

C.S.

SECRET

WAR/W2/1#1

19 39.

No.

5/23/39.

30

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT. Internees

19 39.

25th August.

Previous Paper.

QUESTION OF EXPATRIATION OF ENEMY ALIEN
REFUGEES IN WAR.

MINUTES.

1-2. S. of S. Circ. Telegram No. 5 of 25/8/39.

M. Submitted. So far as I am at present aware there are only two male Germans here - the Cook on "Lafonia" and a man at Weddell Is. Females - one German and one Italian in So. Marys Cove.

WCH

The lit. applies only to refugees. As regards an alias the Cook is as near as 'Vider and will not be re-employed. The other man will have to be brought in in the event of war. 29.8.39. 29/8/39

Subsequent Paper.

There may be a number of German
subjects in South Georgia!

C. J.
C. Ad. Bt.
28/8/39

Send "Secret" message to Magistrate
Enquiring as to numbers, if any.

MCH
28.8.39.

Telegram to Mag. S. G. No. 36 of 30.8.39. (3)

Telegram from Mag S. G. of 2/9/39. (4)

M. Submitted.

MCH
2.9.39.

~~MCH~~ 8/9
Telegram from Magistrate S. Georgia 24/9/39 (6)

M. Submitted. Provided the Ciu
de Pesca can satisfy the Magistrate
South Georgia that the person they
wish to employ as medical officer
is a German Jewish refugee there
would appear to be no objection
to his employment?

MCH
24.9.39.

I agree

MCH 25/9

See M.P. 521/26.

6 Secret telegram from S. of S. No 76 of 4/10/39.

Enemy Aliens in Colony:

Officers and crew of "Carl Fritzen"	<u>Total</u> 33
Cook ex "Lafonia"	1
Mariner employed by Mr J. Hammett at Weddell Is.	1
	<u>Total 35</u>

Yk. Red 6 Submitted.

2. The above shows the number of male enemy aliens. 34 are at present interned. I am not aware what has happened about the German employed at Weddell Island.

WCH.

5 x 59

A copy of the despatch in hp. 176/39 should be put up in this file

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Copy of Secret despatch to S. of S. of 5/10/39. See MP 176/39.

At-P/Stephens

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In 1 of rec 6 the S. of S.
has asked for a summary report
to be telegraphed.

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6. x. 39.

Telegram to S. of S. of 11. 8. 39. 9

Telegram from S. of S. 12. x. 39 10.

Informed by Cypher Office that 89
was incorrectly coded and that
a fresh message has been
sent.

WCH
C.S.

12. x. 39.

Telegram from S. of S. of 16/10/39 11.

Telegram No 103 to S. of S. 17/10/39 12.

S. of S. Secret Circulars of 2/9/39 13-15.

Circular note - 16

S. of S. Secret Circular Note, 25/9/39 17. 18.

Yh.

Submitted.

WCH
C.S.

15. xii. 39.

~~15/12~~

S. of S. Telegram Circ. numbered, 29/5/40. 19.

O.C. Def. 7.

Please see me about (19).

WCH
31/5/40

20. S. of S. Circ. Telegram, no. 83 of 5/6/40
O.C. Def. 7.

Please see (20) + speak.

[Signature] 5/21/40

Seen & discussed with O.C.; no action as yet
necessary.

[Signature] 6/11/40

(21) S. of S. Circ. Tel. Saving of 24/4/40.
O.C. Def. 7.

To note (21)

[Signature] 18/11/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

None Thank you.

Suggest that Mr. Carr. might be
shown this as he always boards all ships
calling in in his capacity as E.O.

[Signature] D.C.D.F. P.A.
18. VII. 40

22-23. S. of S. Telegram. no. 156 Circ. of 9/8/40.

24-26. S. of S. Secret Circ. of 11/5/40. p.h.

With-drawn from M.P. S/L/29.

- 27. S. of S. telegram Circular of 16. 9. 40.
- 28. Letter to Senior Naval Officer of 16. 9. 40.
- 29. Telegram from Magistrate, South Georgia of 21. 9. 40.
- 30. Telegram to Magistrate, South Georgia of 23. 9. 40.
- 31. Telegram from Secretary of State of 17. 10. 40.

Senior Naval Officer,

To note reds 63 and ~~also red~~

Hon. Col. Secretary,

There being neither Guardship nor Armed Boarding Vessel at the base I presume Reds do not apply.

I think Red 31 only applies in the event of an Eastern War in which event a C.C.B. would be set up.

G. W. Goddard,
S.N.O. 6. 11. 39.

Telegram from Magistrate, South Georgia of 10. 4. 40. 32.

Telegram from M.O.C. to B.N.A. B.A. repeat R.A.S.A.D. 13. 4. 40. 33.

Hon. Col. Secretary,

Action taken.

(Inltd.) A.L.H. for N.O.i/c.,
13. 4. 40.

Circular Telegram No. 179 of 5. 9. 40. from S. of S. (34) et
Conf. Circ. Note from S. of S. of 12. 8. 40. 35.
S. of S. Circular Note of 12. 8. 40. 36-37.

A.C.S. Please attach Rippi paper 30/1/40

A.C.S. Please draft order cancelling (39) of 17/6/39. 1/4/40
action taken on appropriate file.

S. of S. telegram, no. 198 of 19/10/40 38. et

.. Circular Note of 9/9/40. 39-40.

.. telegram saving of 24. 9. 40. 41. et

S of S. Circ. Saving telegram Conf. 29/1/41. 42.

S. of S. Circ. telegram Saving 23/11/40 43.

S of S. Secret Circular Saving telegram, 3/6/41. 44.

S of S. Circular Note of 29. 11. 40. 45-46.

Circular telegram No. 292 from S. of S. of 6. 12. 41. 47.

S. of S. Circ. telegram Saving of 22/12/41. 48.

~~Circ Telegram No. 74 from S of S. of 7/5/42 49-50.~~

~~Telepro memorandum from S of S. of 5/5/42 51,~~

DECODE.

(2)

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 25th August, 19 39 *Time:* 0001

Received: 25th August, 19 39 *Time:* 0900

Circular Telegram No. 5.

1. Enquiries have been received from several Colonies in regard to expatriation of enemy alien refugees in war. Following summary of policy proposed in the United Kingdom may be useful but Colonial Governments are free to decide own policy in the light of this.

2. No general internment of enemy aliens at the outbreak of hostilities is contemplated but some measure of internment of males will probably be inevitable at an early date. Members of certain classes e.g., Doctors of Medicine and individual specialists, chemists - who are known to be - well desposed and whose services will be valuable would be exempt.

3. German refugees will be treated in the same way as (?) enemy aliens. This decision is based (on assumption that ?) internment would be necessary in view of public opinion and that many will be rendered destitute in war. It is proposed to arrange for segregation of interned refugees from other enemy alien (countries ?).

4. Apart from women whose activities are suspected no (female ?) enemy aliens or children would be interned.

5. Movement within country of all aliens would be controlled but special restrictions on letters imposed on enemy aliens left at liberty e.g., restrictions as to travel, change of address. Absence from registered address exceeding 24 hours to be reported to police, and possession of arms, cameras and motor vehicles fully prohibited.

6. As regards refugees of former Czechoslovak nationality, who would not technically be enemy aliens, present suggestion is that special order would be made to bring them all within scope of restrictions indicated in paragraph 5.

7. Circular despatch follows as soon as possible.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,.....

To Magistrate, South Georgia.....

Despatched : 30th August, 19 39. *Time* : ...

Received : 19 ... *Time* : ...

Secret No. 36. Please telegraph how many if any German
nationals are employed at South Georgia.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(4)

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 2nd September, 19 39. Time: 1215.

Received: 3rd September, 19 39. Time: 1030.

Secret. No. 48. Your telegram No. 36 there are no German
nationals at present in South Georgia.

MAGISTRATE.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
117	South Georgia Etat cdd	44	I430/24	
To	Secretary Stanley.			

NO. 51. My telegram No. 44.

Following telegram has been received from Pesca Company.

BEGINS:

Impossible to obtain Norwegian doctor KLAVENESS
Sandefjord telegraph NANSEN help could engage good
German doctor with passport stamped 'J' which means Jew
without country would engage ment be authorized. ENDS.
Grateful early reply.

Magistrate.

Dec WHRS

Time

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To H.E.The Governor Falkland Islands

No. 76 Secret. Internment .

1. Please telegraph a summary report of the present position and indicate
 - (a) Number~~ed~~ of male enemy aliens now interned.
 - (b) Number of male enemy aliens allowed to remain uninterned either on parole or subject to restrictions.
 - (c) If any women or children have been interned. If so please telegraph number and consider urgently whether they cannot be released either on parole or subject to restrictions.

2. There is no objection to departure on neutral ships of any women or children or of any male enemy aliens who do not belong to categories specified in Paragraph 9. memorandum in my Secret Circular Despatch of September 2nd. i.e.
 - (a) Any officer or N.C.O. past or present in enemy forces.
 - (b) Any official, or any person who has been engaged in supervision of Germans abroad.
 - (c) Any expert or technician connected with Aircraft, Marine transport, Chemical, Munitions, or Engineering work or Public Service.
 - (d) Any expert connected with Police, Customs, Passport and similar services.

3. If any aliens have been allowed to leave since the outbreak of war please state number (a) men (b) women and children.

4. Please forward by early mail list of enemy aliens remaining ~~interned~~ indicating whether interned or not, profession, names of employers, if any and whether employer is regarded as under enemy control.

Secretary of State.

Copy.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SECRET.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th October, 1939.

Sir,

In reply to your Secret telegram of the 4th October on the subject of enemy aliens interned in this Colony, I have the honour to enclose a complete list of these persons.

2. The crew list comprises the crew of the s.s. "Carl Fritzen", captured and sunk by H.M.S. "Ajax" on the 4th of September. They were landed here on the 13th of September. Of the others one was the cook of the s.s. "Lafonia" at the outbreak of hostilities and the other was a boatman employed in Weddel Island. They are all interned under guard in Stanley with the exception of the last mentioned an oldish man considered harmless who is kept under observation in a mainland sheep station. There is also a German nun attached to the Convent who is not under suspicion.

3. I have some doubt as to whether the crew of the Carl Fritzen should be regarded as coming within

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,

MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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one of the categories specified in paragraph 9 of the Memorandum in your secret circular despatch of the 2nd of September. The officers and engineers may perhaps be held to come under (c) as experts or technicians.

4. I and my advisers would wish to send all the internees to Monte Video for release at a suitable time with the exception of H. Warncke the second officer of the ship. This man appears to be a fairly prominent Nazi, judging by an album he saved when the ship was sunk. I forward this volume under separate cover as it may be of interest to the Intelligence Service.

5. H. Warncke is said to have come from Terchen. He joined the "Carl Britzen" recently and he is much disliked and feared by the crew. They allege that he is a member of the Gestapo.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(sgd) H. Hemmels Keaton

Governor.

Crew List.

A. Hamann	Captain
K. Hyda	1st Officer
H. Warncke	2nd Officer
H. Sankowsky	3rd Officer
G. Peter	1st Engineer
J. Diercksen	2nd Engineer
O. Gloystein	3rd Engineer
H. Riese	4 th Engineer
K. Kilias	Engineman Assistant
W. Lehnert	Cook
A. Schütte	Cook's Mate
H. Qualmann	Steward
A. Weber	Boatswain
J. Bitzer	Carpenter
H. Wohlers	A. B.
H. Tesch	A. B.
P. Reimer	A. B.
A. Riesberg	S. S. (Ordinary Seaman)
W. Schütz	Young Seaman
O. Koch	Young Seaman
H. Blank	Young Seaman
G. Simon	Boy
G. Hoffmann	Boy
P. Kotzner	Boy
L. Eiermann	Creeper
G. Heinrich	Creeper
F. Schellhase	Boiler Keeper
H. Johantobern	Boiler Keeper
F. Witt	Boiler Keeper
T. Gzapula	Trimmer
W. Kohnke	Trimmer
E. Baum	Trimmer
W. Worm	Engine Room Stess Boy.

Ripps
Sollner
Ottv
Andrens
Other interesting
mariners.
Cook
Recently came
from Punta Arenas
Recently Cook of I. S. Kapman

TELEGRAM

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My Telegram No 98 Secret.

To Secretary of State.

From H.E.the Governor.

Date 11th October, 1939.

Secret. Your Secret telegram No. 76 Internees

(a) 35 male enemy aliens now interned (b)

nil (c) nil. Despatch follows..

Governor.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : London 12.10. 19³⁹ *Time* :

Received : 19 *Time* :

125.

Un-numbered Your Telegram of October 11th.

Un-decipherable. Please check and repeat indicator group.

Secretary of State.

DECODE of TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

No. 53 From London. Words 12 ETAT cde Time 0920/16/10/39

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To H.E. The Govern~~or~~ Falkland Islands.

From Secretary of State.

Unnumbered telegram. I am awaiting request for repetition of

Indicating group in your telegram of October 11th.

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To Chapepries,
London.

No. 103. In reply to your telegram of 16th October
my telegram of 11th October was checked and repeated
13th October unnumbered. Indicator Group was TYBEF.

GUVNE

CIRCULAR.

SECRET.

DOWNING STREET,

2nd September, 1939.

Sir,

Red (2)

With reference to my telegram circular No. 5 of the 24th August, I have the honour to enclose copies of a memorandum, which has been prepared in conjunction with the Home Office, in regard to the treatment of enemy and other aliens in time of war. In view of the diverse conditions obtaining in Colonial Dependencies, it has been thought best not to attempt to suggest any policy applicable to all Dependencies, but to summarize briefly the steps contemplated in this country, in the hope that such information will be of assistance to Colonial Governments in considering what steps to take in their territories. If any further information or advice is desired on any particular point, I will endeavour to supply it if reference is made to me.

2. A number of Colonial Governments have referred to the fact that the continued presence in their territories in time of war of interned enemy aliens will involve serious administrative difficulties which should be brought to an end as quickly as possible ; and they have suggested that the persons in question should be transferred at an early stage of hostilities either to this country or to some other part of the Empire. I fully appreciate the importance of devising such arrangements, if possible : there is, moreover, the consideration that, on grounds of humanity, Europeans should not be kept interned for any lengthy period in an unhealthy tropical climate. Consideration is now being given to (a) the possibility of moving enemy aliens at an early stage of a war from certain Dependencies to this country or to other parts of the Empire ; (b) the possibility of arranging for the repatriation of enemy aliens interned in the Colonial Dependencies (except for persons in certain categories) on the lines contemplated in the case of persons interned in this country (see paragraph 9 of the enclosed memorandum). I shall hope to address Colonial Governments further on these questions as soon as possible.

3. There is one other question connected with the action to be taken in respect of enemy aliens in war to which I wish to refer. It is concerned with the position of enemy alien missionaries. The question whether such missionaries should be at once interned with other enemy aliens is one which must be left to the discretion of Colonial Governments. But if—as I assume will be the case in most Dependencies—it is decided to intern enemy alien missionaries, it will, in my view, be essential to make arrangements whereby, so far as is possible, British missionaries (or missionaries belonging to an allied nation) assume control of the enemy missions. This action will be necessary, not only to ensure that any useful educational or medical work carried out by the enemy missions is continued so far as may be practicable, but also to provide for effective control over the native adherents of such missions (especially native preachers and school-teachers) who might well be agents for spreading propaganda openly or indirectly favourable to the enemy. I understand that the Conference of Missionary Societies have this question under consideration and that they may submit a memorandum to me on the subject, indicating the extent to which their constituent societies would be prepared to assist in the object proposed. Some consideration has also been given to the matter by the planning staff of the Ministry of Information ; and I enclose a copy of a memorandum on the subject prepared by that staff. If a Colonial Government has any observations on this particular question I should be grateful if they could be forwarded to me ; in

The Officer Administering
the Government of

the meantime, I assume that in those territories where the problem is likely to be one of importance in time of war, consultations will take place, if thought appropriate, with the local British missions with a view to the provisional allocation of personnel to replace enemy alien missionaries in so far as this may be possible.

4. In order to facilitate consideration of the question of the possible repatriation of enemy aliens interned in Colonial Dependencies (*see* the note at the foot of paragraph 9 of the enclosed memorandum) I should be obliged if Colonial Governments could notify me, in cases where they have not already done so, of the number of enemy aliens who would have to be interned or kept under surveillance—i.e., on the assumption of a war against Germany and Italy. It would be convenient if the figures supplied could comprise also the families of those interned—i.e., on the assumption that, in normal circumstances, men only will be interned.

*See vol
8 quantity
number
of local
enemy
aliens.*

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

MALCOLM MACDONALD.

MEMORANDUM ON THE TREATMENT OF ENEMY AND OTHER ALIENS IN TIME OF WAR.

Introduction.

1. A number of Colonial Governments have asked for advice in regard to the treatment of enemy aliens in time of war. It is not considered possible, however, to attempt to indicate the action which should be taken in individual dependencies, as local circumstances differ widely. It has therefore been decided that the most satisfactory course will be to summarize briefly the arrangements at present contemplated for the control of aliens in this country and to leave Colonial Governments to decide, in the light of those arrangements, what policy they should adopt for the control of aliens. A summary of the policy decided upon should be included in Chapter VI of the Defence Scheme.

Action during Precautionary Stage.

2. It is established policy to encourage as many aliens as possible (including, subject to the requirements of the Security Service, potential enemies) to leave this country during the Precautionary Stage. Owing, however, to the danger of prejudicing international relations at a critical moment, and of creating alarm in the civil population, it has been decided that the only practicable steps which could be taken to encourage aliens to leave the country would be guarded hints to the Press and co-operation with the Consuls of friendly States.

Arrest of certain aliens.

3. Arrangements have been made for the arrest at or immediately prior to an outbreak of war of enemy agents, suspects and certain categories of potential enemy aliens, including members of certain foreign national organizations. These arrests will be covered by deportation orders made under Article 12 (6) (c) of the United Kingdom Aliens Order. Arrangements have been made to prevent the escape from the country of any of these aliens who evade arrest.

Internment policy.

4. It is an accepted doctrine that in time of war the Crown has power to intern enemy aliens under the Prerogative, i.e., the issue of a special defence regulation to effect this would not be required. (The internment of non-enemy aliens or British subjects would, if necessary, be effected by individual Orders under the Defence Regulations.) Apart, however, from the classes referred to in paragraph 3 above, it is *not* proposed to carry out in this country any general internment of enemy aliens at the outbreak of hostilities. Some measure of general internment of males is, nevertheless, regarded as inevitable at an early date, owing to the pressure of public opinion and the need to protect the enemy aliens themselves: and the necessary accommodation has accordingly been earmarked. Steps will, however, be taken to exempt from internment certain classes of enemy aliens—e.g., doctors of medicine—and, in addition, certain individual specialists (physicists, chemists, etc.) nominated by *ad hoc* committees established by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour who are known to be well-disposed to this country and whose services would be of value in time of war. It will be appreciated that the numbers of such persons is expected to be small and that almost all of them would be refugees, the general position of whom is discussed in the next paragraph.

Draft regulations for the control of internment camps were forwarded to Colonial Governments with the Secretary of State's secret circular despatch of the 7th February, 1939. Civilian internees and prisoners of war should not be confined in the same camp in such a way that they could associate with each other. There would be no objection, however, if part of a camp was allocated to prisoners of war and part to civilian internees, with some sort of division between them.

Position of German refugees.

5. Consideration has been given to the position of German citizens who have been admitted to this country as refugees, who would, in the event of war with Germany, be technically enemy aliens in most cases. Apart from those of them who are included in the special classes referred to in paragraph 4, no arrangements have yet been made to enrol refugees in general in any form of National Service, and in the absence of any such decision it would be necessary, in the event of general internment, to treat them in the same way as other enemy aliens. This decision has been influenced by a number of considerations, including (a) the likelihood that such persons would have to be taken into custody for their own protection and in the interests of public order, since an inflamed public opinion would be unlikely to make any distinction between them and other enemy aliens; and (b) that large numbers of them would very soon become destitute, as the voluntary organizations and individuals who have accepted responsibility for them would be unlikely to continue to do so in time of war. Efforts will be made to devise a special form of custody for refugees on internment, free from any suggestion of ignominy: and steps would be taken (in accordance with the procedure indicated in paragraph 8 below) to release individual refugees as soon as practicable.

Position of Czechs.

6. The position of persons of Czech nationality presents special difficulty and no definite decision as to their treatment has yet been made. Legally it appears that all those who left Bohemia and Moravia after the declaration of the 16th March, 1939, establishing a German Protectorate over those territories should be treated as enemy aliens: but the position of persons who left the territories in question before that date is uncertain. Clearly, however, it will be desirable to arrange that all Czech refugees are treated similarly in time of war, but the actual policy has still to be decided. Some indication of the probable course to be adopted was given in paragraph 6 of the Secretary of State's circular telegram No. 5 of the 24th August, but it is hoped that, if necessary, a further communication will be sent to Colonial Governments on this subject.

Position of female enemy aliens.

7. With the exception of about 200 women included among the enemy agents and suspects referred to in paragraph 3, female enemy aliens or children would not be interned.

Release of individual aliens from internment.

8. When any general measure of internment has been carried out, it is intended, as in the war of 1914-18, to set up an *ad hoc* Advisory Committee to consider applications for the release (i.e. as distinct from the repatriation) of individual aliens.

Compulsory repatriation of enemy aliens.

9. As a logical development of the policy referred to in paragraph 2, it has been decided that at an early date in a war enemy aliens of both sexes (whether interned or not) who came to the United Kingdom after the 1st January, 1919, should be required to leave. If they failed to go voluntarily they would be compulsorily deported—subject to the right of appeal to an *ad hoc* Advisory Committee. It is likely that properly vouched refugees would be granted exemption without difficulty and in addition exception would be made in the case of certain classes of aliens who would at no time during the war be allowed to leave. These would include male enemy aliens in the following categories:—

- (1) officers and non-commissioned officers past and present of the enemy forces;
- (2) State and Civil Service officials, including any persons who had been officially engaged in supervising or controlling their own nationals on British territory;
- (3) experts and technicians connected with aircraft, marine, transport, mechanical, chemical, munitions or engineering work or public services;
- (4) experts in or connected with the police, Security, Intelligence, Customs, Immigration, Passport or similar services.

Note.—The question to what extent similar arrangements might be made to repatriate enemy aliens interned in the Colonial Dependencies is under consideration. But there

are obvious difficulties in regard to shipping, etc.: and it may not be found practicable to give effect to this procedure. It may be pointed out that in general repatriation of German subjects from overseas was found to be very difficult during 1914-18 owing to the scarcity of shipping and to military objections to the passage of such subjects through the Suez Canal or in West Africa.

Treatment of aliens other than enemy aliens.

10. An Order in Council has been drafted to amend and supplement the powers of the peace-time Aliens Order of 1920. Copies of this draft Order in Council and of the main Aliens Order are attached to this Memorandum (Appendices I and II). The principal matters covered by the draft amending Order are dealt with in the following paragraphs.

Control of departures.

11. Departure from the country would be strictly controlled in the interests of security. Generally speaking, no obstacle would be placed in the way of aliens leaving the country but they would not be allowed to return during the war except in the case of those who had their residence in the United Kingdom and whose visit abroad was in the national interest. (A parallel control over the departures of British subjects would be established under the Defence Regulations in the interests of the preservation of man-power.) Reference is invited, in this connexion, to the memorandum enclosed with the Secretary of State's secret circular despatch of the 15th June, 1939.

Movement of aliens.

12. The movements within the country of all aliens would be controlled and their employment in occupations offering special opportunities for espionage, sabotage or propaganda would be prohibited. Arrangements would be made for exemption in suitable cases.

Restrictions on enemy aliens left at liberty.

13. The additional restrictions on enemy aliens left at liberty would include (a) prohibition of travel for more than five miles without a special permit on each occasion; (b) prohibition of change of residence without permission from the police of the new area; (c) a requirement in the case of absence exceeding 24 hours on the registered address to report to the police each 24 hours; and (d) prohibition from possessing certain articles, e.g., firearms, explosives, cameras, and motor-cars.

Restrictions on entry of aliens.

14. The entry of aliens into this country would be very much more strictly controlled in time of war than in time of peace. Visas would be required from all aliens and any visa abolition agreement in force would be denounced. In this connexion, reference is invited to the Secretary of State's secret circular despatch of the 24th July, 1939.

Action in regard to enemy property.

15. Reference is invited, as regards this question, to clause 7 of the draft Trading with the Enemy Act, sent to Colonial Governments with Oversea Defence Committee memorandum No. 696-M. A draft "Custodian" Order, to be made under the authority of that clause, has been prepared by the Board of Trade and is annexed to this memorandum (Annexure III). This is not in its final form, but it is unlikely that any change of substance will be made in it. It should be pointed out, however, that although the Order empowers the Board of Trade to make vesting orders in respect of the property of enemy *subjects*, it is not intended, as a matter of policy, to vest the property of enemy subjects except in particular cases where there may be special reasons for doing so. This was the policy followed in the war of 1914-18, when it was not the practice, except for very particular reasons (such as, for instance, if an enemy subject possessed a controlling interest in a partnership or company), to interfere with the property of enemy subjects resident in the United Kingdom, whether interned or otherwise.

Note.—It is appreciated that conditions in the Colonial Dependencies (e.g., in those Dependencies where there are plantations owned by Germans) may well make it desirable for the property of individual subjects to be vested in a custodian.

Position of Consuls and Seamen.

16. Separate communications are being sent to Colonial Governments on the following two specific subjects: (a) the treatment to be accorded to enemy Consuls (Secretary of State's circular telegram No. 8 secret of the 26th August; (b) the treatment of enemy aliens on ships.

Incidence of cost.

17. The cost of internment and maintaining civilian internees—i.e., residents or persons living in a Colony at the time of outbreak of war—must be regarded as a charge against Colonial funds. (Charges in respect of military prisoners of war are a liability of Imperial funds.) The question whether a Colonial Government should be liable for the cost of maintaining civilian internees brought to the Territory in question from outside—e.g., enemy aliens from a captured merchant ship or removed from British ships is still under discussion, and a further communication will be sent on this subject.

ANNEXURES.

Annex. I. Aliens Order, 1920.

Annex. II. Draft Order amending Aliens Order.

Annex. III. Draft "Custodian" Order under clause 7 of Trading with the Enemy Bill.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 37

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 5th June 19 40 Time: 03.45.

Received: 19 Time:

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Circular No. 83 Secret My circular telegram of 29th May Unnumbered. Internment of enemy aliens. Age limit mentioned in Paragraph 1 of my telegram under reference extended to 70 years. Experience has shown enemy makes ^{considerable} use of women in sabotage and fifth columnist activities and it is clearly desirable that any precautionary measures should be applied ~~to~~ to women no less than men. Any action which you consider necessary would receive my full support.

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TELEGRAM.

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From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 16th September 19 39 *Time:* 1015.

Received: 16th September, 19 39. *Time:*

Circular unnumbered Secret. Please arrange for any enemy aliens employed on a British Ship other than a ship on Dominion Register calling at a Port in your Territory to be moved and interned if that course is practicable. Further instructions will be sent as soon as possible with regard to the procedure of the case of enemy aliens on neutral ships and for the present no action should be taken in regard to them.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

SECRET No.4 of 1939 ²⁹

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, 18th September 1939.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to transmit for your information and guidance the accompanying copy of a telegram from the Secretary of State regarding enemy aliens employed on a British ship.

I am,

Your obedient servant.

W.H.
Colonial Secretary.

The Senior Naval Officer,
Stanley.

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TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Contraband
in War

Despatched: 21st September, 19 39. Time: 2330.

Received: 23rd September, 19 39. Time: 1200.

Secret. No. 50. Motor ship Tijuca flying the flag of Argentine Republic arrived here p.m. Wednesday from Buenos Aires with 5 German nationals on board. I have prohibited them from landing pending instructions of measures to be taken with regard to them. Vessel left Buenos Aires before declaration of War.

MAGISTRATE.

I think a telegram about German Nationals was here in an office of file Prisoners of War. I had the file a day or so ago

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TELEGRAM.

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From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 23rd September, 19 39. *Time:* ...

Received: 19 ... *Time:* ...

No. 40. Secret. Your telegram No. 50 the German nationals referred to must not land at South Georgia but must return by first opportunity. Please report when vessel is returning to Buenos Aires so that British Consul can be notified.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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No.167.

TELEGRAM.

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From Secretary of State

To H.E. the Governor.

Despatched : 19 Time :
Received : 17th October, 19 39. Time : 1835.

No.86. ENEMY OWNED GOODS ON NEUTRAL VESSELS ARE PROTECTED FROM SEIZURE BY ARTICLE 2 DECLARATION OF PARIS 1856, UNLESS THEY ARE CONTRABAND, WHICH WOULD NOT BE THE CASE IF THEY WERE DESTINED FOR A NEUTRAL COUNTRY.

NO POLICY INTERFERING WITH ENEMY EXPORTING TO SUCH COUNTRIES HAS YET BEEN ADOPTED.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

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From Magistrate, South-Georgia,.....

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 10th April, 19 40. Time : 2000

Received : 11th April, 19 40. Time : 1500.

No. 47. Your telegram No. 40, 1939. Vessels referred
to left April, 9th.

MAGISTRATE.

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TO:

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FROM:

N.O.i/C. Psy.

Argentine ship Tijuca with 5 German Nationals left South Georgia

9th april for Buenos Aires stop since war declared on passage

Buenos Aires to South Georgia, these men have not been permitted

to land since arrival by order of His Excellency the Governor.

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TELEGRAM.

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From..... SECRETARY OF STATE.....

To..... H. E. THE GOVERNOR.....

Despatched : 19 Time :
Received : 5th September 19 40 Time : 16.30

Circular No 179 Confidential.

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My telegram No 156 Circular Confidential. Categories mentioned in paragraph 3 have now been amended as follows (1) upper age limit mentioned in Paragraph 3 (b) has been lowered to 65. (2) Following categories have been added: any person as to whom a tribunal appointed for purpose reports that enough is known of his history to show by his writings, speeches, political or official activities he has been consistent over a period of a year taking a public part in opposition to Nazi systems and is actively friendly to allied causes. (3) Same categories eligible for release will apply as far as is applicable to Italian internees.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 83. *From* SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 6th December, 19 41. *Time:* 14.25.

Received: 7th December, 19 41. *Time:* 10.30.

Immediate.

Circular No. 292 Secret. With reference to my telegram No. 291 circular policy in the United Kingdom regarding the treatment of Finnish Hungarian and Roumanian nationals will be (a) issue of exit permits to all such nationals will be suspended. (b) (1) all Finnish seamen and (2) any Finnish Hungarian or Roumanian nationals will be interned.

2. Above is for your guidance only and you will no doubt take such action as local conditions make desirable.

3. Any Finnish Hungarian or Roumanian national onboard ships calling voluntary at Colonial ports may be removed and interned (see my circular telegram No. 112 November 8th 1939) and any such national belonging to categories set out in paragraph 2 of my secret circular saving telegram June 3rd 1941 should be removed and interned.

4. Nationals of these countries whom it is decided to intern should be interned under Royal Prerogative and not under Defence Regulations.

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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in 17/6/39.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
To the Officer Administering the Government of
Circular Telegram Saving.
22nd December, 1941.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SECRET.

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My circular telegram No. 292. Following amplification of paragraph 1 may be of interest:-

1 (b) (i) All Finnish, Hungarian and Roumanian seamen will be interned.

(ii) Any Finnish, Hungarian or Roumanian nationals against whom there are security objections, whether on personal grounds or because, by reason of their knowledge, they are in a position to damage national interests, will be interned, subject to the general direction that no person will be arrested who is medically unfit for internment.

(iii) Hungarians, Roumanians and Finns left at large will be subject to the special restrictions applicable to enemy aliens (i.e. restrictions will be placed on their movements and on possession by them of certain specified articles).