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Herewith 251/620: Sir John Boyd Orr, Director of United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, today conferred with Czechos officials and UNRRA officers. Orr, in Prague for 2 day visit, was greeted by Government and UNRRA officers at reception this afternoon. Orr's making "last minute visits" to countries concerned preparatory to FAO Conference in London December 22. "FAO" he told Czech officials, "Some of agencies which should take over some of tasks of UNRRA which unfortunately too soon ended." Orr told members of Czechos Normal Nutrition Society supply situation in southern Europe "looked bad." He said he

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was impressed by industry Czechos and recalled he had seen them working their fields "Even on Sunday." Czecho, he said, might well take lead in development of international nutrition programme. Food minister Vaclav Majer in address of welcome to Orr paid tribute to "Great help we have received from UNRRA without which we could not have started economic life." Majer outpointed Czechos still faced with shortages some foods though thus far assisted by UNRRA deliveries. Czecho he said is trying to organize diet in scientific basis and is anxious to cooperate with World International Agreproduction Organization. "Were convinced only internationally organized economy can remove want, misery and hunger and bring prosperity to all" Czechos will do utmost to further program of international cooperation in economic field Majer said.

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