

decided to defer once more its judgment on the eligibility of refugees of German ethnic origin from Eastern European and South Eastern Europe. These are the refugees and displaced persons commonly known as the Volksdeutsche.

RESETTLEMENT PROBLEM

The General Council was particularly concerned with the difficulty that at the present time the principle of resettling entire families as a group is only partially accepted by most states which are now receiving refugees and displaced persons. There is a

very dangerous likelihood that after the next two years, at the time when the Organization's Mandate has come to an end, a very large number of displaced persons unacceptable to any receiving state may still be left in the displaced persons camps in Europe. The number of these displaced persons, who normally would be unacceptable to most countries receiving immigrants, has been estimated to be as high as 200,000. The problem of their future maintenance in Europe is a matter of grave anxiety to the I.R.O.

During the course of this

first session the General Council appointed its first Executive Committee, a body to which nine countries nominated representatives to serve as the executive authority of the I.R.O. between meetings of the General Council. Canada was elected to the Executive Committee and the Canadian delegate to the General Council, Mr. Jean Désy, Canadian Ambassador to Italy, was elected Chairman of this Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will meet next in Rome on December 7 and the General Council plans to meet again toward the end of March 1949 in Geneva.

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APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

Pierre Dumas appointed Foreign Service Officer Grade I and assigned to Legal Division, September 1, 1948.

James Frederick Grandy appointed Statistician Grade 3 and assigned to Consular Division, September 13, 1948.

Miss Katharine G. MacDonnell appointed Junior Administrative Assistant and assigned to Consular Division, September 27, 1948.

James Blair Seaborn appointed Foreign Service Officer Grade I and assigned to Economic Division, September 27, 1948.

APPOINTMENTS:

J.K. Stames, during the absence of the Canadian Permanent Delegate to the United Nations, will be the Acting Representative of Canada to the United Nations, Lake Success, New York.

T.H.W. Read resumed his duties in the Consular Division on September 7, 1948 on returning from leave of absence.

TRANSFERS:

L.A.D. Stephens, Second Secretary, assumed his duties at the Canadian Embassy, The Hague, The Netherlands, September 16, 1948.

N.F.H. Berlis left Canada September 4, 1948 for Switzerland.

A.R. Kilgour has been posted from the Personnel Division to the United Nations General Assembly, Paris, prior to posting to the Canadian Embassy, Paris, France.

M.A. Crowe left Ottawa September 18, 1948 to assume his duties at the Canadian Embassy, Moscow, U.S.S.R.