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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

SIXTEENTH MEETING

RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE C.C.G. AND GERMANS

(Note by the Central Secretariat)

1. Circulated herewith, at Appendix 'A', is a copy of a Routine Order on the above noted subject which was published on 6 May 1948.
2. The Military Governor has directed that this order should be placed before Regional Commissioners for consideration at their SIXTEENTH Meeting on Tuesday, 18 May, 1948.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO
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Routine Order 263/47 set out policy in regard to the relations between members of the CCG and Germans. This Order reflects the modifications in policy which have become desirable since the issue of Routine Order 263/47 which is hereby superseded.

GENERAL

1. It is the policy of His Majesty's Government that German self-governing institutions should be rapidly developed, and that Germany should join with the Western democracies in a common effort for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Europe.
2. Our relations with the Germans should be a reflection of this policy. As an occupying power we have certain responsibilities to fulfil, and it is our duty to carry out these responsibilities with firmness. This is a matter which concerns our official relations mainly, and our personal

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relations very little. This matter apart, we should behave towards the Germans as the people of one christian and civilized race towards another, whose interests in many ways converge with our own and for whom we have no longer any ill will. 16.

3. It will be our object to encourage the rebirth of self-respect among the German people, because this is essential to the policy of our Government. 17
4. It will also be our object to gain from the Germans respect for our own race and our ways. This demands that our individual behaviour be above reproach.
5. This statement of our policy is in general terms. It will be the duty of those who are placed in positions of authority in our organization to ensure that those who serve under them understand its full implications, and govern their conduct accordingly.

VISITS AND INVITATIONS TO GERMAN FAMILIES

6. There will be no restrictions on such visits except those which are dictated by propriety and good manners.
7. Improper conduct on the part of a member of the CCG in his relations with a German has immediate reactions upon our official policy, and is not merely a matter of individual conscience. Therefore any impropriety will be regarded as a serious breach of discipline and will be dealt with accordingly. It behoves every member of CCG to ensure that his conduct in this respect not only is correct, but also appears correct.
8. Good manners require that a member of the CCG, who receives adequate rations, should not, in accepting hospitality, deprive a German of his rations.

HOTELS AND HOSTELS

9. There is no objection to members of the CCG staying in German hotels or hostels provided they take their own rations and the account is paid in Marks.

ENTERTAINMENT

10. In the interest of mutual understanding both official and private entertainment of Germans is desirable but food shortage presents a very difficult problem. The limited number of extra rations available for entertaining Germans must be applied to official entertainment only.
11. Germans may be periodically entertained in Messes, Clubs, YMCAs etc., on an organised basis, but casual entertainment on such premises is not yet permitted.
12. No extra rations may be drawn for the private entertainment of Germans.
13. Every encouragement is given to the formation, under the direction of Regional Commissioners, of Angle-German Clubs in big centres.

DANCES, CHILDREN'S PARTIES, GAMES

14. Germans may be invited to dances, at the discretion of the Committee concerned, whether in requisitioned premises or not.
15. Great importance is attached to the mutual benefits arising from British and German children playing together and getting to know each other - subject always to the preceding rulings about rations.

16. Games and sports with and against Germans are to be encouraged. There are no restrictions in this regard. However, sport can occasionally engender bad spirit: those who organize it should be on the watch to check any development of this kind.
17. Every support should be given to German youth movements throughout the Zone and we should offer them the use of grounds, tennis courts etc. and equipment.

TRANSPORT

18. Authority exists for Germans, on official duty, to be carried in CCG transport. On special occasions the Regional Administrative Officer or equivalent authority may, at his discretion, authorise the use of official transport to carry parties of Germans to and from organised social functions. The use of Government transport to give joy-rides or lifts to Germans other than as stated above is, however, forbidden. It should be understood that we cannot help German wayfarers except in privately owned vehicles.

BLACK MARKET AND BARTER

19. The widespread effect of black marketing upon German economy makes it necessary for stringent regulations to be applied to check this abuse. It is most important that the Germans shall be aware that the regulations which are published are being strictly observed by the staff.

REGULATIONS

- (a) No Mess, Married Family or individual member of the CCG may buy goods from a German except for Marks. The classes of goods which may be so bought and the amount of Marks which may be paid for them are strictly limited by Ordinance No. 56 which is reproduced as Appendix 'A' to this Routine Order. The Schedule to the Ordinance should be carefully studied.
- (b) No member of the CCG or dependent may sell to Germans or dispose to them for services rendered, any goods whatever. There is, however, no objection to the giving of bona fide presents to Germans provided that such presents are not large in value and are free from suspicion of black market. Within the same limitations presents may be given for services rendered by German servants provided they are not a substitute for payment in authorised form which must be made in full irrespective of any such present.
- (c) No Mess, Married Family or individual member of the CCG may indulge in barter with Germans. This type of transaction is trading on the economic necessity of the Germans, is a severe check to German recovery, and brings the British into contempt because they are known to be disobeying orders.
- (d) On no account will BAFSV be given to any German not authorised to handle them.

The husband is responsible for keeping his wife and family informed of these and other relevant instructions in Routine Orders.

PREVIOUS ROUTINE ORDERS

20. Attention is drawn to the following important Routine Orders which remain in force:-

409/46 of 23rd May)	Disposal of goods to, and acquisition of goods from, Germans.
701/46 of 12th December)	
441/46 of 20th July)	Tipping
692/46 of 5th December)	

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516/47 of 25th September - Marriage with Germans.

21. Commanders of Units will issue a copy of this Routine Order to all Married Families.
22. This Order is being translated into German and distributed to the German press so that maximum German publicity can be given to our present policy.