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NATIONAL OFFICES CONFERENCE

STATEMENT PRESENTED BY THE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE NATIONAL WAR CRIMES OFFICES.

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The representatives of the National War Crimes Offices (representing Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, France, India, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, United Kingdom, United States, Yugoslavia), having been called upon to summarize the general effect of the discussions at the Conference of the United Nations War Crimes Commission with the National Offices, May 31st - June 2nd, 1945, state the voeu of the majority of the delegations on the several subjects as follows :

I.

There should be established as part of, or under the supervision of, the United Nations War Crimes Commission, one or more central recording offices (in Europe and in the Far Eastern and Pacific area) for the purpose of centralising information concerning the apprehension and final disposal of the accused who have been placed on the Commission's Lists, and of pooling general information on war crimes. So far as the European area is concerned, the S.H.A.E.F. Central Register of Criminals should be made the nucleus of the central recording office of the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

II.

Unless required in the prosecution of the major war criminals, the accused persons mentioned on the War Crimes Commission's Lists should be handed over without delay to the country that has requested their surrender, and the War Crimes Commission should be informed as soon as such surrender has taken place; the Commission should take every step, within its jurisdiction, to ensure that the surrender is effectively carried out.

III.

The surrender of persons by the military authorities of one of the member Governments of the War Crimes Commission to another should be confined to persons figuring on Lists approved by the War Crimes Commission.

IV.

In respect of persons whose delivery for trial has been requested by several United Nations, the War Crimes Commission should be charged to decide as arbitrator the order in which the accused shall be tried by the said countries or to delegate this duty to some other body.

V.

The War Crimes Commission should be authorised to indict, after due investigation, before any United Nations (Interallied) Court which may be instituted, enemy subjects who have not been charged by any National Office.

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