Official Communiques

HICOM Meeting of June 14
The 65th meeting of the Council of the Allied High Commission was held at the Petersberg June 14. Present were Andre Francois-Poncet, French High Commissioner (chairman); Lt. Gen. Sir Gordon N. Macready, representing Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, United Kingdom High Commissioner; and Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, representing John J. McCloy, United States High Commissioner.

After a business session, Allied representatives from Berlin reported on current developments affecting Berlin's trade.

The next meeting of the Council is to be held at the Petersberg June 21.

HICOM Meeting of June 21
The 66th meeting of the Council of the Allied High Commission was held at the Petersberg June 21. Present were Armand Berard (chairman), representing Andre Francois-Poncet, French High Commissioner; Lt. Gen. Sir Gordon N. Macready, representing Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, United Kingdom High Commissioner, and Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, representing John J. McCloy, United States High Commissioner.

The Council:
1. Approved, on the request of the Federal Government, a law depriving of effect Articles 1 and 3 of Control Council Law No. 15 (amendment of turnover tax laws). This law, to be published in the next issue of the Official Gazette of the High Commission, will permit a federal law amending the turnover tax to take effect. Articles 1 and 3 of Control Council Law No. 15 had established the existing turnover tax rates which the federal law proposes to amend.
2. Noted that a federal law to repeal wartime regulations had been published in the Bundesgesetzblatt (Federal Official Gazette) on June 16, 1951.
3. Considered a memorandum from the federal chancellor on the general situation of the coal supply in the Federal Republic for the third quarter of 1951. The Council agreed that the High Commissioners would communicate the contents of the memorandum to their governments, who are concerned with the conclusions in their capacity as members of the International Authority for the Ruhr.
4. Paid tribute to the services rendered to the High Commission by Jean Cattier, US economic adviser, Maj. Gen. Wainwright-Jones, UK commissioner, Military Security Board, and Leo Handley-Derry, UK secretary-general to the High Commission, who are relinquishing their appointments.
5. Agreed to hold its next meeting at the Petersberg on June 29, 1951.

HICOM Meeting of June 29
The 57th meeting of the Council of the Allied High Commission was held at the Petersberg June 29. Present were Andre Francois-Poncet, French High Commissioner (chairman); J. G. Ward, representing Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, United Kingdom High Commissioner; and Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, representing John J. McCloy, United States High Commissioner.

In a short business session, the Council approved a law amending Allied High Commission Law No. 10 concerning claims against the Joint Export-Import Agency (JEIA). The amendment finalizes administrative decisions with respect to claims against the JEIA and provides that the Federal Republic, to which JEIA funds are being transferred, will not be liable in respect of claims against the agency.

The Council tentatively scheduled its next meeting for July 12 at the Petersberg.

Laws and Regulations

HICOM Law No. 54
Definition of United Nations
The Council of the Allied High Commission enacts as follows:

Article 1
In any legislation of the Occupation Authorities or of authorities to which they have succeeded, the expression "United Nations" shall mean:
a) the nations listed in the schedule of this law, being nations which signed or adhered to the United Nations Declaration, dated Jan. 1, 1942, or which by declaring war on Germany became associated with them in the war prior to May 8, 1945;
b) any territorial entity which was administered or controlled by a nation included in Paragraph (A) and was involved in the war against Germany by reason of the participation of such nation;
and
(c) any nation which has become or becomes independent after May 8, 1945 and whose territory at that date formed part either of the territory of a nation included in Paragraph (A) or of an entity included in Paragraph (B).

Article 2
The following legislation is hereby repealed:
SHAEB Law No. 3 (Definition of United Nations);
United States Military Government Law No. 3 (Amended) (Definition of United Nations).
Done at Berlin, May 31, 1951.

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Import of Deutsche Marks
Under a new ruling of the German exchange control authorities, occupation personnel are permitted to import 100 Deutsche marks per individual when entering Germany. Formerly the maximum limit was DM 40. The limit upon export remains at DM 40.

Announcement of the change was made June 22 by HICOG's Finance Division.

The new ruling was issued, effective June 20, by the Bank deutscher Loender (Bank of German States) in the form of a general license under MG Law No. 53 (revised).

At its Jan. 25 meeting, the Allied High Commission amended ARC Law No. 40 to place occupation personnel upon the same footing, regarding import and export of Deutsche marks, as all other travelers to and from the Federal Republic of Germany. The new German ruling thus affects all travelers entering Germany.

Law on Homeless Foreigners
The Allied High Commission has transmitted to the Federal Government a commendatory message from the United Nations high commissioner for refugees and the director-general of the International Refugee Organization with regard to the federal law on the status of homeless foreigners. Text of this law was recently sent by the High Commission to the secretary-general of the United Nations at his request.

In part, the message to the Federal Government stated that "in the opinion of the UN high commissioner for refugees..."