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November 19, 1945.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America presents to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives the accompanying actions expressing its conviction that it is of the greatest importance that the United States should provide its appropriate share of the cost of the program of UNRRA. These actions were taken at meetings of the Executive Committee of the Council on May 15, 1945 and again on Sept. 18, 1945.

1. It is necessary to meet the urgent human needs for food, shelter and clothing if we are to build confidence in human relations. No evasion of this responsibility can do anything but bring discredit upon our promises, explicit and implied in recent years, to the peoples of war invaded lands.
2. The only adequate organization must be international. UNRRA in spite of some shortcomings inherent in its unwieldy international character, and because of the political tensions which have hindered its operation, is nevertheless already functioning. To turn to other organizations at this time would inevitably result in a large increase of suffering while new plans were being made. We must not allow politics to deprive hungry people of food, or to destroy the ground of their hope. Their trust is in the readiness of America to finish the task of their release from the horrors of Nazism.

We urge Congress to adopt a bill to authorize the appropriation of \$1,350,000,000 as the American share of the UNRRA program for 1946.

Roswell P. Barnes
Acting General Secretary

Action taken by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches

September 18, 1945.

"Our hearts are deeply burdened at the prospect that millions of men, women and children of liberated countries may suffer acutely from hunger and cold this coming winter. The cessation of war has brought with it the abrupt withdrawal of war-time controls in this country and the virtual end of rationing of foods. The end of lend-lease and the sharp reduction in needs for the armed forces, coupled with record-breaking production of many goods in our own country places us in a position to devote unexpected quantities of food and other supplies to the relief of dire need overseas.

"In accord with our resolution adopted May 15, 1945, we believe that Christians should continue to uphold by their conduct, and spoken word the standard of voluntary sacrifice, if need be, that food, coal and clothing should be sent to war victims overseas. We are anxious to see the pledge of our President implemented. We would undertake to inform our government officials of our continuing concern in this matter.

"We recommend support for the requests of UNRRA for \$1,350,000,000. from our government. Support for the National War Fund will assist governmental and private agencies in their programs supplementary to the UNRRA or national relief undertakings in various countries.

"In addition we would urge upon our church people generous support for the postwar funds being raised in most denominations during this fall and winter. Large portions of these funds will assist in restoration of church life and functioning in lands of Europe and Asia and will be essential if new life is to blossom into peace and world brotherhood.

"Our Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction is now also prepared to serve the churches by forwarding contributed supplies of clothing and household needs to church bodies in Europe and Asia."

Action taken by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches

May 15, 1945.

"The restoration of order among European peoples is largely dependent upon food, clothing, medicines and other supplies. As a result of the cumulative effects of the war, conditions in some of the liberated countries are now reported to be considerably worse than during the period of occupation. It is therefore urgent that food for starving and under-nourished people should be provided at once.

"The task must be undertaken mainly by governments because of its size. A major part of the supplies must come from America. The allocations for military usage can probably not be reduced in the near future. The allocations for civilian supplies must provide most of the extra help to feed European peoples until the next harvests can be garnered. It is within the competence of government authorities to divert from civilian consumption such amounts of food as may be necessary but this will of necessity involve stricter rationing. The American people need to make clear their willingness to accept continued rationing and further sacrifices that millions may live.

"The Christian obligation is clear. We should provide an example of voluntary sacrifice at a time when many are unthinkingly preparing for expanded personal expenditures for food and other items.

"First, we in the churches need to avoid the waste of food in our own homes. Secondly, we ought to help in every way possible to increase the production of food during this critical season. Thirdly, for the period just ahead, we ought to deny ourselves part of the protective foods available but in short supply, particularly meats, fats and milk products, and use to a larger degree the more abundant foods. Our diet has generally been such that this self-denial will not injure our own health, but may make the difference between life and death for thousands in devastated lands. And, finally, we need to support more generously the agencies of relief, particularly our church agencies of relief and reconstruction."