

resolution providing for bi-lateral agreements for mutual assistance in repatriation. This might conceivably be used successfully to contravene the principles of the resolution.

During the discussion most of the countries preferred that the new organization should take the form of a specialised agency rather than that of a commission of the Economic and Social Council. The United States Delegate did not support any specific type of organization. The delegates from the Arab countries urges that the humanitarian problem caused by Jewish refugees should not be confused with the political question of zionism. The attention of the organization was drawn by the French delegate to the 400,000 statutory refugees in France, proposing that they should be dealt with primarily by a national organization which would report to the international authority. The Danish Delegation drew attention to the presence in Denmark of 200,000 German civilian refugees from eastern Germany placed there by the Nazis in the Spring of 1945.

At its meeting, Committee 3 finally approved for submission to the General Assembly for its consideration and approval the following resolution:

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recognizing that the problem of refugees and displaced persons of all categories is one of immediate urgency and recognizing the necessity of clearly distinguishing between genuine refugees and displaced persons, on the one hand, and the war criminals, quislings, and traitors referred to in paragraph (d) below, on the other:

(a) DECIDES to refer this problem to the Economic and Social Council for thorough examination in all its aspects under item 10 of the Agenda for the First Session of the Council and for report to the next Session of the General Assembly;

(b) RECOMMENDS to the Economic and Social Council that it establish a special committee for the purpose of carrying out promptly the examination and preparation of the report referred to in paragraph (a); and

(c) RECOMMENDS to the Economic and Social Council to take into consideration in this matter the following principles:

(i) this problem is international in scope and nature;

(ii) non-refugees or displaced persons who have finally and definitely, in complete freedom, and after receiving full knowledge of the facts including adequate information from the governments of their countries of origin, expressed valid objections to returning to their countries of origin and who do not come within the provisions of paragraph (d) below, shall be

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