

- (2) although grave problems would arise in providing large numbers of men for occupation duties on a long-term basis, Canada should be ready to furnish at least a small occupation force;
- (3) in view of the necessity for gradual repatriation and demobilization, arrangements might be made for the short-term use as occupation troops of more substantial Canadian forces as part of an orderly programme of demobilization;
- (4) the extent of such participation would depend, however, on the nature and extent of Canadian forces assigned for duty in the Far East;
- (5) no commitment to provide occupation troops on other than a short-term basis could be reached except in relation to the permanent establishments to be authorized for the three Services after the war; and
- (6) consideration should be given by the responsible Allied authorities to contributions of occupation troops from European allies, at least at a later stage, on a larger scale than envisaged in the proposals received from London.

9. To facilitate further consideration of these problems, it was the view of the meeting that the War Committee should authorize the following arrangements:

(a) the creation of a Post-Hostilities Advisory Committee composed of the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Chiefs of Staff, and the Secretary of the Cabinet with the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs as Chairman, to give direction and guidance to a Working Committee, to refer to it matters requiring detailed study, and to submit to the Cabinet War Committee recommendations on post-hostilities problems as occasion may arise; and

(b) the creation of a Working Committee on Post-Hostilities Problems, with the same membership as the present informal body, constituted as a sub-committee of the foregoing Committee, to keep the latter currently informed on post-hostilities matters, and to prepare studies or arrange for the preparation of studies which it considers necessary or which have been assigned to it by the Post-Hostilities Advisory Committee.

10. It is requested that the Cabinet War Committee should - (a) approve the establishment of the committees proposed in paragraph 9; and

(b) give general guidance to the further studies by indicating their attitude towards the views put forward in paragraph 8.