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I have your letter of 4 October, transmitting a letter from Mr. Charles F. Freeman, Manufacturers Supplies Company, of St. Louis, Missouri, protesting the shipment of shoe leather and cotton to Yugoslavia.

Mr. Freeman will be interested to know that of the 3,600,000 pairs of finished footwear sent to Yugoslavia, 700,000 were salvaged army shoes, mismatched and in need of repair, which were shipped to Yugoslavia for rebuilding in a factory set up by UNHRA and run by the Yugoslavian Government. 400,000 pairs were army salvaged shoes rebuilt in this country in a factory run for this purpose by the U. S. Treasury Procurement Division. 1 1/2 to 2 million pairs of shoes were canvas; and of the remaining 1/2 million to a million pairs, a great number were purchased from the Army under "Plan A", or from shelf stocks for which there is no demand in the United States. The Administration plans to ship no further shoes to Yugoslavia.

Up to the 1 October, we have shipped 133,525 bales of raw cotton from the United States. The cotton selected for relief shipments is for the purpose of manufacturing heavy utility goods and is on the average of lower quality than that normally imported by Yugoslavia during peacetime. It consists largely of strict low middling and below in class, with a fair percentage of spotted cotton. Staple length is from runs 7/8" to 15/16". This is, of course, a lower grade cotton than is generally used in the United States.

We have shipped to Yugoslavia 642,335 sq. ft. of upper leather, 308 metric tons of sole leather, and 1,274,509 sq. ft. of composition soling from the United States. Any further quantities of leather or composition soling shipped to Yugoslavia will be negligible. The leather has been sent for the manufacturers of shoes for relief purposes. I have been informed that there is no shortage of composition soling in this country.

Mr. Freeman's letter of 1 October is returned herewith. If there is any further information you desire, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Clearance: Stitt

F. LaGuardia
Director General

Enclosure



JOHN J. COCHRAN
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SECRETARY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 4, 1946

GC - Davidson

Hon. F. H. LaGuardia, Director General,
United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Adm.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

Enclosed is a letter I have re-
ceived from Mr. Charles E. Freeman,
Manufacturers Supplies Company, 716-730
North Eighteenth Street, St. Louis 3,
Missouri.

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Please consider and advise with the
return of the enclosure.

Sincerely yours,

John J. Cochran

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MANUFACTURERS SUPPLIES CO.
716-730 North Eighteenth Street
St. Louis 3, Missouri

October 1, 1946

Representative John J. Cochran
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative Cochran:

Yugoslavia shoots down in cold blood our aviators, yet, we continue to ship them merchandise which is so scarce in this country as to cause our factories to close.

We quote from "American Shoe Making", September 18th issue:

"Washington (Traveler Bureau) -- Yugoslavia has been shipped 3,284,000 pairs of finished footwear and approximately 110,000 bales of cotton from this country by UNRRA, it was revealed September 12. In addition to the finished footwear, UNRRA has shipped to Yugoslavia from this country 2,716,000 square feet of upper leather, 2,239,000 square feet of composition soling and 451 metric tons of sole leather.

"Figures, stated UNRRA, are up to August 1, and they refer to UNRRA shipments of selected U.S. procured items. The list given covers only raw cotton and shoes and material for shoes. The exact UNRRA figure for raw cotton shipments from the U. S. to Yugoslavia is 25,931 metric tons."

Many shoe factories are now working only three days a week and there is every indication that every shoe factory will be on this basis within a few weeks.

Even though a previous Congress had voted materials for UNRRA, we see no reason why we should ship scarce merchandise to unfriendly nations when we are being pinched in our own country.

I do hope that our Congress will soon think of our United States, at least a wee little bit.

Very truly yours,

(S) Charles F. Freeman

CHARLES F. FREEMAN

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION
ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 21

21 October 1945

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN TRAINING CENTER SCHEDULE

Effective 5 November 1945, there will be no classes scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons at the Training Center in College Park.

Monday afternoons will be used for visits of the Training Center members to the operating divisions in Headquarters; Wednesday and Friday afternoons for shopping.