# UN Relief & Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA)

UNRRA was established in November 1943 to provide for refugee assistance in liberated areas. It was headquartered in Washington, DC. UNRRA was governed by a Council which met six times between 1943 and 1946. UNRRA was not a UN Agency, but was a forerunner of the International Refugee Organization (IRO). Its operations were taken over by IRO, WHO, FAO & UNICEF.

### Founding of UNRRA

F.1 Signing of Agreement Creating UNRRA, Washington, DC, 9 Nov. 1943

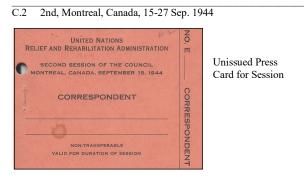
### **Sessions of UNRRA Council**

C.1 1st, Atlantic City, NJ, USA, 10 Nov.-1 Dec. 1943



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C.3 3rd, London, England, 7-14 Aug. 1945
C.4 4th, Atlantic City, NJ, USA, 15-30 Mar, 1946

C.5 5th, Geneva, Switzerland, 5-17 Aug. 1946



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C.6 6th, Washington, DC, USA, 10-14 Dec. 1946

### **UNRRA Conferences**

1947/1 CRNNA/UNRRA Social Welfare Conference, Shanghai, China, Apr. 1947



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Information on this conference is solicited.

## **International Refugee Organization (IRO)**

A Preparatory Commission of IRO (PCIRO) began operations in Jul. 1947, and IRO came into being in Aug. 1948. IRO was headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. It was governed by a General Council. IRO ceased operations in Mar. 1952, its functions having been taken over by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

### Founding of IRO

F.1 UN Committee on Financing IRO, London, England, 6-20 Jul. 1946

F2. 1st Session, 1st Part, PCIRO, Geneva, Switzerland, 11-21 Feb. 1947

F3. 1st Session, 2nd Part, PCIRO, Lausanne, Switzerland, 1-21 May 1947

- F4. 1st Session, 3rd Part, PCIRO, Lausanne, 15-25 Jul. 1947
- F5. 1st Session, 4th Part, PCIRO, Geneva, 21 Oct-1 Nov. 1947
- F6. 1st Session, 5th Part, PCIRO, Geneva, 20-31 Jan. 1948
- F7. 1st Session, 6th Part, PCIRO, Geneva, 4-11 May 1948
- F8. 1st Session, 7th Part, PCIRO, Geneva, 10-11 Sep. 1948

### **Sessions of IRO General Council**

GC.1 1st, Geneva, Switzerland, 13-25 Sep. 1948



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GC.2 2nd, Geneva, Switzerland, 29 Mar.-8 Apr. 1949



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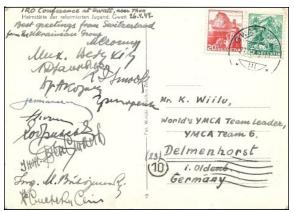
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GC.3	3rd (Special), Geneva, 28 Jun8 Jul. 1949
GC.4	4th, Geneva, 11-20 Oct. 1949
GC.5	5th, Geneva, 1-22 Mar. 1950
GC.6	6th, Geneva, 9-13 Oct. 1950
GC.7	7th, Geneva, 9-13 Apr. 1951
GC.8	8th, Geneva, 22-27 Oct. 1951
GC.9	9th, Geneva, 11-16 Feb. 1952

#### **Other IRO Meetings**

1948/1 Conference of Senior Medical Officers, Geneva, 15-17 Mar. 1948

1948/2 Conference on the Settlement of Specialists, Gwatt, Switzerland, 26-30 Apr. 1948



Post card from Ukrainian Delegation, 27 Apr. 1948

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1948/3 1st Session, IRO Executive Committee, Geneva,
16-24 Sep. 1948
1948/4 2nd Session, IRO Executive Committee, Rome, Italy,
7-11 Dec. 1948

Nine additional sessions of the Executive Committee were held, the 11th being held in Geneva 7-13 Feb. 1952. Other sessions will not be listed unless postal history is found.

1949/1 Conference of Representatives of Voluntary Agencies
Working with IRO, Geneva, 18-21 Jan. 1949
1949/2 Conference of IRO Field Officers on Liquidation of IRO,
Geneva, 25 Feb. 1949
1949/3 Conference of Chiefs of IRO Missions, Geneva,
27-29 Apr. 1949
1950/1 Conference of Field Officers on the Institutional Hard
Core, Geneva, 16 Aug. 1950
1950/2 Conference on Unaccompanied Children, Geneva,
4-5 Dec. 1950

1952/1 1st Session, Board of Liquidation, Geneva, 28 Mar. 1952

Eight additional sessions of the Board of Liquidation were held, the ninth being held in Geneva 28 Aug. 1953.