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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

FACT-FINDING SUB-COMMITTEE

SUGGESTION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

(The United Kingdom Representative submits as a possible basis of discussion the following preliminary draft of a report to the Sub-Committee on sub-paragraph (a), omitting a report on "any conditions impeding speedy repatriation")

With regard to paragraph (a) of its terms of reference, the Sub-Committee finds as follows:-

1. That the number of displaced persons of European origin receiving UNRRA assistance in Europe, on 31 March 1946, was as nearly as can be ascertained 846,146
2. That the numbers of persons being the concern of the League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and not included in the total shown in 1 above was on 31 March 1946, as nearly as can be ascertained or estimated, as follows:

(a)	Nansen Refugees	96,000	
	less those receiving UNRRA assistance	28,095	
		67,905	67,905
(b)	Armenian Refugees		106,300
(c)	Assyrian Refugees		1,000
(d)	Saar Refugees		5,000

3. That the number of persons of European origin receiving assistance from, or being the concern of, the IGCR and not included in the totals shown in 1 or 2 above, was on 31 March 1946, as nearly as can be ascertained or estimated, as follows:

Refugees coming from Germany, Austria and the Sudetenland	110,000
Spanish Republican Refugees	212,000

4. That the number of refugees and displaced persons of European origin receiving assistance from, or being entirely or in part the concern of United Nations Governments, and not already included under paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above, was at 31 March 1946, as nearly as can be ascertained or estimated
5. That, having regard to a reservation made by the Yugoslav Delegation, the Sub-Committee has thought it advisable to abstain from committing itself to a considered description of the actual nationalities of the displaced persons shown above beyond taking note of formal declarations by UNRRA and such Governments as have presented statistics that the figures presented by none of them include, to the best of their knowledge and belief, any persons of German race.
6. The number of European refugees who will become the concern of the future international body cannot therefore exceed The Sub-Committee does not feel able, having regard to factors which at the present time are necessarily doubtful, to express an opinion as to what that number will in fact be. Among these factors are the following:
- (a) Repatriation is a continuing process, and it is impossible for the Sub-Committee to forecast the extent to which repatriation will have proceeded by the time that the international body enters upon its functions. The Sub-Committee, however, feels entitled to express the confident hope that repatriation will have considerably advanced in the intervening time.
 - (b) Sub-paragraph (c) (ii) of the Assembly Resolution of 12 February 1946, describes the criteria which must be satisfied before a refugee becomes the concern of the future international body. At the present time conclusive evidence is lacking that those criteria have been fully satisfied in respect of all refugees and displaced persons at present receiving assistance or being the concern of UNRRA, the IGCR or United Nations Governments.