

This Declaration, read together with the "Acts of German Military Surrender" of April 29 and May 4, 7, 8, 1945 (Canada Treaty Series 1945, No. 15), and the following three statements (Canada Treaty Series 1945, No. 16) constitutes the present "international statute" ("statut particulier") of Germany, and it is this "statute" from which no doubt the negotiations regarding the future government and international relations of Germany will start:-

(a) Statement by the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the Provisional Government of the French Republic on zones of occupation in Germany, signed at Berlin on the 5th June, 1945;

(b) Statements by the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the Provisional Governments of the French Republic on control machinery in Germany, signed at Berlin on the 5th June, 1945;

(c) Statement by the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the Provisional Government of the French Republic on consultation with Government of other United Nations, signed at Berlin on the 5th June, 1945.

This "statute" includes the following provisions:

- (1) A surrender of Germany to the Supreme Allied and Soviet Commands;
- (2) The assumption by the Supreme Commands and Governments of the United Kingdom, the U.S.A., the U.S.S.R. and the French Republic of the supreme authority with respect to Germany, including the power to determine the boundaries and status of Germany;