

(Letter, Deputy Minister of Labour,  
to the Minister, Dec. 19, 1946).

12. The Minister of Agriculture drew attention to the case of the prisoners of war who had recently given evidence at the trial of fellow prisoners found guilty of murder in an internment camp. It would appear that these men might be allowed to remain by exception.

13. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that, in the circumstances, the retention of any group of prisoners of war in Canada would not be justified and that all should be returned forthwith, it being understood, however, that consideration would be given to individual cases upon compassionate or other grounds deemed by the government to be sufficient; the Departments concerned to be instructed accordingly and National Defence to investigate, at once, the individual cases referred to by the Minister of Agriculture.

Canadian Service representation in  
the United Kingdom; instructions

14. The Prime Minister, referring to the decision taken at the meeting of November 15th for the attachment of appropriate liaison officers to the High Commissioner's office in London, submitted revised draft instructions to govern the Service representatives.

The draft document read as follows:

"The Canadian Joint Staff Mission in London which was constituted by Cabinet War Committee decision of January 8th, 1945, will terminate its activities and be superseded by a Liaison Officer from each of the Armed Services and from Defence Research who will be attached to the staff of the Canadian High Commissioner in the United Kingdom.

These officers will be responsible for keeping the High Commissioner informed on matters concerning their respective Services; they will provide liaison, on matters of mutual interest, between their respective Services and the corresponding Services in the United Kingdom.

It will be incumbent upon the Liaison Officers to consult together in matters of joint interest to the Canadian Armed Forces with the object of submitting joint reports on such matters to the High Commissioner and to the Chiefs of Staff Committee, Ottawa. The principles and procedure to govern in the performance of such joint functions will be determined in consultation with the High Commissioner."

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