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The negotiations between H.M. Government in the United Kingdom and the French National Committee on the subject of Madagascar have resulted in an agreement which was signed today, December 14, by Mr. Eden and General de Gaulle.

By the terms of this agreement the provisional military administration set up by the British authorities after the occupation of the island of Madagascar will come to an end upon the arrival of General Legentilhomme in this French possession, and the necessary provisions are made for the re-establishment of the exercise of French sovereignty over Madagascar and its dependencies under the authority of the High Commissioner appointed by the French National Committee.

The High Commissioner will proceed as rapidly as possible with the reorganisation of the French military forces in the territories under his authority in order that they may take as large a share as possible in their defence and, if required, play their part in operations in external theatres of war against the common enemy.

For the present the General Officer Commanding British Troops in Madagascar will be assigned the duty of ensuring the defence of the territory against an external attack, and the agreement defines in detail the powers conferred for this purpose upon the General Officer Commanding.

It is laid down that all questions which cannot be settled on the spot by the High Commissioner and the General Officer Commanding British Troops will be decided by agreement between H.M. Government in the United Kingdom and the French National Committee.

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