

S^R Belgium and ,uxembourg

A very quick glance at this---there was no use trying to go into details--- indicates to me that (a) it has never had final editorial attention (A minor detail in this case); (b) the summary ought to be rearranged/ (c) the general approach was good and in general well expressed, but (d) the whole conception of the paper may well have been faulty.

This last point is the one that bothers me at the moment. I can see that the Netherlands, with its Far Eastern troubles and its peciaalized interests might have been found inadaptable to this particular study, while Luxembourg, as merely an appendage to Belgium (or whatever country best fills the bill,) might as well be attached to Belgium, ~~whatever~~. Fact remains, however, tat in current thinking about these countries---Indonesia aside for the moment--- the name is Benelux, so that when you talk about Belux alone, something seems to be missing. Furthermore, Belgium, like Holland, has an overseas empire of its own which happens to have atomic materials, though the resident personnel are not acting like Indonesians at present.

The upshot would seem to me to be one of selection. If you are going to

appeared. If you treated Belgium and the Netherlands separately, you would wonder why you had to go through a separate printed report for such a tiny matter as Luxembourg. If you did Benelux as one paper, you might wonder why these diverse colonial empires had to be mixed up in an essentially European, or ERP report. The latter ^{treatment} would still appear to me, though, to be the only out. You'd have to treat the colonial angle in special appendixes with liberal references to FE/P reports on the same.

The trouble with above is that the blame probably attaches to us primarily. We ought to have specified such reporting from the beginning. I bring up above comments in this regard only because I think that if the attached report were published as is, confusion---arising primarily from the non-appearance of the Netherlands---might result, especially because so much thinking is now centered around ECA in which Benelux has become a bloc inseparable.

From my brief glance, I doubt that it would be possible in any case to get this out of the way before the departure of Luch. If this is assumed, time might be offered to allow inclusion of the Dutch report---presumably on the ways somewhere---in this as a composite. If not---and if above objections are

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brushed aside, I should think that the SE could be brought to ~~axstage~~

the stage of completion rather quickly after an editorial eye had been quizzically
cast over the paper.