

Mr. MacDonald had been told that, at a later stage, Canada would be willing to consider the steps which should be taken to facilitate the movement of persons from one country to another and would be glad to enter into discussions with U.K. authorities, as early as the war situation might make this practicable and fruitful.

A message to this effect was being sent to the U.K. government, since it was desired that an early statement on the matter be made in the British House of Commons.

(External Affairs draft statement delivered to the U.K. High Commissioner, Jan.15, 1945).

7. The War Committee noted with approval the Prime Minister's report.

International civil aviation;
Canada-U.S. discussions

8. The Minister of Munitions and Supply reported that arrangements had been made for meetings between Canadian and U.S. representatives, to be held in New York on January 18th, 19th and 20th.

The meeting would discuss air services between the two countries. They would also discuss a proposal for the constitution of a joint Canada-U.S. Board. It would probably be helpful to have such a body constituted in the form of a joint panel to give attention to questions arising between the two countries.

Arrangements for location of the new international organization in Canada were being examined and the matter of accommodation for the organization in Montreal was being looked into.

The U.S. government were anxious to have Canada sign the "Two Freedoms" agreement as soon as possible.

9. The War Committee, after discussion, noted with approval the Minister's report and agreed that the "Two Freedoms" agreement be signed on behalf of Canada, and appropriate full powers issued for the purpose

Termination of European hostilities; revised assumption
for planning purposes; budgetary procedure

10. The Secretary, referring to the discussion at the meeting of December 22nd, reported that further word had now been received from London and from Washington.

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