

CARE OF REFUGEES BIG JOB FOR L. OF N.

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GENEVA. (By Mail.)—What to do with the 300,000 to 400,000 Russian refugees who are now scattered throughout almost every state in Europe will constitute one of the most

complicated problems to be solved by the second-general assembly of the League of Nations which convenes here on September 20.
The question of these Russian refugees has now reached such proportions as an international problem that it has been definitely decided by the European states belonging to the League that it can no longer be handled by individual governments. As a consequence, the problem will be taken up by the League of Nations with the cooperation of the International League of Red Cross Societies and the International Red Cross committee.

Extensive information has already been sent in to the League relative to the situation of the Russian refugees in different countries by South Africa, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Switzerland. This will serve as a basis for the international action to be formulated.

The problem is complicated, involving not only the legal status of these people in the different countries, but political, financial and economic aspects as well.

Based upon the information and the various suggested solutions which have been offered by the various European governments to date, the council has decided that the first step to be taken is that of the appointment of a high commissioner whose task it will be to co-ordinate the work being done not only by all European governments but by all private associations on behalf of the Russian refugees.

High Russian representatives have asked the League to appoint, if possible, to this position a Serbian, who, because of the analogy of race and language, will probably be better adapted for inspiring confidence among Russian refugees.

Whilst awaiting the appointment of this commissioner, the council has ordered the League's secretariat to convene the officials responsible in each country for the welfare of the Russian refugees to discuss the problem.

One of the problems to be looked into is the possibility that sums of money and property belonging to the various Russian governments that have been sequestered in different countries be constituted into a relief fund for the Russian refugees.

Another task will be that of directing these refugees into various countries where work can be secured for them.

In the meantime each government will be asked what amount of money it is now spending on behalf of Russian refugees and how much it may be able to contribute towards the general funds necessary for handling the problem on an international basis and for

maintaining the international organization.

One of the special ends that will be recommended to the high commissioner will be that of forming as many of the refugees as possible into colonies in different countries with special attention being given to the social and ethical status of those making up each colony.

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