services from the U.K. to Australia by way of United States and by way of Central America.

On the first route it was agreed that the R.A.F., the R.C.A.F., the R.A.A.F., and the R.N.Z.A.F., should cooperate in providing aircrews, base and maintenance facilities and ground personnel at air fields in the respective territories of their governments and that liaison officers as they might be required should be appointed at bases along the route.

The Canadian representative expressed the view that Canada should in the light of Canada's declared policy at this conference operate that portion of route in which Canada was mainly interested, viz: the link from Dorval to San Diego - as an R.C.A.F. undertaking. It was agreed that it would be possible for this section to be operated by R.C.A.F. without detriment to the general principle of a unified route.

On the second route it was agreed that from the point of view of strategic and military considerations this route was of primary importance and that efforts should be made to complete its survey and to initiate operations as soon as possible. This route might be developed in the postwar period as a commercial route but it would be primarily a military defence communications