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f. Freeze on Civil Service manpower. There would be an immediate freeze on recruitment to the Civil Service for a period. The Cabinet recognised that there would have to be certain exceptions from the freeze in specific areas, with the approval of the Departmental Ministers concerned. During this period, Ministers would undertake an urgent examination of functions to secure reductions in Civil Service manpower. The Lord President of the Council would bring forward to the Cabinet urgently proposals to this end.

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