

Proposed new VOICE OF SHAEF for the control of Liberated
prisoners and displaced persons in the light of new conditions
in Germany

The following message is issued at the order of the Supreme Commander,
Allied Expeditionary Force:-

The conquest by the western and eastern Allied Armies of almost all of
Germany, and the disintegration of the German Armies, have brought about the
liberation of tremendous numbers of United Nations prisoners and displaced
persons.



In order to provide for their welfare and to bring about orderly and
rapid repatriation, it is essential that order and discipline be maintained.

The final military operations in Germany, including the movement of
Allied Armies for the occupation of all of Germany, continues to have the
highest priority. Disorders and interference with military traffic on
main roads will result in delay and retard the day when the Allied military
authorities can care for you and arrange for your repatriation.

Therefore, the basic instructions to all liberated prisoners and
displaced persons continues to be:

1. Do not move out of your district. Wait for orders.
2. Form small groups of your own nationality and choose leaders
who will deal for you with the Allied military authorities.
3. Stay off main roads used by military traffic.
4. Avoid disorder, looting and sabotage, which will be pun-
ished under military law.

These are instructions which apply to all.

The Supreme Commander also wishes to inform you that there will be dif-

ferences in the speed of repatriation for different nationalities, which you must accept with patience and discipline.

The people living in western Europe -- English, French, Belgians, Dutch, Luxembourgers -- who are found in western Germany can be more rapidly repatriated than people coming from the east and southeast of Europe.

The Supreme Commander, therefore, advises liberated Russians, Poles, Czechs, Yugoslavs, Greeks, that they may have to remain in assembly centers longer than people from the west, and that the amount of aid that can be brought to them and the rapidity with which arrangements for their repatriation can be made, will depend upon their discipline and obedience.

The Supreme Commander has a special message for the Russians and Poles as follows:

All Russians liberated within the area controlled by the Supreme Commander will be turned over to the Russian authorities for administration as soon as possible. Liberated Poles in the area of Germany controlled by the Supreme Commander who do not wish to return to Poland will have an opportunity to indicate their preference. Each case will be dealt with individually.



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