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SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 1947.FINAL REPORT1. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

- (a) The Chief UNRRA Representative is in constant touch with the various Governmental Departments, and in particular, with the Committee formed by the Government to deal with all matters relative to the Contribution, and relationship is excellent.

(b) Norwegian Gift Contribution:

- (1) Supplementary Contribution towards Administrative Costs of Kr. 1.290.400.--.

At closure of Mission this item was still outstanding, and as directed, I informed the Norwegian Foreign Office on May 19th 1947 that any subsequent action, will be handled direct from E.R.O., through the medium of Mr. P. Prebensen, the C.C.E. Representative.

I confirm my letter of 19th May 1947 with copy of letter addressed to the Norwegian Foreign Office.

- (2) Shipments during May ex Contribution:

All shipments have been completed and documentation finalised. All freight charges have been paid and clearance effected with the Government. A complete final Statement has been compiled of the value of the commodities contributed as the Gift Contribution from the Norwegian Government, and verified and signed by the responsible Government official, i.e., the Chairman of the Norwegian Government Committee dealing with the Contribution to UNRRA, and myself. Embodied in this Statement is also included the Contribution in Cash Funds, namely, One Million Norwegian Kroner.

Attention is drawn to the outstanding items viz.:

- (a) Refundment of N.Kr. 180.000.- advanced by the Norwegian Government towards Administration expenses.
- (b) The sum of N.Kr. 5.959.66 overpaid by the Norwegian Government for the Emergency Supplies.

These two items are included in the appeal made for supplementary funds, which matter as yet is not settled, and after the closure of the Mission will be handled directly by E.R.O.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

Relationships still very good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION:

Completed with the exception of the balance of Cyanamide to Italy, and as to the arrangements made for completion of this contract, please refer my April report.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES:

Nil report

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Nil report

6. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL:

Nil report

7. ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

- (a) Final closure of Mission arranged with the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Please refer to my letter dated the 16th May with accompanying copies of letters.
- (b) Norges Bank informed on the 19th May 1947, of my withdrawal, and final closure of the Mission as and from May 28th 1947. Authority cancelled for myself, as well as for Mr. R.H. Osborne and Mr. N.D. Powell, to sign on behalf of the Administration from the date mentioned, and specimen signatures lodged with the Bank of the persons authorised by UNRRA, London, to administer and sign with the necessary operating instructions. Please refer to my letter dated the 19th of May 1947.

Instructions have been given to Norges Bank to transfer balance of Supply and Procurement A/C No. 1367, at the 22nd May, to the A/C of UNRRA, London, at the Bank of England, in U.S. Dollars. Details will be supplied by Accounts Division at E.R.C. Mission A/C No. 1559 will be closed, and any credit balance at the 24th of May will be transferred to the D.P. A/C No. 1628, and this A/C thereafter operated from E.R.C. in accordance with instructions already given to Norges Bank, and as directed by you.

- (c) Arrangements completed for settlement of all known liabilities. Surplus property has been disposed of, and accounted for, office premises transferred and Class II employees terminated. Post and Telegraph offices notified of closure, and arrangements made for forwarding of mails, etc., after closure of Mission.

- (d) Final accounts will be prepared at E.R.C.

- (e) The Mission files are being sent by first available steamer direct to London by Messrs. Thor Thoresen A/S, Oslo, addressed: Supply Accounts Department, Portland Court, 170A 171 Portland Street. Bills of Lading endorsed "Notify Mr. W. Laycock". The Bills of Lading will be sent to you direct by Messrs. Thor Thoresen A/S along with their A/C for freight costs.

The volume is comparatively small and will not cause you any difficulties as to storage on reception.

- (f) The directive issued dated 4th March 1947 regarding disposal of Cash Funds and Negotiable Instruments has been complied with as far as compatible with the circumstances existing here at the Mission closure, note to be taken of the uncompleted negotiations regarding the supplementary appeal for further funds from the Norwegian Government.

- (g) Mr. H.R. Scott leaves by sea route possibly Friday/Saturday May 24th/25th, Mr. N.D. Powell, by rail surface, possibly 25th/26th May, and Mr. R.H. Osborne leaves Oslo for Copenhagen to finalise Danish Mission, and will leave there by surface route, date to be cabled later.

21st May, 1947.

H.R. Scott

Chief UNRRA Representative
in Norway

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 1947.1. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

- (a) The Chief UNRRA Representative is in constant touch with the various Governmental Departments, and in particular, with the Committee formed by the Government to deal with all matters relative to the Contribution, and relationship is excellent.

(b) Norwegian Gift Contribution:(1) Medical Stores.

This item of the Contribution can now be considered as satisfactorily disposed of, with the agreement that the Norwegian Government distribute same through the medium of the Norwegian and Danish Red Cross, and in connection with this arrangement, I wish to refer to my letter dated the 30th April, and my cable 107 H.Q. 376.

(2) Supplementary Contribution of 50 tons of Cod Liver Oil.

Arrangements made to ship to Poland, (Gdynia), and expected to be dispatched early in May.

(3) Supplementary Contribution towards Administrative Costs of Kr. 1.290.400 as outlined in the Memorandum sent with letter from P.R.D.G., dated the 12th February 1947.

The final decision of the Government has not yet been given. On the 22nd of April I officially wrote to the Chairman of the Government Committee expressing the hope that an early decision could be taken, and this gentleman has just informed me, verbally, that the question is now before the Cabinet, and it is expected their views will be known very shortly, probably in the course of the next days. I again stressed our desire for an early decision, primarily in consequence of the early closure of the Mission and the fact that the appeal is now many weeks old. I shall obviously communicate by cable immediately I have the decision of the Government.

Shipments made during March ex Government Gift Contribution:

Documentation of the shipments referred to in my March Report have been finalised and completed.

Shipments made during April ex Government Gift Contribution:

It was not until the early part of April that the ban on shipments to the Baltic was lifted. Steps were then immediately taken to charter the necessary tonnage, and arrangements made with the Government for a speedy assembly at the agreed shipping ports, for the remainder to be delivered to complete the contributed amount of commodities.

S/S "Lucian" (The first Vessel) sailed from Trondheim on the 7th April with about 742 metric tons of various foodstuffs.

Documentation finalised and completed.

To Poland:

S/S "Jaderen" sailed on the 20th April from Trondheim and Alesund, with about 388 metric tons of foodstuffs and 21 tons of salted fish. Documentation not yet completed, as I am still awaiting the necessary pro-forma invoices from the Government Committee.

S/S "Samev" has been chartered to load in Oslo and is expected to sail about the 3rd of May with a full cargo of foodstuffs ex the Contribution.

S/S "Ulsnes" is chartered to load in Trondheim and Kristiansund, and is expected to leave around the 8/10th of May with the 50 tons of God Liver Oil and the remaining balance of the foodstuffs ex Contribution being assembled at Trondheim.

S/S "Libra" or substitute is expected to lift around the 8/10th of May the remaining balance of foodstuffs ex Contribution assembled at Oslo.

To Italy:

The balance of fishmeal, i.e., about 9/10 tons will be shipped to Genoa around the 8/10th of May.

The above referred to shipments will complete the delivery of foodstuffs, etc., ex the Contribution.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

Relationships still very good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION:

(a) Fertilisers:

Cyanamide to Italy.

Freight contract made for the remaining balance to be delivered ex contract concluded with Odda Smelteverk, i.e.,

1400/1500 tons to be shipped about 10th May
by s/s "Braga".

1000/1500 tons to be shipped about 15/20 May
by s/s "San Andres".

Balance by Vessel end May/early June.

The first two Vessels to discharge at SAVONA and UNRRA, Rome, asked to indicate destination port for the last shipment.

ERO Supply Procurement Division II and Shipping Division fully informed of arrangements made.

Otherwise, shipment and documentation completed of all procurement made here in Norway in free funds.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES:

Nil report

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Nil report

6. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL:

See my March Report.

7. ORGANISATION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

Please see my remarks under B (3) regarding the appeal made for additional funds towards Administration Expenses.

I am proceeding with the necessary arrangements for closure of the Mission which I am hoping will be completed by the 15/20th of May, and as indicated in my cable No. 68 to ERO.

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*Swindell*SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 1947.1. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT:*Zeeps*

- (a) The Chief UNRRA Representative is in constant touch with the various Governmental Departments, and in particular, with the Committee formed by the Government to deal with all matters relative to the Contribution, and relationship is excellent.
- (b) Norwegian Gift Contribution:

First of all, I wish to refer to the Supplementary Statement to my monthly report for February dated the 13th March, and in which I endeavoured to outline the status of the Contribution in a general sense, and in accordance with the details in my possession at that date. In addition to this Statement, I wish to refer to the report on the "Documentation of Norwegian Contribution" compiled by my colleague, Mr. Damon Stansby, Chief of the Danish Mission, and I can only express the hope that the summarised form of the statements has enabled you to get a clear picture of this Norwegian Contribution.

Since the reports under review were compiled, Sir Humphrey Gale together with Mons. A. Norhange, have officially paid a visit to the Norwegian Government, when outstanding items connected with the Contribution, and the intended closure of the Mission, were discussed. The main points for settlement, or, agreement to, in respect of the Contribution would appear to be:-

1) Medical Stores.

The Norwegian Government are unable to give any substitute in whatever form for the proffered Medical Stores. In the event UNRRA does not want the Stores and Equipment to the value up to 2 Million Kroner, the Norwegian Government desire our agreement that they make a gift of same to the Norwegian Red Cross to distribute same in conjunction with the Danish Red Cross to the distressed countries in Europe. The proffered value of these Medical Stores are still available here in Norway, but it may take up to 2 months before a detailed list can be supplied by the Government authorities, or delivery effected.

2) Supplementary Contribution of Cod Liver Oil.

The Government offered when Sir Humphrey Gale was in Oslo an additional quantity of 50 tons of Cod Liver Oil, but could not say at the moment when this can be delivered. They ask for official acceptance of this, and to where it is intended to allocate same, even although it might happen that delivery cannot be made before final closure of UNRRA, respectively, the Norway Mission.

3) Supplementary Contribution towards Administrative Costs of Mr. 1,250,400 as outlined in the Memorandum sent with letter from F.R.S.S., dated the 12th February 1947.

It does look from the discussions which have taken place that eventually this supplementary item will be agreed to by the Government. Final decision is expected at any time.

I therefore, await the further necessary instructions appertaining to 1 and 2, and in particular to the question raised as to the statement made by Dr. Rajchman that the Norwegian Medical Supplies are not acceptable to the Polish Government, vide BRG cable 96 embodying Washington cable 21965. No reply has as yet been received from Dr. Wallach, the Polish Commercial Attaché, here, to the questions put up to him in respect of these Medical Stores, and particularly as to which items are not acceptable to Poland.

Shipments made during March ex Government Gift Contributions:

(a) To Italy:

By steamer "Sarpafoca" 3rd March	=	35,330	Kilo
2846 bags of Fishmeal			
By steamer "Storffjell" 8th March	=	35,000	Kilo
1000 bags of Fishmeal			
Saltbulk Fish	=	94,290	Kilo

(b) To Yugoslavia:

By steamer "Lövass" to Trieste			
17th March.			
Dehydrated and canned Vegetables	=	817,918	Kilo
and Potatoes			

(c) To Austria via Trieste:

By steamer "Lövass"			
3920 barrels of salted Herrings	=	607,445	Kilo

Documentation of (a), (b) and (c) are now in process of completion.

(d) To Poland:

No shipments owing to ice difficulties.

There still remains to be shipped about 160 tons of Fish Products and 2200 tons of Military and ex German Stores.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

Relationships still very good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION:

(a) Fertilisers:

The remaining 222 tons of Nitrate of Lime for Czechoslovakia was shipped by the s/s "Lövass" on the 18th March to Trieste, and documentation now completed.

(b) Cyanamide for Italy:

1000 tons has been arranged for shipment by the s/s "San Andres" to Savona and due to load towards the end of March. Freight has been concluded for the remaining 4000 tons to be shipped spread April/May.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNERA RESOURCES:

Nil report

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Nil report

6. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL:

During March 1947 no employees were returned to Oslo for termination. The total number of employees on the Oslo payroll at the transfer of Home Accounting Functions to H.Q. D.P. Ops., Paris, was 56.

Home Accounting Functions transferred to Paris on the 15th March 1947.

Mr. A.J. Bronsema, the Accountant at Oslo, has been transferred for duties in Paris.

One Secretary Class I employee returned to ERO for termination.

Two Class II employees will be retained for duty until closure of Mission. Refer to my report dated 17th March to D.D.G. and C. of P. and A. covering ERO Order No.88.

7. ORGANISATION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

Please refer to Para. 6 above.

Formal notice handed to Ministry for Foreign Affairs on 13th March of Closure of Norway Mission on the 31st March. (Copy sent to ERO and Headquarters). In consequence of authority to continue in Norway after official Mission closure, further letter addressed to Ministry for Foreign Affairs on 28th March requesting necessary facilities be granted Mission and staff. (Copy sent ERO and Headquarters).

In connection with closure of Mission, and questions of completion of Supply program, I refer to the negotiations which Sir Humphrey Gale and Messrs. A. Morhange had with the competent Norwegian Government officials on their recent visit, and the arrangements then made. I refer to

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the letter from the Norwegian Foreign Office dated the 28th March, copy of which sent to ERO and Headquarters.

Transfer made at the Bank of Norway of 265.000 Norwegian Kroner to a special A/C to be known as "D.P. Welfare No. 2 Account - Paris" for operation by Paris office. Necessary signatures of authorized officials handed to Bank of Norway, with the appropriate explanation of transfer and operations.

9th April, 1947.



H.R. Scott
Chief UNRRA Representative
in Norway

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1947.

1. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

- (a) The Chief UNRRA Representative is in constant touch with the various Governmental Departments, and in particular, with the Committee formed by the Government to deal with all matters relative to the Contribution, and relationship is excellent.
- (b) NORWEGIAN GIFT CONTRIBUTION:

I refer to the comments made in my January report in regard to the exceptional ice conditions prevailing here, and at the end of the month the general freeze up persists. As yet no Vessels can proceed to the Baltic or the German North Sea Ports, consequently all shipments to Poland are stopped, and it is impossible to say at the moment when it will be possible to re-commence shipping. The assembly of the remaining commodities is still proceeding, and I also dealt with this in my January report.

Fish Products: Austrian Allocation:

I was glad to receive Headquarters authority to reinstate shipment of the 4000 barrels of Salted Herrings to Austria, and shipment will be made to Trieste during the early part of March.

Dried & Canned Vegetables & Potatoes for Yugoslavia:

Shipment of the 320 tons under this allocation will be made to Trieste in the same Vessel carrying the above referred to 4000 barrels of Herrings.

Medical Stores:

I refer to the remarks made in my January report. Discussions have still proceeded with the Government Committee as to substituting Cod Liver Oil and Fish Products, or other food commodities, but I am very much afraid this will not be possible, and in connection with same would refer to my letter of the 13th February to Mr. J.H. Fischel, E.R.O. The funds granted by Parliament are now exhausted, and I am unofficially informed that the Government at this stage are very reluctant to again ask Parliament for additional money as a supplementary Contribution. I am awaiting the final decision of the Minister of Social Affairs, and this will be communicated to you immediately it is received.

Coffee & Tea Substitute for Yugoslavia:

In the absence of Headquarters agreement to accept the quantity offered to us within the Gift Contribution, I have

intimated to the Government Committee that I am unable to accept same, primarily due to the difficulty of arranging shipment.

UNRRA Expenses in Norway:

I refer to my letter of the 24th of February acknowledging receipt of the Memorandum from the P.R.D.C. with the appeal for an additional 1,290,400 Norwegian Kroner, and this Memorandum was duly conveyed to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on the 24th of February. Nothing further has so far developed.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

Relationships still very good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION:

(a) Fertilisers:

Owing to the freeze up the remaining 222 tons of Nitrate of Lime has not yet been shipped. Shipment will be made by the first Vessel sailing for Hamburg or Bremen.

Arrangements have been made to ship 1000 tons of Cyanamide to Italy during March.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES:

Nil report

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Nil report

6. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL:

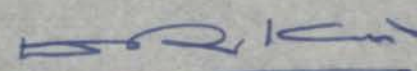
During the month of February 1947 no employees were returned to Oslo for termination.

The total number of employees, still on the Oslo Payroll is 56. Arrangements have been made to transfer the accounting function of this office in respect of these employees to UNRRA, Paris.

7. ORGANISATION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

Arrangements are proceeding to transfer Home Accounting functions to Paris by the 15th of March, and to close Mission on the 31st of March.

11th March, 1947.


H.R. Scott
Chief UNRRA Representative
in Norway

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1947.1. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

- (a) The Chief UNRRA Representative is in constant touch with the various Governmental Departments, and in particular, with the Committee formed by the Government to deal with all matters relative to the Contribution, and relationship is excellent.
- (b) Norwegian Gift Contribution:

I confirm my letter to Mr. Iliuschenko particularly in regard to the circumstances which have arisen due to the intense cold, and to the stoppage for the time being of all shipping to the Baltic and to the German North Sea ports. You are, no doubt, aware that everything is at a standstill, and for the present no further shipments to Poland ex the Contribution can be made. We are likewise experiencing here in Norway at the moment severe wintry weather, but up to the present this has not dislocated the ports very much, or the shipping facilities. I am, therefore, concentrating on, together with the Government Committee, assembling at the agreed upon shipping ports the remaining commodities ex the Contribution, but this is hampered to some extent by the lack of adequate warehouses or storage space, particularly at Trondheim. At the moment, I have lying in store at Trondheim about 2000 tons of foodstuffs, and transport of the remainder of the goods from the outlying original storage places is proceeding as fast as the circumstances will permit. I am still hopeful if shipment to the Baltic, particularly to Gdynia, can start again within a short time that completion of the shipment ex the Contribution can be fulfilled by the end of February or early March. Unfortunately, as I mentioned in my letter to Mr. Iliuschenko, documentation from the Norwegian Government and their suppliers is very slow, but I am continually pressing them to let me have the invoices etc., and I can only express the hope at the moment that documentation can be completed during March.

Fish Products: Suggested Austrian Allocation:

I wish to refer to Washington's cable No. 133, repeated London 20027, informing me that the Austrian Budget was exhausted, and I confirm my cable to Washington No. 340, repeated London 39, that shipping space for the 4,000 barrels of Salted Herring estimated value 280,000 kroner had been cancelled, and that I awaited the further instructions which Headquarters expected to cable during the first week of February. I confirm my cable to Headquarters No. 346, repeated London 46, and I understand that the suppliers of the Herrings are pressing the Government Committee for early disposal instructions of the 4,000 barrels, as for one thing these are now assembled for shipment consequently they are occupying valuable storage space, which is badly wanted to deal with the new present heavy catch of herrings and express the desire

that I should move the cargo as quickly as possible. I must express the hope that you will be able to give me your early further instructions.

Coffee & Tea Substitute for Yugoslavia:

I very much regret that up to the moment of writing I have not received Headquarters' instructions that the quantities of the above available here can be shipped to Yugoslavia. I repeat that the quantity, which the Government has expressed the desire we take over, is about 603 tons Coffee Substitute and about 65 tons of Tea Substitute, totalling 673 tons. This tonnage would facilitate greatly my being able to charter a special vessel to Trieste, and to combine with same the 264 tons of dehydrated and canned potatoes and 456 tons of dehydrated and canned vegetables for Yugoslavia, shipping port Trieste. I have worked on arranging for one vessel to carry:

4,000 barrels of Herring	=	600 tons
Potatoes & Vegetables	=	820 "
Coffee & Tea Substitute	=	673 "
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to Trieste; the stoppage of the above mentioned 4,000 barrels, as well as no decision taken regarding the Coffee and Tea Substitute, this has accentuated the delay in my being able to get away the dehydrated and canned potatoes and vegetables to Yugoslavia. Unless I have very early instructions regarding the 4,000 barrels of Herring, and the Coffee and Tea Substitute, I shall endeavour to get away alone the canned and dried potatoes and vegetables to Trieste, although the quantity in itself is rather small to get ship owners to send a smallish vessel the long journey from Norway to Trieste. In the event that I am unable to charter a smaller vessel for the potatoes and vegetables, then I shall be reluctantly compelled to send same to U.K., or a North Sea continental port for transshipment, or by other methods available for onforwarding to Trieste. There are, at the moment, no direct "liner" shipping opportunities from Norway to Trieste. I refer to the remarks I made in my December report on this shipping problem to Trieste.

Medical Stores:

I would like to confirm my letter to ERO for Mr. I.A. Iliuschenko, copy despatched to the Office of the Director General, Washington, outlining the unexpected aspect regarding these supplies. With my letter I sent a copy of the communication received from the Minister of Social Affairs, Mr. Sven Oftedal, and I can only await your views in due course on the situation which has now arisen.

UNRRA Expenses in Norway:

I refer to ERO Cable No. 15 relative to this matter, that the Personal Representative of the Director General was proposing to send a memorandum of requirements which may help my further negotiations with the Norwegian Government. This promised memorandum has not reached

me, but immediately it arrives I will continue the further necessary negotiations with the Norwegian Foreign Office. On the other hand, I have not had any approach made to me by the Foreign Office themselves since the receipt of the above referred to cable 15.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

Relationships still very good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION:

(a) Fish Hooks:

Yugoslavia: These were shipped by the S/S "Photinia" to Trieste as already advised, and documentation is now being completed.

(b) Fertilisers: The allotted quantity of Nitrate of Lime to China was shipped by the S/S "Concordia" and 5,800 tons was shipped by the S/S "Photinia" to Trieste for Czechoslovakia. I understand that a vessel, the S/S "Kordun" has been chartered to lift the 3,922 tons for Yugoslavia during the first part of February. The remaining 222 tons of Calcium Nitrate for Czechoslovakia will be shipped to Hamburg, or Bremen, immediately shipping facilities are open again to either port.

(c) Seed Potatoes for Italy up to 10,000 tons: I regret I had to cable you (my cable No. 25) that the Norwegian Government had advised me that there were no seed potatoes available for export this Spring.

(d) Cod Liver Oil: I refer to Washington's cable No. 131 in respect of the possibility of the purchasing of 300 tons here in Norway and confirming my cable to Headquarters No. 344 London 44, I can only report that stocks here are at the moment completely depleted, and that further deliveries can only be made from this season's production. I am told that there are no possibilities whatever of delivering the 300 tons February balance March, and that the best delivery that could be indicated was as outlined in my cable to Headquarters No. 326, repeated London 32. I conferred with the competent department of the Government on the subject of the price, but I was informed that the price quoted could not be reduced.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES:

Nil report

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Nil report

6. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL:

During the month of January 1947 seven employees reported

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER
19461. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

- (a) The Chief UNRRA Representative is in constant touch with the various Governmental Departments, and in particular, with the Committee formed by the Government to deal with all matters relative to the Contribution, and relationship is excellent.

(b) Norwegian Gift Contribution:

Not a great deal has happened since the visit here of Mr. Iliushenko. The Government are assembling at the various arranged ports the commodities still to be delivered. The major part of the stocks in the Oslo and Bergen areas has now been delivered, and shipped, and the remaining balance at these two points will be completed during January. The assembly of the commodities in the Trondheim area is progressing favourably, and will be shipped as and when sufficient quantities are handed over to enable us to charter the necessary vessels, and I expect to keep to the program discussed and arranged with Mr. Iliushenko.

Fish Products:

I confirm Headquarters' cable No. 129, repeated BRG 18925, authorizing shipment to Austria of the supplementary amount of fish products as given in my cable No. 312, repeated London 654. It is my intention, if Trieste is approved as the receiving port, to combine this cargo with the canned and dehydrated potatoes and vegetables for Yugoslavia. It transpired that the quantity originally given to me by the Government of dried and dehydrated potatoes and vegetables had been increased, and that the quantity now should read: -

264 tons potatoes
406 tons vegetables

I was glad to receive Headquarters' cable 129, repeated London 18295, agreeing that this increased quantity be shipped to Yugoslavia. Although for some time past there has been no steamer trading direct between Norway and Trieste, as previously indicated, I am informed that there are prospects of a vessel, providing sufficient cargo is available, being fixed for about the middle/end of January direct to Trieste, and if this opportunity can be utilised, it would obviate the necessity of having to tranship the Yugoslavia allocation from a continental or U.K. port. It would, therefore, suit a very useful purpose if the allocated fish for Austria could be shipped to Trieste, as this would be a better inducement for the owners, and without doubt the freight rate for direct shipment would be much cheaper than the eventual cost if transhipped via the continent or U.K.

Coffee & Tea Substitute for Yugoslavia:

I regret that up to the moment of writing no decision has been taken in respect of the suggestion to ship to Yugoslavia what is presently available of these two items, and primarily to combine sufficient tonnage for a special vessel to Trieste. In accordance with Headquarters' cable, No. 129, repeated London 18925, I am now investigating matters to ascertain the total quantity that will be available, and immediately I have this from the Government I shall cable details as directed by Headquarters' cable No. 126, repeated London 18654.

Fish Products:

The Government have not offered any further supplementary fish products, although I know that they are at the moment investigating the present stocks and possibilities, and in the event that further quantities can be handed over I shall, of course, immediately inform you of same, and I can only again express the hope consideration will be given to the Norwegian Government's desire to ship further relief supplies to Austria.

UNR A Expenses in Norway:

I refer to the letter from the Personal Representative of the Director General dated the 3rd December, and my two letters of the 20th and 31st December in regard to the appeal made to the Government for a supplementary contribution. Nothing further has developed from the Government side since my letter of the 31st December.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

Relationships still very good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION:(a) Fish Hooks:

Yugoslavia: As outlined in my November Report, I intend to arrange shipment of the quantity now ready with the Nitrate of Lime, or with the commodities against the Contribution, to Trieste.

(b) Fertilisers: I refer to the visit paid here by Mr. Jacobsen, and the negotiations which took place with the Norwegian Foreign Office as well as Norsk Hydro, suppliers of Nitrate of Lime, as well as with Odda Smelteverk, Suppliers of Cyanamide. Mr. Jacobsen took with him to ERO contract from Norsk Hydro covering: -

1192 tons	to	China
3922 "	"	Yugoslavia
6022 "	"	Czechoslovakia

11136 metric tons

I confirm my cable Enjoy No. 3 with information that Norsk Hydro would agree to deliver 714 metric tons over and above the 6,500 tons originally indicated for January. The suppliers, Norsk Hydro, are very anxious to receive the signed contract, and I confirm my enquiry as to whether this had been despatched to Oslo.

I have taken note that ERO will arrange shipping of the Nitrate of Lime, and I confirm my cable No. 2 to ERO giving the freight rates indicated locally to the three destinations under review.

(c) Seed Potatoes for Italy - 10,000 tons:

I refer to ERO cable 501 enquiring whether procurement was possible of the above, and I immediately contacted Director Spildo of the Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture, who is now looking into matters to see what they might be able to offer for early shipment. Mr. Spildo was of the opinion that it would hardly be possible for them to consider 10,000 tons, nevertheless he would in due course indicate the maximum amount that could possibly be procured here in Norway with prices, etc.

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Shipment of all procured supplies purchased with free funds has now been completed with the exception of: -

Four Million Fish Hooks for Yugoslavia
15 Tons of Fodder Beet Seeds for Italy

These two items will be shipped during January.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES:

Nil report

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Nil report

6. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL:

During the month of December three employees reported from their point of duty for termination, one from Germany and two from Austria, D.P. Operations.

On the 31st of December, five more employees had been reported to be on their way to Oslo. Two of these employees were coming from Greece, two from Poland and one from Germany.

In addition to the two employees, mentioned in our last month's report, who wished their final settlement made without reporting personally at their home-station, we were advised that one terminated employee in China wanted his final settlement to be made there.

7. ORGANISATION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

The Chief of Mission acknowledges receipt of cable SNITE No. 2 with warning instructions of final closure of this Mission at 1st March. The contents of the cable have been duly noted, and I must ask to receive in good time the relevant necessary instructions as to finalising all matters concerning the Mission.

5th January, 1947.

H. R. Scott

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Chief UNRRA Representative
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SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER
1948

1. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

- (a) The Chief UNRRA Representative is in constant touch with the various Governmental Departments, and in particular, with the Committee formed by the Government to deal with all matters relative to the Contribution, and relationship is excellent.

(b) Norwegian Gift Contribution:

I would like first of all to refer to my visit to ERO during November, and to the discussions which then took place in regard to the general situation here in Norway, also to the visit here of Mr. Iliuschenko, during the early part of December, accompanied by Mr. Stansby, Chief of the Danish Mission, and Mr. Nils Jacobsen, and to the discussions and negotiations which have taken place during the visit of Mr. Iliuschenko with the Norwegian Government, in particular with the Chairman of the Government Committee dealing with the Contribution.

I would like to refer to Mr. Iliuschenko's cables to ERO and Washington outlining the situation here, and it seems fairly safe to predict that shipment of the Contribution will be completed around the end of January, or the middle of February.

I would particularly like to refer to the cable from Mr. Iliuschenko to Commander Jackson, i.e., No. 315 to Washington, repeated London 681, in regard to the position of both procurement in free funds, and the status of the Norwegian Gift Contribution. I think this cable fully explains the position as it exists at the present moment, and in accordance with the desire of Mr. Iliuschenko, I shall keep both London and Washington informed by cable as to developments from now on.

In my letter of the 30th November, with which I sent a translation of a letter from the Chairman of the Government Committee dated the 19th November giving details of the fish products, you will observe this sets out the attitude of the Norwegian Government to this item of the Contribution. In accordance with the wish expressed by Mr. Iliuschenko, I shall advise you by cable as and when the Government supplement this list with any additional quantities of fish. Hope was expressed by the Government, during Mr. Iliuschenko's visit, that it might be possible for them to still hand over further quantities of fish during the next month or so, and I shall follow this very closely.

Dehydrated and Canned Potatoes and Dehydrated and Canned Vegetables:

I confirm the information contained in my cable addressed Washington 302, repeated London 641, that further shipment had been stopped to Poland, and that I had already withheld

here some 142 tons of dehydrated and 97 tons of canned potatoes and 125 tons dehydrated and 56 tons of canned vegetables. In accordance with Washington Cable No. 120, repeated London 17790, repeated Belgrade 3953, these should be shipped to Yugoslavia. I confirm my cable addressed Washington No. 313, repeated London 655, repeated Belgrade 2, that at present there is no regular line of steamers from Norway to Trieste, and consequently it would be necessary to either charter a vessel, or to arrange transshipment at a North Sea continental port, or U.K. The amount of potatoes and vegetables obviously is insufficient to charter a special vessel, and therefore, I made the suggestion in my cable referred to above, to deviate about 250 tons of Coffee Substitute and 65 tons of Tea Substitute ex the German Military Stores coming within the Contribution, previously instructed to ship to Poland. I also proposed allocating to Yugoslavia the supplementary quantity of 1,800 barrels of Small Herrings, 1439 barrels of Salted Blue Halibut and 400 barrels and/or cases Salted Fish indicated in my telegram addressed Washington 312 repeated London 654, which the Government propose to hand over supplementary to the quid pro quo for the value of meal and corn which they now find they cannot deliver from Sweden as originally intended.

However, as mentioned by Mr. Iliuschenko in his cable to Mr. Borders, Washington No. 314, repeated London 659, in consequence of the Norwegian Minister of Social Affairs expressing the desire of the Government we should allocate if at all possible some part of their contribution for delivery to Austria, Mr. Iliuschenko recommended that the proposal made by me for shipment to Yugoslavia of the commodities referred to above should be re-allocated to Austria instead, and further suggested to send to Austria additional supplies of foodstuffs still remaining here ex the Contribution totalling altogether in value equivalent to 400,000 dollars. I therefore await further cable-graphic instructions before doing anything further regarding the proposals under review.

At this stage, I can only endorse the view expressed by Mr. Iliuschenko, that it would certainly please the Norwegian Government if such an amount of foodstuffs as mentioned in his cable was redirected to Austria.

Shipping:

The transfer of 250,000 kroner from unused procurement balances to the General Shipping Account, my cable 653, repeated Washington 311 and my cable 662 that Mr. Iliuschenko concurred with the proposed transfer. This amount has now been duly transferred to the General Freight Account.

Kippers in Black Plate Tins:

The remaining balance has now been shipped to Poland.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

Relationships still very good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION:

(a) Fish Hooks:

Yugoslavia: The Shippers have now advised me that these are ready for shipment, and I intend to arrange shipment along with either the Nitrate of Lime, or with whatever part of the Contribution is shipped to Trieste, for either Yugoslavia or Austria.

(b) Fertilisers:

Calcium Nitrate: Mr. Jacobsen will pay a visit to Oslo to continue the negotiations in respect of the quantities destined for Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and China.

(c) Fish:

The 1946 Saltbulk Codfish Contract: Claim for Demurrage on S/S "Annik" to Leningrad. In accordance with arrangements concluded with Mr. DeWaal when the writer was in London, I have now settled this demurrage claim and debited the cost to the General Freight Account.

Contract for 25,000 barrels of Fat Herrings in Brine:

The remaining balance outstanding against this contract has now been shipped to Poland.

(d) Soap, Soap Powder and Tooth Powder: The remaining balance of 10 tons ex the above has now been shipped from Bergen to Hamburg.

(e) Whale Oil: The remaining balance has now been shipped to Hamburg and this contract is thus completed.

(f) Wheat: Washington advised me, cable No. 119 repeated London 17685, that this matter had now been finally settled and that the sum of 108,532.03 dollars had been paid to the Chase National Bank for account of the Norwegian State Grain Monoply.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES:

Nil report

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Nil Report

6. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL:

In connection with the reduction in force and closure of missions, more employees were returned to Oslo.

During the month of November, 5 employees reported at this office for termination, four of these employees were released from their duty in D.P. Operations, Germany, and one from the UNRRA Mission to Poland.

According to our latest report five more employees were being

repatriated on the 30th November viz:

- 1 from Germany
- 2 from Greece
- 2 from Poland

Final settlement for the two employees mentioned in our last month's report, who wanted finalization without appearing personally in Oslo, has not yet been made, but the necessary steps have been taken by this office.

7. ORGANISATION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

The Chief of Mission visited ERO between 19th and 27th November, and Mr. Iliuschenko, Mr. Stansby and Mr. Jacobsen visited Norway between 9th and 13th December.

12th December 1946.

H. R. Scott

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Chief UNRRA Representative
in Norway

EXTRACTS from Statement made to the Press by the Chairman of the Government Committee at his Press Conference held on the 26th October, and referred to in my October Monthly Report.

Ultimately Parliament agreed that the funds allocated could be used to the advantage of other countries, when it concerned goods for which UNRRA had no use.

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When the Committee started its work there was no complete summary of what goods could be made available for the contribution, where the goods were situated, and what quantity could be placed at their disposition. Particular confusion existed in respect of the stocks of ex enemy stores here in the country.

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Further, the Committee had to investigate which fish products, and what quantity of such products Norway could place at the receiver's disposal. The stocks of these goods are, as is well known, lying at many different places. The fish products must be brought from a number of small and large shipping places from Lindernes to a long way North of Tromsø. Then again, a large part of all the goods, which I have mentioned, must be the subject of collection and assessment; for many categories quality control must be made, no doubt a portion of the goods must be repacked to stand the long sea transport.

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It has been agreed that the Committee shall arrange that all these goods, which are spread in storehouses all over the country, be assembled in a few suitable harbours which are suitable for loading comparatively larger vessels.

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We shall deliver the goods f.o.b. at these ports from which UNRRA will arrange the transport in boats which they themselves will charter. This assembly, which we shall arrange, is not a simple matter for much of the goods to be donated. It follows that it will take time before all these goods can be ready for shipment in the ports.

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In the Trondheim district a very large quantity of the foodstuffs are stored, and we estimate that ex Enemy Stores in the Trondheim area will need about 2,000 motor truck loads. To bring these goods to Trondheim represents, taking 15 metres distance between each truck, that the convoy would stretch, to give an example, from Oslo to Drammen. This will give you an indication that this assembly at the port is a "bit of a problem".

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According to the details we have so far got, we must assume that Norway's official gift to the suffering people of Europe will consist of the following delivery of food: -

5945 tons	Table Potatoes
about 2900 "	Fish & Fish Products
" 830 "	Sardines and Herrings
" 1900 "	Wheat which is lying at Swedish port for Norway's A/C
" 1070 "	Biscuits from Norwegian civilian stocks
" 1950 "	Foodstuffs from Norwegian Military Sources
" 4500 "	Various kinds of Foodstuffs, amongst which meal and corn from ex German Military Stores.

Together this will come to delivery of about 19,000 tons of foodstuffs.

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The Committee has given very definite instructions to all the Suppliers that they must assess the goods at reasonable prices, and it can be safely said that the prices will not only be reasonable, but very reasonable. When it is a question of these stocks (Military and ex Enemy Stores), the Committee has specially drawn attention to those concerned that the best possible expert control, must be exercised, among other things, by drawing and examination of samples, and eventually by analysis. The Committee has also decided that if there is the slightest doubt of the suitability, the goods shall not be despatched. The Analysis of the canned meat has shown that the quality is normal.

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SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1946

1. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

(a) The Chief UNRRA Representative is in constant touch with the various Governmental Departments, and in particular, with the Committee formed by the Government to deal with all matters relative to the Contribution, and relationship is excellent.

(b) Norwegian Gift Contribution:

1. Fish Products: I am afraid very little fresh information has been forthcoming from the Government Committee since the details under the above head were given you in my September Report. I am constantly in touch with the Committee, and endeavouring to obtain from them the final list of what they intend to hand over to comprise the fish products, together with the assessed value of same. The Chairman of the Committee has again promised that this list will be forthcoming very shortly, and unfortunately I can only await the fulfilment of this promise, and as mentioned in my cable to Washington No. 284 repeated London 618, this will be sent in the very near future.

I am informed by the Ministry of Fisheries that the Herring Catch along the Norwegian Coast has completely failed, and that it is anticipated only a very, very small quantity of herrings will be cured, and in consequence very little indeed will be available for handing over as part of the Gift Contribution. I confirm my cable to Washington No. 284, repeated London 618, passing you this information, and it looks today that practically nothing will be placed at our disposal of the indicated quantity as given in paragraph 4 of my cable 262, i.e., 25,000 barrels Salted Autumn Caught small Herrings and Salted Fat Herrings. The Government Committee when proposing this additional quantity of herrings took a reservation "subject available", and I am afraid that we shall have to face the fact of this unfortunate happening. I confirm, that as part compensation to cover the above referred to shortage of the herrings, the Government propose handing over 900 barrels, each of 100 kilos, of Salted Blue Halibut, and this I am including in the cargo now in course of assembly and shipment to Poland of the fish products listed in paragraph 2 and 3 of my cable to Washington No. 262, repeated London 575. Therefore, the only addition to the list given in my September Report, is the 900 barrels of Salted Blue Halibut. The Government Committee inform me that at the moment they are investigating what stocks are available of suitable fish, fish products, etc. which can be handed over.

I would refer to remarks I made in my September Report under this heading in respect of the difficulties being experienced, particularly (b) and (c).

2. Fish: Shipment of 530 tons of Salted Bulk by M/V "San Miguel" Italy. I am very glad to inform you that the government has now agreed to this shipment forming part of the Norwegian donation coming within the heading of donated fish products. This item will eventually be shown by the Government in the List, which they intend to give me showing how the Gift Contribution of Fish Products is made up.

3. Kippers in Black Plate Tins: The remaining balance of the contract concluded with the Norwegian Authorities will be shipped during November, and as you are aware, half the cost of the kippers is to be included in the list of the fish products donated under the Gift Contribution. Therefore the contributed amount of kippers will be shown in the list eventually to be supplied by the Government.
4. Shipments for the Contribution Generally: Assembly of the commodities is going ahead quite satisfactorily, and up to the time of writing, I have already chartered 8 vessels to proceed to Poland; one ship, the S/S "Edna" has already left with a cargo of foodstuffs, i.e., about 689 tons, and most of the other vessels are scheduled to load during the month of November and early December.

I confirm my cable to London No. 617 informing you that all the commodities coming within the Gift Contribution will be delivered by the Norwegian Authorities f.o.b. Norwegian Port.

5. Corn and Flour included in the Supplementary Military Stores: I wish to refer to the remarks in my September Report in respect of the mutual agreement to interchange the equivalent amount of wheat to be supplied at a suitable Swedish Port. A quantity covering this will be in the region of 1800/2000 tons, and negotiations are now proceeding to arrange the handing over of this quantity at a suitable Swedish Port.

I am hoping this matter will be finalised within the next week or two.

6. One million Norwegian kroner for Administrative Costs: Costs: I was glad to be able to inform you in my communication of the 31st October that the Norwegian Ministry of Finance had transferred on that day the sum of 936.013.00 to UNRRA Welfare Account No. 1628 at Norges Bank.
7. Medical Stores to the amount of two million kroner: I duly conveyed to the Government Committee the contents of Washington Cable 110, information London 14076, and I confirm your assumption is correct that the Medical Stores under review are additional contribution, and I am awaiting the government written confirmation that they, from their side, are prepared to confirm acceptance of same in conformity with the Resolution 104 passed at the Fifth Council Session, Geneva. Verbal agreement has been given to me, but I thought it advisable to request written confirmation of their acceptance within the terms of the above cited cable.
8. Norwegian Gift Loan Contribution to the amount of Fifteen Million Kroner: I am informed by the Government Committee that up to the present, Finland, is the only country which has been granted a loan of four million kroner from this Special Loan Contribution; in fact, I believe that Finland is the only country so far who has applied for participation.

With regard to the reported desire of Hungary to participate in this Loan Contribution of the Norwegian Government, I am informed that up to the moment of writing no negotiations have been entered into either via Washington or Oslo.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

Relationships still very good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION:

(a) Fish Hooks:

China: Information still awaited as to whether the samples submitted by Suppliers are suitable for China.

Yugoslavia: Shipment of the order placed with Suppliers is expected to be made during the next few weeks.

(b) Codliver Oil: The 50 tons destined for Hungary was shipped to Newcastle-on-Tyne by S/S "Jupiter" on the 5th October for on-forwarding to Trieste. Full details and documentation were sent to Supply Shipping Dept., ERO as well as to the Chief of Mission, Hungary.

By this shipment, the contract for 1,000 metric tons, placed here in Norway, was completed.

(c) Fertilizers:

Calcium Nitrate: In accordance with the desire of ERO negotiations were entered into with the Norwegian Suppliers, i.e., Norsk Hydro, in respect of procurement (1) 1,300 tons of Calcium Nitrate, 15.5% N for China (2) 3,000 tons of Calcium Nitrate 15.5% N for Yugoslavia.

I confirm my communication of the 30th October, with which I sent copy of letter received from Norsk Hydro, dated the 23rd October, together with draft contracts in triplicate to cover 3672 tons of Nitrate of Lime for Yugoslavia, and 1,311 tons of Nitrate of Lime for China, and as therein stated in Norsk Hydro's letter of the 23rd October, payments are demanded in U.S. dollars, in accordance with the supposed agreement between Headquarters, Washington, and the Norwegian Embassy in Washington.

I await further instructions in respect of these two Pro Forma contracts.

With regard to the 6,450 tons of Calcium Nitrate, 15.5% N for Czechoslovakia, and as you are informed this transaction will be the subject of direct negotiation between Norway and Czechoslovakia within the framework of the Norwegian-Czech Trade Agreement, Norsk Hydro inform me that should this negotiation not lead to a positive result, the matter would again be referred to this office.

(d) Fish:

The 1946 Saltbulk Codfish Contract: Claim for demurrage on S/S. "Annik" to Leningrad. I confirm the remarks in my September Report in respect of the claim made for demurrage on this vessel, and would refer to the correspondence during October to ERO covering the developments up to date, and, in particular, my letter of the 23rd October to ERO, attention, Mr. DeMaal, and my letter of the 26th October, attention Mr. Linnell.

I hope to receive your agreement as quickly as possible, together with the transfer of the necessary funds to settle with the owners as they are more or less constantly pressing me to accept settlement, and I think sufficient corroboration of the claim has been substantiated. I would like early action so as to avoid any unnecessary difficulties, or trouble, with the Owners of the vessel.

The 1945 Saltbulk Cod Contract: I am pleased to inform you as

mentioned under the heading of the Government Gift Contribution that the Government Committee have agreed to include the cost of the "San Miguel" shipment to Genoa within the Gift Contribution of Fish Products.

Commitment for Five Million Cans of Klippers in Black Plate Packing: As mentioned under the heading of the Gift Contribution, the balance of the Contract concluded will be shipped to Poland during November.

Contract for 25,000 Barrels of Fat Herrings in Brine: The remaining balance referred to in my September Report will be shipped to Poland during this month.

- (e) Nickel: Documentation for 200 tons of Nickel shipped to Hamburg for onforwarding to Austria has been completed.
- (f) Soap, Soap Powder and Tooth Powder: The Remaining balance of 10 tons is expected to be shipped from Bergen during this month.
- (g) Whale Oil: The remaining balance of 200 tons is expected to be shipped during the early part of November.
- (h) Wheat: The final account has been presented to me by the Norwegian State Grain Corporation showing a balance due to them of Norwegian Kroner 539.409.19. I wish to refer to the correspondence with Mr. Funkhouser of Headquarters, and with Mr. Linnell, ERO, during the month, and the instructions received from Mr. Funkhouser to remit to the State Grain Corporation the money due to them. I now await ERO authority, and the transfer of the funds necessary to settle this account.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES:

No report.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

The Chairman of the Government Committee dealing with the Gift Contribution gave a Press Conference on Friday, the 26th October. The Chief of Mission attended at the invitation of the Chairman, and in addition to representatives of all the leading newspapers, press bureaus, news reel people, etc., many members of Parliament were also present. The Chairman gave a very interesting and detailed account of the contribution, and excellent publicity was given in all the leading newspapers, with photographs etc. All present were afterwards taken to inspect some of the donated commodities in one of the large military stores, in Oslo, and also made a trip to the docks to witness the first ship being loaded for Poland.

In addition to the Press Conference, the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation had a twenty minute broadcast on the 1st November given by one of their staff entitled "UNRRA and Its Work". In this broadcast a short recorded interview with the Chief of Mission was included, and the broadcast was, without doubt, very excellent publicity.

6. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL:

In connection with the reduction and closure of Missions, the number of employees returned to Oslo increased considerably.

During the month of October, six employees reported at this office for termination; three of these employees were released from their duty in D.P. Operations Germany, one from D.P. Operations Austria, one from the China Mission and one from Greece.

According to our latest reports, eight more employees were being repatriated on the 31st of October, viz:

Four from Germany
Two from Greece
Two from Poland

In addition to the employee in the China Mission, who wished to resign in his field station as mentioned in our last month's Report, we were advised that an employee in the Greece Mission desired resignation in Athens, and the necessary steps to this effect are being taken.

7. ORGANISATION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

No report.

8th November 1946

(Sgd) H.R. Scott
Chief UNRRA Representative
in Norway.

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER
19461. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

- (a) The Chief UNRRA Representative is in constant touch with the various Governmental departments, and in particular, with the Committee formed by the Government to deal with all matters relative to the Contribution, and relationship is excellent.

(b) Norwegian Gift Contribution:

The hope I expressed in my July Report that some Cod Liver Oil might be donated has not materialised. I regret, therefore, having had to confirm to you that none would be placed at our disposal, and the Chairman of the Committee, on more than one occasion, has expressed his regret to me that no supplies are presently available. I am informed that the stock is completely exhausted, having been sold in the meantime.

I have expressed my concern to the Committee that the list of Fish Products has not been forthcoming, although this has been promised some time back, and I have stressed on many occasions that Items 4 and 5 of the original proposal by the Government, constituted, in reality, the major proportion of the donation. Eventually, on the 23rd September, the Committee informed me that the following items would be placed at our disposal as supplementary to the items proposed in the first list handed to me, and detailed to you in my cable addressed Washington 207, repeated London 442, deleting the frozen fish and the whale blubber items. The amended List of Fish Products, therefore, at this moment, should read as follows: -

4000 barrels of Second quality Salted Roe
24000 cartons of 100 boxes each of Canned Cod Liver Paste
460 tons of Stockfish meal
3400 barrels of Salted Mackerell, plus an unstated quantity of Salted Fish and Herrings (only a small quantity may be expected)
125000 cartons, each of 200 grams, of Fiskaroni.
1000 barrels, each of 100 kilos, of Split Salted Catfish
30 " " " " " " Salted Halibut
135 " " " " " " Salt Fish Fillets.
605 " " " " " " Split Salt Fish
411 Cases " " " " " " Salted Fish
100 tons of Salted Small Coalfish.

Possibly, an additional 200 barrels, each of 120 kilos of Salted Large Herring Fillets.

Additional:

25000 barrels, each of 100 kilos, of Salted Autumn Caught Small Herrings, size 25/40, and Salted Fat Herrings in sizes 17/20 and 20/35.

In the event that the full quantity of Salted Herrings, as outlined above, is not caught, they propose to supplement with, up to about, 4,000 barrels of Trawl Caught Herrings, in sizes 6/16 and 17/25; all the herrings to be round salted, not gutted, which would be caught

during the next few months and delivery likely from October/November, onwards.

No assessed value has yet been given me of the Fish Products above outlined, but I have asked the Committee to let me have as soon as convenient the assessed value to cable to you. I confirm my cabled information to you that an appreciable amount of the donated Fish Products are now ready for shipment, or in course of assembly at suitable shipping ports, and I am proceeding to make arrangements to allocate and effect shipment as instructed in Washington, Cable 107, repeated London 14632. I need hardly repeat to you that the contents of this particular cable will have my close attention, and that I have made representations to the Committee in connection with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the cable under review, and progress will be reported to you in due course. Obviously, when the actual tonnage is known of the individual items, this will be cabled to you when loaded, respectively, shipped, and I have likewise taken note that when full details of the fish proposed as indicated in paragraph 4, cable addressed Washington 106, repeated London 14401, are to hand, these will be cabled to you, when I hope to receive your destination instructions for same.

I confirm my interchange of telegrams with Mr. Dewaal, Supply Shipping Division, E.R.O., and the authority given that I shall arrange shipment of the goods so far placed at my disposal, and certainly both Washington and London will be kept clearly informed, as and when further supplies connected with the Contribution are placed at my disposal.

In conjunction with the Contribution of Fish Products, etc., and in accordance with the desire expressed in ERO cable 430, I have made approach to the Government Committee to consider the shipment made by the S/S San Miguel as part of the Norwegian donation, and as reported in my cable addressed Washington 263, the Government Committee is now considering this request. When I have their decision it will immediately be cabled to you. The value of the San Miguel shipment amounts to Canadian Dollars 155.686.18 equivalent to Norwegian kroner 772.636, and I have made the approach that this be accepted as supplementary to the list, respectively value, already proposed.

It appears to me that the main difficulty of the Government Committee in coming to a decision as to the Fish and Fish Products is: -

- (a) Delivery from available resources.
- (b) That Fish supplies are limited for the Gift Contribution.
- (c) The Contribution is restricted by Parliament's grant of a stipulated amount, which is to be used for purchasing from available stocks, or in taking over, respectively, purchasing of other goods, i.e., such as Military Stores, ex German Army Stores, etc., and it does appear to me that they have no definite knowledge as yet what the one category, such

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as foodstuffs, etc., is likely to cost, thereby restricting the purchasing ability of fish products.

Military Stores included in which are ex German Military Stocks:

I repeat the information given in my cable addressed Washington 265, repeated London 581, that the Government will be placing shortly at my disposal about 5,000 tons, being part of the contribution under this head. In accordance with authority received, I am now going into matters of arranging shipment to Poland just as quickly as the Government assemble same at the shipping ports. In addition to the 5,000 tons, the Government have also informed me that very shortly, they intend to place at my disposal an additional 2,000 tons, and the latter refers to the tonnage covered by ERO, cables 429 and 467, to arrange shipment here in Oslo. Full details of the individual items, including quantity and value, will be submitted to you when the details are received from the Government Committee.

Supplementary Military Stocks:

Supplementary Military Stocks, which include ex German Army Stores, referred to in my cable addressed Washington 237, repeated London 510, and outlined in my letter of the 17th July.

The Government Committee have been duly informed of our acceptance of these supplementary stores, and in the list submitted you will note that an unspecified quantity of corn and flour is included. The Government Committee have suggested to me an interchange of an equivalent amount of wheat to be supplied by them free at a suitable Swedish port, and I have tentatively informed them that I see of no hindrance whatever from our side of coming to a mutual agreement regarding this suggested interchange. The Chairman of the Committee mentioned to me that the reason of this suggestion was due to one or more factors; the principal one being that the Stores in question were stored at a rather inaccessible point in Norway for arranging transport to a suitable shipping point, and consequently that it would be better, and more economical for them, to utilise the corn and flour indicated in the list here in Norway, particularly so that it had now been stored for some considerable time. I am now awaiting final details as to the interchange. I have already investigated matters and find that I shall have no difficulty whatever in making shipment from a suitable Swedish port, and for which I can arrange payment of the freight in Norwegian kroner. Eventually you will be advised of the arrangements made with the Government.

I am concluding that the Chief of Mission, Poland, as well as Italy, has been informed of what they may expect to receive out of this Norwegian Gift Contribution? Obviously, all available details will eventually be sent to them as and when shipments are arranged and effected. Nevertheless, I do deem it advisable that they be informed

by you in good time as to what they may expect to receive.

Medical Stores:

I confirm my cables addressed Washington 259 and 264, repeated London 566 and 580, that the Government have again approached me for Headquarter's decision as to whether the proposed Contribution under this head is acceptable. I hope I shall soon receive your decision to convey to the Government.

Mission Expenses and Displaced Persons Operations:

I refer to the comments made in my August Report in regard to the transfer of the 1,000,000 Norwegian kroner in local currency for Mission Expenses and Displaced Persons Operations. Mr. Oftedal of the Foreign Office informed me a day or two ago, in reply to a further approach I made to him regarding this item of the Contribution, that the matter was now under negotiation with the Ministry of Finance, and that it was fully expected, within a very short time, to acquaint me of the method the Government proposed to adopt in transferring the money. I regret very much the delay in clarifying this item of the Contribution, and I can only hope, as promised by Mr. Oftedal, that their decision will be forth-coming very shortly.

Government Contribution of Table Potatoes to Poland:

I would refer to my previous reports regarding this item of the Contribution. The whole quantity, as you are aware, has been shipped to Poland, and I would like to put on record receipt of a cable from Chief of Mission, Poland, reading as follows: -

"Warsaw 01320 repeated London 188020, repeated Washington 131920. Re your 24 Potatoes were distributed free to community feeding centres in coast areas. Quality only fair".

I have conveyed the contents of this cable to the Government Committee.

Ferro Silicon for Austria:

Washington Cable 105, repeated London 14257. In accordance with the desire expressed in this cable I have approached the interested parties to see whether this commodity could be arranged if chargeable to the Contribution. No definite reply has been received up to the moment, and I will report progress in due course.

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I would like to reiterate the view expressed in my July Report as to the magnitude of this Contribution, and the arrangements necessary to be made to assemble the various commodities at suitable shipping ports.

I am hopeful that by mutual co-operation with the Government that the question of getting the goods to the ports, and the onforwarding from there to the directed destinations, will not offer too many difficulties, although I am afraid it will take longer than was anticipated to complete shipment. Everything is being done from our side to speed up the arrangements as much as we possibly can compatible with the existing transport facilities here at the present time.

I hope it will be possible within a short time to supplement the tentative list of the items of the Contribution, as I have asked the Government Committee to let me have in detail the assessed value of the individual items being donated as and when finalised by them.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

Relationships very good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION:

(a) Fish Hooks:

China: I refer to the remarks in my August Report regarding these, and I await to hear in due course whether the samples submitted by Suppliers are suitable for China.

Yugoslavia: I am keeping in touch with Suppliers with regard to the delivery of these hooks, and the matter is having my attention.

(b) Cod Liver Oil: No vessel has, as yet, been notified to load in Bergen for Hull, and therefore I have decided to ship the 50 tons destined for Trieste to Newcastle in accordance with the alternative suggestion made in a letter from Supply Shipping Department dated the 26th June, ref: J.A.T. Cable advice will be sent when shipment has been effected, and that you will make arrangements to receive and onforward to Trieste for despatch for Hungary.

(c) Fertilisers:

Calcium Nitrate: The delivery of 2,500 tons of Calcium Nitrate in bags for Finland has been completed. Shipment was duly effected by M/S "Biscaya" and M/S "Boisto"; documentation has been cleared with both Finland and E.R.O.

Calcium Cyanamide: The Norwegian Foreign Office as well as the manufacturers have been duly informed of the developments during the month regarding the question of 5,000 tons for Poland, as well as the 5,000 tons for Italy, and the Foreign Office expressed to me their appreciation of the efforts made by us in respect of the allocation for Italy, and as dealt with in ERO cable addressed Rome 2748, repeated Oslo 446, repeated Washington 11093. A day or two ago, Mr. Oftedal of the Foreign Office remarked that so far nothing definite had taken place about either of the parcels under review, and that he would keep me informed as to how the question developed.

(d) Fish:

The 1946 Saltbulk Codfish Contract: Shipment by S/S "Annik" to Leningrad.

I refer to the remarks made in my August Report in regard to the claim made for demurrage on this particular vessel to Leningrad.

In accordance with the suggestion made to me by Mr. Taylor of Supply Shipping Dept., I approached the Ship Owners as to whether they would be prepared to consider a settlement of their claim on the basis of 75% of the amount demanded. I regret, however, to have to report that the Owners have turned this suggestion down, and are pressing me to make payment of the demurrage claim in full.

I have received a cable from Mr. Paul F. White, Chief of Ukraine Mission, in which he informs me that the delay was due to "circumstances beyond anyone's control".

I am still pursuing negotiations with the Ship Owners, but it seems to me at the moment that there is little hope of getting the claim reduced, consequently, I should like to have your authority to settle this claim in the event that I am unsuccessful in obtaining a reduction in the amount demanded.

The 1945 Saltbulk Cod Contract:

I would like to refer to the comments made under the heading of the Contribution in regard to the approach made by me to the Government to include the cost of the "San Miguel" shipment to Genoa within the Gift Contribution.

Commitment for 5,000,000 cans of kippers in black plate packing:

The balance between the original quantity of 5,000,000 cans and the 4,045,400 cans shipped to Poland has not, up to the moment, been placed at my disposal. I have now taken steps to finalise this particular balance with the Government Committee, and I am trying to bring about a solution of the matter as quickly as ever possible.

Contract for 25,000 Barrels of Fat Herrings in Brine:
The remaining balance against this contract of 418 barrels will be shipped to Poland by the first vessel chartered to carry some of the commodities under the Gift Contribution.

Commitment for 50,000 barrels of Spring Herrings:

I was glad to be able to report to you, my cable to ERO No. 573, that the Norwegian Authorities had sold these Spring Herrings elsewhere, and that I had expressed to the Norwegian Government our appreciation of their assistance in relieving us of this particular commitment.

(e) Food: Supplementary information embodied in a report from the Director of Agriculture on the various crops up to the end of August 1946 was sent to Supply

Procurement Division 11, for attention of Mr. R. E. Gaumnitz.

- (f) Nickel: 200 tons of Nickel Cathodes, on behalf of the Canadian Commercial Corporation, Suppliers: Falconbridge Nickelverk, Kristiansand, reference Washington cable London 13871, Oslo 104. The 200 tons under review has been shipped to Hamburg for onforwarding to Austria, cable despatched to Washington that Bills of Lading were in my possession, and that the freight had been paid by me here, requesting that this information be passed on to the Canadian Commercial Corporation. Austria and Port Representative in Hamburg have been duly notified of the shipment, and the necessary documents are now in course of preparation and will be despatched to Headquarters.
- (g) Soap, Soap Powder and Tooth Powder: Gift Contribution from A/S Lilleborg. 26 tons has already been shipped from Oslo to Hamburg, and the remaining balance of about 10 tons will be shipped from Bergen very shortly. All concerned have been advised of what has been shipped, and I have addressed a letter to the donors expressing our high appreciation of this splendid gesture.
- (h) Reversible Deep Sea Thermometers with Equipment for Greece: I have received cable advice that the above, as proposed by Suppliers, are useless for Greek waters, and I have informed the Suppliers accordingly.
- (i) Whale Oil: The September parcel of 200 tons has just been shipped to Hamburg, and the remaining balance of 200 tons will follow in about one month.
- (j) Wheat: The necessary funds i.e., equivalent to 21,898.00 Norwegian kroner has been received by Norges Bank, and I am now in course of arranging settlement of this particular transaction.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES,

- (a) The Administrative Supplies shipped by S/S Lakanes and Empire Consistence from Hull have duly arrived, and been received at the Mission. The necessary records are being kept, and advise of receipt has been sent to E.R.O.
- (b) Amenity Supplies: Amplifier and Loud Speaker Equipment despatched from here to Arolsen for Displaced Persons in Germany have safely arrived, and are in the warehouse at Herford, according to a communication received from Central Headquarters in Germany.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS,

No report.

6. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL,

In addition to the number of employees returned to Oslo for termination, mentioned in our August Report, two more employees terminated in August have reported at this office, one from

Czechoslovakia and one from Germany.

Six employees terminated in the month of September reported this month, five from Germany and one from Austria.

Three more employees which were terminated are on their way back to Oslo, but have not yet reported.

One employee in China wishes to resign at his field station, and the necessary steps to this effect are being taken.

7. ORGANISATION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

Implementation of the Orders received from E.R.C. in respect of terminations, bonus plan, etc., are having full attention.

4th October 1946.

H. R. Scott,

Chief UNRRA Representative
in Norway.

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N. R. R. A. MISSION NORWAY
SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST
1946

1. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

- (a) The Chief UNRRA Representative is in constant touch with the various Government Departments, and working relationships is good.

- (b) Norwegian Gift Contribution: In my July Report, I outlined in detail the developments which had taken place in regard to the Contribution generally. Not a great deal of progress has been made since that report.

In accordance with Washington cable addressed Oslo 103, repeated London 18387, I have expressed the Administration's sincere appreciation for the increased Contribution, in the form of Military Stocks, and expressed gratitude for the offer of Medical Stores. With regard to the latter, I have explained that the proposed gift is being studied and that Washington's decision will be cabled very shortly.

I duly conveyed to the Government Committee the views expressed in this cable regarding the Fish Products, particularly stressing the desire to receive some cod liver oil. I repeat the information given you in my previous reports, and in my separate communications on this subject, that I have all along expressed to the Government the hope they would donate a sizeable quantity of cod liver oil, in consequence of the fact that in their original discussions with Mr. Roy Hendrickson Mr. R. K. Gaumnitz and Mr. G. Peterson this formed the major part of the Contribution coming under the heading of Fish Products, etc.

I have, however, reason to believe the appeal to donate some cod liver oil is having full consideration by the Government, and I am hopeful some quantity at least will eventually be suggested. I have not, as yet, received from the Government the new detailed List of Fish Products, etc., which they eventually contemplate handing over, but I do know that this is under consideration at the present moment, and that within a very short time the Government will produce such a List. Immediately I receive this, full details will be cabled.

I have intimated to the Government Committee that all supplies, Military Stocks included, in the Contribution are destined for Poland as directed in Washington cable 103 referred to above. I wish here to particularly refer to my communication of the 30th August (unfortunately erroneously stated as the 30th September) in regard to paragraph 3 of the above mentioned cable directing that arrangements be made through E.R.O. for effecting shipment to Poland, and I shall be grateful to have your authority and instructions to arrange shipment as and when the goods are placed at my disposal by the Norwegian Government. In conjunction with this question of shipment, I would like also to refer to the telephone conversation I had with Mr. Fischel (deputising for Mr. Gaumnitz) when I informed him that the Government have just informed me that on or about the 20th September they intend to place at my disposal about 1250 tons gross of biscuits, about 140 tons of canned sardines and about 510 tons of canned kippers; the latter to complete the contract for kippers, half of which, as you know, has been generously

given by the Norwegian Government as supplementary to the original Contribution. I trust, therefore, to receive the necessary instructions for dealing with the shipment of the commodities, and I cannot but stress again the necessity of arrangements being made to remove the goods as soon as they are handed over, in consequence of the difficulty of storage, inland transport, etc., which I have pointed out in my previous communications.

In my communication of the 16th August, I itemised the present position of the Contribution, with the indicated value in Norwegian kroner. The final figures of course, will be communicated to you when the outstanding item of Fish Products is finalised.

In conjunction with the 15 million kroner credit, I would like to refer to the cable I addressed to Commander Jackson at Geneva, cable No. 1, repeated Washington 242, repeated London 518, embodying in this cable the reply from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and I have taken note of Washington Cable addressed London 13228, Oslo 102, embodying the message to be transmitted to the various Missions therein mentioned. I have, of course, informed the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs of procedure taken, and with which they are fully agreed.

I am still awaiting to hear from the Government as to the procedure they intend to adopt for transferring the 1,000,000 Norwegian kroner in local currency for Mission Expenses and D.P. Operations. I have recently on more than one occasion drawn the attention of the Chairman of the Committee to this particular item, and I hope that this point will soon be clarified.

During the month of August, Parliament has been in recess and many of the Ministers and Government officials have been absent, consequently this has delayed matters somewhat in dealing with some of the details coming under the jurisdiction of the various government departments.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

Relationships very good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION:

(a) Fish Hooks:

China: Informed that E.R.O. are despatching sample card to Washington for approval, as they are unable to determine whether samples submitted would be suitable for China.

Greece: Confirmed with E.R.O. that Freight Claim amounting to £35.8.10d. would be paid by me from "General Freight Fund" when remittance was received.

Poland: The balance of fish hooks have been shipped by S/S "Varegg" which sailed to Gdynia on the 31st August, thereby completing the order, which has been placed.

Yugoslavia: Received authorisation to procure 4,000,000 Fish Hooks as per London cable 405, repeated Savings Washington 1748, and placed order with Suppliers. Confirmation of Order has been received from Suppliers, and both E.R.O. and Washington fully informed as to this, as well as delivery, etc.

(b) Cod Liver Oil: Unfortunately, there has been a delay in the sailing of the vessel for Hull. It is, however, expected that the vessel will sail during the very early part of September.

(c) Fertilisers:

Calcium Nitrate: The 2500 tons of Calcium Nitrate in bags for Finland has been finalised with the Suppliers, Norsk Hydro, and arrangements have been made to effect shipment of about 2300 tons to Oulo, and the remaining balance of about 200 tons to Raumo. Both the Mission at Helsinki and E.R.O. have been fully informed as to the arrangements made both as to the supply and shipment.

Calcium Cyanamide: Mr. Nils A. Jacobsen returned to E.R.O. to report the result of the negotiations which took place here, in particular, regarding the supply of 5000 tons of Calcium Cyanamide for Poland, as well as the 5000 tons of the same commodity for Italy, against the 1946/1947 allocation. The Norwegian Foreign Office expressed preference that both these deliveries be taken as a portion of their ordinary trade connection with the countries mentioned; furthermore, that the 5000 tons for Italy were already included in their commercial agreement with that country. I have, since Mr. Jacobsen reported to London, approached the Foreign Office as to how matters were developing regarding these two transactions, and I was informed that as regards the supply to Poland, they were communicating with their Embassy in Warsaw to acquaint them of the arrangements suggested, and that steps be taken to arrange matters with the Polish Government.

With regard to Italy, the Foreign Office informed me that they had not taken any steps whatsoever with their Legation in Italy, as, for their part, they desire the transaction to be dealt with by suppliers through the usual commercial channels.

You may rest assured that I shall follow developments which take place at this end regarding both transactions.

(d) Fish: The 1946 Saltbulk Codfish Contract for 20,000,000 lbs. (equivalent 9072 metric tons) packed in boxes. S/S "Annik" to Leningrad.

A definite claim has now been made on me for demurrage for the S/S "Annik" to Leningrad. I have informed both E.R.O. and the Chief of Mission, Kiev, of the claim made and I can now only await your further instructions as to dealing with this claim.

As previously reported, the 1946 Contract has been completed in accordance with the authorised allocation.

The 1945 Saltbulk Cod Contract:

I am still awaiting your instructions as to finalising the shipment made by the S/S "San Miguel" to Genoa, and in particular, I would like to refer to my communication of the 20th August to Supply & Statistical Branch, E.R.O., as to arranging payment for the shipment under review.

Commitment for 5,000,000 cans of kippers in black plate packing.

4,045,400 oval cans of 8 oz. net have been shipped to Poland by the S/S "Union" and S/S "Varegg". Payment is

being arranged for half the quantity shipped, the Norwegian Government contributing the remaining half as supplementary free gift contribution. The remaining balance is now being assembled for shipment, and this will take place immediately the goods are placed at my disposal. The necessary funds for both commodity and freight have been received, and all concerned are being kept informed of the completion of this commitment.

Contract for 25,600 Fat Herrings in Brine:

I refer to the comments made in my July Report regarding this contract, and the remaining balance of some 448 barrels I intend to ship to Poland, along with other commodities to be shipped, in the near future. I regret that at the present time no liner vessels are available from Trondheim and Bergen to Hamburg, so as a consequence of this as mentioned above, I am arranging shipment of this small remaining balance to Poland.

The necessary funds both for commodity and freight have been received.

Commitment for 50,000 barrels of Spring Herrings:

Nothing further has developed since my July Report in regard to this particular commitment, other than I asked Mr. Oftedal of the Norwegian Foreign Office as to what was happening regarding this particular matter. Oftedal remarked that as they had heard nothing further from the Ministry of Fisheries, he was under the impression that they would, or had, disposed of the 50,000 barrels elsewhere, possibly to the British Authorities in Germany. Therefore, he suggested to me that the matter be left as it was for the present, and that he would inform me should anything be brought up by the Ministry of Fisheries. I, therefore, propose following this suggestion.

- (e) Soap, Soap Powder and Tooth Powder: The items under this Gift Contribution are now being assembled, and shipment will be effected as soon as possible after the goods are handed over.
- (f) Vegetable Seeds for Season 1946/47: I have communicated to Director Spildo the reply from E.R.O. that they are not interested in the proposal made regarding the Fodder Beet Seeds for Italy.
- (g) Whale Oil: The contract concluded is being supplied and shipped in accordance with the programme made with Suppliers.
- (h) Wheat: Have received no reply from E.R.O. or Washington as to whether they agree to Debit Note received, i.e., payment of 21,899.00 kroner.
- (i) Food: The information received from the Norwegian Government in regard to E.R.O. cable 356 has been duly sent to Supply Procurement Division 11 for Mr. R. K. Gaumnitz.
- (j) Reversible Deep Sea Thermometers with Equipment for Greece. Request received from E.R.O. to obtain quotation and delivery time from Bergen Nautik. This has been duly cabled to London, i.e., Cable 539, repeated Washington 249, and I am now awaiting authorisation for purchase.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES:

No report.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS;

No report.

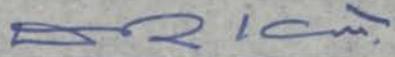
6. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL;

During the month of August two employees have arrived from Germany for termination.

7. ORGANISATION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION;

Miss G. L. Ward, Administrative Officer, Grade 8, resigned her post here on the 31st August, and she has been returned to E.R.O. I am awaiting authorisation to engage a Class 2 employee as temporary help in the Mission to assist with some of the work connected with personnel, etc.

6th August, 1946.


H. R. Scott
Chief UNRRA Representative
in Norway

U.N.R.R.A. MISSION NORWAY

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 1946

1. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT

- (a) The Chief of Mission is in constant touch with the various Government Departments, and relationship is excellent.
- (b) Norwegian Gift Contribution: Supplementing the remarks made in my June report regarding the Contribution, I wish, first of all, to refer to my various letters and cables, copies of which have been despatched to Washington, in respect of developments which have taken place. On the 9th July, the Norwegian Parliament ratified the proposal put forward by the Government, and this information was conveyed to you in my cable 447, repeated Washington 207. I must here respectfully mention that the absence of replies to my various letters and cables, concerning the details, so far indicated to me, to comprise the Contribution in kind, is causing me some embarrassment and delay in getting matters straightened out with the Government. In particular, I would like to refer to the absence of your reply to my letter of the 2nd July, with which I sent a list of Medical Supplies etc., to the value of about 2,000,000 kroner; also, to my letter of the 17th July, with the information that the Government was desirous of supplementing their Contribution with "some few thousand tons" of ex Military Supplies, partly German.

I must, therefore, ask for your agreement, or otherwise, of these two items. I might mention that I have tentatively intimated to the Government Committee, that in consequence of the fact that acceptance has been intimated by Washington of the list of Military Stores, as outlined in my letter of the 8th July, that we would certainly be interested in receiving the supplementary quantity of military supplies. I wish to refer here to Washington Cable 91, repeated London 11000.

I have not as yet received from the Government Committee the revised list of Fish and Fish Products, which they intend to place at our disposal, instead of the first proposed list. The delay, to a very large extent, has been brought about by the absence of the Minister of Fisheries, but the Chairman of the Committee has just informed me that in the course of a day or two, they hope to put forward a new List, and using his own words "with which we might be very satisfied". I hope, very shortly to be able to cable the new proposed List of Fish and Fish Products.

I would like to recall here, in conjunction with the Fish and Fish Products, the agreement reached with the Government to accept, as supplementary to the Gift Contribution, half the cost of the Kippers Contract for 5,000,000 tins. The assessed value of half the Kippers Contract will amount to about Kr. 1,400,000, including estimated freight. As advised you, I have expressed to the Government my high appreciation, of not only the supplementary gift, but also their willingness to arrange with suppliers to relieve us of half the Contract we were committed to. I must put on record that the delay, in transferring the funds to cover half the amount of the contract, plus the freight, requested by me for effecting shipment of the whole quantity to Poland, is presently causing me much embarrassment, and I must ask, if the funds have not already been transferred on receipt of this, that immediate action is taken to transfer the money. I am unable to make commitments as to

taking over the parcel until funds are at hand, and as clearly indicated in my cables and communications, the parcel is now assembled at the docks awaiting shipment, and the Suppliers are pressing me, more or less daily, to get the goods shipped.

I would like to mention here in conjunction with the Contribution of Fish and Fish Products, when appealing to the Government to assist in relieving us of the commitment made for the 50,000 barrels of Spring Herrings, that I expressed the hope the Government might consider donating, if not the whole, perhaps part of the contract, in the event that they found difficulties in selling the herrings elsewhere, and this I was informed would have their consideration. As outlined to Mr. Gaumnitz, in the event that the Government, respectively, Suppliers, are unable to relieve us of the commitment, or fall in with the above, I hope that a similar arrangement, as made with the Kippers, might be achieved in respect of these 50,000 barrels of Spring Herrings, i.e., half, as supplementary Gift Contribution, as against payment in free funds for the remaining half. You may rest assured that I am following this particular item very closely, and during the conversations of the last few days, I have been told, there are hopes of the Herrings being sold elsewhere, but as yet, no definite information was available.

I have intimated to the Government that no frozen Fish Products unfortunately can be accepted.

Washington Cable addressed Oslo 85, repeated London 9732. The points raised in the cited cable were duly conveyed to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I regret that up to the moment of writing, I have not been able to cable any reply, as delay is being caused by the absence of various members of the Government who have whole, or part control, over the various questions. I am told by the Foreign Office that a memorandum is being compiled as a reply to the various points raised in the cable, and immediately this is to hand, it will be cabled to you. It has been explained to me that the point raised regarding the credits, necessitates a separate Government ruling, and this fact has accentuated the delay.

In conclusion, I can only stress, the Norwegian Authorities are now making arrangements to accumulate the goods covered by the Contribution at the most accessible shipping ports. Consequently, I must know as soon as ever possible:-

- (a) How the goods are to be disposed of
- (b) What quantity, or in what percentage of the whole, you desire the commodities allocated, and to which countries. I refer particularly to my cable 490 and 495, repeated Washington 228 and 231.
- (c) Whether shipment will be arranged and taken care of by ERO, and whether you desire me to make and conclude these arrangements
- (d) The goods will be delivered to us f.o.b., and we shall be responsible for arranging freight, likewise, payment of the freight.
- (e) It must be borne in mind, that the total quantity of contributed goods will run into many thousands of tons, assembled at many ports along the coast, hence it will necessitate a large amount of shipping space.

I fear the magnitude of this Contribution is not being fully realised. I do know that only now the Norwegian Authorities themselves are beginning to realise this, and its consequent problem of arranging the packing, delivering to the ports, with its consequent need of transport. Therefore, it is obviously necessary that we from our side must know quickly where the goods are to be shipped to when they reach the assembly ports to avoid congestion, and getting them away. I have specially stressed the viewpoint of Washington our desire to receive, if at all possible "more desirable for less desirable items", and in particular I have mentioned to them the point raised by Washington Cable of the 30th July, i.e., that Whale Blubber as now proposed, can not be used for soap making, whilst Whale Speck, which was originally proposed, is usable for soap making. I know that the Government Committee have recognised this, and proposed during conversation that they would try and do something to alleviate this situation, and hoped eventually to propose something instead "more desirable".

Washington Cable addressed Oslo 91, repeated London 11000. Whilst it is mentioned in this particular cable we accept the commodities listed in paragraph 2, my cable 207 and paragraph 2, my cable 202, the reference to Poland or Italy only had the reference to Frozen Fish Products, but whilst acceptance has been given of the goods no information is to hand of the eventual allocation of the commodities under review, or where they are to be shipped.

The proposal to see whether copper and cellulose could be included in the contribution, I regret I had to cable you that the Norwegian Government could not entertain this, but they are investigating the prospects of placing some at our disposal against payment in free currency. I would mention that during the negotiations when Mr. Roy Hendrickson was here, the Government intimated that copper and cellulose could not be included in the Gift Contribution.

Contributed Quantity of Table Potatoes for Poland

The whole quantity handed over by the Government has now been shipped. The total amount was about 5,947 tons, and in connection with same, I would like to refer to my communication of the 17th July.

With regard to the item of the Contribution covering Administrative Costs of 1,000,000 kroner. I had intimated to the Foreign Office, as pre-arranged with M. Norhenge, that this amount, as an outright contribution, would be acceptable to run from the 1st April 1946 to March 31st 1947, and I asked them to inform me as to how they intended to transfer the money, i.e., either in one lump sum, or in instalments over the period mentioned. The matter is now under review by the Committee, in conjunction with the Norwegian Minister of Finance, and I expect their ruling in the very near future.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES

Relationships very good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

(a) Fish Hooks for Yugoslavia and China: No further instructions received from E.R.O. as to procurement.

(b) Draught Horses: Judging from Press Reports, it would

appear that there are a number of horses available for sale, and I have observed that questions have been asked as to: -

- (1) Why horses have not been offered to UNRRA?
- (2) Why has UNRRA not purchased horses in Norway?

In the absence of instructions, I have not pursued the possibility of procurement here with the Norwegian Government Authorities.

- (c) Cod Liver Oil: The 50 tons for Hungary completing the contract for 1,000 metric tons is being shipped to Hull, for onforwarding to Trieste, by the S/S "Heire" due to sail from Norway about the 23rd August.
- (d) Fertilisers: Mr. Nils Jacobsen of E.R.O. arrived here on the 26th July, to discuss with the Norwegian authorities, and the Suppliers of Cyanamide and Nitrate of Lime, the allocation granted to UNRRA of Nitrate. Negotiations are still proceeding, and eventually, Mr. Jacobsen, will inform both E.R.O. and Washington the result of the present discussions. In conjunction with the 2,500 tons of Calcium Nitrate in bags for Finland, I wish to refer to E.R.O., cable 388 repeated Washington 9485, (from Mr. Iliuschenko) that the Contract was signed for this parcel but will not be released until written confirmation from Government that either dollars or sterling can be used for payment, and once this confirmation was obtained authorisation given to advise producers that the Contract was signed; then to proceed with shipment. I confirm my cable 496, repeat Washington 232, that written confirmation was in my possession from the Norwegian Government, i.e., Ministry of Foreign Affairs, that payment in either dollars or sterling for the 2,500 tons under review for Finland was acceptable to them. Mr. Jacobsen will eventually take with him to E.R.O. the letter to this effect. I further confirm the authority from London to charter the S/S "Biscaya" to carry 2,500 tons loading on the 16th August, the remaining 200 tons against this individual contract to be sent to Finland by a later vessel. I hope sending the signed contract and transfer of funds will be immediately attended to. The results of the discussions now taking place will be communicated to you when the negotiations are completed, and on the return to E.R.O. of Mr. Jacobsen.
- (e) Fish: The 1946 Saltbulk Codfish Contract for 20,000,000 lbs. (equivalent 9072 metric tons) packed in boxes. S/S "Annik" to Leningrad.
I regret that information was received that this vessel came "on demurrage", said to be due to inadequate receiving arrangements for the cargo at Leningrad. The Owners are claiming demurrage for 11 days 7½ hours. E.R.O. has been fully informed of the details so far as this office is concerned, and when application was made here for meeting demurrage, I referred the Owners, in accordance with terms of Charter Party, to apply to Receivers of the cargo. The matter of this demurrage has now been referred by the Owners to the Norwegian Shipowners Association, but up to the time of writing no definite claim has been lodged with this Mission.
- The Suppliers agreed after negotiation to accept 10/-d. per ton for their account for shipments made north of Kristiansund (the contract basis is Kristiansund/Southwards).

This agreed amount has been deducted in Suppliers Invoices, and I hope to receive E.R.O., respectively, Washington's agreement to this.

The S/S "Gudrun" was chartered to take the balance to Leningrad of 1,000 metric tons, to complete the contract, against the allocation for the Ukraine, and it transpired eventually that this vessel loaded 1,167½ tons net weight of fish. Whilst I have drawn the Suppliers' attention to the disregard of my authority to ship only 1,000 tons, I hope that the excess will be agreed to, and in connection with this I would refer to the communications addressed to E.R.O. Supply Procurement Division 11. Sellers are thus about 463 tons short of the contracted quantity of fish.

The S/S "Grana" duly sailed for Odessa with the Byelorussian allocation.

Commitment for 5,000,000 cans of kippers in black plate packing.

In connection with this commitment, I would like to refer to my remarks under the heading of Norway Gift Contribution, i.e., to the arrangements concluded here that half the amount, respectively, value to f.o.b., would be given as a supplementary contribution of Fish and Fish Products. In accordance with your agreement I accepted this arrangement with the Norwegian Government. I confirm my cable addressed London 483, repeated Washington 224, that the whole consignment was now being assembled at the shipping port, and requested immediate transfer of the necessary funds for half the quantity of the commodity, as well as the necessary funds to cover the freight, to Poland. I regret that up to the moment of writing that the funds requested have not been transferred. I must respectfully point out that this delay is causing me some embarrassment, as the Government as well as the Suppliers are very anxious, for many reasons, that these kippers should be moved immediately; for one thing, the kippers are taking up available storage space, which is now desperately needed by the Cannery for the 1946 Canning, and further that as the kippers have been in stock so long they insist on our action at the earliest possible moment. I refer to Washington Cable 11190 to London, repeated Oslo 93, advising transfer of 230,000 dollars for payment of one half of the Kipper Herring commitment, and it must be appreciated that until the funds are received here it is impossible for me to take possession and arrange disposal of the goods. I must ask respectfully that immediate action is taken.

Contract for 25,600 Fat Herrings in Brine:

I wish to refer to my communication of the 10th July addressed to Supply Procurement Division, E.R.O., copy sent to Food Division, Washington, that altogether 22,918½ barrels had been shipped, leaving a remaining balance against contract for 2,681½ barrels. Suppliers have awaiting shipment 448 barrels, and I have, therefore, intimated to them that with shipment of this quantity we would conclude the contract as completed. To this they have agreed. I intend, therefore, to ship these 448 barrels to either Poland or Czechoslovakia when a suitable opportunity presents itself.

I wish to refer to E.R.O. Cable addressed Oslo 330 repeated Washington 8004 of the 28th June with the information that they were remitting soonest the

balance against this contract to Norges Bank of \$51,773.15.3d. and also \$128.048.25 for this Fat Herring contract. This transfer, up to the time of writing has not been made, and I wish to refer to my cables 223 and 230, repeated Washington 481 and 490 asking for immediate transfer of the funds under review. In consequence of the fact, as mentioned above, that 22,918 barrels have already been shipped, and as payment was demanded on shipment as per contract arrangements, — I have met the amount of the Invoices from my Supply & Procurement Account, and in consequence of this unless the funds referred to are not remitted, then I shall be unable to meet other commitments entered into. I must, therefore, respectfully, ask that the funds are transferred immediately.

Commitment for 50,000 barrels of Spring Herrings.

I refer to my communication of the 18th July, copy sent to Washington and as then mentioned, I approached the Foreign Office to seek their assistance to relieve us of this commitment, and asked if it was possible for them to arrange with Sellers to sell the parcel under review elsewhere. The Foreign Office were very amenable to my approach, and in connection with this, I would also like to refer to my remarks under the heading of "Norwegian Government Gift Contribution". I have had several talks with the Foreign Office, but up to the time of writing, they have not given me their final decision. I shall, of course, keep you fully informed as to developments of this particular matter.

The original contracts for both the Spring Herring and Kippers sent to me, and signed by Mr. Iliuschenko have been withheld, and are still in my possession. My plan is to return these to E.R.O. when I have finalised the present negotiations.

- (f) Nickel & Copper Cathodes: The 1,000 tons of copper plates and the 902 tons of nickel has all been shipped from Norway to the destinations for which it has been allocated.
- (g) Soap, Soap Powder and Tooth Powder: I am now arranging distribution and despatching of the above in accordance with the instructions received from Mr. Gaumnitz. I hope shortly to advise you of shipment of the gift.
- (h) Vegetable Seeds for Season 1946/47: Director Spildo, of the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture, has informed me that he had a discussion at E.R.O. in regard to the question of supplies for Season 1946/47. I refer here to cables addressed to Washington 8236 and 9146, repeated Oslo, 341 and 378, and as therein expressed, Director Spildo again repeats to me his desire for your answer as soon as possible. I confirm your cables 289 and 392 with instructions to procure for immediate shipment to Italy 30 tons of Fodder Beet Seed. I have immediately contacted Director Spildo in respect of this procurement, and hope shortly to revert to same.
- (i) Whale Oil: I confirm my cable 458, in response to your cable 365, that the contract concluded will be executed as scheduled, i.e., 200 tons monthly, June to October. Nothing has happened here to give any other impression than that this will be carried out.
- (j) Wheat: I am duly in receipt of Washington's cable 120668 E.R.O. repeated Oslo 97, giving details of the shipments as replacement of the 7,000 tons released to us ex

M/V "Knut Bakke". This information I have duly communicated to the Norwegian State Grain Monoply. I wish to refer to my communication of the 10th July to Shipping Branch, E.R.O., copy sent to Food Division, Washington, in regard to the question of the charges made for insurance and discharging/loading expenses in connection with the transfer of the parcel by the "Knut Bakke" to Poland, and I shall be glad to have your agreement to the Debit Note received, and payment of 21,899.00 Norwegian kroner.

- (k) Food: I duly received E.R.O. cable 356, but up to the moment I have not received the information requested from the authorities here. The matter is having my attention and I hope very shortly to give the necessary answers.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES:

Nil

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Nil

6. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL:

- (a) We have advised Mr. Eliassen that the post in China has been cancelled.
- (b) Three employees from Austria and three from Germany have reported at this office during July for termination.

7. ORGANISATION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

I wish to refer to the communication addressed to M. Morhange, dated the 5th August, wherein I informed him that I had approached the Norwegian Foreign Office to increase the monthly allotment to 15,000 kroner from July, until further instructed by me, primarily to obviate the necessity of transferring sterling funds from London. Mr. A.J. Bronsema arrived here on 15th July to take over the post of Supply and Finance Accounting.

8th August, 1946.

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H. R. Scott
Chief UNRRA Representative
in Norway.

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SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE, 1946.

1. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT

- (a) Relationship with the various Government Departments is on the whole quite good.
- (b) In conjunction with the question of the proposed Contribution and the suggested proposal of loan, I wish to refer to the communications addressed during the month to the Office of the P.R.D.G. E.R.O., copies of which have been sent to Washington. In these communications, I have endeavoured to give a resume of the developments which have taken place, and by the end of the month the Government have not placed their proposal before Parliament. I am still awaiting details of the commodities which the Government propose to donate. When these are received, details will immediately be cabled to you. The Working Committee referred to in my May Report has been constituted, but so far I have not been asked to deliberate with them in their discussions.

I confirm my previous advice that shipment of the 5,000 tons of Table Potatoes was proceeding. By the end of June about 3,500 tons had been actually shipped, and it is estimated that the total quantity to be made available to us will be in the region of 5,600 tons. Vessels have been chartered to take the remaining quantity, and it is anticipated the total shipments will be completed during the first half of July.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES

Relationships very good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

- (a) Fish Hooks: Part of the order for these for Poland has been shipped, and the remaining balance will be shipped very shortly. E.R.O. is being kept fully informed as to the position regarding this particular order.
- Fish Hooks for Yugoslavia: The necessary quotation for the requirements indicated for Yugoslavia has been obtained from the suppliers here for forwarding to E.R.O., and I am now awaiting their decision.
- Fish Hooks for China: 3,348,000. Quotation has already been obtained for specification sent from E.R.O., and I am now awaiting E.R.O.'s decision as to whether an order is to be placed.
- (b) Draught Horses: In connection with this particular question, I refer to Mr. Roy Hendrickson's report, and it would appear for the time being that there is little likelihood of the Norwegian Government permitting the sale of the surplus horses here in Norway. The reason given for the Government's standpoint was that in all probability what surplus horses they had might have to be used for human consumption.

- (c) Cod Liver Oil: The allocation to Czecho-slovakia, Poland and Italy has been shipped, and the allocated 50 tons for Hungary for shipment via Trieste I hope to be able to arrange for transshipment via Hull or Liverpool. There has been no direct sailings from Norway to Trieste recently.
- (d) Fertilisers: The contract for 7,000 tons of Cyanamide for Poland is now completed with the total shipments of 6,740 tons as against 7,000 tons ordered.
- (e) Fish: The 1946 Saltbulk Codfish Contract for 20,000,000 lbs. (equivalent 9072 metric tons) packed in boxes. In connection with this Contract, I would like to refer to the communications to E.R.O., copies sent to Washington, in respect of the developments connected with this particular contract. About 4,341 tons have been shipped to Italy by the vessels "Svolder" and "Riverswift" leaving a balance against the Italian allocation of about 195 tons. To Leningrad for the Ukraine allocation, there has been shipped about 1,900 tons, leaving a balance against their allocation of about 1,630 tons. The S/S "Grena" is now loading for Odessa the allocation for Byelorussia i.e., about 1,200 tons. This shipment, of course, will complete the Byelorussia allocation. The Sellers inform me that they are short of about 630 tons and they have ready awaiting shipment about 1,000 tons. Up to the time of writing no authority has been given by E.R.O. to ship the 1,000 tons as referred to above, and as suggested in my communications to E.R.O. I propose that this quantity should be sent to the Ukraine, i.e. Leningrad as completion of their allocation, and particularly in consequence of the cable received from the Chief of Mission, Rome, asking that owing to the time of the year no further quantities of Salted Fish in boxes should be despatched. Sellers here are constantly asking for the necessary tonnage to lift the balance of the contract, and I can only hope that permission will be forthcoming very quickly to deal with this problem. Funds were transferred to cover the first shipment to Italy, i.e. about 3,200 tons, but no funds have been transferred to meet the invoices for the remaining shipments, although invoices for the "Annik" and "Riverswift" have already been presented to me. The Contract for the 50,000 barrels of Spring Herring and the Contract for the 50,000 cases of kippers have been sent me from E.R.O., but in accordance with the instructions received, these have been withheld by me and consequently have not been signed by Sellers. I need hardly mention perhaps that this position regarding the two contracts under review is causing concern and difficulties with the Norwegian Government Department concerned with same, as well as with Sellers, and I refer to my communications to E.R.O., repeated Washington on the subject, and unless that is settled very quickly I foresee difficulties with the people concerned.
- (f) Nickel & Copper Cathodes: Instructions were received from E.R.O. to arrange for shipment of 1,000 tons of copper plates to Poland, together with 500 tons of Nickel; also 316 tons to Czecho-Slovakia via Hamburg, 28 tons of Nickel via Trieste for Yugoslavia and 88 tons to Leningrad for the Ukraine. Suppliers: The Canadian

Export Board respectively Falconbridge Nikkelverk of Kristiansand, in conjunction with Messrs. Brandeis, Goldschmidt & Co., Ltd., of London. The material for Poland and Czechoslovakia has been shipped, and I would refer to my cables and letters in connection with same. It is to be hoped that the 58 tons for Leningrad can be shipped with the remaining quantity of salted fish for that port, and I am now investigating the possibilities of shipping the 28 tons of Nickel for Yugoslavia via Hull or Liverpool. No direct sailings to Trieste are likely from this country.

- (g) Salted Small Herrings and Fat Herrings: Offers have been received from the Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries for 50,000 barrels of the former and 50,000 barrels of the latter. These offers were duly cabled to Washington and London, but up to the time of writing no reply whatsoever has been received to these offers made.
- (h) Soap & Tooth Powder: Through the medium of the Norwegian Foreign Office a gift contribution was suggested by A/S Lilleborg Fabriker of about 20 tons of "B" Soap and 8 tons of Tooth Powder. Supplementary to these two items, they also asked if we would accept 10 tons of Soap Powder. I refer to my communications with E.R.O. regarding this gift, and as the suppliers have agreed to defray all expenses to P.O.B. shipping port, I am awaiting further authority from E.R.O. to effect shipment of the tooth powder to the Displaced Persons Program in Germany, and the soap and soap powder to Austria.
- (i) Vegetable Seeds for Season 1946/47: Director Spildo of the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture has investigated the possibility of procurement of seeds, not only from Norway, but in conjunction with supplies from Sweden. In connection with this question, I would refer to the discussion which Mr. R. K. Gaumnitz had with Director Spildo here in Oslo, and I would particularly like to refer to the cable addressed Washington 8236, repeated Oslo 341, in respect of the further conversation which has taken place in London with Mr. Spildo; and the suggestions then put forward regarding this question of seed procurement here in Norway as well as the possibility of arrangements being made in respect of Sweden.
- (j) Whale Oil: The first monthly shipment of 200 tons has been made to Hamburg, and shipment of the balance of the contract will be effected at the rate of 200 tons per month.
- (k) Wheat: 7,000 tons transferred from Norwegian supplies to Poland. I have not as yet been advised as to what arrangements are intended to be made for the replacement of the 7,000 tons to the Norwegian Government.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES.

Welfare:

- (a) Mobile Feeding Units: I do not intend to say a great deal other than the trucks under the above heading

in my May Report have now been shipped to Poland. Advice of shipment was duly communicated to E.R.O. as well as to Chief of Mission, Warsaw.

- (b) Request from Norwegian Ministry of Social Affairs for the loan of 20-25 Welfare Workers for the Re-Building of Finnmark.

A communication was addressed to the Minister of Social Affairs embodying the suggested reply from Sir Hamfrey Gale; a copy of my communication was duly sent both to E.R.O. and Washington. Nothing further has developed in this matter.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Nil

6. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL:

- (a) I have received your cable No. 298 stating that recruitment for China was complete. No further action taken in regard to Olaf Gustafsen, suggested Telecommunication Expert for China.
- (b) We are still awaiting reply from Washington via E.R.O. in regard to Mr. & Mrs. Eliassen for China, as mentioned in our May Monthly Report.
- (c) Three of the trainees mentioned in our last Report have arrived, and we have notification of the arrival of the fourth in the course of the next few days. A further employee from Austria is also on her way here for termination.

7. ORGANISATION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

I am very glad to receive advice that an accountant has been allocated to this Mission to take charge of the Finance and Supply Accounting. I hope arrangements will be made for this gentleman to be transferred here with the utmost possible speed.

9th June, 1946.



H. R. Scott
Chief UNRRA Representative
in Norway

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY, 1946.

1. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

- (a) The Chief of Mission is in constant touch with the various Government Departments - in particular the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Commerce, Agriculture and Supply - and relationships are excellent.
- (b) Confirmation of appointment as Chief UNRRA Representative in Norway was received in a communication from the Personal Representative of the Director General dated 9th May 1946 by Mr. H. R. Scott.
- (c) No advice has yet been received by Oslo of the visit of a Propaganda Specialist.
- (d) Mr. Roy Hendrickson, accompanied by Messrs. Peterson, Gaumnitz, Witherspoon & Jacobsen arrived in Oslo on 13th May 1946 to discuss the question of a contribution from Norway. Mr. Hendrickson informed me that on his arrival in London, respectively Washington, he would give a full report of the negotiations which have taken place and the result of his Mission.
For record purposes only, I attach hereto copies of Mr. Hendrickson's cables Nos. 1 and 2.
Cable No. 2 outlines, the size of the direct contribution and what it embodies, as well as the amount of the credit facilities as suggested by the Norwegian Government. I am assuming that in view of the fact that Mr. Hendrickson will be giving a full detailed report, it will be unnecessary for me to give the proposals made, etc., in detail.
With reference to paragraph 10 of Cable No. 2, I interpret Mr. Hendrickson's views, that I should await further instructions from Washington, and London, before doing anything regarding the question of publicity etc.
I shall be glad, therefore, to have your views and instructions as to the further procedure to be taken concerning the whole question of the Contribution as indicated in the Cable.
Since Mr. Hendrickson's departure from Oslo, there has been little direct negotiation or conversations regarding the fulfilment of this Contribution other than, as pre-arranged with Mr. Hendrickson, that shipment of the 5,000 tons of table potatoes should be proceeded with at once to Poland. These shipments are now taking place, in accordance with the arrangements made with ERO.
The Minister of Social Affairs, Mr. S. Oftedal, informed me that it was the intention of the Government to form a Working Committee, taken from the various Ministries and Services (Army etc.) who have interest in the fulfilment of this Contribution, and suggested that when this was formed I would be asked to be present at the discussions. This I intend to do, and will report progress in due course.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES

Relationship good. Close contact has been kept particularly with the British Embassy and the U.S. Charge D'Affaires in regard to the discussions with the Norwegian Government of the Gift Contribution.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

- (a) Fish Hooks: A further order has been placed here for Fish Hooks for Poland, and quotations have been received and despatched to ERO for the requirements of Yugoslavia.
- (b) Draught Horses: I would refer you to paragraph 12 of Cable No. 2 in respect of surplus horses in Norway. Nothing further has developed regarding the previous proposals made through the Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture, and the Norwegian Ministry of Defence, to assist in the necessary procurement of draft horses in Norway.
- (c) Seed Potatoes: Turnip Seed: Fodder Sugar Beet Seed: All that has been ordered in Norway has now been delivered and shipped.
- (d) Cod Liver Oil: Shipment is now in progress of the 1000 tons ordered here.
- (e) Fish: The 1946 Fish Contract has been signed and arrangements completed for effecting shipment during the month of June. In connection with this, I would refer to the negotiations concluded by Mr. George Peterson with the Norwegian suppliers. Full details he has with him. Negotiations are still proceeding with regard to 50,000 barrels of Spring Herring, 50,000 cases of Kippers, about 25,000 barrels of Fat Herring, as well as the offers made for the Salted Cod Roe and the Mixed Roe and Liver Paste.
- (f) Karva Cheese: In accordance with the cable received from Washington negotiations were stopped for the procurement of the 100 tons previously negotiated.
- (g) Pyrites & Fertilisers: Shipments are now proceeding in respect of the Contract for 7000 tons of Cyanamide for Poland.
- (h) Whale Oil: Authorisation received from Washington to procure 1,000 tons, payment in U.S. dollars. Negotiations in progress with the actual suppliers i.e. De Norske Fabrikker, Oslo, and both London and Washington are being kept informed of developments.
- (i) Wheat: 7000 tons for Poland: Instructions were received from ERO that UNRRA had taken over from the Norwegian Government 7000 tons of wheat in the M/V "Knute Bakke" which had arrived in Oslo, and I was requested to make the best possible arrangements immediately for transshipment to Gdynia. ERO was kept fully informed as to the arrangements which had to be made to get the vessel in question to proceed to Gdynia. This vessel eventually left with 6,000 tons, and the remaining 1,000 tons was later shipped by the Norwegian vessel "Kong Trygve". The wheat under review has been duly delivered at Gdynia. I now await to hear what arrangements are made regarding replacement of the 7000 tons to the Norwegian Government.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES:

- (a) (i) Welfare:
Mobile Feeding Units: ERO advised me on the 24th May that Capt. Charters would visit Norway to carry out an inspection of the feeding columns on loan to Norway. Captain Charters has reported to ERO as to the condition etc. of the vehicles here, and after discussion with Colonel Easterbrook, it was

decided that the trucks under review should be shipped to Poland. I am now making arrangements for this to be done.

(ii) Request from Norwegian Ministry of Social Affairs for the loan of 20-25 Welfare Workers for the re-building of Finnmark. I received a communication from the Personal Representative of the Director General suggesting the reply which should be given to the Norwegian Government in connection with the above request. In consequence of the agreement reached in conjunction with the Contribution that the Norwegian Government would agree to pay up to one million kroner for the expenses of the Mission, as well as for the salaries etc. of the recruited personnel, I ventured to cable to the P.R.D.G. to enquire, in view of this agreement by the Norwegian Government, whether he desired any modification in the proposed communication. Upon receipt of the requested further communication from the P.R.D.G. I will then proceed to deal with this matter.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

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6. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL:

- (a) We were informed that Mr. Olaf Gustafson, the suggested Telecommunications Expert for China called in at ERO on the 10th April, but cable from ERO of 30th April advised that he had not contacted Personnel Division. We still await your decision as to whether you require this position filled from here, as the applicant is not willing to accept the salary of £1150. p.a. see our letter 22nd March to Personnel Division.
- (b) Your cable requesting processing of Mr. & Mrs. Eliassen for China - Mr. Eliassen as Asst. Chief Hydrological & Meteorological Engineer Grade 12 Continental and Mrs. Eliassen as Administrative Asst. Grade 7 Continental Scale was answered advising that they will accept the positions offered, but are unable to go until September as Mr. Eliassen has a firm commitment in Finnmark until that date. We pointed out that Mrs. Eliassen is 57 years of age. We await your decision before proceeding further in this matter.
- (c) Termination: We have been advised of 4 persons returning to Oslo for termination from Austria and Germany - one has already arrived from Germany, and will be terminated as soon as we receive his financial statement from the Special Audit Office Pasing.

7. ORGANISATION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

I wish to refer to my conversation with Messrs. Hendrickson, Morhange & Gaumnitz, in regard to my staff problems here, and as cabled, I desire an accountancy trained person to deal with the Mission's accounts and finance; also, a Personal Assistant, to assist me with the procurement, shipping, etc. I must ask for the necessary staff, to help me to deal with the work presently being done by this Mission, and very much hope that this will be quickly agreed to.

11th June, 1946.

H.R. Scott
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Chief UNRRA Representative
in Norway

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UNRRA LONDON

Enjoy No.304.

Hendrickson No.1. Repeated to London for Herbert.

1. Have interviewed the Foreign Minister, the King and other officials and requested a contribution in supplies equal in value to one per cent of Norway's national income stop.
2. There is every evidence of remarkable recovery here with full employment and a big harvest of fish stop.
3. Reception thus far very good and believe good chance of obtainig substantial contribution but need quick help as follows

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- A. Will Washington ask State Department to give Nielsen in charge here since Osborn's resignation a quick special instruction to put our request for one per cent vigorously stop.
- B. Will ERO do same through Foreign Office to U.K. Ambassador here stop
- C. Both Legations friendly but docile unless specifically instructed stop
- 4. One per cent would be about 60,000,000 Kroner. I am convinced we should try for this percentage from all western countries stop.

UNRRA NORWAY.

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London 314, Washington 140 23/5/46.

Hendrickson No.2 stop

1. Norwegian Government after many Cabinet discussions notified me to-day it will ask Storting to approve contribution of Kroner 10,510,000 and Kroner 15,000,000 special low interest credit to UNRRA countries stop
2. The contribution of Kroner 10,510,000 will consist of:
 - A. Military food stocks in good condition, chiefly canned meat, Kroner 1,000,000 stop
 - B. Approximately 5,000 tons of table potatoes valued at Kroner 1,000,000 stop
 - C. All administrative expenses which can be paid in Kroner up to Kroner 1,000,000, which appears adequate to meet our home allotment needs for about one hundred Norwegians employed in UNRRA countries and office expenses here stop
 - D. Codliver oil and other fish products with a value of Kroner 6,110,000 stop
 - E. Whalefat packed in varreles from whales caught off Norway's coast, valued at Kroner 1,400,000 stop
3. In addition Norway will give credits totalling Kroner 15,000,000 to UNRRA countries as recommended by the Administration stop Each credit will be for five years, with no interest or repayment during the first three years. Interest rate last two years not clear yet but will be low. These credits will be good for the purchase of Norwegian products excepting whaleoil and nitrates stop
4. I believe that the credits can be apportioned by UNRRA in some fair fashion and could have the same effect in UNRRA programme as contribution as far as obtaining supplies is concerned. When certain fish products are included in the requirements of a country, the requesting country could safely be referred to Norway to obtain an amount of stated Kroner value by this loan arrangements, and the Norwegian Government notified simultaneously, and UNRRA will not need to procure or pay for the requested item stop
5. In addition to above contribution to UNRRA, Norway will continue without outside aid to finance a vast relief rehabilitation programme in Finnmark which is proving very costly stop
6. I am convinced that, while conditions are quite good here the availabilities for purchase are limited, and that Norway's contribution, under the conditions, is therefore liberal, and that a prospect exists for credits to be increased later stop This will depend to a large extent upon what is contributed by other Western European countries stop Just now the Annual Budget is being voted and will result in a substantial deficit, and strong movements for increasing both wages and foreign prices have the Labour Government's leadership greatly concerned stop

7. Norway under barter trade agreement has advanced supplies to liberated countries to the extent of Kroner 80.000.000 for which it has not received goods in return and few goods in prospect during next twelve months stop

8. We have not contracted specifically to buy anything beyond offers which have originated in Washington, and I am happy that the contribution and loan has been made without any strings on our purchases stop With the Government's decision now stated, we will determine in the next 24 hours more precisely the availabilities for purchase and will bring them to EAO and Washington without further action stop

9. Peterson and I go by train to Copenhagen late Friday and to London Tuesday stop We have decided on recommendation of Dutch Mission not to go to Holland now as prospects poor there stop I plan to leave London for Washington next Wednesday stop

10. The time of the Government's public announcement of its contribution has not been settled and I would appreciate no premature publicity either at Washington or London. I will try to arrange for a simultaneous announcement Oslo London Washington but may not succeed as Government may decide to make its announcement in the morning stop

11. We propose to try to arrange for immediate release and movement to Poland of Potatoes, which are in good condition but will not be very long stop

12. For a time we were hopeful of getting up to 5,000 surplus horses which are eating a lot of feed but Cabinet over-ruled Agriculture Ministry and want to reserve them for human food in case of crisis. Prices estimated are about equal to 400 dollars each and I would not recommend buying any as price is excessive for light weight animals stop

Ray F. Hennrichsen

USA Norway

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL, 1946.

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- (g) Mr. Hoover and his party visited Oslo, but no contact was made with the Mission.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES

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Relationships with all other agencies good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

- (a) Fish Hooks: In accordance with instructions from E.R.O. an order has been placed with Messrs. Mustad & Sons of Oslo for 4,310,000 Fish Hooks for shipment to Poland. No definite delivery date has as yet been indicated by suppliers, but this will be advised E.R.O. as soon as information is received. There is the question of an additional 1,000,000 Fish Hooks for Poland, but we are awaiting E.R.O. instructions as to whether these shall be ordered. In addition to the above, there is a quantity of 4,200,000 "Limerick" or equal dark colour enamelled for shipment to Yugoslavia. Negotiations are now proceeding with the object of obtaining quotation for what has been asked for.
- (b) Draught Horses: Negotiations are still proceeding with the Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture, and likewise with the Ministry of Defence in respect of procurement. An offer was received from the Ministry of Defence of 100, of the so called "German" horses, as well as 78 mules. Shipment could be made as soon as arrangements for purchase are completed. The details etc. were passed on to E.R.O. on the 26th April, and at the moment I am negotiating the possibility of transporting horses from Norway to Poland by sea and by rail. I have only received a tentative idea of the cost of sending the horses by sea, which it appears will run to about N.Kr. 500 per horse, dependent on the quantity which are procurable, respectively, shipped. It appears that special preparations have to be made in regard to the shipment of horses, i.e., it is necessary to have wooden floors laid, likewise wooden stalls built in the ship, for satisfactory and safe transport. I am, at the moment, in communication with the Norwegian State Railways with the object of obtaining an alternative price idea for transport by rail. I hope to have their reply very shortly, although I understand that it may be difficult for the Norwegian State Railways to arrange transport beyond Padborg on the Danish/German frontier to Poland. Could this be arranged by UNRRA, Warsaw.
- (c) Seed Potatoes: Turnip Seed: Fodder Sugar Beet Seed: The Seed Potatoes and Vegetable Seeds for Austria, shipment via Trieste, has now been completed. I refer to my communication addressed to E.R.O., sending to them the original contracts, copy of Freight Contracts etc. for the two ships, i.e. S.S. "Henrik Ibsen" and S.S. "Fjeld". Invoices have not yet been presented by the Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture. Credit has already been opened, and documents will be passed through the Bank of Norway in due course. About 25 tons of Fodder Sugar Beet and about 30 tons of "Barres" Vegetable Seeds have been procured from the Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture, and are now in course of shipment to Poland. In addition to this quantity, the free contribution gift of about $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons of Red Garden Beet Seeds and $\frac{1}{4}$ ton of Parsnip Seeds will be shipped to Poland as soon as facilities are available and as directed by E.R.O.
- (d) Distilled Free Fatty Acid: The 200 tons of Distilled Free Fatty Acid for shipment to Czecho-Slovakia has now been shipped, and the necessary documents sent through to E.R.O.

- (e) Cod Liver Oil: Allocation and destination instructions have now been received from E.R.O. covering the 1000 tons, which has been ordered here. Freight arrangements are now being negotiated, and it is anticipated that the total quantity will be shipped during May.
- (f) Fish Meal: No definite offer has yet been received from the Norwegian Suppliers, but as soon as this is to hand, it will be dealt with in the usual manner.
- (g) Fish: Supplementing the information given to you in my March Report, practically the whole of the quantity ordered ex the 1945 Catch has been shipped to Italy and Greece. The outstanding point of Section 6 of the Contract, regarding the method of payment, has not yet been finalised, and instructions are awaited as to how this question of payment shall eventually be dealt with. The Fish Contract ex 1946 Production, as referred to in my March Report, is awaiting the necessary instructions covering Section 6 i.e., the method of payment, as well as the necessary instructions from E.R.O. as to whether the Norwegian Suppliers shall arrange shipment and freight in the same manner as they did for the 1945 Catch, at the rate of freight notified, also the necessary information as to destination, and routing instructions of the allocation indicated to Byelorussia and Ukraine; and what arrangements E.R.O. suggests making in respect of arranging shipment and procuring freight for the quantities under review. The Norwegian Sellers can deliver a fair size quantity as soon as the contract is completed, and it is hoped that the whole quantity can be got away during May, if the necessary arrangements are completed quickly.
- (h) Carrots: In respect of the offer of 2000 tons of carrots, no reply or any re-action has been received from the Norwegian Government to the suggestion that UNRRA would greatly appreciate the gift of carrots for shipment to Poland.
- (i) Karva Chesse: An offer has been received from the Suppliers quoting for the 100 tons for delivery during 1946 - payment on the basis of 75% Sterling and 25% Dollars. Their offer has been cabled to both E.R.O. and Washington, and I am awaiting authority as to whether procurement should be made on the basis of the offer made.
- (j) Pyrites & Fertilisers: Mr. Jacobsen, Fertiliser Expert, E.R.O., visited Oslo and negotiated the possibilities of purchase of 7000 tons of Cyanamide for shipment to Poland, and likewise had discussions with the Norwegian Suppliers in regard to eventual allocation to UNRRA of a quantity of Nitrogenous Fertiliser. Arrangements have now been concluded to purchase the 7000 tons of Cyanamide at the agreed upon price; payment basis 75% Sterling, 25% Dollars; shipment in four lots, 1750 tons each May 10th and 24th respectively 10th June and 24th June; freight and shipping arrangements have been concluded. I understand that the Contract covering this transaction is being signed in London, and will eventually be returned to me here for transmission to the Sellers. The Norwegian Foreign Office have informed me that in due course I shall be notified of what they can arrange in regard to the quantity to be offered of Nitrogenous Fertilisers.

(k) Fish Liver Oil: Offers have been made to E.R.O., respectively Washington, for Fish Liver Oil, but the price indicated by Sellers appear to be considered too high by E.R.O. and negotiations at the moment are proceeding with the object of getting Sellers to reconsider the prices question.

(l) Sugar: Reported that the Czecho-Slovakian Government has decided to send to Norway 200 tons of sugar as a gift in recognition of the Cod Liver Oil which has been sent to Czecho-Slovakia.

(m) Whale Oil: At the conclusion of the Whaling Season in the Antarctic, it is reported to have resulted in a total of 496,780 barrels. Calculated at a price equivalent to £70 per ton, the season's catch will have a total value of 116 million Norwegian Kroner.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES

(a) (i) Welfare:

Mobile Feeding Units: I refer to the remarks made in my March Report and confirm having written to E.R.O. explaining to them the difficulties I have to contend with for getting the trucks in question repaired here in Norway. It looks to me at the moment that the only course available will be to either have the trucks returned and repaired in the U.K., or, if arrangements are available, for the trucks to be sent to Poland as they are, and the necessary repairs to them to be made in Poland.

(ii) Request received from Norwegian Ministry of Social Affairs for the "loan" of 20-25 Welfare Officers, now working in D.P. camps in Germany, for welfare work during the rebuilding of Finnmark. This request has been forwarded to the P.R.D.G. (E.R.O.) with a copy to the D.G's office in Washington, and I hope soon to receive your views on the matter.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Nil

6. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN NORWAY:

(a) Details have been sent to Washington as received from the Norwegian Ministry of Commerce in regard to the five Norwegian Engineers suggested by the Ministry of Commerce to visit the United States. We are awaiting Washington's decision as to the proposal put forward.

(b) A Norwegian Trade Delegation has left for Italy to discuss arrangements for concluding an agreement in respect of the exchange of foods and payment arrangements.

(c) Import and Export figures last published for January and February are given as: -

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>Total</u>
Import	99.8	86.3	186.0
Export	65.1	71.9	136.9
Deficit	34.7	14.4	49.1

According to the report there has been a greatly increased export of Fish and Timber products.

- (d) A new Norwegian/Danish Trade agreement to operate from the 1st April 1946 until 31st March 1947 was signed in Copenhagen. The agreement covers the import to Norway to the value of 107 million kroner and export from Norway of 65 million kroner. The difference between Export and Import will be covered by "writing off" of the clearing balance which Denmark has in Norway covering the period of the War.

7. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL:

- (a) The recruitment, processing and forwarding of the 17 Welfare Officers for Germany has been completed.
- (b) The nominee, originally intended to fill the vacancy of Port Officer for Trieste, was, at the request of E.R.O., sent to work in the Shipping Branch at E.R.O. until such time as a further suitable position became vacant.
- (c) Of the request for 2 Engineers for China, one was recruited here during the month and sent to E.R.O. for onforwarding to China to fill the position of Railroad Structural Steel Bridge Engineer. The applicant chosen for the position of Telecommunications Expert suggested that, while in London on personal business, he should report to E.R.O. for discussion as to salary before finally accepting the position. A cable from E.R.O. at the end of the month stated that he had not yet reported to E.R.O.
- (d) Of the request for 4 Surgeons and 1 Radiologist for China, 3 Surgeons and a Radiologist have been recruited and are now being processed prior to onforwarding to China via London in early May.

8. ORGANISATION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

- (a) A further Class 2 employee has now been appointed.
- (b) Miss V. Taylor, Secretary, Grade 5, has reached Oslo and Miss P. Permain will return to E.R.O. by the beginning of May.

7th May, 1946.

H.R. Scott
Chief of Mission Norway

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U.N.R.R.A. MISSION NORWAY.

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1946.

1. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

- (a) Major General K.J. Martin returned from E.R.O. on 13 January '46 with a letter from Sir Humphrey Gale dated 11 January '46 suggesting to the Norwegian Government the composition of a modified liaison mission. A copy of this letter was sent to the Norwegian Foreign Minister on 15 January, who replied on 31 Jan. that the Norwegian Government agreed to extend facilities to this modified liaison mission for a limited period. I would refer to my communication to the Norwegian Foreign Office dated 16 February (copy in your possession) acknowledging this communication and expressing thanks for approval of the modified mission. On 12 February cabled confirmation was received from E.R.O. (cable No.66) agreeing the establishment of the modified mission. On the 18 Feb. this cable was acknowledged and I now await the further communication referred to in cable No. 66. Referring to my memorandum of 18 February to the Office of the Personal Representative of the Director General, I shall be glad to receive my terms of reference and confirmation of my appointment as Chief of Mission from 1 February 1946, on the terms therein outlined.

- (b) During the month I have had interviews with most of the Norwegian Cabinet Ministers, and my relations with them are very friendly and cordial.

I refer to my communication of 25 February addressed to the P.R.D.G. relating to the conversation which I had with Secretary-General Trygve Lie of UNO on the question of a contribution to UNRRA from Norway, and I await your views and instructions as to further procedure.

- (c) In regard to Emergency Supplies referred to in previous monthly reports, invoices of the approximate cost of the supplies have been received from E.R.O., and the Norwegian Foreign Office accept the procedure suggested that this outstanding item can now be considered as satisfactorily arranged.

A further offer of Gift Clothing for Norway from the U.S.A. was made in cable No. 22 from Washington received 14 February. The contents of this cable were submitted to the Norwegian Ministry of Social Affairs who replied that owing to the considerable quantity of clothing which had been sent to Norway, the clothing situation, as compared with other formerly occupied countries, was certainly good, and whilst they fully appreciated the help given by UNRRA in the past and the offer of further help in the future, they felt that their share of any further allocations of gift clothing should be re-allocated to other countries in greater need.

2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

Courtesy calls made on the British, American and Russian Ambassadors, the Danish Minister and the Russian Trade Delegate. Relationships good.

3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION:

- (a) 9 Cases of Food Cubes supplied by Messrs. Norex shipped to Hamburg.
- (b) Fish Hooks supplied by Messrs. Mustad & Sons will be ready end of February and shipment by direct steamer to Pireaus is arranged for the beginning of March.
- (c) Informal enquiries are being made concerning the availability, price and number of draught horses as requested in ERO cable 93 received 26 February.
- (d) Negotiations are taking place with and through the Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture as to the availability for procurement of Seed Potatoes and Turnip Seeds from Norway, as well as Seed Potatoes, Spring Wheat, Barley etc, from Sweden.
- (e) Negotiations have taken place which led to the eventual purchase of 200 tons of Distilled Free Fatty Acid for prompt shipment to Czechoslovakia.
- (f) An offer has been made to Washington of up to 3,000 tons of medicinal Cod Liver Oil.
- (g) Discussions have been carried on with the Norwegian Producers of Fish Meal regarding an offer of Fish Meal ex 1946 production. Further developments are shortly expected.
- (h) Negotiations are being carried on with the Norwegian Foreign Office concerning offers made of Fish and Fish products surplus of 1945 production, and an offer made to Washington of similar Fish products, ex 1946 production.
- (i) Offers have been made to Washington and E.R.O. of various types of fish products offered in the free market.
- (j) A request has been received from the Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture for assistance in the procurement and purchase of 16 Belt Tractors ex U.S.A. stock, now put at the disposal of UNRRA.
- (k) An offer has been made to UNRRA of paper sacks and Norwegian furniture.

4. SERVICES PROVIDED WITH UNRRA RESOURCES:

(a) Welfare:

Various interviews have been held with the Minister of Social Affairs, the Minister of Supply and the Director of Norway's National Help Administration concerning the distribution of gift clothing ex U.S. and Canadian contributions in 1945, and a report on distribution, and appreciation of the gifts contributed to Norway has been received from the Norwegian Government and transmitted to Washington and E.R.O. The Norwegian Government has decided that a further suggested allocation of 150,000 lbs. of gift clothing to Norway should be re-allocated to other formerly occupied countries which are in greater need. (See 1 (c).)

Investigations are now being made as to the possibility of repair and re-conditioning of the 9 mobile feeding units to be dispatched to Poland, and likewise investigating prospects of selling the 2 unsuitable trucks.

(b) Displaced Persons:

Nil.

(c) Health:

Nil.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Material has been supplied for two broadcasts on UNRRA which are to be given very shortly by the Norwegian Broadcasting authorities. Hand-outs to the Press have been taken from material received during the month. Excellent co-operation has been given by the U.S. and British Embassy Press Departments.

6. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN NORWAY:

- (a) The general supply position is still improving. More is beginning to be available in the shops, in particular shoes, clothing, haberdashery, toilet articles etc.

Potatoes are reported to be sufficient for one year. The supply of fish is at present very plentiful. The tobacco ration has been lifted. It is reported that with the present rations, sugar needs are covered until 1 September 1946. Rationing, with the exception of tobacco, is still in force.

- (b) Trade Agreements are awaiting ratification with Holland, France, Switzerland. A Compensation Agreement with the U.S.S.R. has been suggested.

- (c) Import surplus during 1945 - 878.3 million Norwegian Kroner

Total value of Imports 1945	-	1206.3	"	"	"
" " " Exports "	-	328.0	"	"	"
		878.3	"	"	"

SINCE THE LIBERATION:

Value of Imports	-	1086	"	"	"
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7. RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL:

A considerable number of men and women applying for positions in UNRRA have been interviewed during the month. The following appointments were made:

Germany:

- 5 Principal Welfare Officers.
- 8 Assistant Welfare Officers.
- 2 Administrative Assistants.
- 1 Assembly Centre Director.
- 1 Supply and Transport Officer
- 1 Nurse.

Austria.

- 1 Principal Welfare Officer.
- 8 Assistant Welfare Officers
- 1 Deputy Director.

Poland.

- 1 Clerk Typist
- 1 Registry Clerk.
- 1 Cable Clerk.
- 1 Communications Officer.
- 1 Supply Typist.

Greece.

- 1 Assistant Welfare Officer.
- 2 nurses.

China.

- 1 Executive Officer.
- 2 Regional Field Accountants.
- 1 Auditor.
- 1 Regional Work Relief Specialist.
- 1 Dental Surgeon.

Negotiations are still in progress for obtaining surgeons and one radiologist for China. One maternity and Child Welfare Specialist for Poland. One fishery expert for Greece. A verbal appointment was made for the post of Port Officer at Trieste, but on instructions from E.R.O. and pending their decision as to an alternative post for the man in question, processing has been suspended.

8. ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

Major General K.J. Martin left the Mission on 1 February and returned to E.R.O.

Miss Sviggum left the Mission on 15 February and also returned to E.R.O.

Mr. H.R.Scott was appointed Chief of Mission from 1 February.

Request was made to E.R.O. on 27 February for the recruitment of an additional Class 2 employee.

For questions concerning the status of the Mission see 1. (a).

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Headquarters was made to E. H. O. on 22 February for the assignment of

Mr. H. B. Scott was appointed Chief of Mission from 1 February.

to E. H. O.

Miss Salinger left the mission on 12 February and also returned

returned to E. H. O.

Major General K. J. Nelson left the mission on 1 February and

8. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSION:

established.

an administrative board for the mission in connection with processing the personnel on instructions from E. H. O. and handling their decision as to appointment was made for the board of local officers at present, respectively for joining. One directly elected for classes. A local one representing for joining. One materially and spirit matters negotiations are still in progress for organizing employees and

- 1 Deputy Director.
- 1 National Work Matter Specialist.
- 1 Auditor.
- 3 National Field Associates.
- 1 Executive Officer.
- Office.

- 3 Nurses.
- 1 Assistant Medical Officer.
- Classroom.

- 1 Supply Officer.
- 1 Communications Officer.
- 1 Clerk Clerk.
- 1 Medical Clerk.
- 1 Clerk Officer.
- Joining.

- 1 Deputy Director.
- 3 Assistant Medical Officers.
- 1 Assistant Medical Officer.
- University.