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The Ministry of Production announces that the Combined Production and Resources Board has formed a Public Utilities Committee to assemble all pertinent facts and recommend to the C.P.R.B. such action as may be advisable concerning requirements, supplies and production of equipment to re-establish electric, gas and water services in liberated and conquered areas.

It was agreed at the Atlantic City meeting of U.N.R.R.A. that the requirements of liberated areas sponsored by U.N.R.R.A. would be referred to the Combined Boards for consideration in relation to other military or civilian claims for the same supplies. It will be for the Combined Boards to make recommendations on how far the requirements put forward by U.N.R.R.A. can be met and from what sources. The new Public Utilities Committee will assist C.P.R.B. to perform this task in its particular field. The chairman of the committee and American member will be Mr. J.A. Krug, Director of the Office of War Utilities, W.P.B. The member for Great Britain will be Sir Henry Self for the time being.

The member for Canada will be Dr. T.H. Hogg, Chairman of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

The committee is expected, in conjunction with other operating organisations of the three Governments, to survey requirements and availability of utility equipment, and to make recommendations on any necessary production programmes, to meet basic utility needs in liberated and conquered areas.