

Agreement between the Allies amending the Protocol of 12 September 1944 (London, 14 November 1944)

Caption: On 14 November 1944, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Soviet Union sign an agreement in London amending the Protocol of 12 September 1944 on the Allied zones of occupation and administration in Germany.

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Agreement amending the Protocol on Zones of Occupation in Germany and Administration of the “Greater Berlin” Area, Approved by the European Advisory Commission, November 14, 1944

1. In place of the description of the North-Western Zone given in paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned Protocol, the description of the North-Western Zone will read as follows:—

“North-Western Zone (as shown on the annexed map “C”)

The territory of Germany situated to the west of the line defined in the description of the Eastern zone, and bounded on the south by a line drawn from the point where the frontier between the Prussian provinces of Hanover and Hessen-Nassau meets the western frontier of the Prussian province of Saxony; thence along the southern frontier of Hanover; thence along the north-western, western and southern frontiers of Hessen-Nassau to the point where the River Rhine leaves the latter; thence along the center of the navigable channel of the River Rhine to the point where it leaves Hessen-Darmstadt; thence along the western frontier of Baden to the point where this frontier becomes the Franco-German frontier will be occupied by armed forces of the United Kingdom.”

2. In place of the description of the South-Western Zone given in paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned Protocol, the description of the South-Western Zone will read as follows:—

“South-Western Zone (as shown on the annexed map “C”)

The territory of Germany situated to the south of a line commencing at the junction of the frontiers of Saxony, Bavaria, and Czechoslovakia and extending westward along the northern frontier of Bavaria to the junction of the frontiers of Hessen-Nassau, Thuringia and Bavaria; thence north, west and south along the eastern, northern, western and southern frontiers of Hessen-Nassau to the point where the River Rhine leaves the southern frontier of Hessen-Nassau; thence southwards along the center of the navigable channel of the River Rhine to the point where it leaves Hessen-Darmstadt; thence along the western frontier of Baden to the point where this frontier becomes the Franco-German frontier will be occupied by armed forces of the United States of America.”

3. The following additional paragraph will be inserted after the description of the South-Western Zone:—

“For the purpose of facilitating communications between the South-Western Zone and the sea, the Commander-in-Chief of the United States forces in the South-Western Zone will

(a) exercise such control of the ports of Bremen and Bremerhaven and the necessary staging areas in the vicinity thereof as may be agreed hereafter by the United Kingdom and United States military authorities to be necessary to meet his requirements;

(b) enjoy such transit facilities through the North-Western Zone as may be agreed hereafter by the United Kingdom and United States military authorities to be necessary to meet his requirements.”

4. At the end of the description of the North-Western part of “Greater Berlin” given in paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned Protocol, insert the following words:—

“the United Kingdom”

5. At the end of the description of the Southern part of “Greater Berlin” given in paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned Protocol, insert the following words:—

“the United States of America”

6. In the English text of the sub-paragraph in paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned Protocol beginning with the words “The frontiers of States (Länder) and Provinces,” the words “descriptions to the zones” will read “descriptions of the zones.”

The above text of the Agreement regarding Amendments to the Protocol of 12th September, 1944, between the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the zones of occupation in Germany and the administration of “Greater Berlin” has been prepared and unanimously adopted by the European Advisory Commission at a meeting held on the 14th November, 1944.

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