

Aside from the Council itself, the policy-making organs of the administration, which advise the Council, consist of the Central Committee; the Standing Regional Committees for Europe, and the Far East; the Standing Committees on Supplies, and Financial Control; and the Standing Technical Committees on agriculture, displaced persons, health, industrial rehabilitation, and welfare.

The Central Committee, on which the United States, the United Kingdom, China and Russia are represented, makes emergency decisions between Council sessions (it is laid down in the Agreement that the Council must meet at least once every six months), but all decisions of the Central Committee must be confirmed by the Council at the earliest possible moment.

A considerable part of the session at Atlantic City was devoted to defining the relationships and the division of responsibility between the Council, the Director General and the Standing Committees of the Council. The Canadian delegation took an active part in working out a satisfactory system of organization. The 'functional' principle of international representation, suggested by Canada, was found to be a highly appropriate principle, and received widespread support. By this system, countries having most to contribute to certain aspects of the work of UNRRA are given corresponding responsibility in the development of policy with regard to those aspects. For instance, the Regional Committee for the Far East is under the Chairmanship of the representative of China and consists of representatives of all Member Governments in that region. The United Kingdom representative is Chairman of the Committee for Europe, which is composed of the representatives of all the Member Governments in Europe together with the representatives of Brazil, Canada, and the United States.

The Chairmanship of the Committee on Supplies was voted to the Minister (now Ambassador) in the Canadian Embassy at Washington. This Committee will play an important part in the affairs of the Administration. The countries represented on this Committee are: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, the French Committee of National Liberation, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States. The Committee will advise the Council, the Central Committee and the Director General on general policies regarding the provision, financing and transport of supplies. The Chairman will participate in meetings of the Central Committee when supply matters are being considered and he, together with the Director General, will sit in with the Combined Boards when the interests of his Committee are discussed.

It was agreed that the activities of UNRRA in obtaining relief supplies must be co-ordinated with the existing wartime arrangements for the allocation of both supplies and shipping. Consequently all requirements for relief and rehabilitation that have been drawn up or approved by UNRRA are to be brought before the United Nations Combined Boards in Washington which have the duty of allocating Allied supplies of food, munitions, shipping, raw materials, etc., in a way that will contribute most effectively to the prosecution of the War. These requests are to be considered as an additional claim on available supplies, and to be balanced