

DOCUMENTS ON
BIZONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION

INTRODUCTION

An Agreement between the British and U.S. Military Governments for the Reorganization of Bizonal Economic Agencies was signed on 29 May 1947 by Generals Robertson and Clay. This Agreement, which provides for the organization, selection, and functions of the new Economic Council, Executive Committee, and Executive Directors, is designed to "facilitate the solution of pressing economic problems and the construction of economic life by popularly controlled German agencies pending the creation of administrative and governmental institutions for Germany as a whole."

Military Government Proclamation No. 5, which appears in both English and German in this publication, is being issued by U.S. Military Government to give legal effect to the reorganization in the U.S. area of control; British Military Government is issuing a British Military Government Ordinance, which is identical in text to Proclamation No. 5, to give legal effect to the reorganization in its area of control.

Military Government Proclamation No. 5 will have two appendices. Appendix "A" which appears in both English and German in this publication, will be the "Agreement for the Reorganization of Bizonal Agencies." Appendix "B" will be Military Government Ordinance No. 14, "Relating to Production, Allocation, and Distribution of Goods and Raw Materials." This Military Government Ordinance is designed to give the present Executive Committee for Economics at Minden certain economic powers in the interim period until the new Economic Council is established and functioning. The text of this Military Government Ordinance is not included in this publication because of its length and highly technical nature.

Further information concerning Military Government Proclamation No. 5, the Agreement, and Military Government Ordinance No. 14, and subsequent organization changes may be obtained from the Civil Administration Division.
