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Mr. Daniel E. Maher, Secretary
Champlain Chamber of Commerce
Champlain, New York

Dear Mr. Maher:

Your letter of 8 May, requesting information about the possible "adoption" of a war-devastated community by an American community of comparable size, has been referred to me.

This scheme, whereby the people of an American community would help to feed and clothe war victims in a foreign community, is a very appealing one. However, we have had occasion to look into the possibilities of such a scheme, and we are obliged to report that, because of present difficulties in distribution, transportation, and administration, it does not seem to be practical just now.

It is possible that some variation or adoption of the scheme might be put into effect through arrangement with a voluntary foreign relief agency. Many of those agencies, for example, are able to supply names and addresses of particularly needy families overseas. We note that you specifically mention France in your letter, and therefore we suggest that you contact American Relief for France, Inc., 39 East 38 Street, New York 16, New York. (We have already sent a copy of your letter to that agency so that it will have advance information about your desire to help.)

Thank you for your interest, and if we can be of further service to you do not hesitate to call on us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office of Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

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Director, United Nations Relief
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Gentlemen:

We have heard of a plan where a Village in the United States adopts a Village in Europe of similar size and helps to feed and clothe the inhabitants of said Village.

The Chamber of Commerce of the Village of Champlain are interested in learning more about the details of this plan. We have a population of about 1200 people.

Can you suggest a Village in France of similar population. Please send us any information you have about this plan and also about the Village you suggest.

Yours truly,

Daniel E. Maher

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Mr. Stephan Mainaroff
1448 Broadway
Gary, Indiana

My dear Mr. Mainaroff:

Director General F. H. LaGuardia has asked me to reply to your letter of 13 May enclosing an article from the CHICAGO SUN, in which you expressed a desire to pay for ten bushels of grain for the relief of the starving peoples abroad.

Since UNRRA is an international agency of forty-eight member governments, of which the United States is only one member, it is not in a position to act upon your suggestion. We have, therefore, brought your suggestion to the attention of the President's Famine Emergency Committee. That committee is entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating all American activities for the relief of starvation overseas. It is the agency which is in the best position to give appropriate consideration to your suggestion.

Thank you for your active interest and for your understanding of the problems involved.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

cc to: Famine Emergency Committee
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STEPHEN MAIMAROFF

1448 Broadway

Gary, Indiana

May 13, 1946

Mr. Fiovello La Guardia
Director General of the U. N. Relief & Rehabiliation Administration
New York, New York

Dear Mr. La Guardia:

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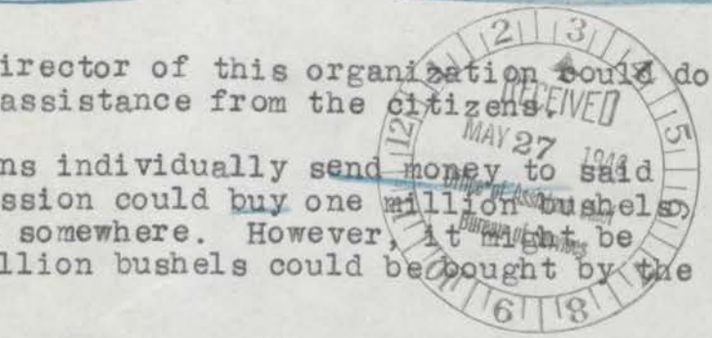
Herein I am sending a clipping that I had sent to THE CHICAGO SUN for publication.



I think that you as a director of this organization could do a whole lot towards seeking assistance from the citizens.

If, the American citizens individually send money to said commission so that the commission could buy one million bushels of grain, it will be of help somewhere. However, it might be possible that one hundred million bushels could be bought by the American citizens.

Imagine the pride everyone will feel when he sends money for which grain will be bought to send to starving millions of human beings; and if he receive a token that he contributed money for so many bushels of grain for the relief of the starving world. Such little token would be cherished by many through their life, and always with pride.

I leave it up to you, now, Mr. La Guardia, that at any time plans are worked up, and I am informed of the plans, I am willing to send you money to pay for ten bushels of grain, I promise herein.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and for the extensive efforts you are always doing toward the relief of the starving world by the great American people.

Very truly yours,

Stephen Maimaroff

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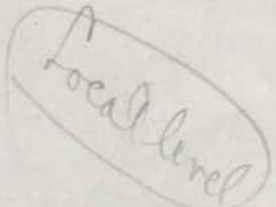

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THE CHICAGO SUN

MARSHALL FIELD, *Publisher and Editor*

Monday, May 13, 1946

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Editorials:

A Vote Against Economic Isolation

THE Senate has approved the British loan, but the long and at times preposterous debate has left an unpleasant taste in the mouth. This had been foreseen. It was known that all the lingering remnants of isolationism, all the slag of jingoism and economic illiteracy, would rise to the surface in this debate. To the credit of the nation's good sense, one destructive amendment after another was beaten in the Senate, and a momentous step decisively taken. But we have a long way to go before many of us fully understand our new role in the world.

There is great danger that the House, anxious to recess for election campaigns, may fail to complete action on the loan. That would be a tragic and perhaps irreparable reverse—a signal to the world that we are so divided and uncertain on our future course that other countries must bet on our returning to economic isolation, and adjust their own policies accordingly.

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MUCH more than the loan itself is at stake—nothing less, in fact, than the pattern of economic relationships that may prevail over a great section of the globe for years to come. The loan is an investment in expanding trade among nations. It is a down payment on the full employment, the peace, the friendly relations, the stability, that can only come from the freest possible exchange of goods, the maximum possible use of each nation's special talents. By lending Britain the funds she needs to retain her place as a major trading nation, we recognize the interdependence of our welfare and that of other peoples.

The loan thus expresses a certain attitude to our relationship to the world. It rejects the false doctrine, so often disproved in the past, that we can, even if we would, seal ourselves off from outside influences. It accepts the reality of common interest. It recognizes that Americans can sell automobiles, machine tools and farm products abroad only when they buy what overseas peoples have to sell; that jobs in American factories are made by purchasing power in London, Edinburgh, Paris and Montevideo; that full employment here demands full employment over there.

Obviously the loan will fail of its purpose unless genuinely backed up by the attitude which it expresses. We have divided on the loan because we are still divided on the fundamental problem of world trade. Are we ready to reduce tariffs and other barriers, so that what other peoples most efficiently produce can flow to our shores in exchange for what we most efficiently produce? Are we ready to place the national welfare ahead of the special interests that have historically demanded protection from foreign competition, and got it at the expense of the American consumer? Are we ready to plan and act against the danger of a future depression at home which could pull down with it the whole structure of international trade whose foundations are now so patiently being laid?

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THE British loan is one of a series of steps—including the reciprocal trade agreements, the Bretton Woods financial pact, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the forthcoming world trade conference—which America takes because the bankruptcy of economic isolation was so amply demonstrated in the stagnation of the '30s. We cannot depart from this course without inviting an ultimate return of that economic stagnation. The House should promptly approve the loan, and public opinion should prepare itself for the revision of tariffs and the other policies that will reflect the full implications of our economic position.

Robert Lasch:

How Can Public Interest Be Protected in Strikes?

WHAT seemed to infuriate most people about the coal strike was the power of "one man" to cause so much trouble. "One man" did not, of course, cause it. The trouble was caused by the failure of a group of mine operators to agree with the leader of a mine workers' union who happened to possess full power of decision for 400,000 men.

Nevertheless, the strike dramatized an issue which must sooner or later be faced. And that is what to do about labor disputes in key industries where a prolonged work stoppage ties up the whole national economy—an economy more closely knit and tightly integrated than ever before. From what happened last week it is clear that a long and effective coal strike is virtually the equivalent of a general strike. Coming at a time when full production is absolutely vital to the fight against inflation, this one had disastrous rational effects the extent of which can only be measured by time.

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Free Enterprise Argument.

IT CAN be argued that the right to strike—a right which certainly exists and by all means ought to exist — forecloses any other means of settling such a dispute except by the naked power of the forces involved. But can a strike be separated from its effects upon the nation as a whole? Is there no way to assert the public interest in the continued functioning of the national economy without violating the rights of workers?

The contention that the state is or should be powerless to deal with interruptions of vital public services is the same argument, it seems to me, which the National Association of Manufacturers presents when it claims that the state should not intervene against the free play of supply and demand. It is the free enterprise argument — the argument that everybody's welfare can best be served by leaving economic forces to themselves, even if the result is inflation or depression.

When the state intervenes against the "automatic" functioning of private economic forces. Herbert Hoover calls this "statism." But the whole of our recent experience 1929 onward shows the state does intervene everybody can "automatic"

forces. Statism or not, there are times when the public interest can be protected only by intervention.

Is it not also true that there are times when the general welfare can be served only by state intervention to provide some means by which workers can obtain justice without throttling the economic life of the nation?

We establish courts for the purpose of settling conflicts of individual rights without resort to force. When the rights of certain workers conflict with the rights of the people as a whole, there ought to be some other method of granting justice than that which workers can wring from their employers by sheer power.

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Socialization as Cure.

A STRONG case can be made for socialization of such an industry as coal — an industry which has been sick for years, which has chronically failed to give its workers decent pay and working conditions, which operates on such a small margin that every well-deserved benefit the workers obtain involves higher prices for consumers. Socialization, accompanied by frank subsidy where needed, is one solution to be considered.

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Businessman for Price Control

NOT ALL corporation presidents have joined the hue and cry for abolition of price controls. Samuel Slotkin, chief executive officer of the Hygrade Food Products Corp. (seventh largest among packing companies), last week argued vigorously for continued OPA ceilings on meat.

Mr. Slotkin admitted it would be more profitable to do business "with less government regulation." He stated that the OPA has been "less than perfect." But as "a corporation executive and average American citizen," he urged that continuation of the OPA was necessary. He predicted that "chaos" would follow if meat price controls were lifted. He urged Congress to consider ...nly "special statistical grievances" of ...king industry but also the "responsi... ...which all of us owe to our national ...

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LETTERS TO THE SUN

A Public Forum

The Chicago Sun invites letters from its readers. It welcomes honest expressions of opinion, whether or not they agree with its editorial policy. Initials or pen names will be used if requested, but the Editor must know the names and addresses of the writers. The Editor reserves the right to shorten letters.

Bushels for the Hungry.

To the Editor: I subscribe for 10 bushels. I hereby say that I am willing, able and anxious to pay for 10 bushels of wheat, corn, or other grain, to be sent to starving people anywhere in the world. Reasons:

1. Because I am fortunate to be living in the best country in the whole world, the United States of America.

2. Because people in many parts of the world, without fault of their own, are dying from hunger.

3. Because I am anxious to help the unfortunate ones living in countries with starving people.

Who will start the ball rolling by applying to our government to permit and authorize the organization of a commission, supervised by the government? I know the American people—they have helped, and are helping, and will help any humans that are in the most dire need of food.

STEPHEN MAIMAROFF.
Gary, Ind.

"We'll Take Both."

To the Editor: In a crowded South Side bakery the lady next to me asked the attendant for a lemon cream layer cake. The little boy at her side whined, "Mother, I want chocolate."

"Be Still, Junior! ...

has been aroused and I have been designated to act as chairman of a committee of sponsors who are desirous of promoting his birthday as a national holiday. We firmly believe that Franklin Delano Roosevelt will always stand out as a landmark not only in American history along with the outstanding presidents of this country, such as Washington and Lincoln, but also will become a landmark in international relationship.

IRVING I. FRIEDMAN,
Chairman, Sponsoring Committee for Franklin Delano Roosevelt holiday.
New York, N.Y.

Religion or Atheism?

To the Editor: Is there none that lifteth up a voice to meet the challenge of an atheist? Is it of small consequence that Edwin Johnson, in his recent letter "No Official ...

Industry's Harvest.

To the Editor: In none of the comment on the coal strike have I seen what to me is most significant. Back in the days of the Labor - Management Conference, John L. Lewis was applauded by industry for his rousing defense of private initiative in which he said, in effect: The American way is for management to use its resources to get as much as it can and labor its resources to use all it can, and let government stay out.

Well, industry is now reaping what it has sown. Is it still going to want government to stay out?

Winnetka. — BILL STEEL.

Enjoyable Gingerbread Man.

To the Editor: After read... the developments on the ... miners' strike, and all its ... cussions, what a pleasu... to turn to the editor... The Sun and find W... las' pleasurable ar... Gingerbread Man."

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Services Honor City's Mothers

Thousands Attend Special Sermons

The city's mothers had their day in churches of all faiths yesterday as thousands attended special services and heard special sermons in honor of Mother's Day.

In both Protestant and Catholic churches there were children's choirs, sermons on Christian motherhood, and songs and hymns based on the Mother's Day theme.

Mother Love Lauded.

At the Irving Park Methodist Church, Grace st. and Keeler av., the service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Lester R. Minion, who told a large congregation that mother love is the nearest approach in the world to the love God has for man.

"The Christian home, the very basis of our civilization, shrivels up and decays unless there is a mother as the center," he said. "The pillars of world civilization are not stocks, bonds and railroads but the home, the church, and the school.

Motherless Home Strays.

"The home without the Christian mother is a home which is strayed from God's plan."

A choir of small boys and girls sang the music of the service.

At the First Baptist Church, 935 E. 50th st., the pastor, the Rev. F. Robert Steiger, emphasized the importance of the Christian family ideal.

Christian Family Stressed.

"The Christian family has Christ-like life as its goal," he said. "Christ is to be the heart of the family and the Gospel of Christ is the teaching message of the Christian family."

Visitation Catholic Church, 843 Garfield blvd., had an outdoor procession and service in the afternoon in which a statue of Mary Mother of Christ was crowned. More than 2,500 children participated in the service at which Rev. Msgr. Daniel Byrne, the church, officiated.

Rail Smoke Blight in City Assailed by Bishop O'Brien

Calls for Electrification at Anniversary Mass at St. Joseph's; Lutherans Also Celebrate

The Most Reverend William D. O'Brien, auxiliary bishop of the Catholic archdiocese of Chicago, said yesterday that "It's high time something was done about the electrification of Chicago's railroads" to prevent further migration from the city proper.

Bishop O'Brien spoke at the 100th anniversary mass of St. Joseph's Church, Hill and Orleans sts. Six blocks away a centennial service was held simultaneously at the First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Goethe and La Salle sts., mother church of the Missouri Synod Lutheran denomination.

Bishop O'Brien.

"The electrification of Chicago's railroads is long overdue," the bishop told the congregation of St. Joseph's. "We should have had it 50 years ago and it would have prevented the mass exodus of people driven from here because of city dust and dirt."

First Was for Germans.

St. Joseph's, the oldest Catholic parish on the Near North Side, was originally a church for the German population of the city. At present it serves an interracial congregation of the neighborhood.

"Chicago's reputation for dirt, dust and grime is noted throughout the world," declared the Catholic leader, who was born a few blocks from the church. "It's high time we did something about electrification and restore large areas of the city to healthier living conditions."

Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Catholic archbishop of Chicago, celebrated the centennial mass, which was attended by more than 1,500 persons including former members of the church, eight monsignori and two abbots of the Order of St. Benedict. The Benedictine monks have been directors of the church for more than 80 years.

Another Large Crowd.

Another large crowd attended the centennial at First St. Paul's, which, because it was the scene of the establishment of the Missouri synod denomination in 1847, is considered one of the most historic of American Lutheran churches.

The Rev. L. W. Grother, the present pastor, is the great-great-grandson of the original pastor, the Rev. August T. Stelle, who preached the first sermon to the German congregation on Easter Sunday, 1846.

Pastor Grother.

Pastor Grother, garbed in long black and white robes, conducted the centennial service at which the preacher was the Rev. Dr. John W. Behnken of Oak Park, president of the Missouri synod, which represents approximately one third of the Lutheran population of the United States.

Site of First Day School.

Dr. Behnken told the congregation that First St. Paul's was one of America's important churches, not only because of the denomination organized there but also because it was the scene of the first Lutheran day school to be established in this country.

He urged the 1,000 worshipers to guard against "those termites trying to undermine Lutheranism by urging indiscriminate church union and who preach religious indifferentism." He said that the synod had maintained the "pure scriptural heritage of Martin Luther" and that the purity must be maintained.

Food Plea Ponts To Wedding Rre

People should stop throwing rice at weddings and save it for the starving people of the world, Dr. Preston Bradley, pastor of the Peoples Church, 941 Lawrence av., told his congregation yesterday morning.

"There are too many starving people in the world for us to keep up that wedding custom today," he said. "Save the rice. Bring it to the weddings if you wish but turn it over to the minister or the priest to send to war victims in Europe and Asia."

Dr. Bradley.

The noted Unitarian leader told his congregation that at seven weddings during the last week at which he officiated he had collected eight pounds of rice from people who had come prepared to throw it at the brides and bridegrooms.

A Life May Be Saved.

"Eight pounds of rice may not seem like very much food," he said, "but it can mean life to some starving European or Asiatic little boy or girl. Furthermore, think of the rice that can be collected similarly by thousands of clergymen all over the United States and you can see what can be accomplished by giving up temporarily a custom that at any other time seems charming and almost part of a wedding."

Dr. Bradley said that he was going to ask the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, representing 1,200 Protestant churches, and the Catholic chancery office to ask their members to refrain from rice throwing at the weddings scheduled for May and the summer months.

Next 4 Months Called Vital.

"These next four months are crucial days in the history of human hunger," he said. "Co-operation here can be of great help."

The congregation of the Peoples Church during the last week collected one ton of food and 800 pounds of clothing for overseas relief and gave $1,000 in cash for the same purpose.

Odell Will Head Scout Delegates

William R. Odell Jr., president of the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America, will head a delegation of seven volunteer scout leaders attending the annual meeting of the National Council in St. Louis, next Thursday through Friday.

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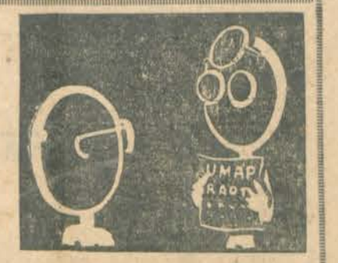

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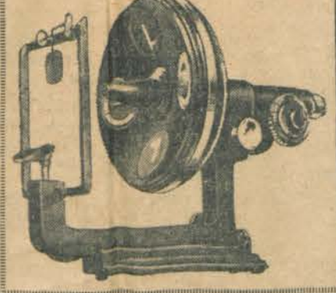

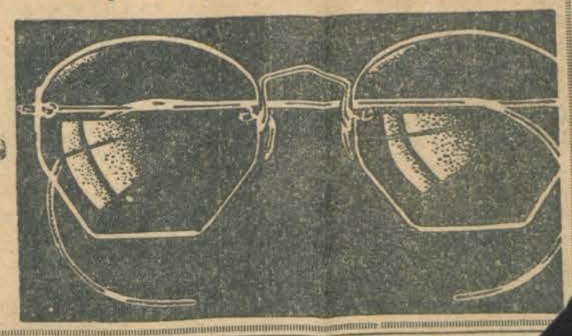

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Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

This a copy of the original I sent to "Chicago Sun" But it appeared a little shorter, as I had given the Editor permission to change it as he sees fit.

I subscribe for ten (10) bushels. I hereby say that I am willing, able and anxious to pay for ten (10) bushels of wheat, corn, or other grain, to be sent to starving people anywhere in the world.

Reasons:

1. Because I am fortunate to be living in the best country in the whole world, the United States of America.

2. Because people in many parts of the world, without fault of their own, are dying from hunger.

3. Because I have been lucky to be in the United States of America, where the pangs of hunger are unknown, I am anxious to help the unfortunate ones living in countries with starving people.

Who will start the ball rolling by applying to our government to issue permit and authorize the organization of a commission, supervised by the government? I know the American people--they have helped, and are helping, and will help any humans that are in the most dire need of food.

Imagine my contributed wheat going to China, India, England, France, or anywhere in the world to feed hungry stomachs, and I, an American, sending it!

I should say I am lucky to be able to help starving humans.

Let's follow in the steps of our great ex-president, F.D.R. who started the dime drive, and we increase it to the bushel drive.

Stephen Mairanoff

AFTER FIVE DAYS, RETURN TO

Stephen Maimaroff

1448 Broadway

Gary, Indiana

Personal

Mr. Fiovello La Guardia
Director General of the U. N. Relief & Rehabiliation Administration
New York, New York

111 Broadway

Return 303

Deane W. Malott
Chancellor
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

14 JUN 1946

Dear Mr. Malott:

Thank you for your letter of 16 May in which you report that the students at the University of Kansas are organizing an aggressive campaign to educate the townspeople of Lawrence, Kansas, concerning the need for food conservation.

I deeply appreciate the helpful spirit and intelligent concern of your students in the welfare of our unfortunate neighbors overseas.

I am sending a short telegram of commendation, through you to your students; and I also want to thank you personally for your part in the very helpful Kansas program.

Sincerely yours,

F. LaGuardia
Director General

N. Fitts/at
10 June 1946
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Clearances:
C. Van Hyning
H. K. Caustin

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

OFFICE OF
THE CHANCELLOR

Oscar Van Hyning

May 16, 1946.

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Honorable Fiorello H. La Guardia,
New York City, New York.

My dear Mr. La Guardia:

The students at the University of Kansas are organizing an aggressive and inclusive program among the 5300 students, the 450 faculty, and the 15,000 townspeople of this community, to warn and activate us all as to the need for food conservation and aid to the starving peoples of the world in this critical area.

I am vitally concerned with the success of their efforts; first, because it is a student program to which they are giving a great deal of time and energy in the firm belief that we can all be of help in the project; and second, because of the critical urgency of the problem which most of us can face only in our individual capacities.

Their program is a very inclusive one, including radio announcements, money raising activities, food exhibits comparing our calory food allotment with that of the needy nations, talks in all of the dormitories and fraternity and sorority houses, sample food conservation menus, and in other ways bringing the vital problem to the individual in such a way as to make it possible for the individual to participate.

It would be exceedingly heartening to these students, and useful to the project, were it possible for you to send to me a telegram of commendation which I should of course be happy to have you word in your own way, but to assist you, I would like to make the following suggestion:

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"Deane W. Malott, Chancellor, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas: It is with great interest that I have learned what the students of the University of Kansas are doing in behalf of the world food problem. Please extend to them my hearty commendation for their contribution toward a solution of this most critical problem. (Signed) - - - "

If you could send something of this sort, it would be appreciated, and I believe we are really helping to create an awareness in this area.

Sincerely yours,

Deane W. Malott,
Chancellor.

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Return 303

JUL 8 1946

Mr. C. H. Mahney, Chairman
Arkansas City Emergency Food Collection
Arkansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Mahney:

Your letter of 3 June to Mr. LaGuardia, reporting rumors current in Arkansas City to the effect that clothing contributed during recent Clothing Drives was never shipped to needy people overseas, has been referred to me.

I understand that all of the 112 million pounds of clothing collected during the United National Clothing Collection of 1945 have been delivered overseas. For your further information I enclose a copy of the statistical pamphlet compiled by our Clothing, Textile and Footwear Division. You will find on pages 6 and 7 a list showing allocations and shipments to various countries as of 15 January.

Complete statistics are not yet available on the allocation and shipment of clothing contributed during the Victory Clothing Collection of 1946. However, the Clothing, Textile and Footwear Division informs me that approximately 80 million pounds of clothing were collected, and that nearly 44 million pounds had been shipped as of 15 June.

I trust that this information will be helpful to you in scotching the false rumors which have been hampering your efforts to cooperate with the current Emergency Food Collection.

The efficacy of UNRRA's relief work depends in large measure upon the understanding and cooperation of Americans like you and your colleagues.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "50 Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
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Mr. Fiorella LaGuardia, Chairman
UNNRA
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

During the present Emergency Food Collection now being made in Arkansas City a number of people have stated that the clothing which we collected in Arkansas City during the last two clothing drives has never been shipped to the people for whom it was raised.

I realize that many unfounded and untrue reports get started in all communities.

It would be appreciated if you will send us some information as to the delivery of this clothing in the various countries in which it was needed so that we can have these facts published in our local paper, thus getting the truth to the public.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Manney

C. H. Manney, Chairman
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19 JUN 1946

Mr. Walter Mantani
The Heckscher Foundation
for Children
364 West 89th Street
New York 24, New York

Dear Mr. Mantani:

Your letter of 6 June to Mr. LaGuardia, offering to donate for famine relief proceeds of a special concert by the Heckscher Children's Symphony Orchestra, has been referred to me.

As you know, Mr. LaGuardia is particularly hard pressed these days because of the serious situation overseas, and as a result he can not find time to write personal answers to all the letters and telegrams he receives, much as he would like to do so.

Immediately upon receipt of your letter I telephoned to Larry Beller, Publicity Director for the Emergency Food Collection which is now being conducted on a nationwide basis on behalf of UNRRA. I asked Mr. Beller (telephone HAnover 2-0390) to call you up and discuss the possibility of tying in your proposed concert with the Emergency Food Collection.

If for any reason this tie-in is impossible, you may wish to donate the proceeds of your concert directly to UNRRA.

As you know, UNRRA is an international agency of 48 countries, which operates with funds appropriated for that purpose by the governments of its member countries. UNRRA therefore is not in a position to take active part in the promotion of a concert through which it would derive additional funds. However, UNRRA is able to accept contributions of funds raised in that manner and in fact, very glad to do so.

We agree that the benefit concert by the Heckscher Children's Symphony would be "a practical example of American young people helping similar young people in starving Europe," and we certainly wish you the best of luck in putting it over.

We deeply appreciate your desire to cooperate with us in the great task of relieving suffering overseas, and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know immediately.

Cordially yours,

Dispatched
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Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
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cc to - L.Beller
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Mr. F. H. LaGuardia
5020 Goodrich Avenue
Riverdale, New York

My Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

On May 25th last, the Heckscher Children's Symphony Orchestra gave its final concert of the season in Times Hall; I am enclosing a review from the New York Times. Immediately after the concert, I inquired of Mr. Hosking of Emergency Relief about the possibility of repeating this concert for Famine Relief. My object was to have admission by canned foods. While Mr. Hosking was quite interested, he felt it would be better to solicit funds for Emergency Relief rather than food, since that seems to be the more advantageous procedure. However, that gentleman has since advised me that the Emergency Relief is unable to sponsor such a concert, but would be willing to give it the promotion necessary to make it a huge and profitable success.

Is it possible, with your close association with these affairs, to suggest a way which I might go through with this plan? It's strange that I am unable to give away a complete concert program for this worthy cause. Interest in such a concert would be tremendous, since it would be a practical example of American young people helping similar young people in starving Europe.

I should be delighted to write further in detail about this, or speak with you at your convenience. This concert would have to be given before the end of school, (because of vacations), so I would appreciate an early reply, if possible. Thank you so much.

Very sincerely,

Walter Mantani

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CHILDREN'S SYMPHONY CLOSES SEASON AT TIMES HALL

The violin section of the orchestra sponsored by the Heckscher Foundation for Children tunes up for its final program.

The New York Times Studio

The Heckscher Children's Symphony Orchestra, Walter Mantani conducting, gave its last concert of its third season yesterday afternoon at Times Hall. A large audience of adults and children gave warm response to the efforts of the fifty-five boys and girls who played a program of six works drawn from the classic, romantic and modern repertories.

This program opened with Bach's Fugue in G minor known as the Little Fugue, followed by Beethoven's First Symphony, in C major. The second half of the program consisted of Schubert's "Rosamunde" Overture; "The Three Bears," a phantasy by E. Coates; the popular Russian Sailor's Dance from Gliere's ballet "Red Poppy," and selections from Romberg's "The Student Prince."

Mr. Mantani's success with this children's organization, sponsored by the Heckscher Foundation for Children is well known, and was evident again yesterday afternoon in the musicianly approach to all of the works performed, and in the surprisingly effective results, notably in the Beethoven Symphony, which was played in its entirety.

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JUL 26 1946

Mr. Albert Mayer
Mayer and Whittlesey
Architects
31 Union Square
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Mayer:

This is in reply to your letter of 5 July, stating that your people are interested in the contributions of livestock which have been made to UNRRA, and requesting the names and addresses of some of the contributors.

We do not have the names and addresses of the many contributing church and farm groups because they gave their contributions through the Church of the Brethren. You will probably be able to get information about them direct from the Church of the Brethren.

The other addresses which you requested follow:

Greek War Relief Association, Inc.
Mr. George Xanthaky, Executive Vice President
321 West 57th Street
New York, New York

Brethren Service Committee
Mr. Ben Bushong, Livestock Representative
New Windsor, Maryland

Falls Cities Cooperative Milk Producers Assn.
339 Bourbon Stock Yards
348 East Main Street
Louisville, Kentucky

For your further information we are sending you, under separate cover, a copy of our pamphlet "Fifty Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We trust that the information contained in this letter will be helpful; and if we can be of further service to you, do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick Chait
Assistant General Counsel

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cc to - A. Cosgrain
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TOWN AND RURAL PLANNING

Dear Mr. Chait,

In UNNRA's news release #431, dated June 25, there is a Page 3 reference as follows: "Mr LaGuardia said that in the past year UNNRA had shipped 2000 head of animals donated by Greek War Relief, Church of the Brethren, Falls City Corporation Milk Producers Association and other farm and church groups and individuals in the U.S."

Some of our people are interested in this long-range phase. I would therefore appreciate it if you would send me the addresses of the above named organizations, as well as the names and addresses of the "other farm and church groups" referred to.

Would appreciate getting this info as soon as possible.

Albert Mayer

July 5.

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JUN 6 1946

Mrs. J. S. Maynard
2479 Madison Road
Cincinnati 8, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Maynard:

Your letter of 12 May to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that American housewives be given an opportunity to donate for overseas relief the cash they receive from turning in used fats to butcher shops, has been referred to me.

We note that your suggestion includes the placing of a coin box in butcher shops for the collection of the money by local Red Cross workers, for transmittal to UNRRA.

Since UNRRA is an international agency of 48 countries, supported by appropriations from the governments of its member countries, it is not in a position to participate in a campaign to raise funds for overseas relief. UNRRA can, however, accept any contribution which organizations, groups, or individuals in any country may wish to donate for this purpose.

We have referred your suggestion to the United States agency which is in the best position to give it serious consideration, namely the President's Famine Emergency Committee. We have also sent a copy of your letter to the American Red Cross for its information.

Thank you very much for your interest, and if we can be of further service to you do not hesitate to call upon us.

Cordially yours,

Herman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

H. Fitts/at
4 June 1946
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cc to - C. Brown
American Red Cross

2479 Madison Road
Cincinnati 8, Ohio
May 18, 1946

Dr. Van Kleeck

Hon. F. H. LaGuardia
Director-General, UNRRA
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

With a view of trying to help in some small way in your tremenduous task of feeding the starving people of the world, may I submit this idea? However, I do not feel that it is original, and likely it has been submitted for consideration by others.

It is my belief that every true American housewife would be more than willing to donate to a fund the amount of cash they receive from turning in their used fats. I also believe that if it were properly publicized it would increase the interest of people in accumulating and donating the used-fat-money to the extent that it would approximate the poundage delivered by the housewives during the war.

My idea is that a coin box could be placed in every butcher shop where the money received from the fats by the housewife could be deposited, and these cans could be collected by the local Red Cross workers. The fund then can be accumulated and forwarded to your organization from all over the United States, and would, no doubt, represent a very important sum of money to be used in the purchase of food-stuffs by your organization.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Maynard

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Hon. F. H. LaGuardia,

Director General, UNRRA,

New York City, N. Y.

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14 AUG 1946

Mr. E. W. Melchen
Captain of Detectives
Police Department
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Melchen:

Your letter of 17 July to Mr. LaGuardia, asking how to get food to your wife's relatives in Dresden, in the Russian Zone of Germany, has been referred to me.

The non-profit organization known as CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, 50 Broad Street, New York 4, N.Y), guarantees delivery of standard food packages to individuals in the American Zone of Germany and is negotiating to extend its service to the Russian Zone. CARE may be able to give you some idea of when it expects to be able to service orders for the latter zone.

In the meantime we understand that inter-zonal parcel post service has been established throughout Germany. In other words, while you can not now send a parcel from outside Germany into the Russian Zone, a person in the American Zone can do so. If your wife's relatives could give you the address of another relative or reliable friend in the American Zone, you could have a food package delivered to him through CARE and then he could, presumably, send it on to your relatives in the Russian Zone.

We are very glad to learn that our Central Tracing Bureau was able to locate your wife's relatives for you.

If we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

14 AUG 1946

N. Fitts/at
13 August 1946
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P. O. Box 115 Riverside Station,
Miami 35, Florida,
July 17th, 1946.

The Director,
UNRRA,
Washington, DC.

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Dear Sirs:-

I would like to know if there is any way in which foodstuffs can be shipped into the Russian Occupied area of Germany, mainly into Dresden, Germany.

The reason for this request is that my wifes Mother and sisters (4) and their families, long residents of Dresden, are badly in need of foodstuffs, and we would like to ship some to them either direct or through your organization or some organization who has ben authorized to ship to that area. If such is the case, please advise us what the name of the agency is and its address. If there is no way open at this time can you advise us about when such a way will be available so that we may communicate with my wifes folks and advise them when we can approximately send them some foods.

Your organization, through the Central Tracing Bureau was very kind in locating my wifes folks in Dresden for us and as the result we have heard from them. We are indebted to you for this service.

Thanking you and awaiting your favor, I am,

Very truly yours,

E. W. Melchen,
Captain of Detectives,
Police Department,
Miami, Fla.,

Home mail address

Box 115 Riverside Station,
Miami 35, Fla.,

Return 303

JUL 3 1946

Mr. Sam D. Melon
Chronicle Publishers
330 Burgess Building
Laura and Forsyth
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Melon:

Your letter of 22 June to the Emergency Food Collection, requesting a variety of mats for your tabloid, has been referred to me.

The Emergency Food Collection has officially ended and therefore it is not sending out any more mats.

On the chance that you may wish to use some of the mats issued by the President's Famine Emergency Committee, we have sent copies of your letter and this reply to that committee for servicing. We expect that you will receive some mats within the next few days.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
2 July 1946
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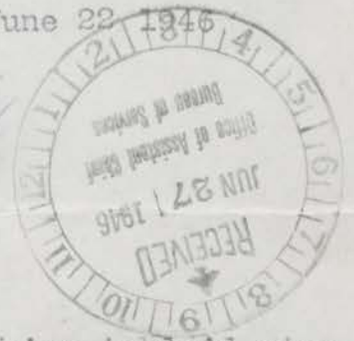

Emergency Food Collection
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Gentlemen:

Please send us a variety of mats, if available. We're tabloid size. Your local people want us to carry some pages and we can obtain sponsors for same, as advertising. We'd like full page mat, if available, if not, several lesser sizes. Standard newspaper column size.

Cordially,

Sam D. Melson

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Please date + return to 303

JUN 28 1946

Tommy Meschino, AOM, 3c USNR
Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Fentress
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Meschino:

Director General F. H. LaGuardia has asked me to reply to your letter of 25 May in which you outlined your plans for a nationwide potato contest to be held for foreign relief in conjunction with UNRRA. As you know, Mr. LaGuardia is particularly hard pressed these days because of the serious situation overseas, and as a result he cannot find time to write personal answers to all the letters and telegrams he receives, much as he would like to do so.

Since UNRRA is an international agency of 48 member governments, of which the United States is only one, it is not in a position to act upon your suggestion. We have therefore brought it to the attention of the President's Famine Emergency Committee. That committee is entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating all American activities for the relief of starvation overseas. It is the agency which is in the best position to give appropriate consideration to your suggestion.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of any service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and International
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cc: Famine Emergency Committee

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NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, FENTRESS
Norfolk, Virginia

May 25, 1946

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Fiorello La Guardia,
UNRRA Food Administrator,
New York City, N.Y.

suggests potato contest to secure food

Dear Sir:

I am a sailor in Uncle Sam's Navy, and you know the sailors, always "battin the breeze". Now from this favorite nautical pastime of telling sea stories and spinning yarns comes an idea which may be of help to you in your detail as Food Administrator. Let me tell you about it.

The other day several shipmates and myself were standing around the scuttlebutt, each expressing his post-war plans and ideas for getting his hands on a sea-bagful of pieces-of-eight. One Bluejacket told of his plan and with his permission I am relating it to you and show how you may apply it to your job of securing food for the starving people of Europe.

Here's his plan. He said that he was going to conduct a nationwide potato contest for the largest and best potato in USA. The largest and best potato bringing a prize of $100., The second place bringing $50., and $25. to show.. Now all participants would agree to one rule, that their potato would become his property if they entered the contest. Consequently the participants would send their biggest and best potato which would culminate in several boxcar loads at least (his figures) of grade 1A spuds. Now he would pay the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes of a total of $175. and would be in possession of the spuds which he would sell and all over $175 would be gravy.

Now here's our idea. It was suggested that the plan be given to the UNRRA Food Administrator so food could be secured for the people of starving Europe. You conduct the contest and give prizes like War Bonds or something. The contest should be given nationwide publicity and no one would be barred from entering the contest, not even you, since we are interested in getting as many potatoes as possible. School children,

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NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, FENTRESS
Norfolk, Virginia

adults, little victory gardeners, big farmers, everybody would be urged to enter and participate in the contest for the biggest potato contest and at the same time be helping to feed some unfortunate person in Europe. We wouldn't care whether the contestant raised the potato or not, he could buy it if he wanted to, all's we want is the spuds. The only rule in the contest would be that the potatoes would become the property of the UNRRA to be sent overseas to help feed the people there. They could be dehydrated if necessary, they're not so bad that way. I know because that's the way we got them when I was overseas. There you have the plan for a contest which should net a lot of potatoes we think. We submit it for your use and august consideration .

Well so long for now and here's hoping they get the railroad situation settled as I am to be discharged soon and I want to get home

Sincerely yours

Thomas Meschino

Tommie Meschino,
AOM3c, USNR.

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Thomas Meschino ADM 3/c

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Fortress Field

Virginia.

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UNRRA FOOD ADMINISTRATOR
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

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Letters 303

Mr. Andre Maynard
Associate in French
Barnard College
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

25 MAY 1946

Dear Mr. Maynard:

Your letter of 11 May to Mr. LaGuardia, regarding the contribution which schools and colleges might make toward solution of the world's food problem and specifically suggesting an Inter-University Famine Conference, has been referred to me.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate your intelligent concern with this problem and the preliminary steps which you have already taken toward promoting concerted university action. We also note with interest that Dean Gildersleeve "will gladly try to help the movement," according to her letter to you of 7 May.

There can be no doubt that concerted university action would be helpful in educating the public concerning the great need overseas and the importance of implementing the American good-neighbor policy throughout the world if we are to have lasting peace.

UNRRA, as you know, is an international agency of 48 nations; therefore official backing for your movement would come most appropriately not from UNRRA but from the United States agency directly concerned, i.e., the President's Famine Emergency Committee. We have therefore forwarded your letter, with enclosures, to that office for its information and action.

The Famine Emergency Committee is in a position to advise you not only concerning your chief proposal but also concerning your additional suggestions that bread sales be suspended three days a week and that rationing of certain foods be resumed.

Thank you again for your cooperation, and if we can be of further service to you do not hesitate to call on us.

Cordially yours,

Conrad Van Hyning
Acting Director, Office for Voluntary
and International Relief Liaison

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May 11, 1946

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The Honorable Fiorello H. La Guardia
Director General
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing, together with her reply, a copy of the letter which I sent on May 6 to Dean Gildersleeve regarding the contribution which schools and colleges throughout the United States might make toward the solution of the world's food problem.

Upon receipt of her letter, I immediately made personal calls upon the deans of several faculties, whom I found favorable to the principle of concerted University action. It is my intention, when I have completed my visits, to report to the President the feeling of those whom I have interviewed, and to ask him to call a meeting of the proper University officials to consider the advisability of University action. I do not wish, however, to call upon the President unless I am sure that any initiative which I might urge him to take would really further the ends toward which the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration is working.

My own opinion, for what it is worth, is that two types of measures are called for to bring relief to the starving peoples of the world: one calling for immediate action - and I have in mind suspending the sale of bread throughout the United States three days a week for an indefinite period - the other a long-term measure involving the return of rationing in certain categories of food.

If Columbia University could be persuaded to call an Interuniversity Famine Conference as a result of which these measures, or others more opportune, would be urged upon the President and the Government of the United States, and if the universities, with the help of the press, would undertake to guide and to crystallize public opinion, and even serve as clearing houses for public opinion, would any good be achieved?

My purpose, in making these suggestions is to be help-

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Very sincerely yours

André Mesnard

André Mesnard
Associate in French
Barnard College
Columbia University

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C O P Y

May 6, 1946

Dean Virginia C. Gildersleeve
Barnard College
New York City

Dear Dean Gildersleeve:

Like many another American citizen, I am appalled by our country's failure to provide food for the starving peoples of the world, and I feel completely helpless, as an individual, to make any contribution toward the solution of this terrible problem. I am wondering therefore, whether the time has not come for bodies of citizens holding a position of public trust, like the faculty of Barnard College, the various other faculties of Columbia University, and, ultimately, the faculties of all the schools and colleges in the United States to consider ways and means of awakening our government and our people to their responsibilities, lest the world seek deeper into the despair from which we had hoped the sacrifices of so many millions had saved it. Unless we put our heads together and bestir ourselves, I very much fear that we shall become unworthy of teaching the young people entrusted to our care.

Very sincerely yours

André Mesnard

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C O P Y

Barnard College
Columbia University
New York 27

Office of the Dean

May 7, 1946

Mr. André Mesnard
Barnard College

Dear Mr. Mesnard:

I sympathize deeply with the sentiments expressed in your letter of May 6th. If there is any way in which we can get together representative members of the Faculties of our University to take public action on the food question, I will gladly try to help the movement.

Do you know whether there are other persons in other parts of the University who would cooperate?

Sincerely yours

V.C. Gildersleeve

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New York 27

Department of French

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New York City

Dear Dean Gildersleeve:

Like many another American citizen, I am appalled by our country's failure to provide food for the starving peoples of the world, and I feel completely helpless, as an individual, to make any contribution toward the solution of this terrible problem. I am wondering therefore, whether the time has not come for bodies of citizens holding aposition of public trust, like the faculty of Barnard College, the various other faculties of Columbia University, and, ultimately, the faculties of all the schools and colleges in the United States to consider ways and means of awakening our government and our people to their responsibilities, lest the world seek deeper into the despair from which we had hoped the sacrifices of so many millions had saved it. Unless we put our heads together and bestir ourselves, I very much fear that we shall become unworthy of teaching the young people entrusted to our care.

Very sincerely yours

Andre Mesnard

C O P Y

Barnard College
Columbia University
New York 27

Office of the Dean

May 7, 1946

Mr. Andre Mesnard
Barnard College

Dear Mr. Mesnard:

I sympathize deeply with the sentiments expressed in your letter of May 6th. If there is any way in which we can get together representative members of the Faculties of our University to take public action on the food question, I will gladly try to help the movement.

Do you know whether there are other persons in other parts of the University who would cooperate?

Sincerely yours

V. C. Gildersleeve

Please return to Room 303

JUN 28 1946

Mr. J. E. Meyers
742 West Wellens Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Meyers:

Your letter of 17 May regarding your brother's requests for help from the UNRRA mission in Rome has been referred to this office. We are sorry there has been a delay in replying.

The following information may be of help in explaining why your brother did not receive any direct help from our mission.

UNRRA is an international agency, composed of forty-eight member governments, which deals exclusively with governments and not with individuals or groups. UNRRA is responsible for getting supplies shipped to the receiving countries whose responsibility it then is to arrange the distribution. The national governments distribute the supplies as much as possible through normal wholesale and retail channels. People who are able to pay are expected to purchase their share of relief supplies, while those in distress and unable to pay receive their share without charge. This, however, they receive through their own national agencies, and not through UNRRA directly.

We hope that the above information, as well as the material contained in "50 Facts about UNRRA," a pamphlet which we are sending you under separate cover, will serve to clear up any misunderstanding that may exist in your brother's mind regarding UNRRA's functions in Italy.

Perhaps you will be good enough to transmit this information to your brother. If he is still not satisfied, we should appreciate your letting this office know the exact nature of his complaint so that we may have the charges investigated immediately.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Relations

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Separate Cover: "50 Facts about UNRRA"
cc to: F. Weisl
A. Cosgrain
M. Pettigrew

CJR/fms
27 June 1946

May 17, 1946

R.W. - Cohen

U.N.R.R.A. Headquarters

Gentlemen:

I have a brother in Rome, Italy, who asked me to report one of your agents there. He was very much in need of help and he went to this man several times, but was always refused. His name is Germandoff, and the address is, U.N.R.R.A. Via Toskana No. 7. Rome, Italy. Others, not only he, were treated the same way.

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Will you please look into this matter, as things like this gives the organization a very bad reputation.

It doesn't seem fair, that we in this country work hard to give relief to the people over there and a few unscrupulous agents can spoil it all.

Hoping you will take care of this, I remain,

Yours truly,

Joseph E. Meyers
742 N. Wellers ave.
Phila. Pa.

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I. E. meyers
742 W. Rittenhouse Sq.
Phila. Pa.

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F. La Guardia
U. N. R. R. A. Headquarters.
New York City, N. Y.

Return 303

Miss Eileen Michaely
Camp Juniper Knoll
Route No. 1
Elkhorn, Wisconsin

15 AUG 1946

Dear Miss Michaely:

Your letter of 19 July, requesting typical diets of people in the famine areas for use in a share-your-food program at your Girl Scouts camp, has been referred to me.

We enclose a statement which includes several typical meals in countries assisted by UNRRA, and for your further information we are sending you under separate cover certain other of our informational materials.

We have also asked the President's Famine Emergency Committee to send you appropriate materials.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
12 August 1946
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Camp Juniper Knoll Route #1
Elkhorn, Wisconsin
July 19, 1946

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We are interested in promoting a Share-Your-Food program here at camp and have been referred to you for information. We would be grateful to you for as much information as possible concerning the amount and kind of food constituting the typical daily diets of people in European countries. For example, we would like to know as nearly as possible just how much food a girl in France has to eat each day, as well as girls in Germany, Poland, China, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Belgium and Greece.

We hope this information is available and will sincerely appreciate any information you can give us. Would you please send any such information directly to us here at Camp Juniper Knoll, Route #1, Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Eileen Mickaely

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United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation

Washington, D. C.

Return 303

JUN 1946

Mr. Dominick Miele
853 South Boulevard
Bronx 59, New York

Dear Mr. Miele:

Your letter of 9 April to Mr. LaGuardia, concerning the accumulation of parcels destined for Europe in the Foreign Section of the Morgan Annex of the New York Post Office, has been brought to my attention.

Since UNRRA has no jurisdiction over this matter, we forwarded your letter to the Director of the International Postal Service for his information and action.

If we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

Richards-Fitts/at
20 June 1946
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cc to - International Postal Service

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JUN 21 1946
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New York, April 9, 1946

Mr. Fiorello H. LaGuardia
Director General of U N R R A,
111 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

RECEIVED MAY 24 1946 VOL. AGENCY Liaison Office

RECEIVED MAY 24 1946 Office of Assistant Chief Bureau of Services

Dear Sir;

I'm a Temp. Clerk, working in the Morgan Annex of the N.Y. Post Office, Foreign Section, and we pack parcels for the European countries. Especially, parcels, which contain food, clothing, and other items for our people in Europe, sent by their relatives in this country. We are sacrificing everything, do away with a lot of things, so that they in Europe can have.

I only wish that Mr. LaGuardia would inspect our floor, and see the stacks of bags, containing these parcels, which are ready for shipment to those who need them. The entire 5th floor is so packed, that you can't breathe, extending east to west, 9th and 10 aves, and north and south, 30th to 29" Streets. Parcels coming from, as far as California and other States. Surely, these people believe that their parcels have already arrived to their destinations, but, if they only knew the truth, they'd really raise an uproar.

What happenedto the ships, yet so many arrive from Europe, but they don't take any parcels along.

Is machinery more important than to feed, clothe, those People? The P.O . is doing a fine job, but, what good is it, Sir, appealing to us, to send all we can to the people, there, when we can't get it to them. Bags are laying on the floor, for as long as 2 to 3 months, and yet, no attempt is made by the Shipping Administration, to ship them out. The longer they lay around, and by the time they get there, they might as well dump it in the garbage.

With parcels for overseas,

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Sir;

I'm appealing to you, Sir, to check about getting the ships to send these parcels to those hungry, war stricken people, every parcel they receive, they will live a week on it, until they receive another. We have 3 shifts, (or tours), work-day and night, preparing, packing parcels, ready to be shipped at a moments notice, but, no dice, they lay around yet, and people overseas, waiting anxiously for a package from their relatives, here.

Hoping that something is done, on getting transportation, to transport these parcels,

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Dominick Mielg

Dominick Miele
853 So. B'lvd,
Bronx, 59, N.Y.

NEW YORK, N.Y. APR 9 5-PM 1946

MR. Fiorello H. LaGuardia
Director General of U N R R A,
111 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

NEW YORK, N.Y. APR 9 430PM 1946

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25 MAY 1948

Mrs. Edward M. Miller,
3438 Rankin St.,
Dallas 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Miller.

Your letter of 8 May to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that barrels be set up in every grocery store throughout the nation so that customers can easily contribute food for overseas relief, has been referred to me.

You will be interested to know that there is already in operation a nation-wide Emergency Food Collection of canned food and that in many communities local committees cooperating with this drive have tried out the very scheme which you suggest. We understand that it has worked better in some communities than in others, depending upon the ability of the local committee to pick up the cans from the barrels as they become filled.

We have informed headquarters of the Emergency Food Collection concerning your interest, and we expect that you may receive additional information directly from that office, which is located at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N. Y.

Thank you very much for your cooperation, and if we can be of further service to you, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts,
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

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3438 Rankin Street
Dallas 5, Texas
May 8, 1946

Fiorello La Guardia
U.N.R.R.A.
New York, New York

Dear Mr. La Guardia:

Since the need of food for the people of Europe is so urgent, wouldn't it be a good idea to set up a barrel in every grocery store where customers could drop a can or two of food each time they buy for themselves?

Such a means of donating food would work little hardship on most of us, while the

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amount collected would no doubt be considerable if this were done on a nationwide scale.

Such a system of collecting food for Europe would provide a most opportune reminder of the needs of others. Don't you think it would be worth a try?

Sincerely yours.

(Mrs. Edward M.) Catherine D. Miller

Mrs. E. M. Miller
3438 Rankin
Dallas 5, Texas

Mr. Fiorello La Guardia
U. N. R. R. A.
New York, New York

Return 303

24 May 1946

Miss Velma Mills
Boston Store
High Street at Spring
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Miss Mills:

Your letter of 25 April to Mr. LaGuardia, requesting "any literature and factual material" which could be used in your department store publication, has been referred to me.

We note that you are particularly interested in the nationwide drive to conserve food, which is sponsored not by UNRRA but by the President's Famine Emergency Committee. We have, therefore asked that Committee to send you appropriate materials, as well as an appropriate letter for reproduction in your house organ.

Thank you very much for your excellent cooperation, and if we can be of further service to you do not hesitate to call on us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office of Voluntary and International
Agency Liaison

Copy to Mr. Gaines

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BOSTON STORE

Affiliate of KOBACKER STORES, Inc.

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April 25th, 1946

Fiorello H. LaGuardia
Director General
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

We are in the process of preparing our department store paper for publication. This is a non-profit house organ, distributed free of charge to several hundred employees, and we feel that it is only fitting that we devote, at least a portion of one page, to the drive for the conservation of food, which the UNRA is sponsoring. We would appreciate any literature and factual material which could be used in our paper.

Very truly yours,

Velma Mills

V. Mills, Editor

P.S. We would appreciate a personal letter from you, which could be reproduced in our paper.

" He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him; But blessing shall be upon the head of him that sellth it."

this is corny!

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L. L. Hennager
Rm. 319

Return 303

25 MAY 1946

Mrs. Rosemary Mizener,
701 East 2nd St.,
Northfield, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Mizener:

Your letter of 2 May to Mr. LaGuardia, asking whether there is some central agency to which you can send donations of canned food for overseas relief, has been referred to me.

The Emergency Food Collection, with headquarters at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N. Y., is now conducting a nation wide drive for the collection of canned food or cash with which to purchase additional food for overseas relief.

We have informed that headquarters of your interest and we expect that you will receive further information direct.

Several of the voluntary war relief agencies in this country, as well as many church groups, are also making collections of food and clothing for overseas relief. If you are also interested in getting further information on this possibility and will let us know which country or countries you are particularly anxious to help, we shall be glad to suggest the names of specific relief agencies or church groups.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and if we can be of further service to you, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Cordially yours,

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Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
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701 East 2nd Street
Northfield, Minnesota
2 May 1946

B.R- Kelly

Mr. Fiorello La Guardia
United Nations Rehabilitation and Relief Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Last March a small group of us here in this little town decided to do what we could to get food to Europe, since we were dissatisfied -- and still are -- with the government's provisions on this score. We have put collection boxes in all the grocery stores in town and have asked for donations of canned and packaged foods. The response was immediate and generous -- so much so that we stopped all publicity because we were afraid of getting more food than we could handle, there being only seven of us involved, and each a busy housewife.

The postal regulations for overseas packages are a headache and the quantities we can send in each package are so small that a lot of time and effort are wasted doing the wrapping and mailing. If we went ahead with more publicity I have no doubt that the food would come in in considerable quantities. So many people like us have just been waiting for the machinery to be set up and are anxious to give in every possible way.

It occurs to us that we might perhaps send our food to you and have it shipped in a less costly and inefficient fashion. Many of us are willing to do the volunteer work necessary to getting it rounded up from the stores and packaged, and we are ready to go on in the fashion we have now organized, but wonder if there might be a better way through UNRRA. Our packages now go to individual families in Europe, but perhaps we could send them to a general headquarters. Any help or information you could give us would be most appreciated. In the meantime we hope that somehow our plenty will be shared with the starving, and we do not feel that enough is being done yet.

Sincerely yours,

Rosemary Mizener

Mrs. Arthur Mizener

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Mrs. Arthur Mizener
701 East 2nd Street
Northfield, Minnesota

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Mr. Fiorello La Guardia
United Nations Rehabilitation
and Relief Administration
Washington, D. C.

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25 MAY 1946

Mr. A. V. Mongiardino
427 - 53rd Street
West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Mongiardino:

Your letter of 20 April to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that people be informed concerning the possibility of sending packages of food to their relatives overseas and also suggesting ways of saving food in America, has been referred to me.

You will be interested to know that there is already in operation an organization known as "CARE" (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe), 50 Broad Street, New York City, which facilitates the sending of packages to individuals in certain countries. These countries include Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, and Poland. Other countries are added as soon as arrangements can be made with their governments to exempt packages from foreign custom duties and rationing regulations.

You may also be interested in the possibility of contributing canned food, or cash with which to purchase food, to the Emergency Food Collection, 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N. Y. All food collected is contributed to UNRRA for immediate shipment overseas, and it is there distributed free of charge on the basis of need, without any discrimination because of race, creed, or political belief.

We have informed both of the organizations mentioned above concerning your interest, and you may receive additional information directly from them.

Your suggestions for saving food in this country (by Presidential proclamation of two meatless days per week and by restricting the production of fancy pastries) we have referred to the U. S. agency which is in the best position to give them proper consideration, namely the President's Famine Emergency Committee.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and suggestions, and if we can be of further service to you do not hesitate to call upon us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

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25 MAY 1946
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N. Fitts/at
24 May 1946 -39764
cc to - CARE
W. Riplinger
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~~DDC Kelly~~

West Palm Beach, Fla. April 20- 1946

PR-Kelly

Hon. Fiorello La-Guardia
Washington. D.C.

Dear Sir:

No doubt you receive many suggestions from numerous people anxious to help you in the performance of your excellent work as Director General of U.N.R.A. and last evening listening to your radio broadcast describing European and Asiatic conditions I had the following thought which may help or not; that I leave to you to decide.

A great percentage of the American people have some near or distant relatives existing in the famishing countries so you could suggest on the radio that we all prepare packages containing canned food, condensed milk, corn meal or other non perishable foods and send a package by parcel post every month, providing they are admitted free of duty in the receiving countries- they should be admitted free of charge as perhaps many of the recipients could not afford to pay heavy custom charges.

Another way to save food at home would be for our President to declare two meatless day per week- perhaps Monday and Friday; I say Monday because most families always have some left over from the Sunday dinner- It should be absolutely forbidden to any market or store to sell meat on those days- exception made to hospitals- encourage the consumption of fish instead- and see that that this law is stictly enforced .

Summer is approaching and we could do without fancy pastry, restrict to the minimum the production of the so called French pastry- fresh fruits are healthier.

Pardon me if I have taken up your time with perhaps a lot of impracticable ideas.

Respectfully yours,

A. V. Mongiardino

A.V. Mongiardino
427- 53rd St.
West Palm Beach, Fla

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2 AUG 1946

Mrs. Dorothy J. Moorhouse
The Moorlind Farm
R D No.1
Wadsworth, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Moorhouse:

This will refer to your recent communication concerning the gift of wheat of the farmers of Medina County, Ohio.

You can be quite sure, that the wheat which the farmers of Medina County, Ohio have contributed to feed the hungry people overseas, will be recognized as a gift from beginning to end. No one will make any profit on it. None of the needy people who receive, will be required to pay.

May we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to the farmers of Medina County, for their contribution.

Your inquiry is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Charles P. Ernst
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

CC Mr. Norman Fitts

JBParkhill/ebs
7 August 1946

Return 303

JUL 16 1946

Mrs. C. C. Moseley
1234 Air Way
Glendale, California

My dear Mrs. Moseley:

Your telegram of 23 April to Congressman Voorhis, regarding methods of collecting food for starving nations, has been brought to our attention by the Emergency Food Collection.

Your observations regarding the unnecessary expense which individuals incur by buying food at retail prices are quite correct. That is why Director General LaGuardia of UNRRA tried to encourage as much as possible the contribution of money rather than that of canned goods. However, the American people seem to feel that their contribution is more direct and more personal if they themselves pick out the food. Hence the Emergency Food Collection collected canned goods as well as money.

You may be interested to know that, as of 26 June, almost 13 million cans of food and about $1,200,000 had been collected in the Emergency Food Collection.

Since UNRRA is an international agency, composed of 48 member countries, UNRRA is unable to act upon your suggestions regarding steps which the United States Government should take in order to help relieve the famine overseas. We have therefore brought your suggestions to the attention of the President's Famine Emergency Committee. That committee is entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating all American activities for the relief of starvation overseas. It is the agency which is in the best position to give appropriate consideration to your suggestions.

We are sending you under separate cover a copy of our pamphlet "50 Facts about UNRRA." This pamphlet describes briefly conditions overseas and what UNRRA is trying to do to remedy them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Pitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Pitts/at
16 July 1946
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cc to - A. Casgrain
P. Stark
G. Marshall

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EMERGENCY FOOD COLLECTION

ON BEHALF OF UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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National Headquarters—100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N. Y.

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May 27th, 1946

Mr. W. Gayer Dominick, Chief
Ocean Shipping Division
United States Relief and
Rehabilitation Adm.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dominick:

We are attaching communications from Mrs. C. C. Moseley, 1224 Air Way, Glendale, California, and Mr. Chick Logan, President of the Association of World War II Pilots and Aviation Specialists, Long Beach, California, which have been referred to this office by the Honorable Jerry Voorhies.

We have advised Congressman Voorhis that these communications have been referred to your office.

Sincerely yours,

Lee Marshall
Lee Marshall
Executive Director

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C O P Y of Telegram from Mrs. C. C. Moseley,
~~Beverly Hills, California~~
1224 Air Way

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HON JERRY VOORHIS

WASH DC

WALLACE PLAN FOR COLLECTING FOOD FOR STARVING NATIONS IMPRACTICAL. FOR INDIVIDUALS TO CONTRIBUTE FOOD BOUGHT AT RETAIL PRICES CREATES UNNECESSARY EXPENSE TO TAXPAYERS; CUMBERSON PLAN FOR HANDLING, UNCERTAINTY OF NECESSARY VARIETY OF VITAL FOODS. CONGRESS SHOULD APPROPRIATE FUNDS AT ONCE TO PURCHASE WHOLESALE AT SOURCE, THE PROPER TYPES AND VARIETIES OF MOST NEEDED FOODS, THUS PROVIDING MINIMUM COST TO TAXPAYER, SIMPLIFIED HANDLING AND SHIPPING FROM FEWER POINTS, TREMENDOUS SAVING OF MANPOWER. WHY NOT TRANSPORT BY AIRPLANE THOSE VITAMIN PILLS AND DEHYDRATED SOUPS, THUS PROVIDING IMMEDIATE NOURISHMENT UNTIL HEAVIER SHIPMENTS ARE RECEIVED.

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Mr. A. Richard Moulin
Vice President
International Service Company
510 Conti Street
New Orleans 16, Louisiana

9 AUG 1946

Dear Mr. Moulin:

Your letter of 13 June to Mr. LaGuardia, concerning your company's package service to individuals overseas, has been referred to me.

As you know, Mr. LaGuardia is particularly hard pressed these days because of the serious situation overseas, and as a result he can not find time to write personal answers to all the letters and telegrams he receives, much as he would like to do so.

We thank you for bringing this matter to our attention and we shall be glad to receive additional information.

In the belief that the federal government's Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid may also be interested, we suggest that you send complete information also to that Committee, attention of Mr. Arthur Ringland, Washington Building, 15th Street & New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Thank you for your letter and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
8 August 1946
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cc to - A. Ringland
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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CO.

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AGENTS FOR
CARAGOL-CLARKE CO., INC.
80 WALL STREET, N. Y.
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June 18, 1946

Hon. F. H. LaGuardia,
Roosevelt Hotel,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

While this Company is a private enterprise, its origin was prompted to a great extent through altruistic motives as a result of requests made to the writer by many of his friends who felt that New Orleans should have a service of this type available to facilitate in the feeding and clothing of the many needy peoples of Europe by those who have relatives in Europe and who are able and desirous of carrying on a personal program of this nature.

We are quite certain this Company operates the only package collecting agency in the deep South where an individual may bring food or clothing, or purchase an assortment of food, and have it delivered to an individual in Europe.

The thought occurred to the writer that you would probably be interested because of the nature of your work to know that such an establishment exists in this city, as no doubt you and your organization will receive many inquiries from individuals who would like to assist their relatives and friends in Europe but simply do not know how to get material things to them under present conditions.

We know that your message to the people of New Orleans will not fall on deaf ears and that our good citizens will cooperate with you and give to the fullest extent of their ability. We hope, too, that your visit to the Crescent City will be a memorable one.

With sentiments of admiration and deep gratitude, we are

Sincerely yours,
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMPANY, INC.

A. Richard Moulin,
Vice President.

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24 JUN 1946

Mr. G. Mueller
1244 Brooklyn Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Mueller:

Your letter of 16 April to Mr. LaGuardia, regarding the sending of parcels to Germany, has been brought to my attention.

Parcel post service to the U. S. zone of Germany was recently established, and this service may soon be extended to other zones. Your local postal authorities will be able to give you details concerning size, content, weight, etc.

We hope this information will be helpful to you.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
20 June 1946
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G. MUELLER
Licensed Professional Engineer
STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING: STEEL DESIGNS, DETAILS,
ESTIMATES, INSPECTION, ETC.

1244 Brooklyn Avenue — Brooklyn, New York.

Tel. Buckminster 4-4563

RECEIVED MAY 23 1946 Bureau of Accounts Mail Room

4/16/1946.

Hon. F. H. La Guardia
Newyork, NY.

Dear Mr. La Guardia:

Everybody realizes that you need cooperation in your now job to feed Europa.

You probably read in last Sunday's NY Times Mr M'Harney's Report: "Food Stocks gone in Germany" and U.S. Editors urge U.S. Aid f. Germany —

Well the americans of german Origin & Decent will gladly cooperate with you by cutting their diet - but hope they will be allowed to send the saving of food to their starving Relatives in Germany for Humanity Sake as well as Fair Play —

Will you please do your Best and convince Washington that the Permit to send foodpackages to Germany should be given NOW without further Delay to prevent Starvation.

Many, Many thanks in advance

Very truly yours

G Mueller.

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Return 303

JUL 5 1946

Major Katherine O. Muller, Director
Summer Camps & Seasonal Activities Bureau
The Salvation Army
133 West Fourteenth Street
New York 11, New York

Dear Major Muller:

Your letter of 10 May to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting a way to prevent waste of food by children at summer camps, has been referred to me.

As you know, Mr. LaGuardia is particularly hard pressed these days because of the serious situation overseas, and as a result he can not find time to write personal answers to all the letters and telegrams he receives, much as he would like to do so.

As Director of Salvation Army Summer Camps, you have certainly been in a position to observe the conditions you report; and we have no doubt that the establishment at all children's camps of "Clean Plate Clubs," with badges similar to the one you enclosed in your letter, would be very helpful.

However, since UNRRA is an international agency of 48 countries, it is not in a position to act upon your suggestion. We have therefore brought your suggestion to the attention of the President's Famine Emergency Committee. That committee is entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating all American activities for the relief of starvation overseas. It is the agency which is in the best position to give appropriate consideration to your suggestion.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "30 Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter is deeply appreciated; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Conrad Van Hyning
Acting Director, Office for Voluntary
and International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
1 July 1946
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cc to - W. F. Straub
A. Casgrain

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FOUNDER

GEORGE L. CARPENTER
GENERAL

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122 WEST FOURTEENTH STREET
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MAY 29 1946
Office of Assistant Chief
Bureau of Services

May 10, 1946.

Honorable Fiorello LaGuardia
Director General UNRRA,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. LaGuardia:

It was a real pleasure to hear you recently at The Town Hall, and I have also listened to your programs, over the air, with a great deal of enthusiasm and interest.

It is my desire, at this time, to make a suggestion regarding the way children waste food at all camps. In my capacity as Director of The Salvation Army Summer Camps I have had occasion to notice that this condition is very prevalent. Would it not be an idea for UNRRA to have button-pins made, similar to the enclosed badge, an d presented to children in the various Camps, who waste none of the food put on their plates. They should be privileged to keep said pin as long as they "Waste Not". The children should be told that this would help the starving children throughout the war-torn countries. The camps budgets would also benefit by this.

Yours very sincerely,

Katherine O. Muller

MAJOR

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"CHRIST for the NATION"
NATIONAL EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN
January to November, 1945

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HAVE YOU READ THE WAR CRY?

SAKS-34TH

THE FRIENDLY STORE

August 9, 1943

Dear Sir,

Thank you for enlisting your children in the Clean Plate Club. You, and they, are making amvery worthwhile contribution to the war effort by eliminating food waste.

Would you be good enough to see that we receive the scrollon which the children make their pledges. It is essential for our Club Records.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Lee

THE SALVATION ARMY
SUMMER CAMPS AND SEASONAL
ACTIVITIES BUREAU
120-130 WEST FOURTEENTH STREET
NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

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Honorable Fiorello LaGuardia

Director General UNRRA,

Washington, D. C.

Ref Rr 307

JUN 27 1946

Mr. Harold A. Hunter
175 West 93d Street
New York 25, New York

My dear Mr. Hunter:

Your letter of 20 May to Director General F. H. LaGuardia containing suggestions for supplementing the present food shipments to the starving people abroad has been referred to this office. We are sorry there has been a delay in replying.

Since UNRRA is an international agency, composed of forty-eight member governments, of which the United States is but one, and since it is geared to deal on a governmental level rather than on an individual one, it is not in a position to act upon the suggestions which you have made.

There is, however, the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc., located at 122 East 22d Street, Rm. 701, New York 10, New York, which may be able to put some of your plans into operation.

You may be interested to know that there is one agency which has done an excellent job of getting parcels overseas. This is the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe (CARE) through which "standard food packages" can be sent to individuals in certain European countries, namely, France, Czechoslavakia, Italy, Norway, Poland, The Netherlands, Austria, and the U. S. Zone in Germany. If you will write to CARE, at 50 Broad Street, New York 4, New York, perhaps they will be able to utilize your proposals.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter and to thank you for your interest in our work.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

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Copy to Mr. Van Hyning

CJRichards/fms
24 June 1946
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Hon. F. H. La Guardia
Director
UNNRA
Washington D. C

F M Overgaard - Van Hyning

RECEIVED
MAY 23 1946
Office of Assistant Chief
Bureau of Services

Dear Sir:

May I make the following suggestion for supplementing the present food shipments to the starving people abroad. -

(1) - 5 lb food pkgs to be made up at home by the people of U.S.A. - (List of acceptable articles to be published by the Government). Pkgs to be addressed to the county of ones choosing. (List of countries to be published by Government).

(2) Cartons to be issued free at Post Offices + Banks and mailing to be free. Cartons to be already stamped FOOD FOR _____. Senders name + address to appear on carton.

(3) Cartons to be dropped in large mail boxes + post offices for delivery to a central warehouse for sorting + waterproof casing. Warehouse location to be in N.Y.C. due to shipping facilities. Entire

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supervision from time this material reaches the warehouse till it is distributed abroad should be under UNNRA.

Having handled war housing, shipping + packing for O.W.I. during the war both here + abroad I am sure this can be done with great efficiency and success.

"A Package A Week" from each family in the U.S.A will do the Trick. —

Respectfully submitted
Harold A. Munter

175 West 93rd St
N.Y.C. 25 N.Y.

H. A. HUNTER
175 W 93RD ST
~~BURNS AND ROE, INC.~~
~~233 BROADWAY~~
NEW YORK ~~7~~ N. Y.
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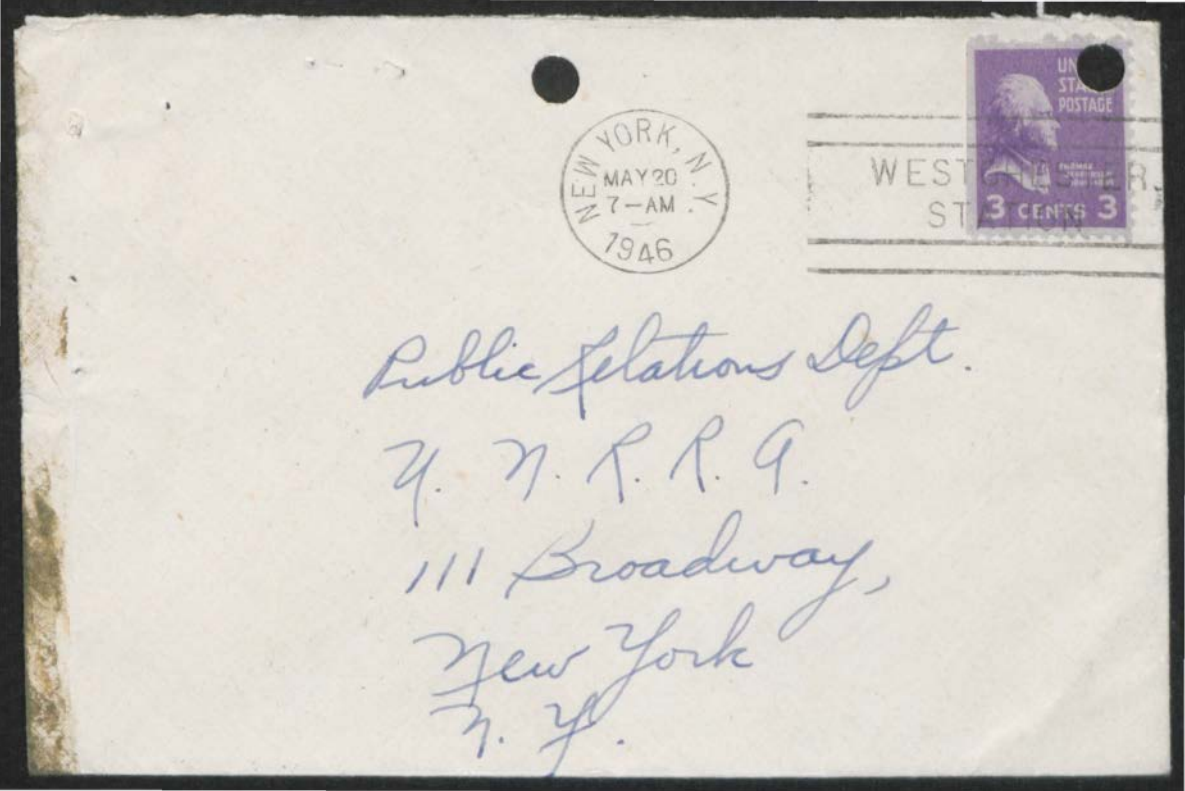
HON. F. H. LA GUARDIA
DIRECTOR
U. N. N. R. A.
WASHINGTON, D.C.



Public Relations Dept.
N. Y. N. R. R. Co.
111 Broadway,
New York
N. Y.

Belarus 303

31 MAY 1946

Mr. John A. Murphy
Consumer Counselor
Samuel Gompers High School
455 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, New York

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Your letter of 18 May, stating that your school is conducting a campaign to collect canned food for overseas relief and requesting posters, pictures, charts or other materials showing famine conditions and comparing diets here and overseas, has been referred to me.

We have asked the President's Famine Emergency Committee to send you appropriate materials, and we are also sending you, under separate cover, certain of our own materials.

We hope that these materials will be what you need and that your campaign will be a big success.

Thank you very much for your cooperation, and if we can be of further service to you do not hesitate to call on us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
29 May 1946
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CC to - W. M. Kiplinger
S. Gaines
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Samuel Gompers High School
455 Southern Blvd.
Bronx, N. Y.
May 18, 1946

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U. N. R. R. A.
Public Relations Dept.
111 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

re Products & Assistance

Gentlemen:

Our school is conducting a campaign to collect canned foods for the famine stricken peoples of the world.

To present the need for this as vividly as possible to the boys, we are planning an exhibit in the library.

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It will consist of pictures of famine victims, graphic representation of the food values of various diets, etc.

Does your organization have any posters, pictures, charts or similar materials which we could use? Anything you may furnish us will be gratefully appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John P. Murphy.

Consumer Counselor.

Return 303

Mr. John V. Murray
Secretary
Turlock Chamber of Commerce
and Retail Merchants' Bureau
139 South Front Street
Turlock, California

14 AUG 1946

Dear Mr. Murray:

Your letter of 16 July to Mr. LaGuardia, reporting that Turlock, California, and vicinity have contributed a carload of dehydrated foods for overseas relief, has been referred to me.

As you know, Mr. LaGuardia is particularly hard pressed these days because of the serious situation overseas, and as a result he can not find time to write personal answers to all the letters and telegrams he receives, much as he would like to do so.

We note that the Turlock contribution consists of 2000 cases (weighing 60,000 lbs.) of dehydrated raisins, pears, peaches, onions, and cabbage.

The photo which you enclosed -- showing Mr. R. L. Puccinelli (left) of the Puccinelli Packing Company and Mr. Clyde Oden (right), General Chairman of your Famine Relief Fund, standing at the door of the freight car containing the contribution -- we have brought to the attention of our Director of Public Information.

Thank you for your letter, and congratulations on the success of your drive.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
13 August 1946
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cc to - J. Lilly
E.F.C.

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14 AUG 1946

Turlock Chamber of Commerce *and Retail Merchants' Bureau*

129 South Front Street Turlock, California

July 16, 1946

Mr. Fiorella La Guardia
Director
UNRRA
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In the interest of humanity Turlock and vicinity has just sent a carload of dehydrated foods totaling 2000 cases of 60,000 pounds to the starving people of the world. In the car are raisins, pears, peaches, onions, and cabbage in a dehydrated form for feeding over 600,000 starving peoples.

In the enclosed picture Mr. R.L. Puccinelli(left) of the Puccinelli Packing Co., from which the products were sent, and Mr. Clyde Oden (right) the General Chairman of the Famine Relief Fund.

Yours very truly,

John V. Murray
Secretary

Return Room 303

MAY 28 1946

Mr. Stanleigh M. Murrell
Recreation Counselor
Okeechobee Farm Labor Supply Center
P. O. Box 575
Belle Glade, Florida

Dear Mr. Murrell:

Your letter of 15 May to the United National Clothing Collection, asking how and where to send contributed clothing for overseas relief, has been referred to me.

The United National Clothing Collection has completed its nationwide drive, and UNRRA itself is not set up to receive individual contributions of clothing for overseas relief. However, many of the church organizations as well as various foreign relief agencies are still collecting individual contributions of clothing for shipment overseas.

We suggest that unless you refer your contributed clothing to some church in your own community which is participating in such a collection, you may wish to send it to the United Church Service Center at New Windsor, Maryland.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and if we can be of further service to you, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
25 May 1946

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ROUTE SLIP

To: Mr. Fitts	DATE 23
	ROOM NO. A-303

☐ APPROVAL	☒ INVESTIGATE
☐ COMMENT	☐ SIGNATURE
☐ PREPARE REPLY	☐ SEE ME
☑ NECESSARY ACTION	☐ AS REQUESTED
☐ NOTE AND RETURN	☐ FOR YOUR INFORMATION
☐ NOTE AND FILE	☐ PER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

REMARKS

From: H A Shaw | ROOM NO.

OKEECHOBEE FARM LABOR SUPPLY CENTER

P. O. BOX 575

BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA

HENRY O. EARWOOD, MGR.

May 15, 1946

United National Clothing Collection
100 Maiden Lane
New York (7), New York

Gentlemen:

Kindly forward information as to the present need for used clothing to be sent overseas for emergency use. Include all necessary information and instructions for shipping parcels to your organization for sorting and distribution.

My wife and I are desirous of making a contribution to this drive but do not wish to send unnecessary items or things which might not be usable. Many of the items are in need of repair; some of them are in excellent condition and ready for wear; all of them have been cleaned.

We will appreciate an immediate reply as we are desirous of leaving here for Massachusetts about June first and would like to ship these things as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

Stanleigh Murrell

Stanleigh M. Murrell
Recreation Counselor

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JUL 23 1946

Return 303

Mrs. L. C. Nelson
708 - 2nd. Street, E.
Redfield, South Dakota

Dear Mrs. Nelson:

Your letter of 8 July, stating that the American Legion Auxiliary of Redfield, South Dakota, desires to contribute a sum of money to UNRRA for the purpose of purchasing food for the countries of Europe, has been referred to me.

You may send your contribution direct to this office, if you wish, in the form of a check made out to UNRRA.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "Fifty Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
22 July 1946
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cc to - C. Ernst
A. Cosgrain

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of South Dakota

RECEIVED JUL 11 1946 VOL. AGENCY Liaison Office

Redfield, So.Dak.,
July 8,1946.

UNRRA,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Our organization, namely The American Legion Auxiliary in the town of Redfield, So.Dak. would like to make a cash donation to UNRRA for the purpose of purchasing food for the countries of Europe. I am writing you for information as to where we will send this cash donation as I am unable to find out here. Kindly give me this information or hand my letter to the proper parties so that we might mail this donation.

Yours truly,
Mrs. L.C. Nelson
708-2nd St. E.

Per Rm 303

JUN 26 1946

Mrs. Herman Neumann
Route #3
Lamberton, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Neumann:

Your letter of 3 May to the Emergency Food Collection in New York, asking whether it is possible to send a food parcel to Germany has been referred to this office. We are sorry there has been a delay in replying.

Parcel Post service between this country and the U. S. Zone in Germany only has been re-opened. I understand, however, that negotiations are now under way for re-opening the Parcel Post from this country to the other zones as well.

We note that your sister lives in the Russian Zone; hence, we suggest that you keep in touch with your local postal authorities who will let you know if and when packages can be sent to the other zones.

Meanwhile, if you know someone who is now living in the U. S. Zone, you might be able to send a parcel to your sister by sending a parcel to this other person. The parcel could then be sent on to your sister. This would be possible because Parcel Post is now functioning again within Germany.

We hope this information will be of help to you. If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

Copy to Mr. Van Hyning, 319-A

CJRichards/fms
25 June 1946
Serial No. T-29059

EMERGENCY FOOD COLLECTION
100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N. Y.
On Behalf of UNRRA

June 7, 1946

Encl.

To: Mr. Conrad van Hyning, Acting Director
Office of Voluntary and International
Agency Liaison, UNRRA
1344 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

From: Lee Marshall L.M.

Subject: Request for information on ~~shipping~~ individual food packages to a specific family in Germany.

Attached is letter dated May 3, 1946, from Mrs. Herman Neumann of Lamberton, Route 3, Minnesota. Mrs. Neumann asks if it is possible to send a food package to the following address:

Frau Meta Groth
Bornungstr. 18
Teterow i/M (3)
Europe
Germany

49059

Frau Meta Groth
Börningstr. 18
Teterow i/M. (3)
Europe
Germany.

Lamberton Minn 5-3-46.

National Headquarters

I wish to ask you if it is Possible to send a small Pkg of food to the Enclosed add. the enclosed add is that of my Sister she is starving. My mother has already died of Cold & Starvation

Please let me know at once.

Sincerely Yours

Mrs Herman Neumann
Lamberton R. 3.
Minn.

Return 303

Mrs. Benjamin F. Nevitt
Huntingdon
Fairfax Station, Virginia

AUG 13 1946

Dear Mrs. Nevitt:

Your letter of 28 June, requesting information about sending food and clothing to needy people in Europe, has been referred to me.

Both the Victory Clothing Collection and Victory Food Collection, which were sponsored by UNRRA have been terminated. However, the members of your church can still contribute food or clothing through any of the Voluntary Foreign Relief agencies which are still engaged in this activity.

For your convenience I am enclosing a list of such agencies which will be glad to receive clothing for shipment overseas. We do not have a list of agencies that are still collecting canned food, but the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc., 122 East 23 St., Room 701 - New York 10, N. Y., will probably be glad to send you such a list.

For your immediate information, (1) clothing and food should be packed separately, (2) the best canned food to send is meat, fish, milk, or beans, (3) cleaned used clothing is very acceptable.

You can obtain additional information direct from the agency with which you decide to cooperate.

For your further information we enclose a statement that will give you some idea which nations are in greatest need.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "Fifty Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tell s what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
12 August 1946
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MRS. BENJAMIN F. NEVITT
HUNTINGDON
FAIRFAX STATION
VIRGINIA

June 28th 1946.

RECEIVED
JUL 8 1946
Office of Assistant Chief
Bureau of Services

U.N.R.R.A. Headquarters
Washington D.C.

I am writing for some information about sending food & Clothing to Europe. Knowing how overworked everyone is, I will try to be brief. Our church Pohick, ~~Zion~~ Plembury & Lorton, Va. heretofore have been sending money overseas but many of our members want to collect food & clothing too, so we can feel that we at least have helped a little in the vast job, all of us have to do. I am sending a list of questions

2/ so you will not have to read this over.

Some members say, "how can they buy food, or clothing, there with money, where there is no where, that it can be bought reasonably"—

I would certainly appreciate, your answering the following questions—

Do we send, food & clothing, check to U.N.R.R.A.? (in D.C)

Do we pack clothing, & shoes, separately from food?

Do we deliver it in person to your Office of Transportation?

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MRS. BENJAMIN F. NEVITT
HUNTINGDON
FAIRFAX STATION
VIRGINIA

What canned food is most necessary?

Do we pay for transportation to Europe?

Does U.N.R.A. decide, wh. nation needs are greatest? (This would be a great relief to us-)

Are children clothing most needed?

Will used garments, cleaned &c - be acceptable? -

Anything else you may add, will help.

Yours

4/ We can send the packages by
automobile from our church.

Thanking you for an early
reply.

Sincerely yrs.

Thos B. F. Wentz R. N.
Fairfax Sta Va

Mr B. F. Pruitt R. N.
Fairfax Sta
Va

MR. BENJAMIN F. NEVITT
HUNTINGDON
FAIRFAX STATION
VIRGINIA

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Office of Assistant Director
Bureau of Service

Return 303

27 May 1946

Mr. H. L. Newbold
Vice President
Citizens Marine Jefferson Bank
Newport News, Virginia

Dear Mr. Newbold:

Your letter of 20 May addressed to Mr. Jindra, stating that a donation has been left with the Citizens' Marine Jefferson Bank for use by UNRRA in China, has been referred to me.

If you will send a check, made out to UNRRA, and addressed to this office, we shall see to it that the money is used for the purchase of supplies which we shall ship to China.

We should also appreciate it if you can give us the name and address of the person who made the donation, so that we can send him a letter of thanks.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office of Voluntary and International
Agency Liaison

copy to Mr. Ernst

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CITIZENS MARINE JEFFERSON BANK

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NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

H. L. NEWBOLD,
VICE-PRESIDENT

May 20th, 1946

Orial - Van Hyning

Mr. Arthur J. Jindra
Chief, Traffic Office
Ocean Shipping Division
1715 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jindra:

A donation has been left with us to be sent to the UNRRA to be used in China. If you can furnish me with proper address to send the check, it will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Newbold
Vice President

HLN:ls

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CITIZENS MARINE JEFFERSON BANK

H. L. NEWBOLD,
VICE-PRESIDENT

NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

May 21st, 1946

Petition
Oral - Van Hyning

Honorable Fiorello LaGuardia
Rehabilitation Director
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

There has been left with us a donation to be sent to your organization with the understanding that it be used in China. We shall appreciate it if you will kindly advise us if this can be done and also give us the address to which the check should be sent.

Thanking you, we remain

Yours very truly,

H. L. Newbold

H. L. Newbold
Vice President

HLN:ls

Sent letter 28 May

on 27 May
I answered an identical letter from Mr. Newbold, dated 20 May and addressed to Mr. Jindra.

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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
CITIZENS MARINE JEFFERSON BANK
P. O. Box 980
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

Mr. Arthur J. Jindra
Chief, Traffice Office
Ocean Shipping Division
1715 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Return 303

JUN 14 1946

Mrs. Samuel Newland
President
Women's Society Christian Service
Box 65
Thorndale, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Newland:

Your letter of 27 May to Mr. LaGuardia, reporting that your community was one of the first to respond to the Emergency Food Collection and that your church and Sunday School and Civic Club all gave generously, has been referred to me.

As you know, Mr. LaGuardia is particularly hard pressed these days because of the serious situation overseas, and as a result he can not find time to write personal answers to all the letters and telegrams he receives, much as he would like to do so.

We congratulate you and the other people in your community for the help given to us in our tremendous task of relieving suffering overseas.

You will be interested to know that we have brought to the attention of the President's Famine Emergency Committee your suggestion that less grain be allowed to the manufacturers of alcoholic beverages so that there will be more for hungry people.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "50 Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Pitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Pitts/at
13 June 1946
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cc to - C. Brown
A. Casgrain

Thorndale, Pa.
5-27-46.

Great Van Hyning

Hon. Fiorella La Guardia,
Director General U.N.R.R.A.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Please keep trying to get more grain for the hungry and use your influence to see that the manufactors of alcholic beverages get less.

Our small community was one of the fisst to answer the call of U.N.R.R.A. in the collection of canned food.

Our church, Sunday School and Civic Club all gave generously.

Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. Samuel Newland

(Pres. Women's Society Christian Service

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Return 303

13 AUG 1946

Dr. William G. Niederland
Tampa Anti-Famine Committee
University of Tampa
Tampa 6, Florida

Dear Dr. Niederland:

Your letters of 26 June and 6 July to Mr. LaGuardia, giving further information about the excellent work done by the Tampa Anti-Famine Committee and volunteering to work overseas for UNRRA, have been referred to me.

As you have undoubtedly read in the newspapers, the possibility of UNRRA continuing its operation overseas for more than a few additional months seems very slight. It is therefore unlikely that UNRRA will be able to use the services of even so well qualified a person as yourself.

We suggest if this situation changes, and if you are still interested in serving overseas, you might send us a follow-up letter this fall.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "Fifty Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
9 August 1946
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13 AUG 1946
U.S. MAIL & TELEGRAPH

F. H. Laguardia
Director Gen. UNRA
Washington
D.C.

TAMPA ANTI-FAMINE COMMITTEE

Local Section of

National Emergency Food Collection

(UNRRA)

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Chairman

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Mayor F. LaGuardia
Director General UNRRA
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mayor LaGuardia:

Thank you for your very fine letter of June 24 th which I shall read over the radio today (WFLA) and part of which I shall have published in the local papers in order to stimulate further the local campaign. This has been developing more and more satisfactorily and almost 20 000 cans of food and several thousand dollars have been already made available here for the emergency food collection. An intense final effort is starting today to bring the drive to a successful conclusion on June 30 th, and your letter arrived therefore very timely.

— informal application,

May I take this opportunity to tell you that, with the drive ending on June 30 th, I shall be available for further efforts on behalf of the UNRRA, and if there should be an opening for overseas services with the UNRRA, I would be very happy to serve in whatever capacity service would be needed. I am 41 of age, healthy, capable, physician and psychologist, and speak fluently German, Italian, French and English.

Please, understand me well, dear Mr.Mayor: This is not an application for a job, but an earnest and personal desire to serve you and your administration in the present world food crisis. As you will see from my enclosed radio address I consider the survival of civilization closely linked with the food situation and believe that the job you are doing is not only a life-saving job with respect to many millions, but also a civilization-saving work in the true sense. Therefore my willingness to serve in this work and my desire to do so under your inspiring leadership.

Sincerely yours
William G. Niederland M.D.

x) Ho studiato in Italia per parecchi anni e ho il diploma di laurea della R. Università di Napoli.

(già R. Università, grazie a Dio)

Molto cordialmente
mio Dott. Niederland

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UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA
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July 6, 1946

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Hon. Fiorello La Guardia
Director General, UNRRA
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mayor LaGuardia:

With reference to my letter of June 8 th and yours of June 24 th, 1946, may I advise you that the Tampa Anti-Famine Committee has so far collected 18000 cans of food and over 7000.00 Dollars for the emergency food collection on behalf of UNRRA. In accordance with instructions received from Mr. Lee Marshall, N.Y., the food has been shipped to Savannah, Ga., to UNRRA depots there, and the money has been transferred directly to emergency food collection headquaters, New York, 100 Maiden Lane.

Although I am perfectly aware of the fact that neither the food shipped nor the money collected cannot be earmarked for any special destination, may I take the liberty of making a personal suggestion: Italy has just become a republic under the Presidency of Enrico de Nicola; Italy is the cradle of our Western civilization; Italy suffers more than any other country in Europe at the present time. Couldn't the food and money, collected by our committee and made available to emergency food collection headquaters, be given to Mr. de Nicola, the first President of the new republic of Italy, as a kind of "inauguration gift" for distribution to starving people in Italy?

This is just a suggestion.*) May I add that I am neither an Italian nor of Italian descent nor related nor known to Mr. de Nicola.

Sincerely yours

Dr. Wm. G. Niederland

*) I have written today to Mr. Lee Marshall in this sense and hope that my suggestion will be acceptable to you as well as to him.

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TAMPA ANTI-FAMINE COMMITTEE

Local Section of

National Emergency Food Collection

On Behalf of

UNRRA

OPENING RADIO ADDRESS

Over WFLA, Tampa

By

PROF. DR. WILLIAM G. NIEDERLAND
Chairman of the Committee

Tampa, May 11, 1946, 9:45 P.M.

Speaking to you tonight at this late hour—late not only when you look at the time, but late also in a deeper sense, when the danger of famine has reached the point where the lives of millions of people will be sacrificed to starvation unless decisive steps are taken within the next few weeks—allow me please to begin my talk with a few personal remarks:

I have fought many battles in my not quite uneventful life. Back in 1923, when Hitler and his Nazis started their first ill-fated attempt to take over power, I was a young medical student over there, one of a few hundred who put up active and organized resistance against the march of barbarism in those days. Hitler's first attempt failed; his second, ten years later, succeeded and since then untold misery, millionfold death in form of war, destruction, persecution and famine has befallen the world.

As a member of the medical profession I have fought many other battles, fighting against disease, injury and pain. As a teacher of psychology and mental health I have been trying to feed the minds and hearts of people. **This is the time to feed the stomachs of starving people.** This time it is **the battle against hunger,** and I believe this is the most distressing and most important battle

mankind ever fought: The struggle against hunger, the struggle for the survival of Western civilization.

It is an old story, as old as civilization itself: Hunger and famine follow in the wake of war. World War II is no exception. Some years ago a friend of mine, the writer Heinz Eduard Jacobs, who spent three years in a concentration camp, wrote a book entitled "6,000 Years of Bread." He could have called his book 6,000 Years of Civilization, for **the history of bread is the history of civilization** and vice-versa. If we look at the history of civilization as a whole, we see that it came into being through two things chiefly: the home, which developed those social dispositions that form the psychological cement of organized human society; and organized food supply through agriculture, which took man from his wandering life as a hunter, herder and killer, and settled him long enough in one place to let him build homes, schools, churches, colleges, universities, civilization.

Perhaps because all this is so old, perhaps because it is so vast, the truth about this inner connection between food and civilization on the one hand, between famine and barbarism on the other, is not often told. An automobile accident on Main Street is still more real to us than news of 140,000,000 starving people in Europe. Considerably more than half of the people of the world are on short rations. Famine of unprecedented magnitude threatens the very structure of humanity in many countries. Prolonged and chronic hunger on a so-called subsistence diet has so weakened men, women and children that they are easy prey to disease. In his radio address from Cairo, two weeks ago, ex-President **Herbert Hoover** declared, after a survey of 17 European countries:

"Hunger has placed three words every hour of the day on the tongues of 150,000,000 Europeans. The first is bread, which has a reality as the symbol of life as never before in history; the second is fat, for which there is an insatiable cry when in physical need; the third is calories. That is the common denominator . . ."

And President **Truman** has underscored these statements by declaring that **the fate of civilization itself depends on the willingness of the people of the U.S.A. to provide sufficient food supplies to the starving people overseas.** In the liberated countries of Europe—countries liberated by the military might of our armies hardly more than a year ago—people are living on diets from 1,200 to 1,800 calories daily as compared with the 3,300 to 3,500 calories a day consumed by people in the United States.

But we don't think the American people are smug and heartless when they see hunger. Figures are not hungry people. We believe that those who have seen hunger have not done the job that needs to be done of bringing the figures to life. We believe that the Browns and Joneses who seem indifferent when they read for the thousandth time about the famine abroad, would gladly accept the sacrifice of part of their own family's food if they could be made to see into the home where parents not unlike themselves must watch the gnawing hunger and listen to the crying of starving children not unlike their own. Recently I received a letter

from a **starving family in Italy,** one letter of many I now receive almost daily. It was a letter of thanks written by somebody I don't know: A few months ago I had mailed a food package of 11 lbs. to the address of a starving newly wed couple who had written to me from Europe. I had put into the package a couple of cans, a few pounds of rice, flour and spaghetti. The letter I speak of came from the aged parents of the young couple: The young man, after sharing with his wife and neighbors half of the 11 lbs. package I had sent, had walked or bicycled 100 miles to bring the other half of the food to his starving parents who live in a remote village, and there they received it as if it were not a humble small parcel of American food from Tampa, but as a God-sent blessed gift from Heaven. The old man and woman with their children fell on their knees, as the letter says, and thanked God for His help and mercy.

No. We don't think the American people are smug or heartless when they see hunger. On the contrary, people realize that the reconstruction of starving children is at least as important as factories and bridges. The American people are insistent on keeping millions of starving people from dying of hunger. The American people are on the job. They are humanity's guardians and messengers today and housewives, seeing their grocers' shelves still filled to overflowing, begin to ask: **What can I do?**

Here is what you can do, all of you, all of us. A nation-wide emergency food collection drive, headed by the Secretary of Commerce, Henry A. Wallace, will start this coming Monday all over the United States. **Let us be in it, let us be with it.** The local section of the National Emergency Food Collection campaign which I am honored to direct and which has its headquarters at the University of Tampa, is proud to announce that our preparations for this life-saving work have already begun in advance and that splendid cooperation has been given to us by Mayor Hixon, by Dr. Nance, President of the University of Tampa, by the Tampa Ministers' Association, by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, by the Federation of Women's Clubs, by the Hillsborough County Council of the P.-T.A., by local labor leaders and by other civic, religious, fraternal and social organizations. With an efficient committee in action, storage space obtained, and the cooperation of the Mayor, of churches, schools, industries and organizations, we are starting our work under good auspices and with great hopes. You will read the Mayor's proclamation in your papers tomorrow and Sunday, you will hear the sermons of your ministers in your churches on Sunday, you will be given the messages of our committee over the broadcasting stations by me and other members of the committee, and you, fellow citizens of Tampa, who are willing to help, but do not quite know how, will ask again: What can I do?

Here is the answer: Beginning this Monday bins will be set up in grocery stores all over town, and each housewife, when doing her marketing, is asked to purchase an extra can of food and place it in the bin. Army trucks, which have been put at the disposal of our committee, will then collect the canned goods from the grocers and the food will be shipped through the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association to the famine-stricken areas abroad. I repeat: each housewife, when doing her marketing, and

for that matter each person purchasing food in grocery stores, is asked to buy an extra can of food and deposit it with the grocer as a gift to the starving people overseas. As to the type of food required, any canned food such as concentrated soup, vegetables, meats, fats, fruits, powdered milk, baby food, fish, is welcome, and every housewife who wants to be generous and place two or three cans of food, instead of one, in the bins, is especially welcome.

Let us start saving human lives, feeding hungry people with this simple device of buying a few extra cans every day and placing them at the disposal of those who are in need of them. Let us start this coming Monday and continue to do so every day during the following weeks. Other measures to increase our help and contributions in the battle against the world food crisis will be taken step by step. The City of Orlando last week adopted a starving city in Greece. Time and again, when disaster has struck, the people of the United States have helped generously and quickly. That is a matter of record. No matter what food shortages may hit America, our 3,300 calories can never be in danger. Let us, therefore, share our plenty and not stand accused of gluttony in the midst of a starving world.

You all read and heard about the farmer from Nebraska who came to Washington a few days ago and offered the proceeds from the sale of his crop to be used in the fight against famine. Well, I am happy to announce that this noble farmer from Nebraska has his counterpart right here in our city of Tampa—not a farmer, not someone who has money to offer, but a school boy 14 years of age, a student at Memorial Junior High School. After reading in the papers about our committee and the terrible need abroad which lead to its formation, he telephoned me to say that he was organizing on his own initiative the 1,200 students at his school to help in our campaign against hunger. The boy's name is Don Castor and he will speak to you when our committee goes on the air again tomorrow.

I started this talk with a personal remark, let me conclude it with another: As long as we have boys like Don Castor who spontaneously and eagerly strive for the betterment of our world, I am not too greatly worried about the survival of our civilization. Let all of us then, here in Tampa, unite in this noble battle against hunger and make our slogan: **Tampa Fights Famine.** Remember, please:

If you are a grocer, make a bin or other container available in your store for the deposit of canned foods.

If you are a consumer, conserve foods at home and buy that extra can every day.

If you are a man, be: **A Man against Hunger.**

If you are a woman, be: **A Woman against Hunger.**

If you are a child, be: **A Child against Hunger.**

TAMPA FIGHTS FAMINE

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JUL 3 1945

Mr. Eugene E. Noel
1429 Semple Avenue
St. Louis 12, Missouri

Dear Mr. Noel:

Your recent letter to Mr. LaGuardia, submitting a slogan for possible use in connection with the Famine Emergency, has been referred to me.

We note that the slogan was submitted by your wife during the first World War, and that it was selected as an appropriate slogan for the state of Indiana during that period.

The slogan:

Reduce the FAT
In wheAT and meAT
And toot the TUTE
In substiTUTE

You will be interested to know that we have brought this to the attention of the President's Famine Emergency Committee.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "50 Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
2 July 1946
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cc to - W. F. Straub
A. Casgrain

Oral - Van Hoying

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Office of Assistant Chief
Bureau of Services

F. H. Laguardia
Director General WNRA

Dear Sir.

I am submitting a slogan that I think is very appropriate for your campaign in securing wheat and meat for the countries in need of same. This slogan was selected from thousands submitted in a slogan contest sponsored by a local newspaper in Indianapolis Ind. for the state of Indiana - to be used as the state slogan for the first Worlds war. It was submitted by my wife Mrs Emma E. Noel which got her first prize. If you could use same would be more than pleased for you to adopt same for your slogan

Yours very Truly
Eugene E. Noel
1429 Semple Ave
St Louis 12
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JUL 16 1946

Mrs. F. R. Olmstead
1316 Boston Avenue
Flint, Michigan

My dear Mrs. Olmstead:

Your letter of 10 June, requesting posters, pictures for window displays, and famine-area menus for use by the Genesee County Women's SOS Committee in an educational campaign on the need of conserving food, has been referred to me.

We have asked our Office of Public Information to send you appropriate posters and pictures; and we have also asked the President's Famine Emergency Committee to send you similar materials.

As for menus, I enclose a short statement, "Food Consumption Levels in Europe," which includes several.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "50 Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
16 July 1946
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cc to - S. Gaines
A. Casgrain

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216 Boston Ave.
Flint 3, Mich
Oral - Van Hyning

UNRRA.
Washington, DC
Dear Sir:-

The Womens organization of Flint have organized under the name of Genesee Co Women's SOS. Com to educate our community on the need to conserve food in this crisis and in the U.S.F.W. Tools we find you have menus of foreign countries as well as posters and pictures for window displays which we would like to receive for this purpose

Yours truly
(Mrs F.R.) Marion Olmstead
Chairman

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United Nations Relief & Rehabil.
Administ
1344 Connecticut Ave
Washington, D.C.

Return 303

JUN 26 1946

Mrs. Helen O'Regan
Board of Education - City of New York
New York Farm Cadets
34 1/2 East 12th Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. O'Regan:

Your letter of 28 May to Mr. LaGuardia, describing the farm volunteer service of New York High School Farm Cadets, has been referred to me.

As you know, Mr. LaGuardia is particularly hard pressed these days because of the serious situation overseas, and as a result he can not find time to write personal answers to all the letters and telegrams he receives, much as he would like to do so.

We suggest that you may wish to consider the possibility of cooperating with the Emergency Food Collection which is a nationwide drive to collect canned food, or cash with which to purchase additional food, for overseas relief. This drive is being conducted on behalf of UNRRA: all food collected, or purchased with contributed cash, is given to UNRRA for immediate shipment overseas.

Headquarters of the Emergency Food Collection is located at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N.Y. The telephone number is HAnover 2-0890.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "20 Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
25 June 1946
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cc to - W. M. Kiplinger
A. Coagrain

Board of Education - City of New York
New York Farm Cadets
34½ East 12th Street
New York 3, N. Y.

May 28, 1946

Abrat - Van Hyning

The Hon. Fiorella H. LaGuardia
Director General of UNRRA
111 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

We have followed your speeches, broadcasts, and news releases with great interest. You have pursued an aggessive and determined policy to avert world starvation.

Although it may seem like a trivial aspect of the food question, we hope you will mention farm volunteer service in the New York High School Farm Cadets, as a practical way of helping in the food emergency. This program is sponsored by the Board of Education for pupils of the public, parochial, and private schools of New York. School superintendents and principals believe this program has educational as well as practical value.

More than six thousand boys and girls volunteered from New York City during the war years. More of them are needed this summer to harvest the crops and to aid in food production.

We enclose a folder of the New York Farm Cadets of 1946 with a sheet about the needs and opportunities for farm workers. High School boys and girls may receive additional information by seeing their school farm advisers, or by applying at the Farm Cadet Office, 34½ East 12 Street, New York.

We hope it is possible to mention the program.

Very truly yours,
Helen O'Regan
(Mrs.) Helen O'Regan
New York Farm Cadets

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GOING ON A FARM?

Would you like to do a hard, useful, grown-up job on a farm and earn money at the same time?

Why not learn how to drive a tractor. Find out from which side to milk a cow, and learn to harness a horse. Discover what fun it can be to have new experiences and meet new people.

FOOD HAS BECOME A VITAL WEAPON IN WORLD PEACE. WILL YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP?

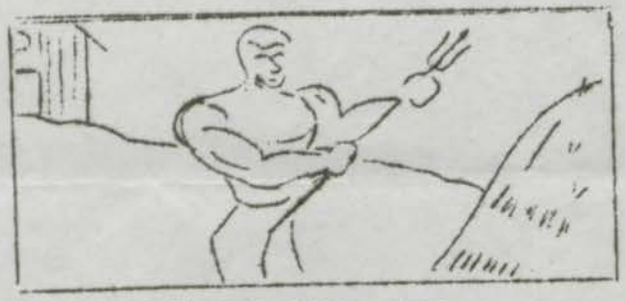
For two months of farm service, there is one half-unit of credit towards graduation.

SEE YOUR FARM ADVISER _____ TODAY

Boys are needed to help care for animals and to harvest crops on dairy farms in New York State.

You become a member of the farm family and share with them in the food production job ahead. Your fare is paid both ways, if you stay for the summer.
Do not apply unless you plan to remain until September 1st.

YOU MAY LEAVE SCHOOL ON JUNE FIFTEENTH, OR IF YOU HAVE REGENTS, IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOUR LAST REGENTS EXAMINATION.



Farming is a man's work. Volunteers must be strong and sturdy. To qualify, you should be at least 15 years old and weigh 125 lbs.

If you have hay fever, asthma, or any other physical condition that prevents your doing hard work, do not volunteer.

RECREATION AND TIME OFF

Picnics, Grange parties, ball games, 4-H club activities, swimming, and trips to town. Movies. Visits to nearby places of interest. Arrangements will be made for all volunteers to attend church on Sunday, if they wish.
Except for chores, farm cadets have Sundays off.

Earnings: $30, board and laundry, minimum pay - more if you are worth it.
You will return to the city with harder muscles and increased weight, a coat of tan, and the satisfaction of knowing you helped your country in a world food crisis.

APPROVAL AND STATEMENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIAN

I HAVE EXAMINED THE APPLICATION SIGNED BY MY (SON) (DAUGHTER) OR (WARD). I BELIEVE (HIM) (HER) TO BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION FOR FARM WORK. I GRANT MY PERMISSION FOR (HIM) (HER) TO SERVE UNDER THE CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN THE FARM CADET CIRCULAR WHICH I HAVE READ. I AGREE THAT (HE) (SHE) SHALL PURCHASE THE INSURANCE PROTECTION MADE AVAILABLE FOR FARM CADETS DESCRIBED IN THE CIRCULAR.

SIGNATURES_____

FATHER OR GUARDIAN

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MOTHER

ADDRESS_____

APPROVAL AND STATEMENT FROM THE SCHOOL: I RECOMMEND THIS APPLICANT

1. THE SCHOOL RECORD SHOWS (HIM) (HER) TO BE RELIABLE.
2. (HE) (SHE) HAS HAD A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION WITHIN THE PAST YEAR AND THERE IS NOTHING ON THIS SCHOOL HEALTH RECORD WHICH INDICATES THAT (HE) (SHE) IS NOT ABLE TO DO HARD PHYSICAL WORK.
3. (HE) (SHE) MAY BE EXCUSED FROM SCHOOL AT ANY TIME AFTER_____
4. THE SCHOOL RECORDS SHOW (HIS) (HER) DATE OF BIRTH TO BE:_____ MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR

SIGNATURE_____

PRINCIPAL OR FARM ADVISER

SCHOOL_____

1946 New York Farm Cadets

of the

National Victory Farm Volunteers

Ernest Stubbington, "Stub", John Ericson JHS Brooklyn ready for hay making on farm of Edwin Klee, Catskill

Farm Cadets have done good work

During school vacations of the years of the war, city youth have worked on farms helping to produce needed food. A fine job has been done and all who took part are deserving of high commendation. Besides thus helping to win the war, these boys and girls have obtained a lot of new, practical and satisfactory experiences which would not have been open to them had they remained in the cities.

Now, with the war won, there is less vital need to call on city youth to aid in food production. Food shortages still exist, however. Because of these shortages and also because of the benefits to the youth themselves, the Farm Cadet Program will be continued during the summer of 1946. Many city youth still helping in food production also may enlarge on the farm experiences of last year and others may be given a chance to experience a summer on a general farm or in a farm work camp.

Do you want to work on a farm?

Boys who may wish to do so and who will agree to put in the entire summer, may have an opportunity to work on a general farm and to live with the farmer's family. Here you will help with a wide variety of farm operations. Hours of work will average about ten except in emergencies. For girls, several harvest camps will be arranged for such crops as strawberries, raspberries, beans and tomatoes. Girls' camps will extend from about a month in some cases to the entire season in others until school opens in the fall. Girls leave camp for work early in the morning, taking lunch along and returning about 5:00 o'clock.

Can you be relied upon to carry through?

Farm work is hard and sometimes quite monotonous. For boys: until you may learn how to drive horses or a tractor and to handle machinery, you probably will be expected to do the more unskilled jobs such as pitching hay and grain, hoeing and weeding, cleaning stables and caring for animals. This is fine experience for boys who are strong enough and mature enough to take it. Living in a farm area in the summer can be very pleasant, you will make new friends and have lots of fun, but remember that you are going to the farm mainly to work. It would be unfair to the farmer for you to quit in the middle of his busy season. Do not apply unless you have made up your mind that you will stick it out through the whole summer.

For girls: living in a camp with others of your own age in a nice location in the country has many enjoyable features, however, some harvesting work of berries and beans may get very tiresome. Here again, the farmer must get his crops harvested. He has gone to a lot of expense in setting up the camp and is depending upon you. Your obligation is to see the job through even though you may get homesick and become tired at times. Unless you are determined that you will carry through for the time that you agree to, perhaps you better not undertake it.

What pay will you receive?

Since you are inexperienced at farm work you cannot expect to be paid very high wages. The money return will be secondary to what you may learn. If this is your first summer at farm work you will be given a starting wage of $30 per month on a dairy or general farm in addition to board with the farmer's family. As you may learn to do farm work well, and thus become of more use to the farmer, he will increase your wages. If you worked on a farm last year, perhaps you can arrange to return to the same farm this year and start in at a higher figure.

For harvest camp work, payment usually will be by the basket. You will receive the same piece-work rates as other local helpers. Out of your earnings you will need to pay your board when living in a camp. Farmers for whom you work will agree to see that you have opportunity to do at least enough work each week so that you may meet your board costs.

Will you receive your transportation?

If the farm or farm camp to which you go is more than 50 miles from your home city, a ticket to a station near it will be furnished. You will be met at the station. If you complete your

agreement for work in a harvest camp or stay through the entire summer on a general farm, your return fare will be given you by the farmer for whom you work.

What will you need to do about insurance?

If you accept transportation for farm work, you will be required to buy a small insurance policy to help pay expenses in case you are sick and need to go to a hospital. This insurance does not take care of minor illness. You will need to care for any costs of this nature. The insurance does pay for hospital bills and doctors' fees up to a limit of $150 in case you are seriously sick and up to a limit of $250 if you are accidentally injured. Your parents must accept the responsibility for any costs on account of sickness or injury that may involve larger amounts than the insurance provides, just as if you were at home.

Insurance will cost you $1.50 for 1 month, plus 50c. for each additional month. For boys going to individual farms, the charge will be $2.50 for the 3-month season. Bring this money with the insurance application when you receive your ticket. If you are not furnished transportation and therefore are not required to purchase this insurance, it is urged that you elect to do so anyway. The cost is small and the benefits are important.

How can you enroll as a farm cadet?

If you are between 14 and 21 years of age, regularly entered in a school or college, and normally developed and strong enough to do farm work, you may enroll. Show this leaflet to your parents. Obtain their consent. Then fill in the attached enrollment form. Have it signed by one or both of your parents or your guardian, and give it to the farm adviser or principal of your school. If your health and deportment records are satisfactory your school principal or adviser will sign the enrollment and forward it to the proper place.

Your parents should note that while efforts will be made by supervisors and persons interested in you to make your stay pleasant and safeguard your welfare, still most of your activities while at work and in recreation cannot be supervised. Frequently you will be on your own when you will have to make decisions for yourself and bear the responsibility for your own acts. Your parents should not approve your application unless they believe that you are mature enough to accept these responsibilities and that they trust you to do so.

Do you need a farm work permit?

If you are under 16 years, the law requires that you obtain a farm work permit before you work on a farm. Get this from your home school. Transportation will not be furnished unless you have your work permit.

What clothes and other articles will you need?

When going to farms for work you should wear usual school clothes and take work clothes with you. It is inadvisable to spend a large sum for a work outfit. Old clothes on hand may do. A warm sweater or lumber jacket, underwear, rubbers, and rain coat, and an old hat should be taken; also, necessary toilet articles, writing paper and stamps. For those articles that need to be purchased, it may be better to wait and buy them after the farmer can advise concerning what may be needed. For boys, a pair of sturdy work shoes that are ankle height—about six inches —will be needed. Low shoes fill with dirt and high top boots are hot in summer. For girls, reasonably heavy low shoes will do.

Also, if you have a sugar stamp that is valid take it along, or calculate your share of the family sugar supply and the amount you will need for the summer and take it with you.

How will supervisors help you?

Farms will be inspected by supervisors to see that reasonable standards are maintained. The supervisor will call on you, bring you news of your friends, and help adjust any problems you may have. You will be given your supervisor's name, his address and telephone number. Be sure to call or write him if you have any difficulty. Do not by any means leave the farm without consulting him. In farm harvest camps, supervisors will live with you and share your camp life.

For information see the principal or farm adviser of your school.

Sponsored by: The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, farm labor service; the New York State College of Agriculture, farm labor program of the Extension Service; and the New York State Education Department; with the cooperation of the United States Employment Service and school superintendents, principals and teachers.

FARM CADET ENROLLMENT 1946

LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | INITIAL | PREFERENCE, IF ANY, CONCERNING PLACE OF WORSHIP

ADDRESS—STREET, NUMBER AND BOROUGH | AVAILABLE FOR WORK FROM ___ TO ___

TELEPHONE—HOME OR NEARBY | PARENTS' BUSINESS TEL. | DATE OF BIRTH MONTH ___ DAY ___ YEAR ___ | HEIGHT ___ | WEIGHT ___ | SEX ___

SCHOOL ATTENDING | SCHOOL ADDRESS | PREVIOUS FARM EXPERIENCE—KIND OF WORK—TIME—YEAR

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INSURANCE NO.

FARM WORK PERMIT NO.

PLEDGE OF SERVICE

I APPLY FOR ENROLLMENT AS A FARM CADET. I PLEDGE MYSELF TO DISCHARGE ALL OBLIGATIONS FAITHFULLY AND TO SERVE THE FULL PERIOD OF WORK OR UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1ST.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

(OVER)

Please date + [illegible] to Rm. 303

25 MAY 1946

Mr. Stanley M. Orsel
323-1/3 W. 11th Street
Erie, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Orsel:

Your recent letter to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that containers for the reception of contributed canned food be placed in convenient locations, has been referred to me.

You will be interested to know that this plan has already been tried in several localities by groups cooperating with the Emergency Food Collection for overseas relief. We have informed Headquarters of that collection of your interest in this matter and asked them to send you additional information concerning ways in which you may be able to help in the collection of food in your own community.

We were particularly impressed with the portion of your letter which described your own personal observation of famine conditions in Europe while you were serving in the ETO. Your experience of having persons ask for the leavings in your mess kit before you dumped them in the garbage can was, of course, not unique. That happened to many American soldiers, according to reports which we have received.

We thank you sincerely for your interest, and if we can be of further service to you, do not hesitate to call on us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

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N. Fitts/at
23 May 1946

cc to - W. Kiplinger
A. Casgrain
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Eric Clipper

Dear Mr. La Guardia

I have listened to all of your broadcasts of Sobriety and am much impressed towards your attitude to the people of this world who feel the famine which follows every war. As for me I have seen it and many of my comrades have seen so I have served 22 months in the E.T.O and have arrived home in time for Christmas and had a grand feast, but what was on my mind, dear Sir at home, I have everything which I want, but the people out in Europe have nothing. My folks and friends have asked me, of the people in Europe, my only reply was that they are

going to starve in the Winter.
Thru La Guardia, while I have been
overseas, I have seen horrors come
to me and empty my pocket before
I had chance to dump it in the
garbage can, and as I know any
U.S.O. that still goes on, I have seen
people use coffee grounds over and
over for about four times.
Thru La Guardia, as I know
your time is valuable, and any idea
may help, to support towards the
starvation people of the world. Here
is a clipping in my home town
paper, which the person who has
thought of this should have credit.
Established many collecting points
in each State for this purpose. It will
be a help. I am help your sir
Sam Stanley Orzel.

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SHOP FOR THE HUNGRY, TOO

Editor Dispatch-Herald: I have just heard a short talk by Herbert Hoover about food conservation.

In St. Louis, I believe, a large container or containers are placed conveniently and all who want to put a can of food in. Would it not be a good idea if this were done all over the United States? One could purchase a can of food and drop it in every time one shopped.

If it were a neighbor here that was hungry, one slice of bread could be eaten and the other taken over to the neighbor, but it is the shipment that we people who want to give cannot handle.—Mary Stivers.

A. Gape's summer activities plan for the organization. This will include free swimming lessons for boys and girls of the community, co-operation with the conduct of playgrounds and overnight hikes for both boys and girls to Camp Kiwanis above Sugarcreek.

New members of the board of directors are William S. Perry, who has been chosen president; Clarence Wagner, Carl B. Daniels, Dr. J. W. Bailey and Rev. Samuel H. Gross. W. W. Phinney and Clarence Wagener are vice presidents; Lloyd A. Arnold, secretary; and Lee H. Wright, treasurer.

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Hon. La. Guardia,
Chairman of U.N.R.R.A.
Washington, D.C.,

Stanley M. Orzell
323½ W 11th St.
Erie, Pa.

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31 MAY 1946

Miss Lela O'Toole
State Supervisor
Home Economics Education
State Capitol
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Miss O'Toole:

Your letter of 17 May to our Public Information Division, requesting six photographs of distressed and hungry people overseas for use in your campaign to educate the public concerning the Famine Emergency, has been referred to me.

We have asked the President's Famine Emergency Committee to send you special photographs, and we are also sending you, under separate cover, certain appropriate photographs of our own.

We have also informed headquarters of the nationwide Emergency Food Collection concerning your campaign, and you may receive additional information concerning that drive to collect canned food and money with which to purchase additional food for overseas relief, from that office.

Thank you very much for your excellent cooperation, and if we can be of further service to you, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

May 17, 1946

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AIR MAIL

Public Information Division
UNRRA
1344 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you mail to us immediately six (6) copies of the photographs illustrating the problems of distress and hunger which would enable us in helping homemaking teachers to work with people in the community on the food to fight famine campaign?

We are having meetings in May and June and would like to use them at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Lela O'Toole

Lela O'Toole
State Supervisor
Home Economics Education

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7 JUN 1946

Mr. T. Ross Paden
Executive Secretary
Wyoming Valley Council of Churches
40 West Northampton Street
Room 203 Y.M.C.A.
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Paden:

Your letter of 20 May to Mr. LaGuardia, asking what the Protestant churches of Wyoming Valley can do to help relieve the food shortage in Europe, has been referred to me.

We note that there is a question in the minds of some of your ministers as to whether or not the relief which is being given by governmental agencies may be sufficient. As you know, UNRRA is an international agency of 48 countries, entrusted with the responsibility of providing relief and rehabilitation for the countries which need and request help. UNRRA operates with funds appropriated by its member nations, and UNRRA's greatest financial support comes from the United States. Our chief problem at the moment is not so much lack of money as the difficulty of quickly obtaining, for immediate transportation overseas, all the food that is needed over there right now to combat starvation. The United States government is cooperating with UNRRA through the President's Famine Emergency Committee, the Departments of Agriculture and State, and other agencies. However, even if we succeeded in obtaining quickly all the food which we have money to buy, we should probably not have sufficient to save the lives of all the people who are now on the verge of starvation in the war-devastated countries. Any supplementary help which we can get from churches or other groups will, by so much, help us in our tremendous task.

You will be interested to know that thousands of organizations, groups, and individuals have asked UNRRA to let them help it relieve the suffering overseas. We have therefore been obliged to develop a regular procedure for servicing such contributions. It is usually more convenient, however, for contributors to add their contributions to collections being made by local groups in their own communities.

One of the collections which is very helpful is the Emergency Food Collection, which operates through local committees in all parts of the country and which has headquarters at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, New York. This

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nationwide drive collects canned food or cash with which to purchase additional food; and all food collected is given to UNRRA for immediate shipment overseas.

You may wish to consider the possibility of cooperating with the Emergency Food Collection, or you may prefer to work through some interchurch agency. In either case, you can be quite sure that your contribution will be effective.

We also note your query as to whether it would help if church members sent letters to the President and other United States officials, urging them to broaden the scope of the national relief program. Since UNRRA is an international agency, it would not be appropriate for us to advise such action. The President's Famine Emergency, Washington, D. C., is responsible for the United States' relief program.

For your information we have asked both the Emergency Food Collection and the President's Famine Emergency Committee to send you appropriate pamphlets concerning their respective activities.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

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CC to - W. H. Kiplinger
S. Gaines

WYOMING VALLEY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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Mr. Fierillo LaGuardia
Director-General of UNRRA
Dupont Circle Building
Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

The Protestant Churches of this valley are interested in doing something to relieve the food shortage for the peoples of Europe. We are now in the process of setting up a central committee which can be in contact with all of the churches of this area. There is question in the minds of some of our ministers as to whether the relief which is being given by governmental agencies will be sufficient. There is also some question about the effectiveness of the work being done by church or private organizations.

We would like to have your suggestion as to what the churches of this area can do. Should we work through some inter-church agency? Will it help if the church people send letters to the President and other leaders of the Government urging them to broaden and increase the scope of our National Relief program?

As we are having our Annual Meeting on Friday night of this week, we would very much like to have a statement from you or from your office giving us specific suggestions as to what church people might be doing. You can be assured that you have the support of the church people in every attempt you make for the alleviation of the suffering caused by the war.

With sincere appreciation for your suggestions in this matter, I remain

Yours truly,

T. Ross Paden

T. Ross Paden,
Executive Secretary

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JUN 19 1946

Mrs. G. W. Page
Frenchville, Maine

Dear Mrs. Page:

Your letter of 9 May to the Victory Clothing Collection, has been referred to me.

The Victory Clothing Collection has ended; but if you wish to contribute some clothing for overseas relief, you may send them to one of the voluntary foreign relief agencies which is still collecting clothing for that purpose.

We suggest that the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc., (122 East 22 Street, Room 701 - New York 10, N.Y.) may be able to suggest some organization in Maine which is cooperating with one of those agencies. To save you a little time we have sent a copy of this letter to that agency, so that you may hear from them within the next few days.

Several of the church organizations are also making collections of clothing for overseas relief, and it is possible that you may be able to contribute in that way through your local church.

As to the condition of the clothing, it is of course desirable to have the clothing cleaned and mended. Very often the recipient overseas does not have the soap and sewing materials which we are able to buy so easily in this country.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "50 Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

Thank you for your cooperation, and if we can be of further service to you just let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Pitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

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N. Pitts/at
14 June 1946
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cc to A. Casgrain
American Council

Farmville Me.
May 9 1946.

Dear Sir:

Do you take copy of Reader's Digest. If you have an article giving your address as a collecting station for Victory Clothing. Do you still accept shoes & clothes - or was that only during February.

Our 4-H club will probably have a clothing drive this month - as there was'nt any annual drive here this year. Please let us know if we should send you our collection. Thank You - Mrs. G. W. Page - Farmville Me.

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Victory Clothing Collection,
100 Maiden Lane,
New York,
N. Y.

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26 JUN 1946

Mr. James Panagiotou
c/o Oceanic Seafood House
129 W. Charlotte Street
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Panagiotou:

Thank you for your letter of 16 May calling our attention to the distribution of clothing in Aperion.

We quite understand your reluctance and that of your friends to make further contributions unless there is assurance that the clothing is properly distributed. Your letter has been sent to our Mission in Athens with a request that the situation in Aperion be investigated and that prompt action be taken.

Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Conrad Van Hyning
Acting Director, Office for Voluntary and International Agency Liaison

Richards:rp
11 June 1946

Copy to Greece Mission
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Frank Weisl, Room 530, Dupont Circle Building

Norman Fitts

Clothing Distribution in Greece 14 June 1946

The attached correspondence is for your information.

Mr. Panagiotou does not make it clear whether the 2,200 suits in question were earmarked just for the town of Aperion, or for a nome, or for an even larger district. It may be, of course, that the 400 suits were the allocation for the town in question. At any rate, it might be a good idea to have our Greek mission look into the situation.

Will you be good enough to let this office know what action you decide to take and if the attached letter meets with your approval, will you OK it or alter it as you see fit and send it back.

Attachments

CRichards:rp

24 June 1946

TO: Mr. Norman Fitts

FROM: Mr. Frank Weisl FW

We are returning your reply to Mr. Panagiotou minus the original complaint letter, one copy of your reply and a copy of your memo to this office which we are forwarding to the Greek Mission with a request that an investigation be made. I have asked Buell Maben to send you the results of his inquiry which you may wish to use as a basis of a further reply to Mr. Panagiotou.

Your letter to Mr. Panagiotou is entirely satisfactory.

Flynn to Rm. 303

JUN 27 1946

Miss Mabel G. Parker
1501 Wood Avenue
Colorado Springs, Colorado

My dear Miss Parker:

Director General F. H. LaGuardia has asked me to reply to your letter of 20 April containing suggestions of ways and means of conserving food.

Since UNRRA is an international organization, of which the United States is only one out of forty-eight members, it is not in a position to act upon your suggestion. We have therefore brought your letter to the attention of the President's Famine Emergency Committee. That committee is entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating all activities in this country with the belief of starvation overseas. It is this agency which is in the best position to give appropriate consideration to your suggestions.

You have, no doubt, seen in the papers recently that the balance of the United States contribution still owed to UNRRA is at the present moment being acted upon in Congress. Of the $600,000,000, $135,000,000 was appropriated a few weeks ago. The remaining $465,000,000 is part of the Deficiency Bill which the President has submitted to Congress and which is pending in Senate conference.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts,
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

1501 WOOD AVENUE
COLORADO SPRINGS
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April 20, 1946.

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My dear Mr. La Guardia,-

As a former life time resident of New York City I was particularly interested in hearing of your appointment as head of U.N.R.R.A. and my confident expectation that you would do something has not been disappointed. As long as last America is being aroused to the appalling need.

Can you not be very concrete and explicit in what the common every day citizen can do to help?

President Truman suggests that we

two days a week we reduce our food to 1500 calories.

Can you not give us some 1500 calorie menus? or some specific illustrations of just how much that is? Some one said it was the equivalent of half a loaf of bread.

Might it not help if at least one certain day a week were named as 1500 calory day, and another day as meatless day? If the whole nation could be lined up many who might take it out in talking would fall in line. I trust you to get the slogans and the following.

Should there not be rationing? I am sure millions would willingly accept it.

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and whether they would or not they should as was done in our time.

I find it a little difficult to see how individually refraining from buying what is already on the shelves helps those overseas.

Should we not send more than grain and oatmeal? Is not milk terribly needed?

Can anything except writing to our Congressmen hasten the authorization of the long over due payment of $600,000,000 to UNRRA?

More power to you! and remember

that millions of us are back of you ready and willing to practice self-denial.

Very truly yours
(Miss) Mabel G. Parker

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Mr. Fiorello La Guardia, Director
United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation
Washington
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Please date & return to 303

JUL 12 1946

Miss Julia E. Parrott
5848 Gregory Avenue
Los Angeles 38, California

My dear Miss Parrott:

Your letter of 4 June regarding relief to Burma has been referred to this office. We are sorry that there has been a delay in replying.

We are deeply sympathetic with your concern regarding the plight of the Burmese and regret that UNRRA cannot do something to help. However, the government of Burma has not asked for UNRRA's assistance, and as UNRRA operates on a governmental level exclusively, it cannot, much as it would like to, undertake to assist individuals. There are, however, certain relief agencies in this country which may be of help to you. If you will write to the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc. at 122 East 22d Street, New York 10, N. Y., this council may be able to make some suggestion.

You are undoubtedly aware of the fact that parcel post between the United States and Burma has been re-established. Although this method of sending packages may not be very satisfactory in view of the large quantities of supplies which you wish to send, it may be better than nothing until some more efficient arrangement can be made.

We hope that this information will be of some help. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to communicate with us.

Sincerely yours,

Norman Pitts
Office for Voluntary [illegible]
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cc to: M. Pettigrew

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5848 Gregory Ave.,
Los Angeles 38
California,
June 4th, 1946.

R. W. -COHEN

To
The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Association,
State Department,
Washington D. C.

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Office of Assistant Chief
Bureau of Services

Dear Sirs:

The Red Cross Chapter here has referred me to you for information concerning the amount of relief work you have on your program for Burma.

Last winter it was not possible, I suppose, to get help to the Burmans and consequently they were almost unclothed, especially on the mountains where the temperature often goes below freezing. News reaches us that mothers were obliged to sew leaves together as a covering for their newly-born infants. The suffering was wide-spread. They have

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need of clothing even more than food and this need can not be alleviated there until cloth can be bought and that will not be this coming winter.

I am a retired missionary of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of New York City having served mostly in Mandalay but also among the mountain people of Burma for almost forty years.

I am in touch with the Burmans and hill tribes and can assure you that whatever measures you may decide to take for their relief will be deeply appreciated by our friends in Burma.

In desperation I am collecting worn clothing and hope to be able to take these to Burma as soon as restrictions are somewhat removed for the return of civilians. I do hope that will be before next winter. But what we take as individuals is but a drop. Is it not possible to send relief on a larger scale? Can you help?

Yours Sincerely, Julia E. Parrott (Miss)

Return 303

13 AUG 1946

Rev. Joseph I. Patterson
Meadowbrook Methodist Church
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Reverend Patterson:

Your letter of 17 June to Mr. LaGuardia, voicing the protest of "forty-seven Methodist Ministers of the Fort Worth District" because a Metro-Goldwyn Mayer newsreel devoted a certain amount of footage to a Catholic priest in a scene showing canned food contributed by Americans for overseas relief, has been referred to me.

As you know, Mr. LaGuardia is particularly hard pressed these days because of the serious situation overseas, and as a result he can not find time to write personal answers to all the letters and telegrams he receives, much as he would like to do so.

So far as we have been able to determine, UNRRA had no connection with the filming of the scene in question, and it seems likely that the Catholic priest was included by Metro-Goldwyn Mayer because the canned food shown had been contributed by Catholic churches cooperating with the Victory Food Collection.

You will be interested to know that American newsreels in the past have also included Greek priests in scenes showing dairy cattle contributed by Americans for Greece, ministers of the Church of the Brethren and other Protestant churches in scenes showing livestock contributed by American farmers for various war-devastated countries, as well as Jewish rabbis in similar scenes.

We do not believe that the appearance of a Catholic priest or a Protestant minister or a Jewish rabbi in a newsreel scene of this sort can be properly termed "denominational propaganda."

We appreciate the opportunity which you have given us to clarify this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
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Meadowbrook Methodist Church
JOSEPH I. PATTERSON, PASTOR
Fort Worth, Texas

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June 17, 1946

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Mr. F.H.LaGuardia
Director General of UNRRA
New York, N.Y.
Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

In front of me on my desk is a report of the "Victory Food Collection For Over-seas Relief". Thirty-one churches in this city contributed 4,500 of cans of food which were shipped from Fort Worth on April 22, 1946. This was really not a campaign; it was only an opportunity offered to those who were eager to contribute to this cause.

In this list of contributing churches there is one Roman Catholic Church. Yet at a picture show I saw last week, Metra-Goldyn-Meyer, in News of the Day, showed your organization, UNRRA, assorting and boxing canned foods for over-seas relief; and showed two priest, recognized as priest of the Roman Catholic denomination, thanking the people of the Untied States for supporting this church effort to get food for the starving peoples of the world.

Now we Protestants know that the most of the food we are contributing will go to feed starving Roman Catholics, yet we are glad to contribute it. But we most vigorously object to the Roman Catholic Church draging denominational propaganda into this sacred cause of preventing starvation.

If the church is to be represented in a predominantly Protestant country like ours, it would surely be logical for it to be represented by the Protestant Church. But we think that the cause of feeding starving people is no occasion for church propaganda; and we earnestly request you to prevent, in the future, the efforts of any church to use this sacred cause for that purpose. When you have done this it will make it easier for us Protestants to go on contributing, with the Roman Catholics, to feeding starving Roman Catholics in the various parts of the world where they are in such great need.

We commend you most heartily for the excellent work you are doing with UNRRA, and we feel that connecting denominational propaganda with it meets with your disapproval as it does ours.

The forty-seven Methodist Ministers of the Fort Worth District join me in sending this letter to you.

Very Truly Ypurs
Jos. I. Patterson
Jos. I. Patterson

Copy to: Metra-Goldyn-Meyer

Eric Johnson,
Motion Picture
Counselor

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24 JUN 1946

Miss Mabel Katherine Pearse
Director, The Children's Crusade
4700 Kenwood Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Miss Pearse:

Director General F. H. LaGuardia has asked me to reply to your letter of 20 April concerning the expediting overseas of parcels of the Children's Crusade. I am sorry there has been such a delay in answering you.

I understand that you have been in touch with Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Ernst, and that the parcels to which you referred are now on their way. We regret that due to priorities granted to shipments of grain and other foods, there is occasionally a delay in getting shipping space for parcels going abroad.

Thank you for your interest and energetic cooperation in helping to alleviate, through the children of this country, the suffering of the children overseas.

Sincerely yours,

Conrad Van Hyning
Acting Director, Office for Voluntary
and International Agency Liaison

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April 20, 1946

DIRECTOR: MABEL KATHERINE PEARSE

Hon. Fiorello La Guardia
UNRRA Headquarters
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. La Guardia:

Although we are aware of the urgency of the many calls upon your time, we ask that you give a few moments to the reading of the enclosed material, which will tell you of the starting of the Children's Crusade and its objectives. Many other groups are doing splendid, praiseworthy work on behalf of the children of the liberated countries, as well as in Germany. Our efforts now, however, are directed toward the very special, urgent need of those lost children of Hitler's former slaves, so recently released from concentration camps. Later, we hope to be able to extend our activities toward the children of liberated countries, as well as those of our former enemies.

From its small beginning the work has extended to many groups and today, I am happy to say, many American children are enlisting in the Children's Crusade. Hundreds are now busy sending boxes and letters of cheer and encouragement to those bereft children overseas, homeless, friendless, with no schooling for from two to six years, having known only fear and semi-starvation. While they are attempting in this small way to make less acute the urgent need for material goods, their real aim is to build a bridge of understanding and friendship as a means later of international amity and peace.

After many long months, permission has at last been given to the Children's Crusade to channel their boxes of needed supplies through UNRRA. Mr. Charles F. Ernst, Chief of Contributed Supplies Division of UNRRA, has been most helpful and co-operative in making this possible and in trying his utmost to speed the boxes through rapidly. In spite of all efforts, however, there has been much distressing delay in getting the boxes to their destination. Enclosed are copies of excerpts from letters regarding this from my sister, Dorothy T. Pearse, who has been at UNRRA Headquarters in the British Zone as Child Welfare Consultant ever since UNRRA took over. Having been very much on the scene, she knows conditions

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there thoroughly.

We are now appealing to you, knowing that you will do something immediately! Surely you, with your warm understanding of the fellow who is down, your immediate grasp of the situation, your great drive and power, will force these things through!

May we have your immediate reply, inasmuch as the need is so acute and pressing?

Yours in grateful anticipation,
For the CHILDREN'S CRUSADE,

Mabel Katherine Pearse

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April 4, 1946

... I do hope UNRRA gets the stuff over. That part worries me more than anything. I heard last night that 27 wooden toy kits sent "via UNRRA" by a school in England last November, still are not here. It makes me absolutely heartsick. . . .

March 29, 1946

. . .My only fear is that now UNRRA has agreed to ship the boxes, they will be delayed. When we try to get our own UNRRA supplies we are always told that shipping difficulties are to blame for the stupid lacks. However, things are some better each day, as far as supplies are concerned so there <u>is</u> some hope. . . .

March 20, 1946

. . .My one worry about your tie-in with UNRRA is that stuff will be delayed more that way. Do keep me informed of when packages get off, so I can hammer from this end and let you know so you can hammer there. I don't mind your telling Mr. Ernst that half our trouble with supplies - so they tell us - is UNRRA's inability to move the goods they do have! Shipping space, dock strikes, low priorities of our amenity supplies over food, grains, seeds, etc. - we hear it all - constantly. Thirty thousand layettes were ordered by UNRRA in London last November - so we are told,in writing too - and not one has reached us - so I don't want that to happen to your boxes - and perhaps it won't, but keep pounding on that point. . . .

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SPEECH

OF

HON. EMILY TAFT DOUGLAS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 1946

Mrs. DOUGLAS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the most pitiful of all war victims are the displaced children. To aid this group some American youngsters have launched a rather wonderful project called the Children's Crusade.

In the displaced persons camps of Germany there are some 95,000 boys and girls under 14, whose nationalities include Czech, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Rumanian, Russian, and Yugoslav. A large proportion of these are orphaned and carry seered into their memories the sight of the torture and murder of their parents. Hundreds have endured the bestialities of the horror camps. Others were torn from their homes, branded with a number, and delivered as farm or household help to some Nazi. All of these are underweight and a majority suffer from rickets, tuberculosis, or other diseases which stem from malnutrition. Thousands of these children possess no shoes or warm clothes and so are kept indoors all winter, although their shelters are also cold. Few of these children can recall any of the joy or care which should be the birthright of all little ones.

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UNRRA is doing what it can for these tragic waifs, but supplies are spread too thin. It has been a blessing when other countries have held out a hand to these displaced children. Although exhausted by 6 years of war and living on meager rations, England is sharing what it has with a thousand Jewish youngsters to whom it has been playing host since fall. Sweden and Switzerland have also welcomed some thousands of the boys and girls in greatest need. In America we have left it to the children to take the first step in kindliness.

It began very simply last summer at a camp conducted by a Chicagoan, Miss Mabel Katherine Pearse. One night around the campfire she read a letter to the children from her sister, child welfare specialist with UNRRA, which described the background of her charges. The American children at once decided to do something. They did. They raised $200 for Christmas gifts, warm clothes, and special treats in food, which after a great struggle with a special permit, were sent abroad with personal greeting cards. On Christmas eve they built a bridge of friendship in a beautiful ceremony. Of all the Christmas ceremonies around the world, none could have expressed more poignantly the spirit of Christ. Far across the seas and across differences of race, language, and religion the children joined together in singing carols.

In recent weeks this movement has grown. Every time the story is told the project snowballs larger and a flood of gifts pour in—money, clothes, food, sweets, and toys. For a while lack of postal service was an obstacle. The chaos which results from the bombing of cities and mass migration of peoples makes it still impossible to locate individuals and guarantee general delivery in Germany. But there is not the same confusion in regard to the displaced peoples. UNRRA has registered each, so that reaching these people is possible and, in simple justice, they should be the first to receive supplementary packages from America.

The organization aims at becoming a steadily functioning one, channeling through an ever-widening stream of gifts and good will. On July 25 American children, this time in various parts of the country, will celebrate a midsummer Christmas party to raise money for the real Christmas to follow overseas on December 25. The bridge of friendship, this year a wider and stronger one, will for the second time be cemented by the mutual singing of carols on Christmas eve.

Here is a project to touch the heart of our country. It is one which the children of America should be helped to continue, for its material good and also for the bond of friendship between nations. American children have already found the project the most challenging one which they have ever known. So let us help the children's crusade through Miss Mabel Katherine Pearse, 4700 Kenwood Avenue, Chicago 15, Ill.

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PACKING CLOTHING AND FOOD FOR U.N.R.R.A.

These Chicago children are packing canned goods and clothing to be sent to Europe to be distributed by U.N.R.R.A. From left: Nancy Miller, 12; Pat Patejdl, 15; Susie Schlegel, 16; Loretta Miller, 14; Marcia Phillips, 12; Lynn Fisher, 10, and Nancy Howe (seated in center), 11. SUN PHOTO.

Chicago Briefs

Crusade Started Here Aids Children Abroad

A CHRISTMAS in America last July 25 brought a Christmas to 5,000 homeless children in Germany on Dec. 25, is the word that has just come from Europe.

And that, in turn, brings out the story of the new Children's Crusade.

It all started last spring when Mabel Katherine Pearse of 4700 Kenwood av. was directing her regular summer camp for young dancing students on Washington Island, Wis. Her sister, Dorothy, is a welfare worker for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in the British zone of occupation in Germany.

There she has jurisdiction over 60,000 children under 14, all sons and daughters of slave workers brought to Germany during the war. Miss Pearse read letters from her sister, describing the plight of the youngsters, and the youthful campers became intensely interested.

The result was that, on last July 25, the campers held a Christmas party with the aid of persons from adjoining towns.

From the proceeds, 60 boxes and more than 400 Christmas cards were sent to the children abroad.

From that beginning the Children's Crusade has grown, and plans are under way for parties to be held all over the country next July 25 to insure Christmas packages for the impoverished children of Europe.

Mrs. Emily Taft Douglas, representative-at-large from Illinois, has actively supported the Crusade, and it has been joined by such groups as the Hi-Y clubs in Beverly, the "78 Club" of the Bryn Mawr Community Church, Glenview School, St. Ambrose School, the Camp Fire Girls and others.

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THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE

Suggested List of Articles for Children's Boxes.

By Dorothy T. Pearse
Child Welfare Consultant
UNRRA Administrative Headquarters
British Army of Rhine, Germany.

CLOTHING - Shoes, socks or long stockings, underwear, sweaters, skirts, pants for boys, ties, hair ribbons, gloves or mittens, caps, coats, bedroom slippers, and any woolen clothing, all cleaned, mended and in good condition.

PERSONAL ITEMS - Toothbrushes, tooth paste, combs, hair brushes, SOAP, towels, washcloths, nail brushes, nail files, unbreakable mirrors, band-aides, bobby pins, purse, etc.

FOODS - Dried fruits, fruit juices, cookies packed in tins, hard candies, Vita-serts, Life-savers, etc.

RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS - Baby toys, wooden beads, blocks, pencils, crayon, colored paper, colored pencils, slate and pencil, paste, blunt scissors, paints (water and oil) and brushes, coloring books, picture books, modeling clay and tools.

Rulers, penholders and points, pen boxes, erasers, thumb tacks, note books, ~~caps.~~ writing paper, English-Polish or German-English dictionary, books for all ages.

Yarn and needles, embroidery cotton and needles, thread, pins, thimbles, scissors, scraps of material for baby blankets, mittens, etc., small dolls to dress, wood-working materials, such as fretsaws and hammers, chisels, wood carving knives, assorted nails and sandpaper.

Toys and balls of all kinds, including beach and volley balls, indoor baseballs, skipping ropes, jack knives for boys.

Games, such as dominoes, checkers, chess and construction toys and metal assembly kits. Small musical instruments, such as harmonicas, "tonettes", etc.

One or two self-addressed envelopes with six cent air mail stamp attached.

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Mabel Katherine Pearse
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THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE
DIRECTIONS FOR SHIPPING BOXES VIA UNRRA
For schools, clubs, any groups of children or individuals
(NOTE: Children: To have boxes arrive intact, careful adult supervision is necessary)

BOXES - WEIGHT MUST NOT EXCEED 25 POUNDS
For Clothing - approximately 13x14x18 (first choice, McLaughlin Coffee carton) or 14x14x18 (or 24) (cereal box).
For Food, and Educational and Recreational Materials - approximately 12x18x9 (as Campbell's Soup; Clapp's Baby Food; 12 #5 cans tomato juice; 48 large sized cans tinned milk). Secure from grocery and dime stores. Maintain uniformity in size and weight.

CONTENTS - See suggested list.
Segregate as follows: (1) Clothing; (2) Food; (3) Recreational and Educational Materials.

PACKING - Divide and pack according to following age groups: Up to 7 years; 7 to 12 years; 12 years and over. This facilitates distribution to same age groups in child care centers, orphanages, etc.
(1) Each school, club, etc., will select age groups for which their boxes will be designated. (2) Roll all clothing, cleaned and mended, into tight rolls to utilize space and make box completely solid. (3) Tie into one bundle, if possible, rolls of clothing intended for each child. Pin to each bundle letter addressed "To a ___ Year Old Girl or Boy" giving your name, with CHILDREN'S CRUSADE underneath, address, age. Tell about yourself and ask for reply, stating date box arrived and in what condition. Please, when your answer arrives, let us know report you have had about arrival of box, etc., in order to check deliveries.
All foodstuffs must be tinned. Secure cans from department or dime stores. Use no glass or cellophane containers. Put no food in boxes of clothing or recreational and educational supplies.
Wrap, or put in small boxes, all small, sharp articles; scissors, pencils, toothbrushes, combs, etc.

PACKAGING -Box must be strong and undamaged. If too large, get smaller box. One cut down to fit will not stand trip. Reinforce by extra layer of cardboard inside bottom and top. (Important).
Fit in and press down articles, filling all spaces until tight, firm, and nothing rattles. Seal all openings with gummed paper tape (1½ inches wide). Tie with two rounds of strong, twisted cord (not twine or string), knotting at each intersection.

ADDRESSING - Use only permanent black ink directly on top of box, sides and bottom. (Label impractical). Address to 400 UNRRA HQ.
British Army of Rhine
Attn. Dorothy T. Pearse
c/o UNRRA Consolidating Terminal #3
43 Clarkson Street, New York, N.Y.
In upper lefthand corner be sure to put name of school or club, with return address, etc., and "Children's Crusade." In lower lefthand corner number each box (#1, #2, &c) and indicate the type of supplies in large letters underscored, as "Clothing (or Food, Recreational and Educational Material) for children ___to___years old."

SHIPPING - Each group will ship prepaid ($1.67 per 100 lbs.or less) to above UNRRA address, via New York Central RR (Wab.4200, Ext.229 or 211, Miss C. R. Sullivan), who will send three bills of lading if not enclosed here. Fill out all three properly, ready for driver, who will sign and return two. Keep as receipts in case of loss. Before pickup, assemble boxes on loading platform of building or curbstone, unless janitor or boys can help bring out and load.
Less than 100 lbs. may go Parcel Post to New York Warehouse, in same required boxes, @ .72¢ for 12 lbs. etc. Please, when shipment is made, send postcard to Chicago address, reporting date, number of boxes sent, and how (freight or Parcel Post), listing number on each box, to send overseas to facilitate checking.
UNRRA will provide transportation and delivery from New York to overseas centers.

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UNRRA Headquarters
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23 MAY 1946

Mr. Theophile Pelencides
38 Livingston Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Pelencides:

Your letter of 12 May to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting an exhibition of paintings to be auctioned off and the proceeds donated to UNRRA for overseas relief, has been referred to me.

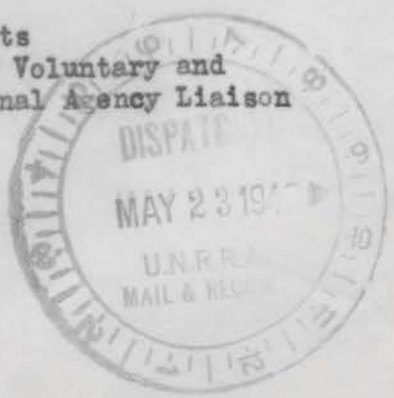
It seems to us that this is an excellent suggestion; however, an auction of that sort in the United States should be promoted, not by UNRRA, which is an international agency of forty-eight nations, but rather by some American organization, such as a national association of artists. We suggest that you may wish to take the matter up with some group of artists in New York City, with the possibility of expanding the idea along national lines, provided that they are interested.

You will be interested to know that so many organizations, groups and individuals have asked UNRRA to let them help relieve the suffering in war-devastated countries that a regular procedure has been developed, here at UNRRA Headquarters, for servicing contributions from non-governmental sources. We are, therefore, able to accept contributions either in kind or in cash. We are also able, in certain cases, to earmark contributions for specified countries.

Thank you very much for your interesting suggestion, and if we can be of further service to you do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison



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22 May 1946

cc to - Casgrain
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Union Sq. West, N.Y.

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suggests another broadcasting

to Latin America

The Honorable Fiorello La Guardia

Dear Sir

I have been a constant listener - with admiration -

of your Sunday Broadcast - That of Today

gives me courage to make a suggestion -

There has not been an independent

picture exhibition of paintings during

the War years -

I believe if such were again organized,

all the pictures shown to be auctioned at the

end of the show - subject to artist's bids during

the exhibition - all proceeds to go to Unrra -

a considerable amount can be raised.

Such a suggestion - coming from you,

would probably find a response by the

Artists of this city -

And, if successful, could be

duplicated in other cities.

Respectfully yours

Sophie Schneider

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The Honorable Fiorello La Guardia
Gracie Mansion
New York City

Theophile Schneider
35 Livingston St
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Return 303 -

25 MAY 1946

Miss Lorena Pepper
509 E. Broadway
Yazoo City, Mississippi

Dear Miss Pepper:

Your letter of 7 May to Mr. LaGuardia, offering to contribute in various ways toward the relief of suffering overseas, has been referred to me.

You will be interested to know that there is already underway a nationwide Emergency Food Collection, with headquarters at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, New York. If there is not already a local committee in your own community cooperating with this nationwide drive, we are sure that the Emergency Food Collection will be glad to tell you how you can contribute. We have therefore informed that office of your interest, and we expect that you will receive additional information from them within the next few days.

We also note that you are interested in the possibility of "adopting" some town or individual family overseas. We have had occasion to look into the possibility of adopting an overseas locality, and we are obliged to report that, because of the difficulties of transportation, distribution, and administration, this scheme does not seem to be practical just now. It is possible, however, for you to "adopt" a particular needy family overseas. Several of the voluntary relief agencies in this country supply names and addresses for this purpose. If you will let us know which country you are most interested in, we shall be glad to put you in touch with the appropriate agency.

We regret that we are unable to give you any accurate statistics on the number of people dying of starvation each day in the war-devastated countries. Such statistics are not yet available.

Thank you very much for your excellent cooperation, and if we can be of any further service to you do not hesitate to call on us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
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cc to - W. Kiplinger

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Mr. F. LaGuardia
Chairman of UNRRA
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am trying to get my town organized for sending canned goods to the UNRRA. I would appreciate any suggestions and information that you could send me as soon as possible.

If possible, I would like statistics on the number of people dying each day and information along those lines as most of the people here I have contacted are willing to help but would rather put off starting until committees and such are organized. My idea is to get the canned goods coming in and organize the committees on the side.

Another thing I need to know is where and how to send the food after it is collected here.

I understand that it is possible to adopt towns or individual families to feed. I would like information on that, also.

As I said before, I would appreciate this information just as soon as possible. People lose interest if campaigns do not go along with a good bit of speed and I don't want my canned goods to sit around in warehouses while I tear my hair out trying to find out where to send it.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Lorena Pepper

Lorena Pepper

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29 MAY 1946

Return 303

Mrs. Lionel F. Perrine
2336 N. Talbot Street
Indianapolis 5, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Perrine:

Your recent letter, apparently addressed to the World Council Service Committee, concerning your plan for a city-wide auction in Indianapolis to raise funds for overseas relief, has been referred to us.

You may wish to consider the possibility of contributing the funds you raise to the nationwide Emergency Food Collection, which has headquarters at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, New York. This Collection may have a local committee in Indianapolis. However, on the chance that there is not yet an Indianapolis committee, we have asked the New York headquarters to send you complete information.

The Emergency Food Collection accepts not only canned food but also cash with which to purchase additional food for overseas relief. All food collected is given to UNRRA for immediate shipment overseas. The drive is, as you wish, "interfaith, thus meeting the requirements of Catholic, Protestant, or Jew."

If you prefer to donate your funds direct to UNRRA, we shall be glad to have you do so. Since UNRRA is an international agency which operates with funds appropriated by the governments of its 48 member nations, UNRRA is not in a position to participate in campaigns or to solicit contributions. However, so many organizations, groups, and individuals have asked UNRRA to let them help it relieve the suffering overseas that we have been obliged to develop a regular procedure for servicing such contributions. Checks should be made out to UNRRA and addressed to this office.

We are deeply appreciative of your cooperation, and if we can be of further service to you do not hesitate to call on us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
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N. Fitts/at
28 May 1946

cc to - W. M. Kiplinger
A. Casgrain

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Dear Sirs;

A small group of people here are planning a city-wide auction to raise funds for overseas relief. We are still in the very earliest stages of planning, and want to decide upon the best channel to send the proceeds through.

Since the drive will be interfaith, the appeal must be to all, and without exclusion.

Could you tell us the best channel through

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which to send money for food.

The committee in general, seems to be in favor of making the appeal for children - war orphans.

What help can you give us? We would be grateful for your help. Specifically we want a committee that can meet the requirements of Catholic, Protestant or Jew.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lionel F. Perrine

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Mrs. Lionel F. Perrine
2326 N. Talbot St.
Indianapolis, 5, Indiana

Return 303

14 JUN 1946

Mrs. Julian Packard Perry
R. R. No. 2
Doylestown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Perry:

This is in answer to your letter of 9 May in which you ask what useful purpose can be served by local food-fund drives for overseas relief since, as you understand it, the chief obstacle to the UNRRA program is not lack of funds but rather the unavailability of sufficient food, coupled with inadequate transportation facilities.

First of all, let us dispose of that canard about transportation. There is absolutely no bottleneck in transportation either within the United States or at sea. Rail facilities are in better state today than at any time since the war; and, so far as ocean shipping is concerned, we are right up to schedule. The only threat to our transportation right now is the pending strike of maritime workers.

The funds and food situation is a little more complicated, but I will try to be as clear and concise as possible.

As you know, UNRRA is an international agency of 48 allied nations. It is responsible for procuring and shipping relief and rehabilitation supplies to those of its member nations which need such supplies, do not have funds of their own to purchase them, and have asked UNRRA's help.

UNRRA operates with funds appropriated for that purpose, proportionally according to their respective abilities, by the governments of its member nations. The total amount of money which its member nations have authorized for UNRRA is a little over 3 2/3 billion dollars. However, only about 3 billion dollars have actually been paid in or made available to UNRRA. Of this 3 billion, some 2 3/4 billion have already been committed for the purchase of supplies, leaving a balance of about 300 million dollars still available.

Since the United States is the wealthiest member nation, its contribution to UNRRA is by far the greatest. Congress has authorized appropriations to UNRRA which total $2,700,000,000. However, the amount of U. S. funds actually appropriated to date is $2,235,000,000. That leaves an outstanding balance of $465,000,000 -- which, you will note, represents the major

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portion of the two-thirds of a billion dollars still owed to UNRRA by all of its member nations.

It is true that UNRRA is experiencing difficulty in obtaining all the wheat which it vitally needs to avert widespread famine in the war-devastated countries. Nevertheless, we are not going to be able to finance the purchase of wheat already committed to us for June and July unless the $465,000,000 still owed us by the United States is soon appropriated.

So far as other foods than wheat are concerned, there is much more available than we have funds to buy. Even if we could add the $465,000,000 due us from the United States to the $300,000,000 now available, we could find in the United States alone $100,000,000-worth more meat, milk, and fats than we would have funds to purchase.

I think that these statistics will give you some idea of the vastness of our program and of the real help which local food-fund drives can give us. It is not within our province, of course, to solicit funds, since UNRRA is an international agency supported by governmental appropriations. But we are able and glad to accept any contributions which individuals, groups, or organizations in any country may wish to give us in order to supplement our regular funds. And certainly

One of the most helpful drives now being conducted in the United States is that of the Emergency Food Collection. It is being conducted on a nationwide scale, through thousands of local committees. Possibly it was the activities of one of those committees which prompted you to write your letter. If not, and if you are interested in learning more about that drive, you can obtain complete information from its headquarters office, located at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N. Y. All food and funds collected by the Emergency Food Collection are contributed to UNRRA.

For your further information about the international relief problem, I am sending you under separate cover a copy of our pamphlet "Fifty Facts about UNRRA."

I want you to know that we appreciate your intelligent interest in this matter, and if we can be of further service to you just let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
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cc to - W. M. Kiplinger
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Miss Richards

MRS. JULIAN PACKARD PERRY
R. D. No. 2
DOYLESTOWN, PA.

May 9, 1944

P.R. - Lilly

Central Office
UNRRA
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing on behalf of a group of interested citizens who would like to have answered several questions regarding the shipment of food overseas.

We are under the impression that your agency was established for the purpose of purchasing and distributing such food and that sufficient funds are available for that purpose. We have been led to believe that the fundamental obstacles to the successful execution of your program are two: insufficient food is available in the US to provide the US with its present abundant diet and still to meet our commitments abroad; there is a lack of transportation facilities for such food even if it were available.

If the above facts are correct, what

useful purpose can be served by the local drives springing up all over the country requesting individual citizens to contribute so that the funds collected may be used to purchase food for shipment abroad? If it is impossible for the Federal Government to make such purchases and arrange shipment, how can small, relatively unimportant groups hope to do so?

We would like to know whether we understand the situation correctly in believing that the solution lies not in our contributing funds but in our eating less.

We will be looking forward to your reply.

Yours truly,

Nancy C. Perry

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MRS. JULIAN PACKARD PERRY
R. D. No. 2,
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July 25th, 1946

Mrs. Julian Packard Perry
R. R. No. 2
Doylestown, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Perry:

We are enclosing herewith "Share-The-Food" certificates in the amount of ten dollars and five cents ($10.05) as receipts for your ten dollar ($10.00) donation to the "Share-The-Food" Campaign, as turned over to us by our member, Mr. Leonard Hampton, Holicong, Pa.

Believe us when we say that we appreciate your co-operation with this very worth while cause. It is refreshing to find someone who is interested enough to assure themselves of the motives and methods behind a campaign of this sort.

We are also gratified that an organization so important and so pressed for time as the UNRRA will take the time and trouble necessary to answer the question of one individual citizen in this country. It is indicative of the reason for the terrific success of a Democratic form of government.

We, here in the Frankford Grocers organization, became vitally interested in Europe's food needs, so much so that we were highly instrumental in helping develop the so-called Philadelphia Plan for Handling Food Donations. This method of selling the enclosed certificates at fifteen cents each saves many, many thousands of dollars which would otherwise have to be spent were the collection made on the basis of asking the public to donate the actual cans of merchandise.

Under the Philadelphia Plan the handling of the merchandise (which costs money) is eliminated except for the final assembly and shipment abroad. Again, the Philadelphia Plan allows experts in food distribution to purchase with this money foods which will show the greatest food value per dollar for shipment abroad, as well as eliminate much merchandise which is donated in good faith, but which is totally useless for shipment.

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Again, let us thank you not only for your donation, but for the way in which it was done.

Sincerely yours,
FRANKFORD GROCERS ASSOCIATION

GPR:M
CC: L. A. Hampton
CC: N. Fitts, UNRRA, Wash.

Geo. P. Rogers, Executive Secretary

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Mr. Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADM.
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 25, D. C.

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Mr. Carl W. Peterson
Grasselli Division
E. I. DuPont de Nemours Company
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Peterson:

We thought you would want to see our enclosed releases concerning your contribution of gammexane and the campaign against locusts in Sardinia.

If we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
24 June 1946

cc to - Ernst-Parkhill
A. Casgrain

Return 303

Mrs. Toni Peterson
c/o Officer's Mail Unit
Hill Field
Ogden, Utah

JUL 26 1946

Dear Mrs. Peterson:

Your letter of 13 July to Mr. LaGuardia, stating that the officers' wives at Hill Field would like to send packages to needy Dutch children, has been referred to me.

I believe that you will be able to get the names and addresses which you wish from American Relief for Holland, Inc., 55 Broadway, New York 6, N. Y.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "Fifty Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/et
23 July 1946
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cc to - A. Casgrain
Am. Relief for Holland

C/- Officer's Mail Unit
Hill Field
Ogden
Utah
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RW-Cohen

Dear Mr La Guardia

The Officer's wifes at Hill Field have an organization for which I am Social Chairman. At our last meeting we decided to "adopt" two Dutch children and try to provide them with such help as possible by sending packages every month. We hoped in this way to do something more personal than our Red Cross work. We would like to get to know the children personally through correspondence & in that way learn what their greatest needs are.

However we have no way of locating two such children, but hoped that through your connections with UNRRA you would be able to

advise us on the correct procedure for finding the children. Your help & advice on this matter would be greatly appreciated by us, & we shall hope to hear from you if you can assist us in this way.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Joni Peterson.

Mr. F. H. La Guardia
Director of U.N.R.R.A.
New York City
New York.

Return 303

Mr. Richard Petty
P. O. Box 5394
Chicago 7, Illinois

15 AUG 1946

Dear Mr. Petty:

Your letter of 25 July to Mr. LaGuardia, reporting that parcels mailed to individuals overseas do not always reach their destination or reach them in half-looted condition, has been referred to me.

As you know, Mr. LaGuardia is particularly hard pressed these days because of the serious situation overseas, and as a result he can not find time to write personal answers to all the letters and telegrams he receives, much as he would like to do so.

UNRRA, as an international agency is responsible for the procurement and transportation of relief supplies in shipload lots, does not have any jurisdiction over the delivery of parcel post to individuals in the war-devastated countries.

We are, of course, aware of the conditions you describe, but it is to the International Postal Service of the U. S. Post Office Department that you should make your report rather than to UNRRA.

We suggest that the non-profit organization known as CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, 50 Broad Street, New York 4, N.Y.) may be able to help you. It guarantees delivery of standard food packages, or a refund.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "Fifty Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

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N. Fitts/at
14 August 1946
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cc to - CARE
International Postal Service

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July 25 1946

Dear Mr. La Guardia,

My congratulations to you, Sir - the way you have attacked UNRRA's problems, the same indefatigable zeal, may we add, with which you attacked the problems of 1/10 of the U.S., citizens of which lived under your jurisdiction for 12 years - (My syntax is wrong but what-ever!)

I am an overseas Vet - I've seen what poverty looks like & am convinced we can't have peace as long as anyone is hungry (or even unhappy!)

As you know leading city newspapers plug private contributions to foreign countries - At my request, I secured the name of a French girl to whom to send food - Thanks to the kind cooperation of my family, my 11 pound package was sent abroad - We plan to send another -

I from home

My brother writes and quote - "The French newspaper - - - "France Amerique", printed weekly in New York has quite a few editorials about les colis, (the packages) It seems that the customs officials go through all food packages and it's getting to be quite a fouled-up situation. Many packages don't arrive at all - many arrive half - looted. America can be thankful that she has never suffered the effects of modern war" -

Sent Check or money order

I think we ought to see that those packages sent by single private citizens are guarded to their destination (be inspected in the States by responsible efficient officials.)

I only can pray, Mr. La Guardia, that this letter gets thru to you O.K.

Private contributions may not account to much, but they carry the true milk of human kindness.

I know you will take a definite stand in eliminating the abuse mentioned. I only wish we private citizens could do more.

Very cordially yours,

Richard P. Petty
P. O. Box 354
Chicago 7, Illinois

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The Hon. F. H. La Guardia
Director - UNRRA
New York, N. Y.

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Chi. 7, Ill.

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Richard P. Petty
P. O. Box 5354
Chicago 7, Illinois
August 17, 1946

United Nations
Relief and Rehabilitation
Administration
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 25, D.C.
Attn Mr. Norman Pitts

Dear Mr. Pitts.

Thank you very much for your kind letter of August 17 - I can assure you that I understand the position of UNRRA and I thank you again for sending the pamphlet on UNRRA - I am writing to CARE immediately

Very truly yours
Richard P. Petty

United Nations
Relief and Rehabilitation
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1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 25, D.C.

Attn
Mr. Norman Fitts

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AUG 8

Hon. Philip J. Philbin
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative Philbin:

Your letter of 1 July, enclosing the request of Mr. Ercole Franchini of Medford, Massachusetts, for information concerning ways of getting 500,000 units of penicillin to his nephew, Col. Riccardo Vallone of Via Roma 12, Naples, Italy, has been brought to my attention.

I understand that our Mr. Fitts has already given your office by phone the basic information which you needed in order to answer Mr. Franchini. The purpose of this letter is to give you certain supplementary information which we have just received from various agencies and which may be of some assistance to Mr. Franchini.

As Mr. Fitts informed your secretary, it will be impossible for Colonel Vallone to buy penicillin from UNRRA in Italy. UNRRA supplies become the property of the Italian Government upon their arrival in Italy, and it is the responsibility of that government to distribute them. If Colonel Vallone is considered eligible by the Italian Government, he will be able to obtain penicillin from the government.

On the other hand, contrary to Mr. Franchini's understanding of the matter, it should not be difficult for him to purchase the desired quantity of penicillin in the United States and send it to his nephew.

We have been informed (by the Requirements & Supply Branch of the Office of International Trade in the Department of Commerce) that it is not necessary to obtain a U. S. export license for the shipment of less than $10-worth of penicillin. And, according to the U. S. Public Health Service, 500,000 units of penicillin can now be purchased in the United States for about $3.

There would probably be no difficulty at the other end either. Although the Italian Government formerly required (and may still require) registration of medical supplies entering Italy, it was concerned primarily with controlling commercial imports and, according to our information, always maintained a liberal attitude toward gifts of medical supplies.

Mr. Franchini will also be glad to know that it is no longer necessary to keep penicillin at a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit to prevent spoilage. According to the U. S. Public Service, penicillin may now be shipped without any special precaution other than keeping it packed as it came from the manufacturer.

Actual shipment of the penicillin does present one problem, however. Five hundred thousand units of penicillin weigh only about 2 or 3 ounces; and it would seem inappropriate to send such a light package either by ship or by air express. Yet parcel post service to Italy has not yet been reestablished. The only postal service now available to Italy is letter service, and of course the letter writer is not supposed to put merchandise, no matter how little it weighs, in a first-class envelope.

We suggest that Mr. Franchini may find a solution to this problem after discussing it with his local post office and American Express office.

In accordance with your request, we are returning herewith Mr. Franchini's original letter to you.

We hope that this information will be helpful to your constituent; and if we can be of further service to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Cordially yours,

Conrad Van Hyning
Director, Office for Voluntary
and International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
7 August 1946
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cc to - Rep. Philbin

PHILIP J. PHILBIN
3D DISTRICT MASSACHUSETTS

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

RW-Cohen

July 1, 1946

UNRRA
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find self-explanatory correspondence concerning the request of Mr. Ercole Franchini regarding his nephew, Col. Riccardo Vallone, Naples.

I would appreciate it very much if you would read and return this correspondence to me for my files, together with your comments concerning the possibilities.

Appreciating your assistance and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Philip J. Philbin

Philip J. Philbin

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Philip J. Philbin
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Washington, 25, D. C.

Please date & return to ~~[illegible]~~ - Dupont
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JUN 18 1946

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Mrs. Robert D. Pickett
10 Underhill Road
Milford, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Pickett:

Director General F. H. LaGuardia has asked me to reply to your recent letter and to thank you most cordially for your good wishes and for the valuable suggestions it contains. These are being forwarded to the Emergency Food Collection, Inc.

He is also grateful for your sympathetic understanding of the problems confronting the world which UNRRA is trying to help solve and is, I know, doing everything in his power to justify your confidence.

You ask what you can do to help in the present crisis. You can contribute canned food, or money with which to purchase additional food for overseas relief to some church group, voluntary foreign relief agency, or other local organization in your community which is cooperating with UNRRA. We suggest, specifically, the Emergency Food Collection. On the chance that there is not already a local Emergency Food Collection committee set up in your community, we have informed the national headquarters of your interest. You will probably hear from them within the next few days. For your information their address is 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, New York.

We deeply appreciate your cooperation, and if we can be of further service to you, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Cordially yours,

CRichards:rp
14 June 1946
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Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

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Copy to Emergency Food Collection
100 Maiden Lane
New York 7, New York

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10 Underhill Rd.
Milford, Conn.
May 5, 1946

F. H. La Guardia
Director General, U.N.R.R.A.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. La Guardia,

I am very sorry to read that you are not getting the cooperation you need to get food delivered into your hands. In the past week I have written a letter to my Congressman asking that your organization be voted more funds. However, you say that you "have the ships and have the money to pay for the food" but are not getting the cooperation you must have to bring adequate food to the starving nations.

Please tell us what we, the people can do to bring about the cooperation you need. If there is any way that we can help, please let us know. I realize that I am only one housewife in this country but I want you to know that I am willing to do everything in my power to help you in your tremendous task. No one but you can appreciate the complexity and magnitude of your problem. But I can imagine how difficult it must be to wear your shoes at this time. God bless you for undertaking His work.

Since food requirements are not being met and probably will not be for some time, it must be the responsibility of the people themselves to contribute food until

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it is no longer necessary. As you know the National Catholic Welfare Conference has announced a Canned Goods drive to begin May 12th and continue for a week. But this is only one organization. Can't this be carried on nationally so that everyone will contribute not only for a week but continuously. The Red Cross is of course the first organization one thinks of to organize and carry out such a campaign.

But a canned goods drive is so restricted that the baby food is practically eliminated. Are you buying baby food nowadays? It would seem that baby food in jars could be collected if the packing were done carefully. And there are so many other things that babies need which mothers would be willing to contribute - (having 2 babies myself, if I were a European mother I would be very happy to receive baby powder, zinc ointment for baby's chafed buttocks (at times) this isn't meant to be funny, for such a condition can be very painful to a baby. -- I could go on and on about incidentals. But I won't take your time to do so.

In my letter to my congressman, I suggested that we carry on a nationwide campaign for food of the same magnitude as our War Bond Campaigns. With the same organization taking charge of the propaganda. Call it what you will, propaganda is necessary if the United States is to be brought to action. The majority of the people here ~~are~~ have absolutely

no idea what it means to suffer. During the war they felt it somewhat because they had boys in it - but very few now have any material connection with the people in foreign countries. However, the same people who were willing to do anything for "the boys" would do as much for the starving if they had the idea of starvation made real to them. I suggest that a picture of a starving European or Asiatic child be printed each night on the front page of every newspaper in the country so that we cannot forget the other children who are not so fortunate as our own.

We Americans are influenced by the celebrities, radio, screen and otherwise. So these celebrities must continuously remind the ~~people~~ us of our obligation. I do not think it is enough to do only what is asked of us now. We are asked to save fats, oils and be sparing of bread and cereals. Shouldn't we also purchase non-perishable foods of all kinds - bring them to food centers together with anything else we might have which could be used by people who have nothing at all?

In the Times Sunday you said that because of the coal shortage, the foreign countries would be unable to transport the supplies you send. Would it be possible to use the ATC for this purpose? I understand that the personnel of this organization is

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depleted, but couldn't it be built up again? Surely there is every reason for speed in this situation.

Would it be possible to continue producing K rations, to be used until such time as the countries are rehabilitated." Please don't think me naive in suggesting this. Of course this country is reconverting and it would be difficult for you to turn the clock back — In all justice, however, the country should go back to producing on a wartime basis. Because certainly famine is far more horrible than any war. If only you could make the people understand this and feel it, they would be glad to go back to rationing — doing without this and that again. The problem is to make the people feel something about this situation.

Are you purchasing Vitamin Pills, Fish Liver oils and any number of other things that people now consider essential to health? If your organization cannot afford these things, then you should have more money to buy them or we should donate them along with other items of food and clothing.

I will close here and thank you for your thoughtful attention. Please believe that I am sincere in wanting to help — Let me know what I can do to help you —

Yours truly,
Mrs. Robert Corbett

Mr. F. H. La Guardia
Director General
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Administration
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. A. D. Pickett
10 Underhill Rd.
Milford, Conn.

UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

1344 CONNECTICUT AVENUE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

JUN 6 1946

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Mr. Tom Pierson
Cornwall, Ontario
Canada

Dear Mr. Pierson:

Your letter of 13 May to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that the famine emergency would be brought home to people if every newspaper in Canada, the United States, and South America were asked to print a picture of a starving group, accompanied by a coupon on which readers could pledge to eat less bread per day, has been referred to me.

We have referred your suggestion to our office of Public Information, as well as to the President's Famine Emergency Committee. You will be interested to know that the Famine Emergency Committee has already placed such a picture with newspapers throughout the United States, and that it also has prepared a pledge similar to the one you suggest. For your further information we have asked the President's Famine Emergency Committee to send you copies of some of its informational materials along this line.

Thank you very much for your interest, and if we can be of further service to you do not hesitate to call upon us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

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Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
4 June 1946
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cc to - A. Casgrain
C. Brown
S. Gaines

May 13 / 46

Wheat - Van Leyning

Dear Mr. La Guardia,

I have read with great interest your comments, your pleadings for greater help to the starving millions in the great human family. I have read too with great disappointment that the promised amounts of wheat and other foodstuffs are not forthcoming.

I have a simple suggestion for you, which, if acted upon immediately may save the lives of many from the great tragedy about to begin on the stage of human history.

Through the sponsorship of UNRRA every newspaper in Canada, U.S.A. and South America would be asked to carry a picture of a starving group and below would be the caption.

"They ask for your help." 41100

Below this would be a pledge coupon in which a person could voluntarily pledge to eat one half slice of bread less daily.

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By this means no doubt a large amount of wheat would be saved and thus would be available for the starving peoples of Europe, Asia, India etc.

I do hope that you succeed in your efforts to help these people.

Yours very sincerely

Tom Pierson

Cornwall, Ontario

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JUN 14 1946

Mr. Joseph E. Pilmer
Attorney-at-Law
5602 Dunbar Avenue
Ashtabula, Ohio

Dear Mr. Pilmer:

Your letter of 27 May to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that much food would be saved if it were possible to buy a half loaf of bread, a half pint of milk, and half a pint of ice cream, has been referred to me.

Since UNRRA is an international agency of 48 countries, it is not in a position to act upon your suggestion. We have therefore brought your suggestion to the attention of the President's Famine Emergency Committee. That committee is entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating all American activities for the relief of starvation overseas. It is the agency which is in the best position to give appropriate consideration to your suggestion.

Under separate cover we are sending you copy of our pamphlet "50 Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
13 June 1946
45031

cc to - C. Brown
A. Casgrain

PHONE 2537

JOSEPH E. PILMER
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
5602 DUNBAR AVENUE
ASHTABULA, OHIO

May 27, 1946.

Avial - Van Kleeck

Hon. Florio LaGuardia,
Ex-Mayor of New York,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Regardless of the drive to save food for Europe, you still can not buy a half loaf of bread, a pint of milk, a half pint of ice cream. Think of the food that is spoiling and thrown away due to the fact that you must buy a full loaf, a quart of milk, a pint of ice cream, et cetera. Think of the one person dweller who does not comsume a whole loaf of bread before the balance is spoiled, and of the "two in the family" unit who do not eat all of their meals at home and a loaf of bread lasts too long and the remainder must be thrown away. It is obvious that right there is a tremenduous waste of both food and money.

I hope I have made a worth while suggestion to you in your drive for more food for Europe and more for us too.

Yours very truly,

Joseph E. Pilmer

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JOSEPH E. PILMER
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
5602 DUNBAR AVENUE
ASHTABULA, OHIO

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Hon. Florio LaGuardia,
Ex-Mayor of New York City,
New York City.

Return 305

Mr. Sheldon Pollock, Chairman
"Montclarion" Food Drive
State Teachers College
Upper Montclair, New Jersey

AUG 1 - 1946

Dear Mr. Pollock:

Your letter of 24 June, stating that your college is planning a campaign to raise funds for food for the starving peoples of the world and asking for advice and appropriate informational materials, has been referred to me.

The Emergency Food Collection, a nationwide drive to collect canned food, or cash with which to purchase additional food for overseas relief, was officially terminated on 30 June. However, several voluntary foreign relief agencies are still conducting similar drives. We suggest that the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service (Room 701 at 120 East 23 Street, New York 10, N.Y.) will be glad to send you a list of such agencies. We also suggest that you will probably find it mutually advantageous to cooperate closely with the local office of one of these agencies or with any appropriate local civic organization.

If you prefer to work alone and send your contribution directly to UNRRA, we shall be glad to have you do so. In this case you should make out your check to UNRRA and mail it to this office. We shall see to it that your contribution is used for the purchase of urgently needed supplies for immediate shipment overseas.

The President's Famine Emergency Committee has available quite a number of pamphlets and other informational materials which will be helpful to you. We have therefore asked that committee to send you appropriate materials.

We are also sending you under separate cover certain of our own materials.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

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Norman Pitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

Taggart-Pitts/at
31 July 1946
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cc to - P.W. Condon
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BUREAU OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J.

LA CAMPANA *MONTCLARION* *QUARTERLY*

June 24, 1946

Chairman
Headquarters UNRRA
New York, New York

Dear Sir,

Our college is planning a campaign to raise funds for food for the starving peoples of the world. If possible we would appreciate any material aid that you may have to offer, such as posters, pamphlets, etc.

To whom shall we send the money that we collect and do you think it advisable that we work with a local civic organization?

Any other pertinent information that you may be able to offer would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Sheldon Pollack
Chairman
"Montclarion" Food Drive

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12 JUN 1946

Mrs. Helen Pollard
1163 North Ogden Drive
Hollywood, California

Dear Mrs. Pollard:

Your letter of 19 May to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that people be given an opportunity to contribute canned food for overseas relief in the same way that they contributed clothing, has been referred to me.

We suggest the Emergency Food Collection which is a nationwide drive to collect canned food, or cash with which to purchase additional food, for overseas relief. This drive is being conducted on behalf of UNRRA: all food collected, or purchased with contributed cash, is given to UNRRA for immediate shipment overseas.

Thousands of local committees in all parts of the country are cooperating with the Emergency Food Collection. If there is not already one of these committees in your own community, you can send your contribution direct to Headquarters of the Emergency Food Collection, 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N.Y. We have informed that office of your interest and suggested that it send you more complete information.

Under separate cover we are sending you pamphlets and other materials which describe the conditions overseas and tell what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

Thank you for your cooperation, and if we can be of further service to you just let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Relations

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N. Fitts/st
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cc to W. M. Kiplinger
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AUG 9 - 1946

Mrs. Lenore E. Porter
Executive Secretary
American Mothers' Committee
of the
Golden Rule Foundation
102 East 22nd Street
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Porter:

Your letter of 10 June to Mr. LaGuardia, enclosing additional material on your organization, has been referred to me.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in bringing this material to our attention.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

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102 E 22nd St.

June 10, 1946

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Mr. F. H. LaGuardia
Director General
UNRRA,
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

RECEIVED
JUN 14 1946
Office of Assistant Chief
Bureau of Services

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

I appreciate so much the letter you sent, congratulating the American Mothers Committee for making Mothers Day a day of giving.

I enclose a letter that I think will interest you, as it indicates what one of our cooperating groups are doing. We will continue to stress the American Mothers Fund for food as a project of the American Mothers Committee.

We are the organization which handles the little Coin-a-Meal banks for giving to an Unseen Guest.

I should be very happy to have any suggestions from you and the Hon. Henry Wallace regarding the promotion of this program. I can see great possibilities in it. We have had fine response from a number of radio broadcasters who have picked up the idea.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore E. Porter

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Mrs. Lenore E. Porter
Executive Secretary

We have our own national committee president of national woman's organizations and would like to talk to you on possibilities
Answered to 102 E 22nd St - New York 10 -

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THE ASSOCIATED WOMEN OF THE GEORGIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

307 Bibb Building Telephone 591

Macon, Georgia
May 29, 1946

American Mothers' Committee
of the Golden Rule Foundation
Lincoln Building
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Friends:

We have just received information regarding the work of the American Mothers' Committee in sending gift packages and letters of greeting to mothers overseas. This was sent to us by Mrs. Charles W. Sewell, Administrative Director of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago.

We believe this is one of the finest things that has been brought to our attention in a long time and want to start work immediately on it.

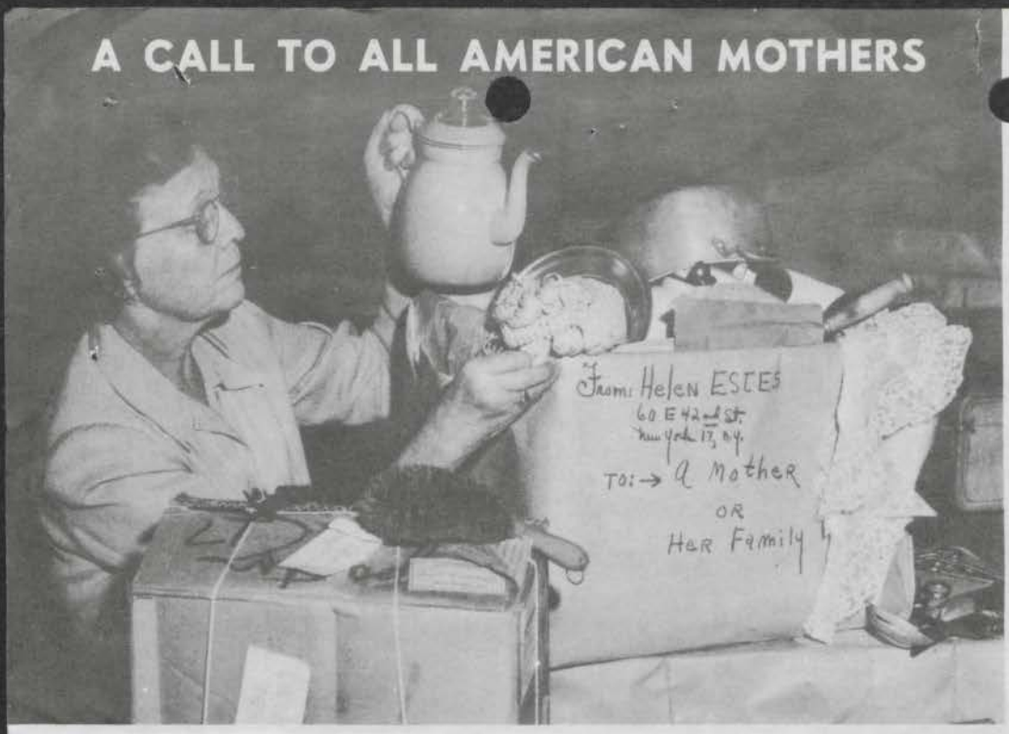
Please let me know if we can address our boxes and letters "To a Farm Mother or Her Family." There would likely be just a little closer bond of understanding.

Please advise by wire or letter immediately if this can be done. If not, we want to cooperate anyway.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)---Mrs. Joe S. Ray, President

A CALL TO ALL AMERICAN MOTHERS



A BOX ARRIVES AT A RECEIVING CENTER AND IS BEING CHECKED

MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 12, 1946

THE AMERICAN MOTHERS' COMMITTEE

IS CALLING ALL MOTHERS
sons and daughters
to join in sending

GIFT PACKAGES
and
LETTERS OF GREETING
to
MOTHERS OVERSEAS

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The U. S. Government requires all packages to be inspected, repacked, and contents listed. To insure greater safety, boxes will be placed in large shipping cases.

DIRECTIONS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED CAREFULLY

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WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR PACKAGE

The packages may contain a variety of household or used personal items: Pots, pans, towels, scissors, needles, thread, cutlery, hammer, screw driver, oil cloth, clothes — each mother knows the things needed and cherished in the home which she can share.

Enclose a letter, a return addressed envelope, stationery. You have made a personal effort to cheer an individual, to show your concern, to become a friend — whether a reply is possible or not.

WHAT TO LEAVE OUT OF YOUR PACKAGE

1. Breakables, sugar, rice, butter, soap fats of any kind, edible or inedible — these require special permits.
2. Food — It is more economical to send cash, checks or money orders for bulk purchase and shipment of foodstuffs overseas. Join in raising the American Mother's Fund for this purpose.

HOW TO SEND YOUR PACKAGE

Address the package on two sides—"To a Mother or Her Family." Put on your return address. (See picture above.) A list of contents on the outside will help the packers. Do not designate to a particular person or country.

Send PREPAID directly to the depot of your choice: Jewish, Catholic, or Protestant.

ADDRESS THE DEPOTS AS FOLLOWS:

(Jewish) Joint Distribution Committee Receiving Center

Supplies for Overseas Survivors (S. O. S.)
MacQuesten Parkway, Mount Vernon, N. Y.
Consult your own local welfare board for nearer addresses.

(Catholic) War Relief Services

1. 4055 - 10th Avenue, New York 34, N. Y.
2. The Catholic Salvage Bureau, 3514 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
3. The Catholic Salvage Bureau, 512 Second Street, San Francisco, Cal.

(Protestant) United Church Service Center

1. New Windsor, Maryland.
2. 236 Beacon Street, Boston 16, Mass.
3. 30 Warren Street, New York 17, N. Y.
4. Modesto, California.
5. 7110 Concert Avenue, Los Angeles 1, Calif.
6. 101 Pine Street, Dayton 2, Ohio.
7. United Church Overseas Relief, 2247 Marginal Way, Seattle 6, Wash.

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THE AMERICAN MOTHERS' FUND FOR FOOD! WHAT IT IS!

This is the special contribution from **Mothers in America for Mothers of Europe and Asia.** This Fund will be used for buying food and other necessities in quantity and to help pay shipping costs. It will be divided among the Jewish, Catholic and Protestant relief agencies. Indicate your choice.

$15.00 will attach your name to a LARGE FOOD PACKAGE all ready to go to Europe, under the Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe.

Send checks or money orders to The American Mothers' Committee, Golden Rule Foundation, 60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

A SAMPLE LETTER TO A MOTHER OVERSEAS FROM A MOTHER

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To a Mother
in a distant Land,

As the day approaches on which we honor our mothers and receive the expressions of love from our children we also think of the mothers in far away lands from whom we have seldom heard during the past five years because of the separations caused by war. Now the lines of communication are again opening, and we of the United States wish to tell you that our thoughts are often with you.

None of us, either in your land or ours, has escaped the tragedy and the suffering of war, though some have suffered more than others. We hope and pray that all peoples will now unite to bring to the world a lasting peace.

Perhaps if we mothers all stand together it can be done.

With loving greetings, I am
Sincerely your friend,
Helen Estes.

THIS LETTERHEAD AVAILABLE

for reference

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UNITED NATIONS

RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 25, D. C.

Mrs. Lenore E. Porter
American Mothers' Committee
of the Golden Rule Foundation
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

14 MAY 1946

Dear Mrs. Porter:

I want to congratulate the American Mothers' Committee for making Mothers' Day in 1946 a day of giving to the millions of unfortunate mothers who desperately need food, clothing, and the basic household essentials you so thoughtfully list in your appeal letter.

We are particularly glad you have stressed the American Mothers' Fund for Food. All cash contributions for overseas relief immeasurably simplify the difficult problem of transportation and distribution in countries wrecked by war and occupation.

I have forwarded your appeal to the Emergency Food Collection headquarters at 100 Maiden Lane, New York City. This Campaign, under the leadership of the Honorable Henry Wallace, Secretary of Commerce, has set Mothers' Day for their opening date. The national publicity they have planned for the Emergency Food Collection campaign will undoubtedly help your appeal.

I wish you the best success in your generous efforts.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

F. H. LaGuardia
Director General

Return 303

JUN 19 1946

Mr. Sam Posen
4700 Arcola Avenue
North Hollywood, California

Dear Mr. Posen:

Your letter of 7 May to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that every grain of wheat be attached and immediately flown by every available plane to the famine stricken countries, has been referred to me.

Since UNRRA is an international agency of 48 countries, it is not in a position to act upon your suggestion. We have therefore brought your suggestion to the attention of the President's Famine Emergency Committee. That committee is entrusted with the responsibility of co-ordinating all American activities for the relief of starvation overseas. It is the agency which is in the best position to give appropriate consideration to your suggestion.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "50 Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/st
14 June 1946
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cc to - C. Brown
A. Casgrain

Sam
[redacted] Posen
4700 Arcola Avenue North Hollywood, California

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PDC - Kelly

Dear Mr. La Guardia. - suggests to flying [illegible]

[illegible] In an emergency, you don't eat vaseline on a cracker.

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MAY 29 1946
Office of Assistant Chief
Bureau of Services

Attach every grain of wheat corn cereals call for volunteers to fly every flying conveyance that can handle the tonnage necessary to give instant relief. I mean today.

Maybe it isn't legal, nor is it moral for fat-bellied humans to stuff their stinking gullets while little babies are starving to death. You've got the biggest job in history to do.

Respectfully Yours

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Return 303

6 AUG 1946

Martha Potgieter
Associate Professor, Foods & Nutrition
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Dear Professor Potgieter:

Your letter of 31 May to our Office of Public Information, requesting information concerning foods available for university students in the liberated countries, has been brought to my attention.

We apologize sincerely for the delay in answering your letter.

No specific information of the type you seek seems to be available here. However, we enclose a statement on "Food Consumption Levels and Typical Meals in Starvation Areas." University students in Europe are probably eating about as well as the average citizen -- perhaps some of them a little better than average if they come from higher-income or more fortunately situated families. The diets described in the enclosed statement may therefore serve your purpose.

On the chance that the President's Famine Emergency Committee may have additional information that will be helpful to you, we have passed your request along to that committee.

For your further information about the UNRRA program we are sending you under separate cover certain of our materials.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
2 August 1946
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cc to - P. C. Stark

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6 AUG 1946
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THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

May 31, 1946

Oscar Van Hyning

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
1334 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Office of Public Information

Gentlemen:

We have been referred to you for information regarding foods available for university students in liberated countries in Europe. We would like to prepare exhibits of student meals in these countries, as compared with meals served to our own students, as a part of our University save-the-wheat campaign. Would be very glad to have any information you can give us regarding foods available (quantities and kinds) to specific groups in liberated European countries. We feel such comparative exhibits would be effective incentives to food economy among people here.

Truly yours,

Martha Potgieter

Martha Potgieter
Assoc. Prof., Foods & Nutrition

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JUL 23 1946

Return 303

Miss Genova Pottenger
404 Shepherd Street, N. W.
Washington 11, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Pottenger:

Your letter of 11 July, requesting informational materials which would be useful in interesting church youth groups in the problems of relief, has been referred to me.

We have asked our Office of Public Information to send you appropriate posters and pictures; and we have also asked the President's Famine Emergency Committee to send you similar materials.

Under separate cover we are also sending you a copy of our pamphlet "Fifty Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

Thank you for your cooperation, and if we can be of further service to you just let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
22 July 1946
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cc to - A. Cangrain
S. Gaines

404 Shepherd St., N.W.
Washington 11, D.C.
July 11, 1946

trial - Van Hyning

UNRRA
1344 Conn. Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please send any informational materials, posters, etc., which would be useful in interesting church youth groups in the problems of relief?

Sincerely yours,

Geneva Pottenger

(Mrs.) Geneva Pottenger

Return 303

14 JUN 1946

Mr. B. E. Powers
Assistant City Counselor
Office of City Counselor
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Powers:

Your letter of 22 May to Mr. LaGuardia, transmitting the suggestion of your daughter (just returned from Red Cross work in Italy) that baking concerns be requested not to sell sliced bread which dries rapidly and is then thrown away, has been referred to me.

Since UNRRA is an international agency of 48 countries, it is not in a position to act upon your suggestion. We have therefore brought your suggestion to the attention of the President's Famine Emergency Committee. That committee is entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating all American activities for the relief of starvation overseas. It is the agency which is in the best position to give appropriate consideration to your suggestion.

Under separate cover we are sending you pamphlets and other materials which describe the conditions overseas and tell what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

M. Fitts/at
13 June 1946
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cc to C. Brown
A. Casgrain

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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May 22, 1946

Avial - Van - Hyning

Honorable Fiorella H. LaGuardia
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Administration
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This suggestion comes from my daughter who has just returned from Red Cross service in Italy. Perhaps it has been made before but is not in effect. The suggestion is, that the baking concerns be requested not to sell sliced bread. After bread is sliced it dries rapidly and is then thrown away. If left in the loaf the consumer can keep it much longer.

Very truly yours,

Benj M Powers

Benj. M. Powers
Assistant City Counselor

BMP:MP

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LAW DEPARTMENT
CITY HALL
KANSAS CITY 6, MO.

Honorable Fiorella H. LaGuardia
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Administration
Washington, D.C.

Return 303 C 21

4 JUN 1946

Miss Sue Prewett
Marshall, Illinois

Dear Miss Prewett:

Your letter of 31 May, stating that you are a member of an organization which desires to contribute a sum of money for the relief of people in Europe and requesting information concerning the proper procedure, has been referred to me.

You can donate the money, if you wish, to a voluntary foreign relief agency. In this case, if you will tell us the country you wish to help, we shall be glad to put you in touch with the proper agency.

If you prefer to give your contribution to the nationwide Emergency Food Collection, you should send it direct to the headquarters of that collection, which is located at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, New York. The Emergency Food Collection accepts either canned food or money with which to purchase additional food, and all food collected is given to UNRRA for immediate shipment overseas.

The third alternative is to send your contribution direct to UNRRA for the purchase of most urgently needed foods. In this case you should make out your check to UNRRA and address it to this office.

Thank you very much for your cooperation, and if we can be of further service to you do not hesitate to call upon us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
31 May 1946
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cc to - W. H. Kiplinger
C. F. Ernst

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY May 21, 1946

Orial - Van Hyning

U. N. R. R. A.
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am a member of an organization which desires to contribute a sum of money to be used for the relief of the people of Europe.

Will you kindly advise me proper procedure for making such a contribution and the proper address to which it should be sent?

Very truly yours,

Sue Prewett

(Miss) Sue Prewett
Marshall, Illinois

SP/jk

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Beltran 303

13 AUG 1946

Mrs. William Pribodoff
Secretary
Progressive Women's League
Bedford, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Pribodoff:

Your postcard of 19 July to Mr. LaGuardia, asking how the Progressive Women's League of Bedford can help UNRRA, has been referred to me.

We suggest that your organization can help by conducting an educational campaign on the need for conserving food. In this connection we have asked the President's Famine Emergency Committee to send you appropriate informational materials.

We also suggest that you can help by contributing cash, canned food, or clothing to any of the voluntary foreign relief agencies cooperating with UNRRA (list enclosed).

If you prefer to contribute cash direct to UNRRA, we shall be glad to have you do so. We shall use your contribution to purchase urgently needed supplies for immediate shipment overseas.

Under separate cover we are sending you some of our informational material which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate the helpful spirit which you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
12 August 1946

cc to - P. W. Condon

DISPATCHED
13 AUG 1946
MAIL & RECORDS

Return 303

25 JUN 1946

Mr. Wayne Privett
1367 East Alder Street
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Mr. Privett:

Senator Morse was good enough to bring to our attention your recent letter asking him about the marking of American relief supplies for Europe. We are glad of this opportunity to give you the answer.

As you know, UNRRA is an international agency of 48 allied countries. It operates with funds appropriated for that purpose by the governments of its member countries, procuring relief supplies wherever it can find them and shipping them to the governments of the countries that need and are unable to purchase the supplies for themselves.

It is not the policy of UNRRA to mark its supplies with any designation of the country in which it purchased them. On the other hand, each contributing country is free to mark its products to identify the origin. We have received numerous reports from our missions in the recipient countries which indicate that the people there recognize supplies originating in the United States. Many of these supplies carry the manufacturer's or producer's markings. Other items, such as surplus American military rations (of which we have shipped large quantities) are well known to the people of the liberated countries.

You can be sure that the people who receive UNRRA supplies are well aware of the fact that most of them come from the United States, and that this is creating good will for America.

Thank you for your interest, and if we can be of further service to you do not hesitate to call on us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
21 June 1946
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cc to - Sen. Morse
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June 10, 1946

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Honorable Fiorello H. La Guardia
Director General, UNRRA
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. La Guardia: Enc

I am glad to call to your attention a letter from Mr. Wayne Privett, a student of the University of Oregon, with reference to gifts of food to Europe.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Morse

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1367 E. Alder St.
Eugene, Oregon
June 2, 1946

Senator Wayne L. Morse
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Morse:

Our government is shipping large amounts of food to foreign countries to help alleviate the suffering of their people. As long as we are helping to feed them, in which I believe our government has the full support of the people, are we getting credit for it? You are probably acquainted with the "gift of the American Red Cross" printed on the wrappers of all supplies furnished by that organization, a very effective means of giving credit where it is due as nearly everyone appreciates a gift. A starving or semi-starving people are obviously far more interested in food than in any other matter. If they are well aware of where the food is coming from, it would seem to build an immense amount of good will for the United States. It may be that this is being done; but I have been unable to find out for sure, although I follow newspapers and newsmagazines rather closely.

It was recently stated in the Morning Oregonian that our government is shipping food to the people in the Russian occupation zone of Europe. If the Russians follow their usual policy, they are living off the land; so we are indirectly feeding Russian Army troops at our expense. However, it might be possible to build good will for ourselves in this zone through our donations if it did not seem reasonable to assume from past experience that the Russians would, in one way or another, see that they received the credit.

Let us keep up our recent policy of firmness toward the Russian government. Appeasement in any form has never prevented a war; it merely delays it until the attacker is in a better position to fight. I believe that most of our past "bargaining" with the Soviet government could more truly be termed "appeasement".

Respectfully yours,
Wayne Privett
Wayne Privett
Student, University of Oregon

Return Room 303

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PUPILS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL 184
CARE OF EDWARD I. SANDERS, PRINCIPAL
273 NEWPORT STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

I HEAR YOU'RE GOING TO CONTRIBUTE PART OF THE PROCEEDS OF YOUR CONCERT AND SHOW FOR FAMINE RELIEF. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GOOD SENSE AS WELL AS KINDNESS. YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT YOUR ELDERS TOOK MANY YEARS TO LEARN, THAT WE MUST BE GOOD NEIGHBORS TO THE PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS IF WE WANT WORLD PEACE.

F. LAGUARDIA
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNRRA

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May 16, 1946

Oral - Van Heyning

Honorable Fiorello LaGuardia
Director General, UNRA
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

The pupils of Public School 184, Brooklyn, are going to give a Concert and Show in the school auditorium on Monday, June 3, 1946. Because they are deeply and sincerely touched by the tragic situation of children in distress throughout the world, they have agreed to contribute a large share of the proceeds to Famine Relief.

I thought perhaps you would like to send them a brief message of greeting for this occasion.

Cordially yours,

Edward Sanders

EDWARD I. SANDERS
Principal

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16 JUL 1946

Mr. Sidney R. Rabb
Economy Grocery Stores Corp.
393 D Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Rabb:

I was very glad to receive your letter of 4 June enclosing a copy of the advertisement which the Economy Grocery Stores Corp. ran in newspapers throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut.

I congratulate you on the cooperation which you and your colleagues, as food merchants, have extended toward solution of a problem which all of us as citizens of the world face together.

The efficacy of UNRRA's relief work depends in large measure upon the understanding and cooperation of Americans like you and your colleagues.

You will be interested to know that I have brought your cooperation to the attention of the President's Famine Emergency Committee.

Sincerely yours,

F. LaGuardia
Director General

N. Fitts/at
2 July 1946
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cc to - W. F. Straub

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SIDNEY R. RABB
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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June 4, 1946

Mr. Fiorello LaGuardia
Director General of UNRRA
DuPont Circle Building
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

The attached newspaper advertisement appeared in the areas of Massachusetts and Connecticut in which we operate our stores.

I thought you would be interested in seeing the cooperation which we, as food merchants, have extended toward this problem which all of us as citizens of the world face together.

Very truly yours,

Sidney R. Rabb

Sidney R. Rabb

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Return 303

Professor Lilia Ramos
Box 394
160 Retreat Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

AUG 1 - 1946

Dear Professor Ramos:

Your postcard of 23 June, requesting a pamphlet that describes the work of UNRRA, as well as information concerning a foreign relief agency in Hartford to which you can contribute used clothing for overseas relief, has been referred to me.

There has already been sent to you a copy of our pamphlet "Fifty Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

We suggest that the local Hartford office of any of the agencies on the enclosed list will be glad to accept your clothing. You will be sure to find at least a few of those agencies listed in the Hartford telephone book.

Thank you for your cooperation, and if we can be of further service to you just let us know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

Taggart-Fitts/at
31 July 1946

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(15 MAR 45)

UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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From: A. C. Cosgrain — ROOM NO. 611

Prof. Lilia Ramos Box 394
160 Retreat Avenue
Hartford, Conn.

Cosgrove

United Nations
Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sirs:

I will appreciate ~~it~~ very much your sending me pamphlets ~~of~~ on UNRRA activities.

I expect to stay in this admired country ~~o~~ for ~~one additional year.~~ another year.

I ~~have~~ have some used clothes and shoes which I would like to give to you and will appreciate your informing me to whom should I deliver them in Hartford.

Sincerely yours,

~~B~~/s/ Lilia Ramos

Door
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24 JUN 1946

Miss Ella K. Ranning
Ryder, North Dakota

Dear Miss Ranning:

Mr. P. N. Binford of the Victory Clothing Collection has brought to my attention the fact that your sister is worried about the unmended baby blanket which she included in her donation for overseas relief.

Your sister has no cause to worry, we assure you. Because of the serious shortage of baby clothing and bedding, special attention was given to such articles. Baby blankets in particular were well bound or hemmed, if necessary, before they were distributed overseas.

Please express our appreciation to your sister for her conscientious attitude. She can be quite sure that her blanket is now keeping safe and warm some baby in a foreign land.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts
Office for Voluntary and
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at
21 June 1946
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cc to - P.N. Binford

UNITED NATIONAL CLOTHING COLLECTION COMMITTEE
100 MAIDEN LANE, NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

Inter-Office Memo

To: Miss Elaine Carr

Date: May 28th, 1946.

From: Ruth N. Meany

Oval - Van Hyning

Subject:

We enclose copies of correspondence which have been exchanged by Miss Ella K. Ranning and this office and would appreciate it if you would handle same for us.

Thank you!

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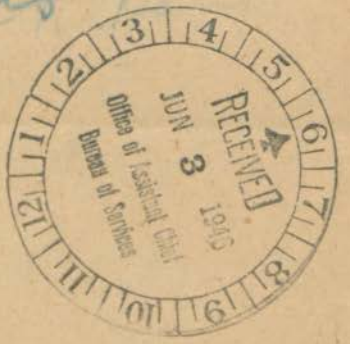

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Ryder, N. Dak.
May 9, 1946

Mr. P. N. Binford
100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

After receiving what I thought was a perfect reply to my letter of April 22, I hesitate to ask a further favor.

Your letter, which I thought ought surely to quiet any fears my sister had about her unmended clothing contribution, didn't seem to quite turn the trick.

I wonder if you could and would, without stating any actual untruth, say something like: due to the cruel shortage of all baby clothing and bedding, ver special attention was given these articles. Please especially mention that baby blanket were well bound or hemmed if necessary.

Her husband and I want to take her to St. Paul for psychiatric treatment, but she says she'd like to feel a little steadier before she takes that step. If you could simply state for certain that all baby blankets received needed attention it it should calm her.

Please don't let us down - this should surely be the last I need ask of you. Thank you so much for your very prompt and favorable reply before.

Sincerely,

Ella K. Ranning (Sgd.)

I seem to be taking it for granted that you kept a record of our correspondence or that you will remember it.
Maybe it would be a good idea to enclose your letter - to refresh your memory.

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