

Commission informed the federal chancellor that it had decided to grant his request, put forward in letters dated Jan. 15, Feb. 17 and May 21, that VEBA and VIAG should be released from control.

In respect of VIAG, the chancellor had pointed out that title to this enterprise, which was former Reich property, devolved upon the federation under Article 134, Paragraph 7, of the Basic Law, as well as being not an excessive concentration of economic power, there were numerous technical reasons why VIAG was not needed in the reorganization plan.

As to VEBA, the chancellor had pointed out that the Preussag assets of this company (Gesamtbergamt Obernkirchen-Barsinghausen and Steinkohlen Ibbenbueren) had already been decontrolled as unnecessary in the reorganization plan which now required only the participation of the assets of the Hibernia Mine, the largest single mine in Western Germany.

In this connection the chancellor wrote: "The Federal Government completely agrees with the objectives of Law No. 27 and desires to promote these plans. Also the Federal Government has already stated that it agrees in principle to the proposals for the operational and economic reorganization of the Ruhr coal mining industry submitted by the DKBL to the Combined Coal Group. In its capacity of shareholders of VEBA and thereby of Hibernia too, it is willing to realize this basic concept of DKBL with regard to Hibernia, and, with this objective in view, to exert its influence on the representative bodies of Hibernia, to have this company bring about, through private agreements with the owners of the other enterprises concerned, the economic conditions aimed at in the DKBL's proposal — VEBA and Hibernia will under-

take an appropriate commitment vis-a-vis the Combined Coal Group, and the Federal Government is prepared to guarantee its observance."

#### As to Vereinigte Elektrizitaetswerke Westfalen A.G.,

The decontrol was announced by the High Commission in January.

#### The Rheinisch-Westfaelisches Elektrizitaetswerk A.G.

Remains listed under Schedule "C." Future of this company has not yet been decided.

#### The two iron and steel companies: These are:

Roechling Buderus A.G.

Buderus'sche Eisenwerke.

The companies remain listed under Schedule "C." Their future has not yet been decided.

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#### List of 36 Decontrolled Schedule "C" Coal Companies:

5. Gewerkschaft des Steinkohlenbergwerks Alter Hellweg.
6. Gewerkschaft Aurora Steinkohlenbergwerk.
7. Gewerkschaft Cleverbank Steinkohlenbergwerk.
8. Concordia Bergbau Aktiengesellschaft.
9. Deutsche Erdoel-Aktiengesellschaft, Zechen Graf Bismarck und Koening-grube.
10. Gewerkschaft Elisabethenglueck.
11. Vereinigte Gideon Bergwerks G.M.B.H.
12. Gewerkschaft Hammerbank unter der Stollensohle.
13. Gewerkschaft Hausbach.
14. Gewerkschaft Zeche Heinrich.
15. I.G. Farbenindustrie Aktiengesellschaft in Aufloesung.

16. Gewerkschaft Jupiter Steinkohlenbergwerk.
17. Gewerkschaft Vereinigte Klosterbusch.
18. Gewerkschaft des Steinkohlenbergwerkes Langenbrahm.
19. Bergbau Aktiengesellschaft Lothringen.
20. Mansfeld A.G. fuer Bergbau und Huettenbetrieb, Zeche Mansfeld.
21. Gewerkschaft Neumuehl.
22. Gewerkschaft des Braunkohlenbergwerks Neurath.
23. Gewerkschaft Neuruhrort.
24. Niederrheinische Bergwerks-Aktiengesellschaft.
25. Gewerkschaft Petrus Segen.
26. Gewerkschaft Plaetzgesbank.
27. Gewerkschaft des Braunkohlenbergwerks Prinzessin Viktoria.
28. Rheinische Stahlwerke.
29. Gewerkschaft Rheinland.
30. Gewerkschaft Steinkohlenbergwerk Rheinpreussen.
31. Gewerkschaft Roderburg Zeche Neu-wuelffingsburg.
32. Victor Rolff Kommanditgesellschaft.
33. Gebr. Stumm G.M.B.H. Zeche Minister Achenbach.
34. Vereinigungsgesellschaft Rheinischer Braunkohlenbergwerk m.b.H.
35. Wilhelm Werhahn, Abteilung Herremer Brikettfabrik.
36. Gewerkschaft Westfalen.
37. Gewerkschaft Wohlerverahrt.
40. Braunkohlen- und Brikett-Industrie A.G. (BUBIAG).
41. Mining Concessions "Ress," "An den Berkenbergen" and "Muensterland."
42. Preussen A.G. Muelheim.

Note: Serial numbers are those given in Schedule "C."

2. Serial No. 15, although decontrolled under Law 27, remains subject to AHC Law 35 (Dispersal of I.G. Farben). +END

## International Solution of Problems Urged

**T**HE PROBLEMS OF FREE EUROPE must be solved from an international background, and not from the point of view of one or two nations, John J. McCloy, US High Commissioner for Germany, told a press conference in Bonn July 13 in response to a question about the status of the Saar. He pointed out that the Saar issue is a good example of the necessity for international solutions of problems.

Mr. McCloy stressed the international viewpoint again in reply to a question about the possibility of a US loan to Germany in the event of German participation in a European defense force.

Discussing his recent stay in Washington and meetings with US congressional committees, he said: "I think that there is a very general acceptance of the idea that Germany, along with other nations, will be helped to the extent that she could show a need for help, for money, for aid beyond her powers to produce. Certainly, with Germany as a participant, she would be treated just as all other members of the Western nations."

In reply to further questions about the possibility of the German Federal Republic's participation in a European defense force, Mr. McCloy said he hoped a "practical and

expeditious" solution could be found to the differences of opinion as to the nature of German participation.

"The US position, as I see it, is in favor of the concept of a European army, because there again the emphasis would be on the communality of Europe," he said.

He said he did not wish to get involved in the dispute about the nature of German participation because "I am on only one side of it."

Referring to the discussions of the Allied-German committee on the matter, Mr. McCloy said he felt the report of the committee contained "an encouraging basis . . . to expect that there would not be a revival of sheer nationalism in terms of military forces."

Asked if he had any date in mind by which an agreement on the nature of German participation should be reached, Mr. McCloy replied: "No, I can't give you a deadline. All I can say is that I am convinced it should be as soon as possible."

### ECA Authorizes \$15,800,000 Purchases

Western Germany received authorizations to purchase \$15,826,000 worth of Marshall Plan goods during June, the ECA Special Mission to Western Germany announced.