

Mr. STIRLING: Do these planned operations cover that part of Russia, for instance, which has been liberated? Do they cover those countries in eastern Europe which we hope will be released shortly, through the operations being carried on by Russia? When that occurs, will UNRRA get busy in regard to those countries?

Mr. CLAXTON: I am not familiar with the exact situation in regard to relief in connection with the liberated territory of the Soviet Union. I do not know whether Russia has put forward any requests; I do not believe she has, to this date; but when they are put forward and when the nations are in a position to supply relief, it will be made available to Russia either in accordance with the policies laid down in the resolution or in accordance with such other policies as the council may adopt.

Mr. REID: I should like to ask the gentleman one or two questions, and perhaps while I am on my feet I can put them all together, so that they may be answered in the same way. The first question has to do with the amount of money that is to be spent. Has any decision been arrived at or any estimate made as to the amount of money likely to be required from all countries, and in particular from this country? If a total sum has been arrived at, will a bill be introduced later this session in which that amount will be set out? Otherwise it would seem to me that if an emergency should arise at any time in the future we might not be in a position to meet it, because, as I read this bill, only some \$10,000,000 can be used for this purpose.

That was one of the questions I had in mind, but I rose particularly to ask another question. Several committees will be set up under this administration. In the first place we have the council consisting of representatives of all countries signatories to the agreement, of which council Canada is a member. Then there is the central committee, which is to consist of representatives of China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, with the director general presiding without vote. It is true that the council must meet at least twice a year, but I would judge that the central committee is a very important body indeed, in that it can formulate emergency policies which, of course, later on must be referred to the entire council. The thought I have in mind is this. Where does Canada come in? Why is Canada not represented on the central committee? After all, we are beginning to take our place in world affairs, and in my opinion the more we know

about Europe the better. I cannot understand why Canada should not have a representative on that central committee. If the minister would answer those two questions I think it would be of some help.

Mr. CLAXTON: The hon. member referred to the amount Canada might contribute toward the total requirements of UNRRA. The amount provided by the present bill is \$10,000,000, but order No. 7 on the order paper of to-day is a resolution preceding a measure to provide for sums of money not to exceed \$800,000,000 in connection with Mutual Aid, and it will be seen that in addition to Mutual Aid that money may be used, if the resolution passes, for the purpose of fulfilling any obligations arising out of the united nations relief and rehabilitation agreement. So that part of the money will be made available by this bill, if it passes, and part by the Mutual Aid bill, if it passes. As for the total requirements of UNRRA, it is estimated that the one per cent of the national income which the nations are recommended to contribute if they are in a position to do so will bring in a total of between two and two and a half billion dollars. That is the best estimate anyone has been able to arrive at. Already the United States has passed a resolution approving an appropriation of \$1,350,000,000, and the United Kingdom has passed a resolution approving an appropriation of £80,000,000, so that they are well on the way already.

With regard to the question of Canada being a member of the central committee I can only say that the agreement was signed at Washington by the forty-four nations, and Canada did not become a member of the central committee but was made chairman of the committee on supplies. Under the agreement the chairman of the committee on supplies has a right to sit in with the central committee when supply questions are being considered. I cannot conceive of the central committee having many meetings without considering questions of supply, so that while it is not quite the same as being a member of the central committee, Canada, by reason of the fact that she is chairman of the committee on supplies, does occupy a rather special place.

Mr. STIRLING: She is also a member of the regional committee for Europe.

Mr. CLAXTON: Yes; that is quite right. While I am on my feet may I correct one statement I made last evening, when the hon. member for Lake Centre asked whether or not UNRRA was recruiting a staff for service abroad. I have checked up that point and I find that UNRRA has just begun recruiting a limited number of people for