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UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION.

CROWCASS.  
Listing of Allied Nationals charged with War Crimes.  
(Quislings/Traitors).

The following letter dated 19th November, 1946, has been received from CROWCASS, yesterday, and is circulated to members of the Commission for their consideration in the Meeting on the 27th November 1946 in conjunction with Doc. Misc. 57, paragraph III.

"1. CROWCASS is still receiving a number of Wanted and Detention Reports in respect of Quislings and Traitors.

2. In all cases they have been or are being returned to the originators.

3. It is appreciated that some confusion exists in the minds of many when they try to differentiate between Quislings/Traitors and War Criminals.

4. The following method is the one which CROWCASS uses in deciding who is a Quisling/Traitor and who is a War Criminal.

(i) If a person is wanted by his own country (e.g. a Yugoslav national wanted by Yugoslavia) for a crime against his own country or his country's Nationals or because he joined the Nazi Party or S.S. (or their affiliations) in his own country he is a Quisling/Traitor.

(ii) If a person is detained for the reason given in (i) he is a Quisling/Traitor.

(iii) If an Allied National is wanted by another Allied Nation (e.g. a Netherlander wanted by Great Britain) for a War Crime committed against that nation or its nationals then that person is a War Criminal and will be registered and published as such.

(iv) If a person is detained for the reason given in (iii) above he is a War Criminal and will be registered and published as such.

5. We should appreciate your remarks on the foregoing in order that we may establish a uniform "yardstick". "