

## I. INTRODUCTION

This special supplement contains the official texts of all the agreements signed at Paris on October 23rd, 1954, at the end of the Four-Power Nine-Power and North Atlantic Council meetings, with the exception of the five Schedules to the Protocol on the Termination of the Occupation Régime in the Federal Republic of Germany. These Schedules are meaningless unless read in conjunction with the Bonn Conventions of May, 1952, and therefore it was judged more useful to the reader to replace them with a résumé of the principal modifications made under each schedule to the original Conventions.

The documents and agreements made public on October 23rd amount in all to about 30,000 words. They comprise:

- (1) A set of Four-Power Agreements on the ending of the occupation régime in Western Germany;
- (2) A set of Nine-Power Agreements establishing Western European Union, on the basis of the enlarged Brussels Treaty;
- (3) A group of NATO agreements providing for the entry of the Federal Republic of Germany into NATO and the strengthening of the Atlantic Organization.

The first two sets of agreements were signed at the Quai d'Orsay on Saturday afternoon, October 23rd, 1954. The NATO Protocol was signed at the Palais de Chaillot at 5.0 p. m. the same afternoon.

In addition to the Conferences held at the Palais de Chaillot, Franco-German talks also took place throughout the week, beginning with conversations on October 19th at the Château de la Celle St. Cloud, between Chancellor Adenauer and Premier Mendès-France. Franco-German Agreements, including that on the Saar, were also signed at the Quai d'Orsay on October 23rd, 1954. The text of the Saar Agreement is given in the current issue of this Letter.

## II. FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE

### 1. Protocol on the Termination of the Occupation Régime in the Federal Republic of Germany

The United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany agree as follows:

## Article 1

The Convention on Relations between the Three Powers and the Federal Republic of Germany, the Convention on the Rights and Obligations of Foreign Forces and their Members in the Federal Republic of Germany, the Finance Convention, the Convention on the Settlement of Matters arising out of the War and the Occupation, signed at Bonn on 26 May 1952, the Protocol signed at Bonn on 27 June 1952 to correct certain textual errors in the aforementioned Conventions, and the Agreement on the Tax Treatment of the Forces and their Members signed at Bonn on 26 May 1952, as amended by the Protocol signed at Bonn on 26 July 1952, shall be amended in accordance with the five Schedules to the present Protocol and as so amended shall enter into force (together with subsidiary documents agreed by the Signatory States relating to any of the aforementioned instruments) simultaneously with it.

## Article 2

Pending the entry into force of the arrangements for the German Defence Contribution, the following provisions shall apply:

- (1) The rights heretofore held or exercised by the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the French Republic relating to the fields of disarmament and demilitarisation shall be retained and exercised by them, and nothing in any of the instruments mentioned in Article 1 of the present Protocol shall authorise the enactment, amendment, repeal or deprivation of effect of legislation or, subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Article, executive action in those fields by any other authority.
- (2) On the entry into force of the present Protocol, the Military Security Board shall be abolished (without prejudice to the validity of any action or decisions taken by it) and the controls in the fields of disarmament and demilitarisation shall thereafter be applied by a Joint Four-Power Organization to which each of the Signatory States shall appoint one representative and which shall take its decisions by majority vote of the four members.
- (3) The Governments of the Signatory States will conclude an administrative agreement which shall provide, in conformity with the provisions of this Article, for the establishment of the Joint Four-Power Commission and its staff and for the organization of its work.

## Article 3

- (1) The present Protocol shall be ratified or approved by the Signatory States in accordance with their