

UE

UE 318

22 JAN 1946

1946

REPARATION & RESTITUTION

Registry Number

UE 318/24/17

FROM

Allied Control Authority

No.

CORC/P (46) 23

Dated

Jan 14

Received in Registry

Jan 22

Restitution for Yugoslavia gives text of draft reply to letter from Yugoslav military mission which was referred to Control Council. Subject was restitution for Yugoslavia

Last Paper.

UE 304

References.

UE 90/24/11

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

(Minutes.)

The Yugoslavs were invited on Oct. 30 to appoint a Restitution Liaison Officer to the British Zone of Germany; see UE 517. A similar letter was tabled by the Yugoslav Military Mission in Austria before the Allied Commission, which decided that each element should reply separately.

(EXCO/P(46) 25 & EXCO/M(46) 25 para. 204).

cmah 12/2

FOR PERMANENT PRESERVATION PAPERS ON THIS FILE HAVE BEEN CITED IN OFFICIAL HISTORIES OR PUBLICATIONS.

Amr see UE 886

cmah 7/3

(Action completed.)

13/2/46

(Index.)

19/4/46

Next Paper.

UE 327 (UE 886)

UE 318
22 JAN 1946
COC/P(46)23
Colin
Jan 7
1946

RESTRICTED

14 January 1946

ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

REPLY TO LETTER FROM THE YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION

(Note by Allied Secretariat)

A letter dated 22 December 1945 from the Yugoslav Military Mission on the subject of Restitution to the Control Council (see Appendix 'A') was referred by the Allied Secretariat to the R.D.R. Directorate with the request to draft a reply.

The R.D.R. Directorate at its Eighteenth Meeting agreed upon a draft reply (Appendix 'B'), which is submitted to the Coordinating Committee for approval.

J. St. J. ROOTHAM, Colonel.

J. L. FAUDIER, Consul General.

S. M. KUDRIAVTSEV, 1st Sec'y.

H. A. GERHARDT, Colonel.

Allied Secretariat.

RESTRICTED

UE 318
22 JAN 1946
CORC/P(46)23

*Enter
Jan
1946*

R E S T R I C T E D

14 January 1946

ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

REPLY TO LETTER FROM THE YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION.

(Note by Allied Secretariat)

A letter dated 22 December 1945 from the Yugoslav Military Mission on the subject of Restitution to the Control Council (see Appendix 'A') was referred by the Allied Secretariat to the R.D.R. Directorate with the request to draft a reply.

The R.D.R. Directorate at its Eighteenth Meeting agreed upon a draft reply (Appendix 'B'), which is submitted to the Coordinating Committee for approval.

J. St. J. ROOTHAM, Colonel.

J. L. BAUDIER, Consul General.

S. M. KUDRIAVISEV, 1st Sec'y.

H. A. GERHARDT, Colonel.

Allied Secretariat.

R E S T R I C T E D

R E S T R I C T E DAppendix 'A' to
CORC/P(46)23Berlin, December 22nd 1945

To the

CONTROL COUNCIL FOR GERMANY

B e r l i n

The Yugoslav territory was the scene of fierce fighting during four years of German invasion of the country. Enormous devastations and destructions were inflicted by the ruthless invader. Such struggle and consequences are Yugoslavia's specialities in this war. Her contribution to the allied victory was highly appreciated by the Allies. The sacrifices which the people of Yugoslavia paid not only in material property but in human lives are huge. The invader did not take away the country's provisions and livestock, cultural and luxury objects only, but a great number of machines from factories and plants.

Owing to exceptional conditions and hard struggle, it was impossible in most cases to observe where to the invader had taken the looted goods or objects. Although it is possible to assume the part of the country it was taken to, it is impossible to give the precise location.

These objects, especially machines are not included in Yugoslavia's Reparation claims, because they are taken away and considered to fall under the Restitution claims. We consider it highly unjust that the former invader is still allowed to use the machines he had looted. These taken machines should be returned to the deprived people, who through war happenings were thrown into poverty.

We should much appreciate if the following orders should be issued by all Commanders of occupation Zones in Germany:

- (a) that all German authorities as well as civilians should submit the register of goods they know or presume that they are taken from Yugoslavia;
- (b) that an inspection of factories and plants, where it is presumed that machines or goods of Yugoslav origin might be found, should be granted;
- (c) that for machines which are devastated through use, they should be substituted by machines of the same kind if obtainable.

CHIEF OF THE YUGOSLAV MILITARY
MISSION
Lieutenant-General
(Jaka Avsio)

R E S T R I C T E D

R E S T R I C T E D

Appendix 'B' to
CORC/P(46)23

The sufferings and losses sustained by the people of Yugoslavia during the period of German occupation are matters of the deepest and most sympathetic concern to the members of the Control Council and to the governments of the four nations they represent.

It has not been possible, to date, within the Control Council to finalise policies and procedures regarding Restitution. When such agreement has been reached, your country will be duly advised.

Pending such agreement, the government of Yugoslavia may submit claims for Restitution through diplomatic channels to the governments of the U.S., Great Britain, France and the U.S.S.R. for looted property believed to be in their respective zones of occupation. Each such claim should contain as much detail as possible tending to identify the property and to establish its geographical location as closely as possible.

R E S T R I C T E D