

Kurt Meyer; transfer to Germany

12. The Minister of National Defence, referring to discussion at the meeting of September 21st, 1951, reported that arrangements had now been completed to have Kurt Meyer transferred by plane the following morning from Dorchester penitentiary to a war criminals' prison in the U.K. zone of Germany. Meyer's transfer from a federal penitentiary to a service prison in Germany could not be effected without an Order in Council. It was proposed that such an Order be passed the following day and that a statement announcing the transfer be made following approval of the Order in Council.

A draft statement was submitted and read.

13. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted with approval the statement proposed to be made by the Minister of National Defence relating to the transfer of Kurt Meyer from the Dorchester penitentiary to a war criminals' prison in the U.K. zone of Germany and agreed that the required Order in Council be passed the following day.

Egyptian situation; support for the United Kingdom

14. The Secretary of State for External Affairs said that the U.K. government were very worried at the possibility that the dangerous situation in Egypt might worsen and spread in the Middle East. The U.K. commander had been ordered to defend the area in which British troops were stationed under the 1936 Agreement and also to expel Egyptians from the area. A brigade was being moved from Cyprus and another might be moved if required. The United Kingdom was anxious to improve the situation and felt that improvement might result if it received strong support from the United States. If such support was not forthcoming, the Egyptian government might take further provocative action. The U.K. government had asked that Canada, among other countries, provide moral support through a public statement that the position in the canal zone ought not to be altered by force. They wished also to have views, in support of the position taken by the United Kingdom, communicated to the U.S. government in order to encourage a strong backing in Washington and, if possible, a public statement there of support.

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