

Allied Land Forces NORWAY

and

SHAFF Military Mission,
Oslo, NORWAY

7th June, 1945.

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Sir,

1. In order formally to recognise the situation presently obtaining in respect of the responsibility for and conduct of the civil administration in NORWAY, I have now been instructed by the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force to declare to YOU and YOUR Government that the first or Military phase of the operations in NORWAY by the Allied Forces may be considered terminated.

2. The Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces wishes to confirm that the military situation is such that in accordance with Paragraph 2 of the Inter-Governmental Agreements of 16 May 1944 full and complete responsibility of civil administration in Norway will be exercised by You and Your Government. It is understood that the following arrangement will continue to apply :

- (a) That the Norwegian Supreme Command will continue to function through myself, the Flag Officer, NORWAY, and A.O.C. 88 Group R.A.F. as Commanders of the Allied Forces NORWAY and all NORWEGIAN Army, Navy and Air Force Units will continue for the time being subject to our command.
- (b) That ports, lines of communication, transportation equipment, airfields and other facilities, services and installations in NORWAY will continue to be made fully available to enable me to support British- U.S. Forces and to conduct the following operations:-
 - (i) The disarmament and removal of GERMAN Army, Naval and Air Force personnel, together with German auxiliary organisations and civilian agencies and the disposal of enemy property.
 - (ii) The repatriation of ex-prisoners of war and displaced persons.
 - (iii) The orderly withdrawal of Allied Army, Navy and Air Forces from NORWAY.
- (c) That the Royal Norwegian Government will, in its conduct of the civil administration, undertake to carry out such requests as may become, in my judgment, necessary to enable us to accomplish the above-stated objects.
- (d) That in respect of members of the GERMAN armed forces in NORWAY, as that term is defined in the Liberation Handbook for NORWAY, I shall be permitted to exercise in co-ordination with Your Government complete military jurisdiction during their continuance on Norwegian territory.
- (e) That the work of the Allied Counter-Intelligence Corps

against the GERMAN personnel in NORWAY be permitted to continue with the full co-operation of the NORWEGIAN Government in respect of implementing such measures as are considered essential to the completion of its work.

- (f) That the provisions of Paragraph six (6) to sixteen (16) inclusive of the Inter-Governmental Agreements of 16 May 1944 shall be regarded as continuing in effect.

3. The foregoing represent temporary arrangements which will be declared terminated as soon as the necessity for their continuance disappears.

His Majesty King Haakon VII of NORWAY
His arrival. Your Majesty's obedient servant

(s) Andrew Thorne Gené

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Norway

and Head of the SHAEP Mission in Norway

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His Majesty King Haakon VII of NORWAY
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The Royal Norwegian Government.

Royal Norwegian Foreign Office,

Oslo.