hostile action or a threat of hostile action, are made homeless or leave their homes, or are refugees or persons repatriated from abroad, and in particular to make plans—

(*a*) for the ascertainment at short notice of the amount of accommodation that could be made available in their area for the lodging or feeding of such persons, or both ;

(*b*) for the allocation of billeting duties amongst their staff, and for any consequential redistribution of work ;

(*c*) for giving local publicity to the arrangements for billeting which would come into operation on the plans being carried out ;

(*d*) for training an appropriate number of suitable members of their staff and an appropriate number of volunteers, and also members of the Civil Defence Corps whose services are made available for the purpose, in the administration generally of the service to be provided by the authority in connexion with the billeting of persons.

3. It shall be the duty of every local authority, in accordance with the directions of the Minister—

(*a*) to designate a person to act as Chief Billeting Officer in the event of hostile action or a threat of hostile action ; and

(*b*) to make and keep up to date an estimate of the number of habitable rooms in their area.

4. It shall be the duty of every local authority, at the request and in accordance with the directions of the Minister, to carry out any such plans as are mentioned in regulation 2.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government this tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

(L.S.) *Harold Macmillan,*
Minister of Housing and Local Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.*)

These Regulations require certain local authorities to make plans for the billeting of the homeless and others in the event of war and, when so requested by the Minister, to put the plans into operation.

1952 No. 1859

The Civil Defence (Designation of the Minister of Transport) Order, 1952

Made - - - - 21*st October,* 1952

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 21st day of October, 1952

Present

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by subsection (2) of section nine of the Civil Defence Act, 1948(**a**), it is enacted that the expression " the designated Minister " in that Act means

(**a**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 5.

such Minister as may be designated by Order in Council and that different Ministers may be designated for different purposes or different provisions of the Act:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. Subject to Article 2 of this Order the Minister of Transport is designated Minister for the purposes of the Civil Defence Act, 1948, in relation to the matters set out in the Schedule hereto and, in relation to those matters, for all the provisions of the said Act except for—

(i) the provisions of section three of the said Act (which relates to grant towards the expenses of local and police authorities);

(ii) the provisions of section four of the said Act (which confers powers in relation to land);

(iii) the provisions of section five of the said Act (which relates to the civil defence obligations of constables, firemen and employees of local authorities or police authorities).

2.—(1) Nothing in this Order shall affect the functions from time to time exercisable by the Secretary of State, by virtue of the said Act or otherwise, in relation to the Civil Defence Corps.

(2) In this Article the expression "Civil Defence Corps" means the Corps established by and under the Warrant of the Secretary of State intituled the Civil Defence Corps Warrant, 1949, and any subsequent Warrants of the Secretary of State amending it and from time to time in force.

3. This Order may be cited as the Civil Defence (Designation of the Minister of Transport) Order, 1952.

F. J. Fernau.

SCHEDULE

The taking of measures, otherwise than in relation to lighting, for securing the maintenance of the road system, including its extension or adaptation to the requirements of traffic.

The taking of measures for securing the continued operation of railway, light railway, tramway, road transport, ferry, canal, waterway, inland navigation, dock, harbour and pier undertakings.

The taking of measures for securing the continued operation of merchant ships.

In this Schedule the expression "merchant ships" includes Government ships as defined in section eighty of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906(a), in the service of the Minister of Transport.

(a) 6 Edw. 7. c. 48.