

# EMERGENCY FOOD COLLECTION

ON BEHALF OF UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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

DAN A. WEST, Executive Director

TELEPHONE HANover 2-0290

April 26th, 1946.



*See answer to  
her letter of Apr. 22.*

Miss Ella K. Ranning,  
Ryder, N. Dakota.

Dear Miss Ranning:

We appreciate your letter of April 22 in which you ask some questions as to how clothing contributed during the recent Victory Clothing Collection was handled.

The clothing went through several processes of sorting and mending, first in the warehouse before shipment and secondly by groups overseas before the clothing was given to the needy persons. Before distribution the clothing was sorted into the different categories and if you contributed, shall we say four different garments, it is likely that one of them found its way to one country and another to another country and so on. In other words all of your garments naturally were not given to the same person or to the same household. Ladies' coats, for instance, were groups together, mens' suits, baby clothes and so on. Therefore it is possible that the ladies' apparel which you contributed might have gone to Italy, the mens' clothing to Greece and the baby clothes to Poland. Groups overseas used special care to see that any clothing which needed repairs were made. This was particularly true in the case of children's apparel.

From the very beginning when clothing was contributed it was sorted by local committees into three categories. All of the clothing was packed together, all of the shoes and all of the bedding, such as quilts, blankets and so forth. We assure you that the clothing which you and others contributed was received with much appreciation by the needy persons overseas. All of you who participated in the Victory Clothing Collection should feel very happy over having done so.

Sincerely yours,

*P.N. Binford*

Victory Clothing Collection,  
By: P.N. Binford

WILL YOU GIVE THAT THEY MAY LIVE?

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Ryder, N. Dak.  
April 22, 1946

Gentlemen:

I would deeply appreciate any information you can give me as to how the clothing sent overseas was sorted and packed and whether or not articles in need of it were mended.

I have a sister, subject to spells of depression, who is literally worrying herself into a nervous breakdown over an unmended baby blanket which she included in her donation. She is afraid some baby may become entangled in the frayed edge and choke or strangle itself. It sounds fantastic, but her fixation is very real, and no amount of reasoning and rationalizing on our part seems to help.

I vaguely remember reading or hearing on the radio that the clothing was sorted into three groups: those sent as they were, those in need of minor repairs, and those in need of major repair. Was this true? She attached notes including her name and address to some of the articles but not the blanket; and the fear that sometime she may hear of disaster resulting from her carelessness hangs over her like a cloud. We've used every argument we know but she can't shake it.

If you could assure her, in a letter to me, that articles needing it were mended, and also that different things in her bundle were regrouped with similar things so that there would be no danger of her name being anywhere near the blanket, it might be the means of saving her from a nervous collapse.

I hope I've made myself clear. We're all desperately anxious, and hope you'll reply immediately and favorably. Please keep this confidential, as she's pretty sensitive about it. She maybe would resent my writing you so fully, but I thought knowing the facts you would give this your immediate attention. Please try to help us.

Sincerely,

Ella K. Ranning (Sgd.)

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*Return 303*

27 JUN 1946

Mr. J. R. Hanson  
2912 Grant Building  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Your letter of 31 May to Mr. LaGuardia, enclosing a clipping from Time Magazine and suggesting that UNRRA ship surplus military foods to the famine stricken countries, has been referred to me.

You will be interested to know that UNRRA has already been able to obtain huge quantities of such foods and has shipped them immediately overseas.

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,

Herman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

H. Fitts/at  
26 June 1946  
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cc to - A. Casgrain



. . . Suggest that we utilize only known large-scale reserve of food which is ready to ship immediately and has not already been figured into the national food picture: namely, the vast reserves of C, K, and other emergency rations currently held in depots in U.S. and overseas by Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marines against contingency of war. Despite international squabbling, I believe even military leaders will admit war is definitely no threat for a minimum of a year or two until other nations are in atom bomb production. . . .

Believe investigation would show these food stores, if completely committed, are

sufficient to feed millions of people until other emergency measures, such as expanded wheat shipments, could begin to fill present shortages. . . .

WILLIAM J. SHIRLEY

Houston

From TIME 5/27/46





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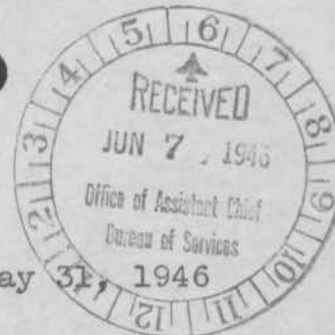
MRS. R. W. STOUGHTON

Oak Ridge, Tenn.

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PITTSBURGH, PA.

May 31, 1946



*Oral - Van Dyne*

Mr. Fiorella LaGuardia,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

Enclosed is an article which I noticed in a recent issue of "Time Magazine" regarding the utilization of war emergency rations for feeding the starving peoples of various countries, which it occurred to me probably would be of interest and value in connection with the meritorious work which you are endeavoring to do.

It would seem that if our country does have any substantial amount of unneeded emergency rations, which no doubt will deteriorate and become unusable as time goes along, the prompt disposition of same for the starving peoples of other countries would indeed be a most beneficial way in which to dispose of same; and it is hoped that this matter can be promptly and carefully looked into so that any unnecessary food-stuffs of this character can be immediately placed at the disposal of your organization.

Very truly yours,

*J. R. Ransom*

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Mr. Fiorella LaGuardia,  
New York City, N. Y.



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25 May 1946

Mrs. W. S. Reeder  
2430 Evergreen Dr.  
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Reeder:

Your letter of 16 May to Mr. Hendrickson, stating that the League of Women Voters is sponsoring a collection of canned food in Port Arthur, and asking how to send this food to UNRRA, has been referred to me.

The Emergency Food Collection, with headquarters at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, New York, is conducting a nationwide drive to collect canned food, and cash with which to purchase additional food for overseas relief. All the food which is collected in this drive is given to UNRRA, which immediately ships it overseas.

We have asked headquarters of the Emergency Food Collection to send you complete information, and we therefore expect that you will hear from that office within the next few days.

Thank you 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 of International and Voluntary  
Agency Liaison

Copies to Mr. Kiplinger  
Mr. Casgrain

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2430 Evergreen Dr.  
Port Arthur, Texas

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Mr. Roy Hendrickson  
Bureau of Supply  
U.N. N. R. A.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hendrickson,

The League of Women Voters  
is sponsoring a local project to  
collect canned food in Port Arthur  
for shipment abroad to the hungry  
people in Europe and in the Orient.  
Several other civic organizations in  
the city are assisting us in this  
drive. Can you inform us how we  
can get this canned food to UNNRA  
for shipment overseas? We will  
appreciate a reply at your earliest  
convenience.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. W. S. Reeder  
President - League of Women Voters

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2430 Evergreen Dr.  
Port Arthur, Texas

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U.N.N. R. A.

Public Information  
Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely yours, 42394  
Mrs. W. S. Reeder  
President - League of Women Voters



2430 Evergreen Dr.  
Port Arthur, Texas



Public Information  
U. N. N. R. A.  
1344 Connecticut Ave.  
Washington, D. C.



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JUN 24 1946

Mr. V. F. Reinhold F. E.  
641 Wiley Street  
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Reinhold:

Your letter of 17 June to Mr. LaGuardia, enclosing your design for an UNRRA insignia and suggesting that badges and stickers incorporating this design be presented to people who contribute toward famine relief, was referred to me.

I have brought this matter to the attention of our Office of Public Information, which will give it due consideration.

In this connection you will be interested to note the insignia which we are already using, on the enclosed sheet.

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  
21 June 1946  
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cc to - J. Lilly

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JUN 28 1946

Mrs. Jennie Reynolds  
Monroe, Utah

Dear Mrs. Reynolds:

Your letter of 17 June to Mr. Lee Marshall, Executive Director of the Emergency Food Collection concerning a contribution of clothing, has been referred to me.

The Victory Clothing Collection has come to an end, and we therefore suggest that you contribute the clothing either to a church which is collecting clothing for overseas relief or to a local Committee cooperating with a voluntary foreign relief agency.

The American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc., may be able to give you additional information, and we have therefore given it your name and address. For your information the address of the American Council is 122 East 22 Street, Room 701 - New York 10, N. Y.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet of "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 Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
28 June 1946  
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cc to - American Council  
A. Casgrain





# EMERGENCY FOOD COLLECTION

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ON BEHALF OF UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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Executive Director

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*Conrad Van Hyning*

June 17th, 1946.

Mr. Conrad van Hyning, Acting Director  
Office for Voluntary and International  
Agency Liaison,  
UNRRA  
1344 Conn. Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. van Hyning:

Attached is a letter from Mrs. Jennie Reynolds, Monroe, Utah, with reference to a contribution of clothing.

We have informed Miss Reynolds that her letter has been directed to your office.

Sincerely yours,

*Lee Marshall*  
Lee Marshall  
Executive Director

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WILL YOU GIVE THAT THEY MAY LIVE?

Do you still collect  
clothing and could  
I send you some  
by mail? I have  
a little boys coat  
and some other  
things.



Yours sincerely

Ernie Reynolds  
Monroe Utah



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14 JUN 1946

Mr. Charles Rich  
15 Heather Drive  
Hadleigh, Essex  
England

Dear Mr. Rich:

Your letter of 14 May to Mr. LaGuardia, regarding the distribution of UNRRA supplies, has been referred to me; and I trust that the following information may serve to answer some of your queries.

UNRRA was set up to assist liberated countries which have asked for aid because they lack adequate foreign exchange to finance the purchase and importation of urgently needed relief supplies. The supplies are delivered to the national authorities of the receiving countries, which have pledged themselves to distribute the goods on the basis of need and without discrimination because of race, creed, or political belief. UNRRA maintains observers in these countries whose duty it is to see that supplies are distributed equitably.

The United Nations of western Europe, including France, possess adequate foreign exchange to purchase their own supplies and have not asked for UNRRA aid. However, these countries have benefitted from the emergency clothing and food drives which have been conducted from time to time on behalf of UNRRA. In France clothing contributed in this way has been distributed by Entr'aide Française and, because we do not carry a full program for that country, close supervision by UNRRA has been impossible. However, we are reliably assured that insofar as possible the clothing was distributed to the neediest cases.

Because of the magnitude of its task, UNRRA unfortunately can not undertake to deliver contributions to designated recipients. We deal solely with governments and not with individuals or even groups. We suggest that the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Relief, Inc., at 122 East 23 Street, New York 10, N.Y., may be able to connect you with a group that can operate on a more personal basis than UNRRA. To save you a little time I have sent copies of your letter and this reply to the American Council.

Thank you for your sympathy with the job UNRRA is trying to do and your understanding of the huge problems involved. The efficacy of UNRRA's relief work depends in large measure upon the cooperation of individuals like yourself.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
13 June 1946  
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cc to - American Council





15, Heather Drive,  
Hadleigh,  
Essex.

14th May 1946



*Orial - Van Hyning*  
Fiorello La Guardia Esq.,  
Director-General UNRRA.

Dear Sir,

News items, including some criticism, have from time to time appeared in the Press relative to the distribution in Europe of food and materials supplied by UNRRA. It appears to me that UNRRA's primary aim is to aid those families most in need, and no doubt those countries supporting UNRRA's magnificent work would still more willingly "tighten the belt" were it known that such policy was effectually being carried out.

Therefore, I suggest that a reliable control of the actual use made of the Association's aid is desirable, and to put such control into effect that a man should be attached to UNRRA organisation in the Receiving Countries (where practicable) with mission to control and verify the use made of the supplies provided. By way of illustrating my meaning I take the liberty of making the following remarks: During and since the War I have been actively interested in practical Welfare work for the French. I found, for instance, that consignments of clothing I sent were included with other consignments and distributed collectively - without my knowing even the district to which they went. It, therefore, occurred to me that contributions could be distributed on more "personal" lines.

Having resided in France for 25 years up to before the War, I naturally have a number of friends there, and decided to ask some of them to advise me if a method of direct distribution would be workable. The reply came to me that not only would it be workable but also desirable, and at the same time they gave me a list of highly reliable persons who would supervise such distributions on the spot, with full knowledge of the folk most needing help. I need hardly say that as and when I am able to make further contributions I shall take advantage of this method of distribution.

Now with regard to UNRRA it may well be that, by their nature, certain goods have to be directed to the Government concerned, but clothing, some foodstuffs, household articles and

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and goods of a similar personal nature could be distributed on the lines I suggest, the main object of which is to ensure the best use being made of things that are obviously intended for the needy families and avoiding possible diversion. My policy is the most needy first, but my scheme provides, of course, for distribution on a progressive basis of individual need. What I have been able to organise, from here, in one Departement in France can be organised in a like manner throughout the Country.

This suggestion may be of some use - I hope so! It's application would surely relieve the minds of doubtful persons in the countries supporting UNRRA, but what is more important increase the benefits now being enjoyed by the receiving countries.

If my remarks appeal to you, and in this connection you would care to utilize my personal services in France - the country with which I have wide practical experience gained during 25 years in my own business there - I should greatly esteem a word from you. Although I am English, I speak and understand the language fluently and have a thorough knowledge of the customs of France. I am 55, and fully realise that such a job requires imagination and trust.

With compliments,

Yours truly,

*Charles Rich*

P.S. Should you not favourably consider my proposition, would you consent to help me in my endeavour to relieve the distressed families in the Basses Pyrenees (the Departement referred to above). They are in great need of clothing, especially for children (and babies), Household linen, Blankets and Foodstuffs, too.

I could obtain a list of the things really most urgently needed, and could arrange to furnish you with names and addresses of the recipients of any relief you could afford for this purpose. As, in this instance, I would have to work from here, it would be necessary for the goods to be consigned direct to the distributing centres I would indicate.

Knowing that you are satisfied only with the best use made of UNRRA's aid, I look forward hopefully to your acceptance of one or the other of my suggestions.

*Rich*



*Rev Rm 303*

25 MAY 1946

Mrs. Henry S. Richardson  
Southport, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Richardson:

Your letter of 6 May to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that the Garden Clubs of America operate their canning centers for relief purposes, has been referred to me. We have passed this interesting suggestion along to the President's Famine Emergency Committee, which can give it serious consideration. We expect that you will hear directly from that committee concerning the matter.

We also note that you would like to know where canned food collected by your Southport Trinity Church can be sent for overseas relief. There is now being conducted in this country a nation-wide Emergency Food Collection of canned foods, and cash with which to purchase additional food for overseas relief. Headquarters of that drive is located at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, New York. We have sent a copy of your letter to that Headquarters so that you will probably hear direct from them in the next few days.

Thank you very much for your very interesting letter, 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  
International Agency Liaison

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Henninger  
Kiplinger  
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N. Fitts/em  
22 May 1946

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Mrs. Henry Smith Richardson, Southport, Connecticut



*PR. Lilly*

Dear Mr. La Guardia:

I have been so interested in your efforts to send food to Europe. I am ashamed that the people of United States have not done their share.

May I suggest that you appeal to Mrs. Harry T. Peters, President of the Garden Clubs of America to put to use again our canning centers which were operated by many garden clubs during the war. Most of these garden clubs have their canning equipment and are able to turn out many cans of vegetables and fruits.

Our small Sasqua Garden Club, working five days a week turned out twenty-five thousand cans in two months. I would suggest canning beets, beans, corn, tomatoes, string beans, apple-sauce and peaches. The vegetables and fruits would come from the surplus of people's gardens.

The cost of running a canning center involves having a paid worker to process

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the cans. His paid worker is required by the State of Connecticut. The paid worker had a paid helper. The members of the Garden Club washed, picked over, cleaned, cooked and sealed the cans. We had to pay for the electricity and water which we used. We had to charge ten cents for each can turned out. We gave many cans to schools and hospitals free of charge.

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Garden Clubs are probably the best organized women's clubs in this country. I think that you would get splendid co-operation in this work.

There is to be the yearly nation wide meeting of the Garden Clubs of America in Boston, Massachusetts about May, the fifteenth. This appeal for help should be sent to Mrs. Harry T. Peters, the President of the Garden Club of America, 270 Park Avenue, New York City before the meeting.

I would like to use our Southport Trinity Church as another project for collecting canned food from this community. Will you please send the address of where this food can be sent when it is collected?

Very sincerely,

*Grace J. Richardson*

Mrs. H.S. Richardson

May 6, 1946.



Mr. Fiorello LaGuardia

Director General UNRRA

New York City



*Mrs. Henry Smith Richardson, Southport, Connecticut*

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7 JUN 1946

Miss Gloria Rosenbaum  
100 Riverside Drive  
New York 24, New York

Dear Miss Rosenbaum:

Your letter of 22 May to our New York office, reporting that Fieldston School is planning a starvation meal and requesting suggestions as to what such a meal should consist of, has been referred to me.

We have asked the President's Famine Emergency Committee to suggest an appropriate menu. In the meantime, it occurs to us that you may wish to consider a menu which includes nothing but a half a slice of bread and a glass of water. In this connection also you will be interested to know, that we have heard of certain groups which conducted starvation luncheons consisting of absolutely nothing at all.

We note that you plan to contribute to UNRRA all money saved on your starvation meal. We deeply appreciate your interest, and will be very glad to receive your check made out to UNRRA and addressed to this office. We shall see to it that your money is used for the purchase of urgently needed food for immediate shipment to hungry people overseas.

Thank you again 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  
5 June 1946  
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cc to - S. Gaines





100 Riverside Drive  
New York 24, N.Y.  
May 22, 1946



UNRRA  
111 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Fieldston School, Which I attend is  
planning a starvation meal in a week or so.  
All the money saved on this meal will be con-  
tributed to UNRRA. Everything is set except  
for the menu. Therefore we would like some  
suggestions as to what such a lunch would con-  
sist of.

Sincerely,

*Gloria Rosenbaum*

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JUN 6 1946

Miss Stella B. Rosenbaum  
Golden Age Club of Friendly Inn  
3754 Woodland Avenue  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Miss Rosenbaum:

Your letter of 11 May, stating that the Golden Age Club is conducting a campaign to collect food, clothing, soap, and sewing supplies for overseas relief, has been referred to me.

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate your cooperation; and we are sending you under separate cover, in the belief that it will help you in your good work, a copy of "Fifty Facts about UNRRA." We assume that you are contributing the relief supplies you collect to one of the organizations which is cooperating with UNRRA.

Thank you for your letter, 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  
4 June 1946  
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cc to - A. Casgrain



# The Friendly Inn

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OVIAT, Van Hyning

5-11-46



To the officials of  
U.N.R.R.A.

Washington, D.C.

The Golden Age Club of Friendly  
Inn, concerned with the needs and  
sufferings of young and old in  
other countries, is taking the lead  
among Friendly Inn groups in giving  
and encouraging giving of food  
clothing, soap and sewing supplies

by other groups and individuals in  
the Settlement House and in the

Surrounding neighborhood.

George Smith - Senior member  
per Stella B. Rosenbaum - Sponsor

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*S.B.R.*  
The Friendly Inn

3754 WOODLAND AVE.

CLEVELAND 15, OHIO



The United Nations Relief and  
Rehabilitation Admin.  
1344 Connecticut Ave. N.W.  
Washington  
D.C.



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39 JUN 26 1946



Mrs. Betsey Ross  
13 Horatio Street  
New York 14, New York

Dear Mrs. Ross:

Your letter of 5 May to Mr. LeGuardia, urging a nationwide drive to promote the sharing of bread with needy people overseas, has been referred to me.

As you know, Mr. LeGuardia 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.

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.

You will be interested to know that one way in which Americans have been helping to relieve suffering overseas is by contributing to 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.

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,

H. Fitts/at  
23 June 1946  
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Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

cc to - C. Brown  
W. W. Kiplinger  
A. Casgrain

May 5 '46, St.  
12 Horatio St.  
N.Y. 11411 N.Y.



Dear Mr. La Guardia,

I am delighted that you are running the UNRRA. By anyone can find ways to feed a starving world it is you! No job on earth is greater than that of giving back health and morale to millions of suffering folk, crushed by war. What you do for them will alone make Peace possible.

I was stuck in Italy and France, during the war, when I truly was only 3 so, I know how hungry feels, as for Americans do.

How about saving wheat by making  $\frac{1}{2}$  size loaves, <sup>of meat</sup> to fill the needs of so many people, who



are forced to ~~waste~~ more than  
half of all that they can buy  
is a loaf big enough for a family!

Let's line up the children,  
to fight starvation, just  
as they helped to raise  
money for battleships and  
brought us clothes, paper,  
soap, iron!

Why not have a Bread  
Loan?

If we showed the children  
and mothers clubs, pictures  
of badly undernourished little  
neighbors abroad, and asked  
them to give up 1 piece of  
bread daily, 1 piece of cake  
a week, 1 plate of ice cream,  
1 bar of chocolate, you know  
the kids would do it gladly!



We have almost 2 months  
 of school left, you can  
 reach the hearts of millions  
 of children throughout the  
 Land — Let's start right in!  
 All we need is a crew of  
 people, who were in the war,  
 and who can speak effective  
 English. Veterans, Wacs, Waves,  
 Judges with personality.  
 Children's and mother's  
 radio programs here a  
 splendid opportunity too in  
 this magnificent job.

Either we share Our  
Daily Bread, or we must  
soon send our sons and  
husbands to World War III.

Radio has a splendid  
 opportunity also to show

the mothers of the nation  
how we can arrange new  
and pleasant meals that  
will leave over enough  
of the type of food so  
desperately needed abroad.

Veterans, who know what  
is going on, can be very  
influential in urging their  
families to share with the  
families whose plates are  
so often empty.

You may be surprised to  
note that I am still stuck  
at Horatio St. Remember I  
sent you little Trudie's photo?  
Finally, I received it again, thanks.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Betsy Ross.



Return 303

Mr. Allan Ross  
Executive Secretary  
Bread for Our Brothers  
101 Henry Street  
Brooklyn 2, New York

AUG 14 1946

Dear Mr. Ross:

Your letter of 27 June to Mr. LaGuardia, announcing an A.F. of L. campaign to send food, clothing, medical supplies, and tools to trade unionists in the war-devastated countries, 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 wish you the best of luck in your campaign to send the necessities of life to needy workers overseas.

In this connection we recall the generous contribution of \$75,000 in cash which the A.F. of L. Labor League for Human Rights donated, jointly with the CIO War Relief Committee, last summer for the purchase of supplies for labor rest camps in Czechoslovakia.

We want you to know that we appreciate your cooperation in the great work of relieving suffering and saving lives.

Cordially yours,

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

N. Fitts/at  
12 August 1946  
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International Typographical Union  
Local 6, New York, N. Y.

June 27, 1946

*OK - Van Hyning*

Honorable Fiorello H. LaGuardia  
c/o U.N.R.R.A.  
1344 Connecticut Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

The trade union movement in Europe today is a force which, properly nourished, will become the guarantor of democracy. These trade unionists have an important task before them -- reconstruction of their devastated homelands and rehabilitation of their sick and hungry. They need and deserve our help.

With this objective in mind, a group of leading A. F. of L. officials is starting a campaign to send food, clothing, medical supplies and tools to sister unions in France, Belgium, Finland, Poland, Yugoslavia, etc.

We are hopeful, because of your prestige in the community, that you will agree with us that this appeal merits your considered endorsement.

Sincerely yours,

*Allan Ross*

Allan Ross  
Executive Secretary

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Return 303

Miss Felice A. Rossi  
7720 North Haskins  
Chicago 26, Illinois

AUG 13 1946

Dear Miss Rossi:

This is in reply to your letter of 5 July, in which you request information concerning ways of getting packages delivered to individuals in Austria.

It is now possible to send packages to Austria by regular parcel post. However, not more than one package per week can be sent to one individual, and the package can not weigh more than 11 pounds. You can obtain additional information from your local post office.

It is possible to have a standard food package delivered to a specified individual in Austria through a non-profit organization known as CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe) whose headquarters office is located at 50 Broad Street, New York 4, N.Y. You pay \$15 per package to the New York office of CARE, and that office then orders its representatives in Austria to deliver the food package to the name and address which you supply.

I feel that I owe you an apology for not answering your letter sooner, especially in view of the undeserved tribute our mutual friend, Miss Heinz of the Association for Childhood Education, paid me when she suggested that you write to me.

If I can be of further service to you, please let me know.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
12 August 1946







HOTEL SHORELAND  
FIFTY-FIFTH STREET AT THE LAKE  
CHICAGO



Mr. Norman Fitts  
U.N.R.R.A  
Washington, D.C.

July 5th 1946.

Dear Sir:

Your Name was given to me by Miss Mamie W. Heinz secretary of the Association for Childhood Education, as the only possible person who could think of means and ways to solve a peculiar situation. While I have done my share in social work and supporting worthy causes in this country, of which I am a naturalized citizen, it is probably easy to understand that I want to extend my limited help now to the country of my birth, Austria.

The District Liesing, Vienna XXV, in which I grew up has especially suffered by warfare between the occupying german troops and the Russians and from an eye-witness who arrived in Chicago a short time ago, I know that the children especially are in desperate need.

I have made and collected clothes and bought suitable foods out of my household allowance and will continue to do, so to answer the plea of the Childrens Welfarestation to which I owe my own life. That same Station has saved me from Tuberculosis after the last war. However I have to-date not been able to find a way of transportation that is within my means. A Chicago Travel Bureau charges over twelve dollars on porto



alone for a twent pound package and as yet I have no guarantee,that even the first out of three reached its destination.While I am aware that these agencies are in business for a profit and have to pay employees and freight,I am not able to support them and the WelfareStation at the same time out of my very limited budget.

With so many organizations interested in doing things for wartorn Europe,there should be one,that would make it possible to send sizeable bundles to a given location.One:"so sorry"after another pours in in answer to my offer and the children who so badly need the items piling up here,are deprived of them;

Since U.N.N.R. A. is helping Austria,could you please advise me how I could go about reaching the right authority I am glad to follow any directions as to items,size,packing and pay reasonable charges to any organization,that would be willing to help out.

Thankful for any pointer you could offer,  
I am,

very truly

Felice A. Rossi

Felice A. Rossi  
7720 N. Haskins  
Chicago 26, Ill.



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Mr. Norman Fitts, U.N.R.R.A.  
Du Pont Circle Bldg.,  
Washington, D.C.

*Room 303*

HOTEL SHORELAND  
FIFTY-FIFTH STREET AT THE LAKE  
CHICAGO

POSTAL  
COMMUNICATIONS

11 AM '71



Return 303

Mrs. Vera John Rowland  
Box 231  
2633 Adams Street  
Hollywood, Florida

AUG 13 1946

Dear Mrs. Rowland:

Your letter of 2 July to our New York office, asking how to get a package delivered to your relatives in Lychen (Uckermark), Germany, has been referred to me.

As your local post office informed you, Lychen (Uckermark) is in the Russian Zone of Germany, to which parcel post service from the United States has not yet been reestablished.

We understand, however, that inter-zonal parcel post service is available throughout all of Germany. Therefore, you might be able to get a package delivered by mailing it to some other relative or reliable friend in the American Zone who would then resail it to your relatives in Lychen.

A little later you may be able to have a standard food package delivered direct through the non-profit organization known as CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, 50 Broad St., New York 4, N.Y.). CARE is already able to deliver to individuals in the American and British Zones and is negotiating with the authorities to extend its services to the French and Russian Zones. We suggest that you drop a line to CARE, requesting further details.

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

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
12 August 1946  
8726

cc to - CARE



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Hollywood, Florida

July 2 1946



U.N.R.R.A.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I Have a sister and mother and 2 nephews in Lychen (Uckermark) Germany. I have one letter from them which I received last Saturday June 29 1946, and they are in dire circumstances. No food, and sister is sick in bed and mother not well.

Would like to send package, but Postoffice advised us if it was in Russian occupied territory you could not send anything. Would like to find if this town is in Russian occupied or American territory.

Kindly advise us what we could do to get a package to them.

Sincerely yours

*Mrs. Vera John Rowland*

Box 231 2633 Adams Street

Hollywood Florida

Box 231  
Hollywood Florida



U.N.R.R.A.

New York, N.Y..



Return 303

Miss Florence G. Norvik  
Associate FSA Supervisor  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
Farm Security Administration  
506 Commerce Building  
Everett, Washington

8 AUG 1946

Dear Miss Norvik:

Your letter of 11 June to our San Francisco office, requesting information concerning diets in the famine areas, has been referred to me.

We enclose a statement which includes a list of typical meals.

For your further information concerning the UNRRA program as a whole, we are sending you under separate cover certain other of our informational materials.

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  
6 August 1946  
3079



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

506 Commerce Building  
Everett, Washington

June 11, 1946



*Enial - Van Hyning*

UNRRA Office  
55 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

*ref*

I am searching for information regarding actual diets of people in some of our foreign countries such as Italy, Greece, France, etc. I would be interested in knowing what foods make up a days diet and the amount available of each particular food. I am not interested in calories but rather the weight, or number of specific foods that go to make up a days diet.

If you have any information of this nature, I should very much appreciate receiving it.

Sincerely yours,

*Florence G. Rorvik*

Florence G. Rorvik  
Associate FSA Supervisor

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Mr. John Rutherford  
Box 361, Route 1  
Menlo Park, California

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*7 JUN 1946*

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

Your letter of 22 April, asking how you can share food and money with your unfortunate neighbors overseas, has been referred to me by our San Francisco office.

We suggest that 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 headquarters of that collection concerning your interest, and we expect that you will hear from it within the next few days. For your information headquarters of the Emergency Food Collection is located at 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,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
5 June 1946

cc to - W. M. Kiplinger



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25 JUL 1946

Mr. H. E. Sable  
Food Conservation Committee  
309 Illinois Union Building  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Sable:

Your letter of 15 June to Mr. LeGuardia, reporting that the faculty and students of Illinois University have organized a Food Conservation Committee and requesting UNRRA advice concerning its policies and activities, has been referred to me.

As you know, Mr. LeGuardia 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.

Your committee is probably already working in close cooperation with the President's Famine Emergency Committee. On the off chance, however, that this may not be so, we have brought your committee to the attention of the PFEC and asked it to send you a complete kit of its informational materials. These will help your committee to conduct an educational campaign in Urbana on the necessity of conserving food.

We have also asked our own Office of Public Information to send you a sample poster, a copy of our pamphlet "Fifty Facts about UNRRA," and also our Press Release No. 473 with document entitled "Consideration of Future Policy to be Adopted for UNRRA's Present Work in the Field of Supply Operations." These materials will give you the necessary background information.

In addition to conducting educational campaigns, many local food conservation committees conduct drives to collect cash or canned food for overseas relief. They contribute the cash or food either to one of the voluntary foreign relief agencies cooperating with UNRRA or direct to UNRRA.

If you conduct such a drive and wish to contribute the receipts to a voluntary relief agency, the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc., (123 East 23 Street, Room 701 - New York 10, N.Y.) will be able to suggest an appropriate agency.



Mr. H. E. Soble

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If, on the other hand, you prefer to contribute cash direct to UNRRA, the check should be made out to UNRRA and addressed to this office. As an international agency of 48 countries, which operates with funds appropriated for that purpose by the government of its member countries, UNRRA is not in a position to solicit contributions in any country. However, it is able and glad to accept appropriate contributions from any organization, group, or individual that wishes to help UNRRA in its tremendous task of relieving suffering in the liberated countries.

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  
24 July 1946  
2813

cc to - A. Casgrain  
S. Gaines  
P. Stark



209 Illini Union Building,  
Urbana, Illinois.  
15th June 1946.



The Honorable Fiorello H. LaGuardia,  
Director-General  
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation  
Administration,  
Dupont Circle Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

The faculty and students of the University of Illinois have  
organized a Food Conservation Committee in the hope of being able to  
contribute in some measure toward the relief of the world's food situation.  
We feel that these activities are necessary and hope that they will assist  
U.N.R.R.A.'s efforts in alleviating human suffering.

Professor H. C. M. Case of the Department of Agricultural  
Economics, who was associated with U.N.R.R.A., is one of the faculty advisers  
to the committee. He has given much valuable aid and has suggested that more  
information might be obtained through your office. We feel that the inform-  
ation and experience which U.N.R.R.A. has would be of great usefulness in  
helping us formulate and pursue policies which will be most effective in this  
direction.

We should be most appreciative if you could supply any advice  
on this subject.

I am

Yours respectfully,

*Henry Z. Sable*  
H. Z. Sable  
Chairman pro-tem  
Food Conservation Committee.

*Return 303*

JUN 28 1946

Mr. Bill Sadler  
2857 Marango Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Sadler:

Your telegram of 9 June to Mr. LaGuardia, offering your services to reduce the production and consumption of pastry, has been referred to me.

Since UNRRA is an international agency of 46 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 "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  
27 June 1946  
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cc to - A. Cagrain  
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Mrs. D. Salinsky  
1221 Lincoln Pl  
Brooklyn N.Y.

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Orval Van Hyning June 25, 1946  
Do ~~know~~ it may concern:

I have a great deal  
of clothing that I would very  
much like to give to you. I  
would like to know how it  
will be possible to give them  
to you.

● If someone could  
possibly come for them, it  
would be greatly appreciated.  
Should that be impossible, I  
await your instructions  
therefore.



Respectfully yours,  
Salinsky,  
6743



Return 303

JUL 23 1946

Mrs. D. Salinsky  
1331 Lincoln Place  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mrs. Salinsky:

Your post card of 25 June, stating that you have a great deal of clothing which you would like to contribute for overseas relief, 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 it to any of the voluntary foreign relief agencies which are still collecting clothing for that purpose. For your convenience we enclose a list of such agencies.

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 Pitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Pitts/at  
22 July 1946  
5743

cc to - A. Casgrain ✓



*Return Room 303*

MAY 28 1946

Mr. A. H. Samplin  
4061 S. Maple Street  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Samplin:

Your letter of 18 May to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that the baseball clubs of America be given an opportunity to contribute towards overseas relief by reducing the amount of bread and buns sold to fans in ball parks, has been referred to me.

We have transmitted your suggestion to the United States agency which is in the best position to act upon it, namely the President's Famine Emergency Committee, and we expect that you will hear directly from that agency concerning the matter.

Thank you very much for your interest and 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  
41498  
cc to - C. Brown





*Orval Van Hyman*  
St. Louis, Missouri,

May 18th, 1946.



Honorable Fiorella H. La Guardia,  
Director of U.N.R.R.A.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The writer has just returned from three grocery stores where he was unable to obtain a loaf of bread for use at home to-morrow, and after noticing that the New York Restaurants are contemplating three breadless meals per week in an effort to conserve bread, I was wondering if this would not be a fine thing for the Base Ball Parks to do, and thereby save hundreds of tons of bread per week.

It is common knowledge that food served at Base Ball games is ABSOLUTELY UNNECESSARY, as it is served BETWEEN MEALS, and it is well known that no matter how much food one consumes at the ball game he will expect to find just as much food on his table when he gets home as though he had not had any at the ball game, thereby proving that food served at the base ball game was absolutely superfluous.

Of course if such a plan was adopted by the ball clubs their revenue would be somewhat reduced, but as they are having the greatest attendance in their history, they could well afford to do without this additional revenue, therefore having a few breadless days a week will work a hardship on no one.

I am sure that while I was making my fruitless search for a loaf of bread this morning there was stacked up at the Base Ball Park no less than a TON of bread or buns to be sold at the game this afternoon and the double header to-morrow, which if it had been scattered among the grocery stores I would have at least have been able to get a few rolls for tomorrow.

Knowing that you are trying to perform an almost super-human task, and that by calling this matter to your attention it may be of some assistance to you, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

*Orval Van Hyman*

41498



Return 303

8 JUN 1946

Mrs. I. E. Samuelson  
R. R. No. 2  
Chariton, Iowa

Dear Mrs. Samuelson:

Your post card of 21 May to Mr. LaGuardia, asking for the correct address to which a contribution for overseas relief may be sent, has been referred to me.

We suggest that you may wish to contribute to the Emergency Food Collection. That collection 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.

Contributions of money are preferred. Much more food can be obtained for a given amount of money if the food is bought centrally and in large quantities. Also there is a considerable saving in the cost of collection, packing, and transportation.

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 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

N. Pitts/at  
14 June 1946

cc to A. Casgrain  
W. M. Kiplinger



Return 303

JUL 16 1946

Rev. Fr. Sanbooch, S. J.  
The Rectory  
Fairbuck, Iowa

My dear Reverend Sanbooch:

Your letter of 26 April to Director General F. H. LaGuardia regarding the use of fish in Sweden and of grain in the United States has been referred to this office. We are sorry that there has been such a long delay in replying.

UNRRA has bought as much fish as its funds will allow it to in countries such as the United States, Canada, Iceland, etc. In any event, the alleged dumping of fish in Sweden is a matter beyond our control.

You will be interested to know, with respect to the suggestions you made about closing down breweries, that the United States government has forbidden the distilling of liquor from grain that can be used for human consumption. In addition to this, the brewers have been among the most cooperative groups in the United States. In response to an appeal made by Director General LaGuardia, the leading distillers in this country agreed to donate some grain. To date they have donated 11,398 bushels of rye, 1,424 bushels of wheat, 54,512 bushels of milo, 4,999 bushels of oats, 72,563 bushels of corn, 118,051 bushels of barley, and 10,115 bushels of popcorn. In addition, they have also given two carloads of bagged cornmeal.

As regards your suggestions that Director General LaGuardia "declare the war over and end the draft," UNRRA as an international agency of which the United States is only one member, is not in a position to act upon them. These are purely national matters which must be handled by the United States government.

We are sending you under separate cover a copy of our most recent publication, "50 Facts about UNRRA." This pamphlet describes briefly conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

Thank you for your interest.

Cordially yours,

H. Pitts/at  
15 July 1946

Norman Pitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

cc to - A. Casgrain





*Return 303*

JUN 26 1946

Mr. Gabriel Sanson  
Commander, American Legion  
Post No. 8, San Fernando,  
Pampanga, Philippines

Dear Mr. Sanson:

Your letter of 30 April enclosing various letters concerning the great need for clothing on the part of various members of your Post, has been referred to me.

Unfortunately the Clothing Drives conducted in the United States on behalf of UNRRA have been completed long since, and present indications are that there will be no more. It is therefore necessary for us to refer you again to the Provincial Relief Committee of Pampanga. That committee will be in a better position than this office to distribute available relief supplies to those who need them.

We regret sincerely our inability to give you any assurance of immediate help for the needy members of your Post.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
25 June 1946

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The United Nations Relief  
and Rehabilitation Adm.  
Washington, D. C.

San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines  
April 30, 1946.



S I R S :

Please be advised that on January 2, 1946, the undersigned, and many others wrote your goodselves for relief clothing materials and that their letter was endorsed to the Philippine Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, who in turn endorsed the matter to the Provincial Relief Committee of Pampanga, thru the Provincial Governor as chairman, which letter and all the subsequent endorsements, being self-explanatory are hereto attached and made as integral part hereof for your consideration.

It appearing that no stock is available in the Philippines, the undersigned in his own behalf and in representation of all his companions, has thought best to communicate with you direct in order to ask for and request urgently for direct shipment from your goodselves.

The herein relief seekers, 60 of them in all are composed of big families totaling at least 720 members including small children, and that any clothing materials, whether cotton first hand or second hand relief goods, and whatnot, would be highly appreciated.

The undersigned will be highly indebted for your prompt consideration to this matter, I am

reg. aid + clothes  
Yours very truly,

*Gabriel Sanson*

GABRIEL SANSON  
Commander, American Legion  
Post No. 8, San Fernando,  
Pampanga, Philippines.

Office of Far East  
Col. Harris

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Commonwealth of the Philippines  
PHILIPPINE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
Office of the Director General  
Manila

4 April 1946




Mr. Gabriel Sanson  
Commander, American Legion  
Post No. 8, San Fernando  
Pampanga

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated January 2, 1946 has been referred to this Office by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. In reply, please be informed that said letter has been referred to the Provincial Relief Committee of Pampanga and a copy thereof furnished Atty. Marcelo Mallari, PRRA Junior Social Worker for that province, for their favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
JUAN SALCEDO, JR.  
Executive Officer

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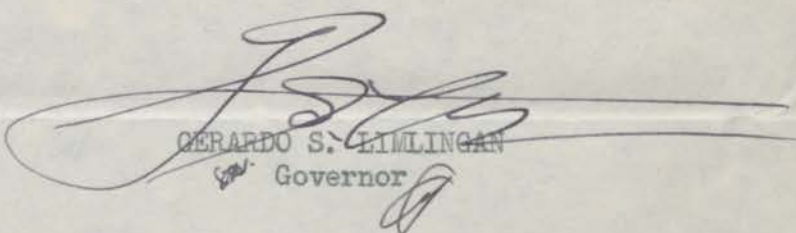


Commonwealth of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA  
SAN FERNANDO  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



1st Indorsement  
April 12, 1946

Respectfully returned to Mr. Gabriel Sanson, Commander, American Legion, Post No. 8, San Fernando, Pampanga, with the information that all UNRRA clothing received in this province has already been distributed. Should there be some more forthcoming, your name and Legion will be given first consideration in the distribution of clothing.

  
GERARDO S. LIMLINGAN  
Governor

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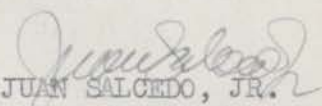


Commonwealth of the Philippines  
PHILIPPINE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
Office of the Director General  
Manila

1st Indorsement  
April 4, 1946

Respectfully referred to the Provincial Relief Committee of Pampanga, thru the Provincial Governor as Chairman, recommending favorable consideration of the request of Mr. Gabriel Sanson of San Fernando, Pampanga.

The writer has been advised of this reference.

  
JUAN SALCEDO, JR.  
Executive Officer



FE-7 Ray

The Unna  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

We the undersigned members  
of combine Veterans: World War  
Veterans No. I, American Disabled Vets.  
U.S. Spanish Vets. and American Legion  
exmembers of Phil. Scouts under  
U.S. Army. We appeal for your  
help to give us relief clothing because  
of three years of being under the  
Japanese brutality and have suf-  
fered shortage of clothes we and  
our wives and children we are  
rugged, in this case we are crying  
for help to our American's liberators

It's true the Philippine Government  
has distributed used clothes but  
these clothes is for the employees  
only. Nowadays we are very happy  
that we are liberated already but the  
price of clothing is still very high  
that we could not afford to buy  
new ones. That is why we asked your  
kindness to give us relief.

If there is any kindly, please  
send it to this address.

Very respectfully,

Gabriel Tanson  
Commander

American Legion  
Post No. 8  
San Fernando, Pampanga,  
Philippine Islands

1 39701

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1	Gabriel Sison,	Post No 8, A.L. Comm.
2	Daniel Bautista	" " A.L. member
3	Andres Tolentino	U.S. Spanish Vet.
4	Felipe Bautista	Post No 8 Am. Legion member
5	Andres Manansala	U.S. Spanish Vet
6	Antonio Tolentino	" " " "
7	Rosato Luzto	" " " "
8	Pedro Roman	" " " "
9	Paulino Anambao	Post No 3 Am. Legion
10	Maxes Bunga	" " " "
11	Antonino M. Espino	" " 8 " "
12	Celestino Murefado	" " " "
13	Agapito Bauagat	" " " "
14	Alfredo Carlos	" " " "
15	Benito Lopez	" " " "
16	Antonio Pangan	U.S. Spanish Vet
17	Guillermo de Ocampo	" " " "
18	Francis Reyes	" " " "
19	Juan Santos	" " " "
20	Jaime Waje	" " " "
21	Ignacio Nagbana	" " " "
22	Stigo Salas	" " " "
23	Ignacio Barcelona	" " " "
24	Emmanuel Tubig	" " " "
25	Jose Silva	" " " "
26	Thomas Kugui	" " " "
27	Modesto Mallari	" " " "
28	Salvador Capulong	" " " "
29	Felix Manaloto	" " " "
30	Alberto Yabut	" " " "
31	Juan Amate	" " " "
32	Quente Aruga	" " " "
33	Valentin Navarri	" " " "
34	Emmanuel Sison	Post No 8 Am. Legion
35	Julio Amate	U.S. Spanish Vet
36	Cornelio Tinoda	" " " "
37	Maximiliano Tinoda	" " " "
38	Apalomo Inguerrone	" " " "
39	Maximas Sica	" " " "
40	Marcelo Tinoda	Post No 8 A.L.
41	Maximas Tinoda	U.S. Spanish Vet
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*Return 303*

Mr. J. J. Saslowsky  
Department Adjutant  
The American Legion  
143 North High Street  
Columbus 15, Ohio

27 JUN 1946

Dear Mr. Saslowsky:

Your letter of 29 May to Mr. LaGuardia, asking whether it would be possible for the American Legion Post of Ohio to contribute canned food 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, such as he would like to do so.

To answer your question, it certainly would be possible for the American Legion Post of Ohio to make such a contribution; and we suggest that the most efficient way to do this is in cooperation with the Emergency Food Collection. That collection is a nationwide drive to collect canned food, or cash with which to purchase additional food for overseas relief. It 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 already cooperating with the Emergency Food Collection, and we are sure that headquarters of that collection will be very glad to have your Post cooperate as well.

The Executive Director of the Emergency Food Collection is Mr. Lee Marshall, and his headquarters are located at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N.Y. We have already informed Mr. Marshall of your interest and we expect that you will receive complete information about the drive from him within the next few days.

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.

Mr. J. J. Saslavsky

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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  
26 June 1946  
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cc to W. M. Kiplinger  
A. Casgrain







# THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

OFFICE OF ADJUTANT

145 NORTH HIGH ST.  
COLUMBUS

May 29th  
1946

*Orial - Dan Agnew*

Mr. Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Director General  
U. S. Nations Relief Association  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

At the last meeting of the Department Executive Committee, The American Legion of Ohio, the subject of collecting food for shipping to foreign countries to feed the destitute families, was discussed.

It was suggested by the Executive Committee to launch a campaign for collecting canned foods, by posts of The American Legion of Ohio, and shipping them to the collecting point at the port of embarkation for European countries. The question then was raised as to whether, or not, that would be permissible.

Will you kindly advise if the plan as outlined above would be agreed to by your Association.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*J. J. Saslavsky*

J. J. Saslavsky  
Department Adjutant

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Return 303

2 JUL 1946

Mr. & Mrs. P. D. Saunders  
Unit 1 - Ward 21  
U. S. Naval Hospital  
Corona, California

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Saunders:

Your letter of 14 June to Mr. Hoover, offering to send \$1000.00 "where it will be used to the best advantage," has been referred to me.

I suggest that you could not go wrong if you sent your contribution to 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.

Contributions of money are preferred. Much more food can be obtained for a given amount of money if the food is bought centrally and in large quantities. Also there is a considerable saving in the cost of collection, packing, and transportation.

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.

If you prefer to send a 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.

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 help you expressed in your letter; and if we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

H. Fitts/at  
28 June 1946  
1518 Lee Marshall  
as to - A. Casgrain  
C. Ernst

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison



June 14, 1946

Mr. Herbert Hoover  
U. S. R. R. A.  
Washington, D. C.

Oval - Van Hyning

Dear Sir:

My wife and I have \$1030.00, which  
we wish to put to where it will help  
the most people.

We thought that you would be able  
to tell us <sup>info</sup> where we can send it where it  
will be used to the best advantage.

Please let us know as soon as  
possible.

Sincerely yours  
Dora and Paul Saunders



P. D. Saunders E.M.C.  
Unit 1, Ward C1  
U. S. Naval Hospital  
Corona, Calif. 1518

Return 303

JUN 28 1946

Miss Elizabeth B. Savage  
North Quincy High School  
316 Hancock Street  
North Quincy 71, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Savage:

Thank you for your letter of 6 June, stating that you are in particular need of posters for use in connection with your Food Conservation Drive.

Under separate cover we are sending you appropriate materials, and we have also asked the President's Food Emergency Committee and the Emergency Food Collection to send you pictures or posters which might be useful to you.

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

N. Pitts/at  
28 June 1946

cc to - Lee Marshall  
S. Gaines  
A. Casgrain







PAUL GOSSARD  
SUPERINTENDENT

QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
QUINCY, MASS.



NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL  
JAMES S. COLLINS, PRINCIPAL

June 6, 1946

WDRH

1344 Connecticut Ave.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Fitts:

We are sorry to bother you again, and we wish to thank you for the material we have received from your organization as well as from the President's Famine Emergency Committee. However, we were most in need of posters to put throughout the building for our food-conservation drive - and as yet we have not received any. Would it be possible for you to contact the agency that could send us a dozen posters for this purpose. Thank you for your interest.

Very truly yours

Elizabeth B. Savage.

Return Room 303

MAY 28 1946

Miss Elizabeth B. Savage  
North Quincy High School  
216 Hancock Street  
North Quincy 71, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Savage:

Your letter of 16 May, requesting posters, pamphlets, and other materials for use in the food-conservation drive in your high school of 2300 pupils, has been referred to me.

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

We want you to know that we greatly appreciate the help which you are giving to us in our task in relieving suffering overseas, and if we can be of further service to you please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
25 May 1946

cc to - S. Gaines  
W. Kiplinger  
A. Casgrain





PAUL GOSSARD

SUPERINTENDENT

QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
QUINCY, MASS.



5-Contrit. Supplies

Dear Sir -

<sup>for</sup>  
we are making a drive to save food in our high school of twenty - three hundred pupils. During this drive the geography classes, cooking classes and Home Economic classes are making an intensive study of this problem of Food, Hunger and Famine from the various points of view of the various subjects - will you kindly send us sample copies of posters, pamphlets or leaflets that are available, from your organization. 40770

Very truly yours,  
Elizabeth B. Savage (Teacher of Geo.)



*Return 303*

27 May 1946

Mrs. Henry Saxe  
307 W. Sedgwick Street  
Mt. Airy, Philadelphia  
Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Saxe:

Your letter of 15 April to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that white flour could be conserved if more publicity were given rye, whole wheat, and pumpernickel bread, has been referred to me.

The President's Famine Emergency Committee is the United States agency which is in the best position to give serious consideration to your suggestion, and we have, therefore, passed your suggestion along to that Committee. You may receive a letter containing information materials from the Committee.

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

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office of Voluntary and International  
Agency Liaison

Copy to Mr. Gaines

NFitts:rp



Mr. Henry Sage

307 W. Sedgwick St.

Mr. Aing, Phila

Pa.

UNRRA

~~Town Meeting~~

1344 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

~~Town Hall~~

Washington, D.C.

~~New York~~

attention

Mayor La Guardia



307 W. Sedwick St 4  
Ft. Mr. Airy Phila. 19

4-15



Town Meeting

New York City

Attention — Mayor La Guardia

Why isn't some publicity  
given to our eating  
Rye, Whole Wheat or  
Pumpernickel Breads,  
which do not use so  
much white flour?

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Many Americans don't  
know where bread, and  
how delicious and  
nourishing they are.

Sincerely  
Minnie Sweeting Sage  
(Mrs. Henry)

Maybe it's like Marie  
Antoinette's famous  
"They don't they eat cake?"  
but I understood only  
wheat can stand the sea  
voyage.

*P. turn 303*

25 MAY 1946

Mrs. W. W. Sayre,  
35 Poplar St.,  
Belmont, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Sayre,

Your letter of 14 May, requesting photographs, pamphlets and other materials which would be helpful to the Belmont, Massachusetts Committee for Emergency Food Collection in its educational campaign, has been referred to me.

We presume that you have already received appropriate materials from headquarters of the nation-wide Emergency Food Collection, located at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N. Y. We have therefore asked the President's Famine Emergency Committee to send you whatever appropriate materials it may have for your purpose, and we are also sending you under separate cover some of our own materials.

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

NF/lmt.  
23 May 1946

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May 14, 1946  
35 Poplar Street  
Belmont 78, Mass.

*P.R. Wells*

United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration  
1344 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I understand that you supply upon request pamphlets and  
photographs covering your work in relief and rehabilitation  
in devastated countries. Will you kindly send me any data  
which you make available to the public which would be helpful  
to the Committee for Emergency Food Collection of Belmont,  
Massachusetts, in launching the educational part of their  
canned food and money collection campaign.

I will greatly appreciate any information along these lines  
which you can send me.

Very truly yours,

*Edith W. Sayre*

(Mrs. W. W. Sayre)  
Belmont Committee for  
Emergency Food Collection

40026



Please date & return to 319A - Dayton

18 JUN 1946

Mrs. Hermine Schaefer  
3100 E Street  
Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Schaefer:

Your letter of 3 May regarding your desire to help your family in Germany has been referred to this office.

UNRRA, by the terms of its charter, is not permitted to operate in Germany. The UNRRA numbers which you mention in your letter probably refer to postal forms which are issued by our office in Germany to displaced persons of United Nations nationality or to those who have been persecuted because of creed, race, or political belief who are at present living in UNRRA camps in the United States zone.

Parcel post service to the U. S. zone in Germany has been reestablished. Your local post office will be able to give you necessary details regarding size, weight, content, etc., of the packages. However, we note that your family lives in the French zone, with which the United States has not yet reestablished parcel post service. The only suggestion that we can make is that if you know someone living in the U. S. zone, you address the parcels to that person, asking him to forward it to Württemberg. This will be possible since parcel post service has been reestablished between the U. S., British, and French zones.

Should this prove to be impracticable you might get in touch with CRALOG (Council of Relief Agencies Licensed for Operation in Germany). This organization is composed of private voluntary relief agencies, each of which is now authorized to accept contributions to be distributed in the U. S. zone only, in Germany. However, they are now negotiating with the authorities in the other zones of Germany and may soon be able to operate in these zones as well. These agencies are not in a position to accept individually addressed packages. They will accept contributions which will be distributed on an overall basis of need. Enclosed is a list of the agencies and their addresses.

We hope this information will be of help to you. Please do not hesitate to call upon us if we can be of further service to you.

Cordially yours,

Enclosure  
CRichard:trp  
17 June 1946  
36503

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison



# Fred. Schaefer

FINE MEATS : Our Specialties : HOME DELICACIES

N. W. Cor. "E" and Clearfield Sts., Phila., 34, Pa.



May 3, 1946.

*ccma - mek*  
Major Fiorello La Guardia,  
c/o Unrra,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

*give assistance*  
Would you please be kind enough to consider giving my husband and I Unrra numbers, in order that we may be able to assist our desolate families in Germany?

My folks, consisting of Mother, brother and sister had their home burned down and they are without anything. They are very, very poor.

My husband's sister's home has also been burned and her family had to go with his Mother, who is also in need of help--there are grandchildren there that must be cared for.

Under these circumstances, I feel sure that you can readily understand our wanting to help them in their distress.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am

Very truly yours,

Frau Mathilde Schaefer  
Nürnberg St. 52  
Cannstatt /Stgt.  
(14) Württemberg, Germany

Frau Katherine Schaefer  
Heimsheim o/a Leonberg  
(14) Württemberg, Germany

*Hermine Schaefer*

36503

RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS TO

FRED SCHAEFER

MEAT MARKET

N. W. Cor. E and Clearfield Streets

Philadelphia 34, Pa.



Major Fiorello LaGuardia,  
c/o Unrra,  
New York City, N. Y.



Return 303

5 JUN 1946

Mr. Roy E. Schafer, Mayor  
City Hall  
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Schafer:

Your telegram of 31 May, reporting that your office has been asked to sponsor a fund raising drive in Santa Monica to purchase food for overseas relief and asking whether the Emergency Food Collection is qualified to receive the money subscribed for that purpose, has been referred to me.

The answer is yes. The Emergency Food Collection is being conducted on behalf of UNRRA; and Director General LaGuardia of UNRRA made clear, before he approved that national drive, that he prefers contributions of money to contributions of canned food. The point he made is that much more food can be obtained for a given amount of money if the food is bought centrally and in large quantities. Also there is a considerable saving in the cost of collection, packing and transportation.

The Emergency Food Collection operates through local committees in thousands of communities throughout the United States. It collects canned food, or money with which to purchase additional food, for overseas relief. All the food is given to UNRRA for immediate shipment overseas.

We deeply appreciate 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  
3 June 1946

cc to W. M.  Kiplinger



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SANTAMONICA CALIF MAY 31 1946

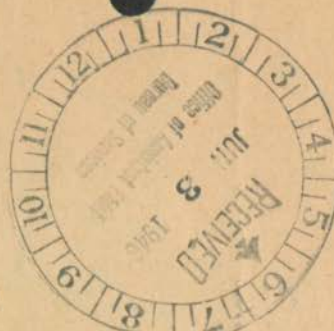
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

THIS OFFICE HAS BEEN ASKED TO SPONSOR FUND RAISING DRIVE IN  
SANAT A MONICA TO PURCHASE FOOD.. UNDERSTAND EMERGENCY FOOD  
COLLECTION COMMITTEE 100 MAIDEN LANE NW YORK AUTHORIZED TO  
COLLECT FUNDS AS DRIVE IS TO COLLECT MONEY AND AS THAT C/H  
COMMITTEE IS FAVORITE ORGANIZATION DOUBT HAS BEEN EXPRESSED AS  
TO WHETHER THEY ARE QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE SUCH SUMS OF MONEY.  
WOULD YOU ADVISE AIR MAIL STATUS OF EFCC AND OUR OPINION IF  
THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE MONEY SUBSCRIBED

MAYOR ROY E SCHAFER CITY HALL SANTA MONICA CALIF

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100 EFCC.





● July 12, 1946

U.N.N.R.A. OVI AL- VAN NYNING  
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen:

Our Air Raid Warden group,  
in disbanding, wishes to make  
a contribution to your organization  
for foreign relief.

Would you please advise  
me whether it is in accord  
with your practice to accept  
such donations.

Very truly yours

B. C. Schmitt

38 W. Upsal St

Germantown

Phila Pa.





Ble Schmitt  
38 W. Upsal  
Phila 19 Pa



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

*Return* 303

14 AUG 1946

Mrs. B. G. Schmitt  
38 West Upsal Street  
Germantown Philadelphia 19, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Schmitt:

Your letter of 12 July, asking whether UNRRA can accept a contribution for overseas relief from your disbanded group of air raid wardens, has been referred to me.

As an international agency which operates with funds appropriated for that purpose by the governments of its 48 member countries, UNRRA is not in a position to solicit contributions.

However, UNRRA is able and glad to accept unsolicited contributions of cash or appropriate supplies from organizations, groups, or individuals who wish to help UNRRA carry out its tremendous task of relieving suffering in the war-devastated countries.

If you will make out your check to UNRRA and mail it to this office, we shall see to it that your contribution is devoted to the purchase of urgently needed supplies for immediate shipment overseas.

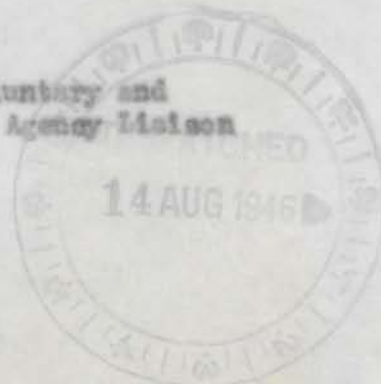
Under separate cover we are sending you some of our materials which describe the conditions overseas and tell what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

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

N. Fitts/at  
13 August 1946  
10646



Please date & return to 303

Mr. Robert Schneider, Chairman  
The Student Christian Movement of  
the Middle Atlantic Region  
3601 Locust Street  
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

12 JUL 1946

My dear Mr. Schneider:

Director General F. H. LaGuardia has asked me to reply to your letter of 26 June in which you outlined your suggestions for alleviating famine conditions overseas.

As UNRRA is an international agency composed of 48 member governments, of which the United States is only one member, it is not in a position to interfere with the government of any one of its members. Hence, although we are well aware that a great portion of the American public would be willing to have rationing again, UNRRA cannot impose this.

However, there is an agency, the President's Famine Emergency Committee which is entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating all American activities for the relief of starvation overseas. Since this is the agency which is in the best position to give appropriate consideration to your suggestions, we are taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to them.

You may be interested to know that the United States Government has made "set-asides" of certain commodities which are in short supply. These are purchased by the Department of Agriculture for UNRRA. Thus your suggestion that food be taken from the sources of supply has already been acted upon in part.

Thank you for your expression of good will.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

cc to: President's Famine Emergency Committee  
M. Petticrew

CJRRichards/fms  
11 July 1946  
R-5931





THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT  
OF THE  
MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION  
3601 LOCUST STREET  
PHILADELPHIA (4), PENNSYLVANIA

June 26, 1946

*Encl - Van Hyning*

Mr. Fiorella LaGuardia  
UNRRA  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

We, 120 representatives of Christian Associations from 42 colleges and universities, delegates to the Annual Conference of the Student Christian Movement of the Middle Atlantic Region, now convened at Spruce Creek, Pennsylvania, do hereby urge:

That the government of the United States do all within its power to take needed food from the sources of supply and send it abroad to alleviate famine conditions in all parts of the world. We are willing to submit to rationing.



We should appreciate an expression of your views on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert Schneider*

Robert Schneider, Chairman  
Regional Council

RS/fes

Return Encl. 303

27 JUN 1946

Mrs. F. D. Schofield:  
P. O. Box 157  
Berlin, Connecticut

My dear Mrs. Schofield:

Your letter of 12 May to Director General P. H. LaGuardia, asking where dried milk can be purchased has been referred to this office for reply.

UNRRA is an international agency, composed of forty-eight member governments, which operates on a governmental level and handles supplies only in bulk. Hence, we are not able to supply you with the information which you request.

We are taking the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to the Production and Market Administration of the Department of Agriculture in Washington, which may be able to help you.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest in the plight of the hungry peoples abroad and hope that even if there is a temporary shortage of powdered milk, you will continue to send abroad other foods which are now available.

Cordially yours,

Norman Pitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

Copy to Mr. Van Hynning, A-319

CJRichards/fms  
26 June 1946  
Serial No. T. 39920





Dial - Van Hyning May 12/46  
Berkeley Ch.



Dear Mr. L. H. La Guardia:

I have adopted a little 6 yr. old French boy for a yr. so on my list is dried milk. Which I'm unable to find anywhere. Please inform me where I can purchase same. I live 5 miles from New Britain, 14 miles from Hartford 9 miles from Middletown, 7 miles from Meriden. Could you give me the names of grocers or wholesalers which carry it? Also would malted - milk in cans or evaporated milk in cans answer the same purpose? I send (2) 4 lb 6 oz packages a month for twelve mos. it is purely volunteer. I have raised 5 children of my own. My 2 oldest boys suggested I do this after seeing the misery of little children & old folks. Please do not mention my name over the radio. I see by the paper Mary Pickford has set out to send dried milk for the <sup>in France</sup> Babies over there. Could you give me any information <sup>regard</sup> to her work. Yours Respectfully,

29920



Mrs F. D. Schofield.

P.O. Box 157, Berlin, Connecticut

P.S. May God Bless you &  
keep you well in order to  
accomplish your giant task  
& noble work.

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MAY 17 10 34 AM '45  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAIL ROOM



Mr. J. H. La Guardia  
Director General  
UNRRA  
New York City, N.Y.

Return 303

JUL 16 1946

Mr. P. C. Schooley  
New York Life Insurance Company  
740 South Broadway  
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Mr. Schooley:

Your letter of 25 June, suggesting that our owners be urged to contribute to "Hunger" (the Emergency Food Collection) the \$5 apiece they expected to pay for the automobile use tax, has been referred to me.

Your suggestion seems an excellent one. However, the Emergency Food Collection has officially ended, although we understand that contributions are still pouring in to its headquarters office at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, New York. We have sent a copy of your letter to Mr. Leo Marshall, Executive Director of the Emergency Food Collection, for his information.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our pamphlet "51 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  
15 July 1946  
6491

cc to - Leo Marshall  
A. Casgrain







NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

P. C. SCHOOLEY  
SPECIAL AGENT  
740 SOUTH BROADWAY  
LOS ANGELES 14, CALIFORNIA  
PHONE TRINITY 8251



*trial - Van Hymen*  
June 28, 1946

United Nations Relief Association  
1344 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington D.C.,

ATTENTION: Manager in Charge

Dear Sir:

If this idea is as good as I think it is, I would feel badly not to have passed it on to you.

*Suggest*  
I am convinced that several million car owners would send "HUNGER" the \$5.00 they had expected to pay for the automobile use tax which would have been due July 1st.

This idea is probably only good if presented as a "QUICKIE" during the first week of July.

With your facilities, you could get the support of all National Associations such as Rotary Clubs, by contacting their National Headquarters and asking that they, not only present the idea personally to members but that they urge each employer to present it to all employees through Company bulletins and personal contacts.

I am sure you could get support from most radio commentators and secure spot announcements on commercial broadcasts and station programs.

Labor organizations and large corporations could make quick solicitation for support. It would help greatly if the Postmaster General would authorize all postmasters to permit the purchase of \$5.00 postal notes which they would accumulate and forward direct to "HUNGER".

If I am too optimistic and only one million responses were received, the \$5,000,000.00 would be a big help and the actual cost of such a program should be very small.

Wishing you success in your work and hoping this idea can be used, I am,

Very sincerely,

*P. C. Schooley*  
P. C. SCHOOLEY



PCS:b

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Return 303

Mr. Raymond Schnessler  
28 Harmonia Street  
Buffalo 11, New York

AUG 13 1946

Dear Mr. Schnessler:

Your letter of 10 July to Mr. Gagnein, asking whether you can make use of the title "Orphans of the Gas Chamber," has been referred to me.

You may certainly use that title since there is no restriction on its use.

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  
12 August 1946





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28 Harmonia Street  
Buffalo 11, New York

July 10, 1946

A. E. Casgrain  
Chief of Groups Liaison  
Office of Public Information

Dear Mr. Liaison:

I want to thank you for the excellent material you sent me in reply to my query, regarding the "orphans". It has been of inestimable value.

I would like to ask another favor. I would like to use the original title of the series ORPHANS OF THE GAS CHAMBER. I think it is a very appropriate title. Would I be imposing on any restriction in using such a heading?

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond Schuessler



Raymond Schuessle r  
28 Harmonia St.  
Buffalo 11, New York



Mr. A. E. Casgrain  
Chief of Groups Liaison  
Office of Public Information  
UNRRA  
1344 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington 25, D. C.

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25 MAY 1946

Senior Class  
La Porte High School  
La Porte, Indiana

Dear Senior Class:

Your letter of 9 May to Mr. LaGuardia, offering to set an example for other schools by contributing your class profits for overseas relief, has been referred to me.

We note that you have approximately \$500 on hand which in ordinary times would be used for betterment of school facilities but which, this year, you feel should be donated to UNRRA.

We want you to know that we very deeply appreciate your offer and the fine spirit in which you make it.

We shall be proud to receive your contribution, which you can send to us, if you wish, in the form of a check made out to UNRRA and addressed to this office.

You can be sure that your contribution will be put to immediate good use in relieving the suffering of war victims in the liberated countries; and we shall be glad to give appropriate publicity to your contribution.

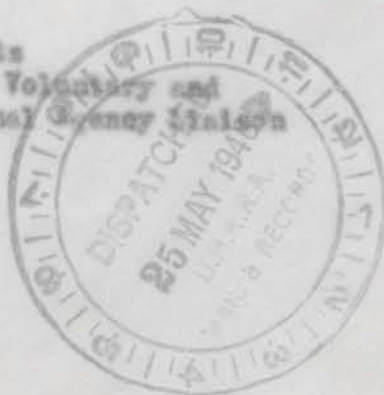
Thank you very much for your excellent cooperation, and if we can be of further service, do not hesitate to call on us.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
22 May 1946  
38226

cc to - A. Casgrain  
G. Ernst



**La Porte High School**

JOHN M. FRENCH, PRINCIPAL

LA PORTE, INDIANA

May 9, 1946

*L-Conts Sup*

Fiorello H. LaGuardia  
Director, UNRRA  
Washington, D.C.

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MAY 15 1946

BRANCH FOR  
CONTRIBUTED SUPPLIES

My dear Mr. LaGuardia:

Realizing the fact that there is such a great need for relief of all poverty stricken people of the world we, the Senior class of La Porte High School, wish to set an example for all the schools of the nation, to join us in contributing class profits to this worthy cause.

We have approximately \$500, which in ordinary times is used for betterment of school facilities. However, this year we feel that this money could and should be given to the UNRRA or other relief organizations. If this fact were publicized on a national scope, we think that many other Senior classes would follow our example, and a sizable sum would be collected.

We would greatly appreciate any suggestions you might be able to give in order to make this idea into a successful reality.

Respectfully yours,

Senior Class  
La Porte High School  
La Porte, Indiana

38226



*Please date & return to 999A, Dayton  
(303)*



JUN 27 1946

Mr. William D. Shea  
10250 Commerce  
Tujunga, California

Dear Mr. Shea:

Director General LaGuardia has asked me to reply to your letter of 9 May requesting information concerning the channels through which food donations and contributions are distributed in foreign countries by UNRRA, and asking at the same time if this food is purchased by the U. S. Government and then turned over to a representative of the foreign government in question, or whether it is shipped by the producer to a similar type of producer in a foreign country.

UNRRA is an international agency, composed of 48 member governments, of which the United States is only one. The food and other supplies purchased by UNRRA are purchased, not by the U. S. government alone, but by the agency as a whole. If one person or a group of persons sends to UNRRA either food, or money for its purchase, that food is allocated on an over-all basis to the neediest countries. If it is earmarked for a particular area, then the special donation is sent to that area.

UNRRA supplies are delivered to the governments of receiving countries who are responsible for distributing these on an equitable basis without regard to race, creed, or political belief. 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 do so, while those who cannot pay receive their share without charge. There are posted in these countries UNRRA officials whose task it is to supervise distribution and investigate any complaints.

The shipment of supplies by a U. S. producer or manufacturer to his counterpart in a foreign country must be done through private commercial channels. If UNRRA purchases a commodity from a private firm, the commodity is shipped and turned over to the government of the receiving country, and not to a private firm in that country.

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 deal with them.

We hope that this information will answer your queries, but should there be any further question in your mind, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Cordially yours,

CRichards:rp  
17 June 1946  
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Separate Cover:  
"Fifty Facts about UNRRA"

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

*cc: Caspary*

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TUJUNGA CALIFORNIA  
9 MAY 1946



HON. FIORELLA H. LAGUARDIA  
DIRECTOR, UNRRA  
WASHINGTON D.C.

DEAR SIR:

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I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING ME OF THE MANNER AND CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR THE RELIEF OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES IS HANDLED BY YOUR ORGANIZATION. BY THIS, I MEAN, IS IT PURCHASED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND TURNED OVER PHYSICALLY TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT; OR IS IT SHIPPED BY THE PRODUCER TO A SIMILAR TYPE OF PRODUCER OR MANUFACTURER IN THE FOREIGN COUNTRY WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PAYING COST OF DELIVERY TO THE PRODUCER IN THIS COUNTRY?

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE,

VERY TRULY YOURS,

*William D. Shea*

WILLIAM D. SHEA  
10250 COMMERCE  
TUJUNGA CALIFORNIA

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WILLIAM D. SHEA

10250 COMMERCE

TUJUNGA CALIFORNIA



HON. FIORELLA H. LAGUARDIA

DIRECTOR, UNRRA

WASHINGTON, D.C.



*Return 303*

Mr. Everett Shupe, Manager  
Out West Broadcasting Company  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

My dear Mr. Shupe:

Director General F. H. LaGuardia has asked me to reply to your letter of 15 May and to thank you for your very active participation in the collection of food for overseas relief.

We have taken the liberty of transmitting copies of your letter and this acknowledgement to Mr. Lee Marshall, Executive Director of the Emergency Food Collection, for his information and possible action. His office is located at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, New York.

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 "30 Facts about UNRRA" which describes the conditions overseas and tells what UNRRA is doing to improve them.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

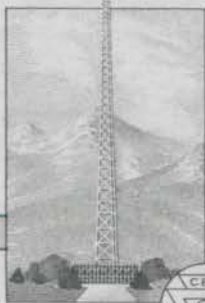
Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
20 June 1946  
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cc to - W. M. Kiplinger  
A. Casgrain

# KVOR

"THE VOICE OF THE ROCKIES"



MAIN 278



## OUTWEST BROADCASTING COMPANY

AFFILIATED IN MANAGEMENT WITH THE OKLAHOMA PUBLISHING COMPANY

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

May 15, 1946



Mr. F. H. La Guardia  
Director General, UNRRA  
New York City, New York

*Orial - Van Hyning*

Dear Mr. La Guardia:

Getting a running start on "food for the famine stricken", KVOR last Friday initiated a collection drive in cooperation with the local grocers. And already canned donations are pouring in.

All grocers in the Pikes Peak region are displaying streamers and stacks of most needed, most-shipable items near their cash registers. We started a series of programs and announcements urging Pikes Peak region housewives to include one extra can of food with their purchases, to be left at the checkstand for some other housewife who can not buy food for her hungry family because there is none to buy. The local papers, the Chamber of Commerce and Jaycees and the city are behind the plan 100%. Bread trucks haul the cans to the Chamber of Commerce where a huge display will be seen all next week. City trucks will then haul the first shipment to the airport for flight to New York or San Francisco for shipment aboard. We are trying to line up one of the air lines to cooperate on flying out the first shipment.

The dramatic appeal for one extra can for the starving is a natural, and is producing amazing results. We felt you would want to know about this KVOR venture. The drive is titled Volunteers Of Relief.

Very truly yours,

Out West Broadcasting Company

*Everett Shupe*  
Everett Shupe  
Manager

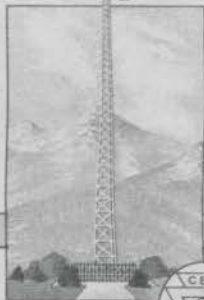
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# KVOR

"THE VOICE OF THE ROCKIES"



MAIN 278



## OUTWEST BROADCASTING COMPANY

AFFILIATED IN MANAGEMENT WITH THE OKLAHOMA PUBLISHING COMPANY

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

June 27, 1946

*Over - Van Hyning*  
Mr. Norman Fitts  
Office of Voluntary and International  
Agency Liaison  
1344 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fitts:

Thanks for your information re our canned goods disposal. We have taken care of the item -- so hope the food will one day reach the starving before they have starved.

Very truly yours,

Out West Broadcasting Co.

*Everett Shupe*  
Everett Shupe

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KVOR COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO



Mr. Norman Fitts  
Office of Voluntary and International  
Agency Liaison  
1344 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington 25, D. C.

*Return 303*

JUL 1 6 1945

Mr. Henry H. Singer  
Executive Secretary  
Arnold Business Men's Association  
Arnold, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Singer:

Your letter of 4 June to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that UNRRA set up a plan whereby cities in the United States might "adopt" cities of similar size in famine-stricken areas, 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, such as he would like to do so.

The 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.

We note your further suggestion that this scheme might be conducted in such a way that the funds for relief supplies collected in an American city would be contributed to UNRRA for distribution as UNRRA saw fit and not necessarily to a specific city overseas. That would mean, as you pointed out in your letter "that in reality we would probably be helping a specific town on paper only." We are afraid that in this case contributors would be justified in accusing both UNRRA and the local organization which conducted the campaign of misrepresentation.

It does seem too bad that citizens of Arnold, Pennsylvania, can not be given an opportunity to contribute in the way that you suggest, but we really do not believe that it is feasible.

A way of helping which is eminently feasible is by contributing food or money through any of the voluntary foreign relief agencies cooperating with UNRRA. We suggest that the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc., may be able to give you specific information on this point. Its address is 122 East 22 Street, New York 10, New York.

Mr. H. H. Singer

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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 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  
48971

cc to - A. Casgrain  
American Council





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Sam Martin

Henry H. Singer  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, Secretary  
LOUIS C. SPRINGER, Treasurer

# ARNOLD BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION

ARNOLD, PENNSYLVANIA

June 4, 1946



OYIAL - VAN HYNING

Fiorello H. LaGuardia  
Director General  
United Nations Relief Administration  
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. LaGuardia

A number of the members of our organization have expressed a feeling that may be prevalent in our country; that is, that they do not feel that they are able to directly alleviate any of the suffering caused by the lack of food in many parts of the world. In other words, we are so far removed from the situation that the contribution of money alone does not make us feel that we have helped our fellow men.

One of the members of our organization has made a suggestion which we would like to pass on to you. We suggest that the United Nations Relief Administration set up a plan which would not replace but which would be supplemental to existing plans whereby every city in the United States, if it so chooses, could adopt a city in Europe of similar size and help feed it. At first this idea may not seem feasible because of several things; however, our thought on the matter was that individual cities in this country could collect the food and your organization would distribute it as needed or as they saw fit. This means that in reality we would probably be helping a specific town on "paper only." However, we do believe that it would give our people an opportunity to express a neighborly feeling which at present is not possible.

At a time such as this we feel that there is even a greater need for a bond of friendship and the subject is offered not only for the practical good it may do but in the interest of that friendship.

Very sincerely yours,

*Henry H. Singer*  
Henry H. Singer  
Executive Secretary



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Arnold Business Men's Association  
Arnold, Pennsylvania



Fiorello H. LaGuardia  
Director General  
United Nations Relief Administration  
New York City, New York

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JUL 17 1946

Mr. Herman C. Slesner, Secretary  
The Rotary Club  
c/o Y.M.C.A.  
Freeport, Illinois

Dear Mr. Slesner:

Your letter of 5 June, stating that the Rotary Club of Freeport, Illinois, contemplates making a contribution toward the work of UNRRA and requesting certain information in that connection, has been referred to me.

What is needed most urgently overseas right now is, of course, food; and the countries which are in greatest need of assistance at the present moment are, in that order, China, Austria, Italy, Poland, Greece, Yugoslavia, and India.

While it has been our policy in the past to give contributors an opportunity to designate the country which shall benefit from a contribution, we much prefer to receive unconditional contributions. In this way we are free to send contributions to the country which is in greatest need of help at the time we receive the contribution.

We shall be glad to receive any contribution which your club cares to make. The check should be made out to UNRRA and mailed to this office.

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,

Harmon Pitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Co-Operation

H. Pitts/at  
15 July 1946  
42731

cc to - C. Ernst  
A. Casarain







"THE FREEPORT HERESY"  
Lincoln-Douglas Boulder, marking  
the spot where Lincoln and Douglas  
staged their famous debate

# The Rotary Club of Freeport, Illinois

ADDRESS, C/O Y. M. C. A.

June 5, 1946



*Social - Van Hyning*

Contributed Supplies Division, UNRRA,  
Dupont Circle Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Our Rotary Club is contemplating making a contribution to the work of UNRRA and would very much appreciate some further information regarding such a contribution.

First, should our Club donate \$100 to your work, would we be advised specifically what that sum had been spent for and what country had received the benefit if we did not earmark it for a specific country or for specific supplies.

Second, what materials are most needed and what countries are most in need of assistance?

Thanking you very kindly for this information,

Sincerely yours,

*Norman C. Sleezer*  
Norman C. Sleezer,  
Secretary

NCS:mr

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RETURN IN 5 DAYS TO  
FREEPORT ROTARY CLUB  
206 SOUTH GALENA AVENUE  
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS



"THE FREEPORT HERESY"  
Lincoln-Douglas Boulder, marking  
the spot where Lincoln and Douglas  
staged their famous debate



Contributed Supplies Division, UNRRA,  
Dupont Circle Building,  
Washington, D. C.

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JUN 28 1946

Mrs. Joe Patterson Smith  
President, League of Women Voters  
1236 W. College Avenue  
Jacksonville, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Your recent post card, requesting posters and pictures for use in three window displays in connection with your local Famine Emergency campaign, has been referred to me.

Under separate cover we are sending you appropriate materials, and we have also asked the President's Famine Emergency Committee and the Emergency Food Collection to send you pictures or posters which might be useful to you.

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

Cordially yours,

Herman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

H. Fitts/at  
28 June 1946

cc to - Lee Marshall  
Stanley Gaines  
A. Casgrain





Return 303

JUL 16 1946

Mr. R. J. Smith  
5508 Holman Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter of 5 June, asking how to contribute clothing for overseas relief, has been referred to me.

The nationwide Victory Clothing Collection on behalf of UNRRA has been completed. Contributions of clothing can now be given to any of the voluntary agencies on the enclosed list.

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

H. Pitts/et  
15 July 1946  
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cc to - A. Casgrain



*Overal - Van Hyning*

5508 Hohman Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana  
June 5, 1946



United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Organization  
Washington D. C.

Attention: Clothes Collection Division

Dear Sir:

Please <sup>to</sup> advise where I should send clothing to  
be used in your foreign relief program. Also please  
enclose any literature showing what further personal  
activity can be carried on in support of your program.

Yours very truly,

*R. J. Smith*  
R. J. Smith

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R. J. Smith  
5508 Hohman Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana



United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation  
Organization

Washington D. C.



*Return 303*

JUN 6 1946

Miss Margaret Sonnakolb  
Corresponding Secretary  
Women's Progressive Democratic Club  
2005 W. 4th Street  
Spokane, Washington

Dear Miss Sonnakolb:

Thank you very much for your letter of 13 May, in which you told me that the Women's Progressive Democratic Club of Spokane, Washington, had gone on record as supporting in every way the UNRRA program.

Please express my deep personal appreciation to your fellow members for their support, and present my compliments to your Legislative Chairman, Mrs. G. F. Huffman, for initiating the action which your organization took.

Our task in UNRRA is indeed tremendous, but we intend to fulfill it despite all difficulties. It is good to know that you are back of us.

Sincerely,

F. LaGuardia  
Director General

H. Fitts/at  
4 June 1946  
42123

Clearances:  
C. Van Hyning  
H. E. Causton



# Women's Progressive Democratic Club

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

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Director Fiorenzo La Guardia.

Washington D.C.

Oval-VanHuyne

Dear Sir:

at a regular meeting of the women's Progressive Democratic Club our Legislative Chairman, Mrs B.F. Huffman, read an article published in the Democratic Digest of May 6<sup>th</sup>. 1946 depicting the food shortages in foreign countries. She pointed out the necessity for co-operation and conservation. Mentioning that we, from our bountiful supply of food could easily spare a little each day to help a starving world.

The Club then went on record as supporting in every way your V.N.R.A. Program.

We fully appreciate the tremendous task you have assumed and we pray that you receive divine guidance in your humanitarian efforts.

Sincerely,

Margaret Sommakolt.

Corresponding Secy. 2005 W 4<sup>th</sup> Spokane 9

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ASK YOUR POSTMASTER



Director Fiorello. La Guardia.  
U. N. R. A. Washington  
D. C.



Margaret Sonna Kolb.  
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Spokane 9 Wash.

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23 MAY 1945

Miss Francisca Sorzano  
c/o Mrs. Broken Smith  
375 Riverside Drive  
New York City

Dear Miss Sorzano:

Your letter of 10 May to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that it would be easier for individual Americans to contribute towards overseas relief if crates for the reception of contributed canned food were distributed conveniently in public places and if an extra penny fare be charged for relief purposes on common carriers, has been referred to me.

You will be interested to know that various organizations in communities throughout the country which are cooperating with the Emergency Food Collection have already tried the system of placing crates or barrels for the reception of contributed canned food in grocery stores, office buildings, the lobbies of apartment houses, etc. The chief difficulty in operating such a system is, of course, the necessity of making frequent collections. Some organizations have been able to solve this difficulty by obtaining volunteer help; other organizations have found it necessary to give it up. So far as we know, no organization as yet has suggested to the United States Government that it might appropriately assume the task of collecting contributed canned food in this manner. In any event, this is a matter which should be referred to the Emergency Food Collection, which is the United States organization properly concerned rather than to UNRRA. We have informed the Emergency Food Collection of your suggestion.

Your additional suggestion concerning the possible collection of an extra penny fare presents, we fear, even more difficulties than your first suggestion. We have passed this suggestion on to the President's Famine Emergency Committee for its information and possible action. We have also asked that Committee to send you some of its materials so that you may know of other ways in which you yourself may make a personal contribution for the relief of suffering overseas.

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

Cordially yours,

cc: Cagrain  
Benninger  
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Norman Pitts  
Office for Voluntary and International  
Agency Liaison

NAME

SORZANO, Francisca (Miss)

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ADDRESS

c/o Mrs. Brokaw Smith,  
375 Riverside Drive, NEW YORK CITY, NYDATE 10 May 46  
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suggestion for collecting food &amp; money

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Services - Henninger

DATE:

14 May 46

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May 10, 1946.



Mr. F. H. LaGuardia,  
Director General of U.N.R.R.A.  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Are the following suggestions of use in helping to meet the needs of starving Europe. They are based on my conviction that thousands of people throughout the United States have not the time to go to the established centers where they collect food, nor have they the money to send off parcels. But they still want to help.

1. I suggest that a crate be placed in the lobbies of apartment houses, hotels, boarding houses, even office buildings, in full view near the entrances or elevators, in which anyone who so wishes can put a single tin or package of some food stuff as a donation. Once a week the contents of these crates could be collected by the Government, in the same practical fashion that old papers and tins were collected during the war, and then shipped to Europe, also by the Government, thus avoiding the expense and trouble to the individual, the chief reasons why even the most generous Americans don't "get around" to sending off food to Europe.

2. I suggest that on the last Sunday of each month there be collected an extra penny on all fares in public conveyances. The ticket man can have a pouch bag slung over his shoulder to catch the extra coin, or it can be handled in the same fashion that the transfer pennies are handled now. However, I believe that in the subways, and in the nickle-in-the-slot buses, that a simple open box in full view, nailed down or rather tied down to the stiles, would be sufficient for the rushed, but always generous American to throw in this extra penny. As it is suggested to be done on Sundays, all rush hours are automatically avoided.

Hoping that one or both of these suggestions may prove of use, as I have discussed it with friends, working people like myself, I am

Very respectfully yours,

(Miss) Francisca Sorzano  
c/o Mrs. Brokaw Smith  
375 Riverside Drive  
New York City

38526



Mr. F. H. LaGuardia  
Director General  
U.N.R.R.A.  
New York City

*Return 303*

Mr. H. W. Soule  
State Director  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
Production and Marketing Administration  
Field Service Branch  
108 Adams Street  
Burlington, Vermont

14 AUG 1946

Dear Mr. Soule:

Your letter of 17 July to Mr. LaGuardia, announcing the results of the "Vermont Shares Abundance" drive for funds on behalf of UNRRA, 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 want you to know that we sincerely appreciate the help which you and your good people in the supposedly cold state of Vermont have given 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.

Thank you again for your valued cooperation.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
13 August 1946  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION  
FIELD SERVICE BRANCH

102 Adams Street  
Burlington, Vermont



July 17, 1946

OVIAL - VAN HYNING  
Mr. Fiorello LaGuardia  
Director General of UNRRA  
1344 Connecticut Avenue  
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United States Department of Agriculture  
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July 17, 1946

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102 Adams Street  
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Dear Mr. Soule:

Your letter of 17 May to Mr. LaGuardia, enclosing clippings and the May Progress Report of the Vermont Emergency Food Program for Famine Relief and also reporting that some of the students at Vermont University feel that a food rationing program would help in the distribution of scarce foods, has been referred to me.

We appreciate your bringing these matters to our attention.

Cordially yours,

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Office for Voluntary and  
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N. Fitts/at  
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May 17, 1946

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Mr. Fiorello LaGuardia  
Director General of UNNRA  
1344 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest  
Washington 25, D. C.



Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed clippings.

After you spoke at the University, some of the students felt that a food rationing program would help in the distribution of scarce foods.

The students are also planning a mass meeting for this evening, at which time they will bring the need for food conservation to the attention of all students and faculty members of the University.

Sincerely yours,

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PROGRESS REPORT OF  
VERMONT EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM FOR FAMINE RELIEF

May 8-15, 1946

After Mr. Hoover's recommendation to President Truman that there should be no rationing of food now in the United States but that the voluntary food conservation program should be continued with renewed purpose, the editor of the Burlington Free Press wrote an editorial which was very much to the point. A copy of the editorial is attached for the Washington office and the last paragraph is quoted below:

"Hoover's prediction that the famine emergency in the greater part of the world will be over by September 30 sounds over-optimistic after other stories we have been hearing about conditions in Europe and Asia. But we sincerely hope Hoover is right. If, however, it develops that he has been too optimistic and there is still a great need for food next fall, we should have a rationing program ready to put in effect for the remainder of the period that the emergency exists."

There are further indications that people are not only willing to support food rationing but feel that unless food rationing is in effect this fall there will be a desperate situation because of the short supply of meat, milk, eggs and wheat stuffs. The students at the University of Vermont have sent a petition with over 600 names to President Truman urging that he use his executive powers to bring about a return to food rationing. The Burlington League of Women Voters are now circulating a petition for a return to food rationing.

With the shortage of feed laying flocks are being liquidated to a point where there will be a shortage of eggs this fall. The people are looking to the Government for leadership.

It has been estimated that during the week May 19-25 there will be 2,500 people in Vermont working on the Vermont "Share Abundance Week" Program. In addition to the County Food Collection Committees the workers will include representatives of: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, League of Women Voters, Church organizations, University students, high school students, Junior Red Cross, 4-H Clubs, Granges, Farm Bureaus, Home Demonstration Clubs, service clubs and labor unions.

The University of Vermont students are planning a rally for Friday night, May 17, to bring the need for food conservation to the attention of all students and faculty members of the university.

Attached for the Washington office are clippings from the local papers, a sample of the receipt form to be used in the collection drive, a sample tent card to be used in all restaurants and eating houses and a copy of Dorothy Canfield Fisher's letter to Vermont school children. For State offices in the Northeast Region we are enclosing a poster, "Vermont Shares Abundance," a leaflet containing two editorials from the Burlington Free Press of April 5 and 25, a copy of the tent card and of Mrs. Fisher's letter to Vermont school children.

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### Public Relations Committee

Films have been scheduled for showing every day during the week to schools and organizations. Movie theaters are cooperating in showing films on the Famine Relief Program.

The chairman of the Public Relations Committee has made arrangements for 7 Statewide releases and radio talks to publicize "Share Abundance Week." Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fisher is writing one of the news releases which will be adapted for a radio interview and Mr. Samuel Legg, volunteer in the starvation experiment in Minnesota, will be interviewed over the radio.

Arrangements have also been made with Governor Proctor to hand over his check to the chairman of the Washington County Food Collection Committee to start off the drive in Washington County.

### Food Conservation Committee

The chairman of the State Food Conservation Committee attended 6 tourist home meetings in the State during the week and at each meeting she talked on ways to serve food to put into practice the food measures sponsored by the Famine Relief Program. The chairman also attended the general committee organizational meeting in Montpelier, Friday, May 10.

At the request of one of the Mothers' Clubs in Burlington the chairman sent informational material to the group. The material included recipes which would be helpful in conservation of scarce foods and suggestions for food conservation.

### Food Production Committee

The Victory Garden Committee has continued its drive to promote Victory Gardens and as a result of the work more gardens will be planted than were at first planned. An indication that this is a fact is that some of the civic clubs which had in the war years sponsored a community garden program and had planned to drop the program this year, during the past few weeks have renewed their efforts of former years.

### Food Collection and Preservation Committee

Posters and receipts for the collection of money have been sent to all county chairmen of the food collection drive.

Town chairmen have been working this week in an effort to organize their communities for the house-to-house canvass which in most communities will take place Sunday, May 19. In a few towns the canvass will take place on another day in order to avoid conflict with other drives. Many feel that the goals can be met easily and are hopeful of exceeding them.

The Windham county manager has reported to the State manager that in one of the larger communities in Windham County the church bells will ring and whistles will be blown at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 19, and at that time



the canvassers will start the house-to-house visits for the collection of money in the "Share Abundance Week" drive.

Much of the publicity appearing in the local papers during the past week has been in connection with the "Share Abundance Week" Campaigns in the various towns of the State.

#### Fats and Oils Conservation and Salvage Committee

The chairman of this committee visited county offices in Washington and Caledonia Counties this week and was pleased with the work the county committees are doing. The owner of a restaurant in one of the places visited reported to the chairman that he had personally visited the owners or managers of the other restaurants in the town and after discussing with them the need for conservation, particularly of edible fats, oils and wheat, reached an agreement with them whereby a date was set after which time all of these restaurants would eliminate serving of pies, French fries and as many foods as possible which require deep fat frying. In addition only one roll or one slice of bread would be served to each customer unless more is requested. The date on which these self-imposed conservation measures began was May 1. It was also learned that the Darling Inn in Lyndonville had reduced the serving of pie to three days a week and is serving only one kind of pie during the week. They are also serving only one roll per customer unless otherwise requested. When asked what the reaction of the public had been to these measures the reply was, "Few gripes - none serious." The chairman plans to visit other counties as soon as it is possible for him to do so.

The St. Johnsbury and Burlington Food Distribution Advisory Committees have voted to sponsor "Famine" meetings in cooperation with the County Emergency Food Program managers. These meetings will be attended by the distributive trade employers and employees and will be held some time in June. The county managers will be given an opportunity at that time to report on the progress made in the Food Emergency Program.

# Student Groups at UVM Taking Active Part To Relieve Hunger of the World

Prof. Evans Speaking at Share-Abundance Rally Tomorrow; Band Is To Play; Movies And a Campus Sing Are Also Programmed

UNRRA's request for funds to relieve worldwide famine is meeting with energetic response by University of Vermont student groups who have planned a special Share-the-Abundance rally at 7:30 p. m., tomorrow in the Fleming Museum.

Prof. P. D. Evans of the history department will be the main speaker. He will describe UNRRA's nationwide efforts to meet the needs of starving peoples.

Master of ceremonies will be Prof. Robert E. Long of the political science department. Other faculty members will participate according to the social action group under the chairmanship of Nancy Hall, '46, Burlington.

The program will include numbers by the university band, a campus sing, speeches by heads of the Burlington Share-the-Abundance week campaign, and by Dale Conley, '48, Windsor, president of the student government.

Two short movies, "Suffer Little Children" and "Displaced Persons" will be shown. The films are supplied by the Vermont 1946 committee for famine relief. They depict present-day conditions in

Europe and the work being done by UNRRA.

Four members of Mortar Board will help take a collection, the proceeds of which will go to the campus UNRRA fund, Miss Hall announced yesterday.

## Holding Window Contest

To interest the student body in the campus project, a University store display window contest is being conducted. Part of the photographs of 14 movie stars are shown. The person guessing the stars correctly will be given a prize at the rally.

Tomorrow noon, students will carry placards advertising the UNRRA campaign through campus buildings and places where large numbers of students congregate.

Record music, appropriate for the occasion, will also be played in the student lounge tomorrow noon. Other ways to increase UVM contributions to the famine fund are now being worked out, Miss Hall said.

Maurice B. Morrill, director of Sloan Foundation research at the university, will be in charge of the general university canvass.



musical comedy romance. Co-features, "The Tiger Woman" with Adele Mara, Kane Richmond, Mystery thrill.—Adv.

## Free Press To Run 'Share Abundance' Week Menus Daily

In co-operation with the University of Vermont department of home economics and in conjunction with Vermont's Share - the Abundance week, May 19-26, the Free Press will initiate Saturday a daily series of moderate-cost menus which will help Burlington citizens save vital wheat products, fats and oils.

The menus, originally prepared

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That the course of true love never runs smoothly is very apparent in the junior offering called simply "Rumors Wanted." The cast of characters includes John Rixon, Marie Ronald, Edward Flanagan, Patricia Kennedy, Margaret Ann Arkinson, Virginia Berry and Margaret McLea. Mrs. John Hurley is coaching this play.

The final play of the evening will be the senior play coached by Miss Constance Manahan, "The Pest Guest." The thespians are: Marietta Pellitier, Eleanor Young, Eleanor Walsh, Claire Phillips, Wayne Benoit, Daniel Michael, Edward Dougherty and Charlotte LeClair.

by the government for the use of state nutritional committees as examples of how to include essential items in the diet, have been modified to reduce the foods most needed by the starving and underfed peoples of the world, Miss Florence B. King, professor of home economics, said yesterday.

First menus published will be for Sunday and Monday to permit housewives ample time to prepare the foods. Tuesday's suggestions will be printed in Monday's paper; the remaining menus will be published in similar fashion until the end of the week.

The estimated cost per person for one week is \$4.19. Actual preparation of the menus was done

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## University of Vt. Students Now Seeking 1,000 Names on Food-Rationing Petition



The imposing-looking scroll being signed by Daniel Johnson, San Francisco, Calif., University of Vermont student is a petition from UVM to President Truman asking him to "exercise his executive powers" to restore rationing of scarce foods. The students hope to have 1,000 names on the petition before it is sent. Standing, left to right, are Dale Conley, Windsor, president of the student body; Fran Usher, Bellows Falls; Janet Brooks, Barton, member of the petition committee, and Newman Rome, Rutland. They are standing on the steps of the Phi Delta Theta house.



# H. B. Smith Finishes Eight-Year Job Of Signing President's Salary Checks

WASHINGTON, May 1. (AP)—H. B. Smith has finished out an eight-year job of signing thousands of salary checks for presidents and senators.

H. B., for that's the way she signs according to the rules although her name is Helen Beatrice, has reached the compulsory age of retirement, 70 years.

She took over the job April 30, 1938, and has signed all checks that Presidents Roosevelt and Truman and the senators have received plus numerous others. It

wasn't too tiresome, she says, but "I don't want to see a pen again for a long time."

A jolly gray-haired woman, Miss Smith is a native of Washington, D. C., and has worked for the government 52 years.

Her successor will also be a native Washingtonian, Mrs. Bessie Rayburn Pallas, who has worked with the treasury 26 years. She'll sign checks "B. R. Pallas."

That's regulations. The president's checks must be written entirely by hand with the signer using two initials and the last name.

## Much Interest Shown in Library's Small Art Exhibit

A small art exhibit in the Fletcher Free Library is attracting considerable attention this week. The central painting is Harold Knight's "Dream of Summer" that won first prize by popular ballot in the Northern Artists' annual exhibit this spring in the Fleming Museum.

Other pictures are four reproductions of paintings by American Artists who won awards in the La Tausca Pearls Art Competition, which offered prizes of \$4,500 in victory bonds.

These are placed near the entrance of the adult reading room.

The first prize picture is by Max Weber. It shows a woman's head and shoulders against a deep blue background. Bold clean-cut lines accentuate the features. Around the woman's throat is a string of pearls.

The other three reproductions of this collection are of similar design, a requirement of the contest being that the picture include pearls. The second prize winner, Lily Cushing, won a \$1,000 prize award for her entry called "Alexandra." Also shown is the work of two lesser winners, Ruth Ray and Jon Corbino.

According to Miss Fannie Rothman, librarian, the first choice of most persons viewing this collection of reproductions is the work of Lily Cushing and Jon Corbino.

Apart, and in a class by itself, is Harold Knight's original. This, Miss Rothman said, was placed in the reading room so persons unable to visit the Northern Vermont Artists' exhibit might see it. After it was brought here, she was offered an opportunity to show the four

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Mrs. Dean Southwick, President  
Business and Professional Womens Club  
Lake Worth, Florida

Dear Mrs. Southwick:

Your telegram of 4 June to Mr. LaGuardia, stating that the Lake Worth, Florida, Business and Professional Womens Club wishes to sponsor a campaign for European food relief and requesting certain information in that connection, has been referred to me.

We suggest that you conduct your campaign in cooperation 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.

Contributions of money are preferred. Much more food can be obtained for a given amount of money if the food is bought centrally and in large quantities. Also there is a considerable saving in the cost of collection, packing, and transportation.

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 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 telegram; 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  
28 June 1946

cc to - Lee Marshall  
A. Casgrain

The cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

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JUN 27 1946

Miss Leonette D. Spector  
3400 Wayne Avenue  
New York 67, New York

My dear Leonette:

Thank you very much for your letter of 29 May and the excellent poster which you enclosed with it. We are forwarding it to the President's Famine Emergency Committee which will, we are sure, be very pleased with it.

We want you to know how much we appreciate your thoughtful interest in our work, for it is with the help of young people such as you that we are able to help the hungry peoples overseas.

Thank you again.

Cordially yours,

Norman Pitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

Copy to Mr. Van Hyning

CJRichards/fms  
26 June 1946

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3400 Hayne Ave.  
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*Please date & return to 317  
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Miss Ethel Spencer  
1835 Alameda Avenue  
Alameda, California

24 JUN 1946

Dear Miss Spencer:

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. Hence, I have been asked to reply to your letter of 30 April regarding the plight of children abroad. I am sorry that there has been such a delay in answering you.

You may be interested to know that it is the children of Europe and Asia who are benefitting the most from UNRRA's relief work. There are special child centers set up in various areas overseas where children receive extra rations and as much individual attention as is possible. In most Displaced Persons camps in Germany, for example, there are nurseries where children are given special diets and medical care, and where play grounds and school rooms are set up. In addition to running these centers, UNRRA has also provided equipment for children's hostels, day nurseries, and child welfare centers which are managed by local authorities.

In addition to the help which UNRRA has given, various children's groups in this country have also concentrated their efforts on helping their less fortunate fellows. The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America have conducted campaigns to raise money, and collect food and clothing for children abroad; various schools and church groups have done the same. At the present moment a great many high schools are devoting much of their time and energies to cooperating with the President's Famine Emergency Committee and with the Emergency Food Collection Inc. There is also a Children's Crusade with headquarters at 4700 Kenwood Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois, through which American children send parcels and letters to children abroad.

Mr. LaGuardia is deeply appreciative of your interest in the fate of these children, but unfortunately, as Director General of an international agency composed of 48 member governments, he cannot undertake to sponsor any one private agency. We suggest, therefore, that in order to carry out the excellent plan which you have suggested, you continue to work through the Save the Children Federation, and through the other private welfare agencies to which you referred. UNRRA, for its part, will continue to help themedy.

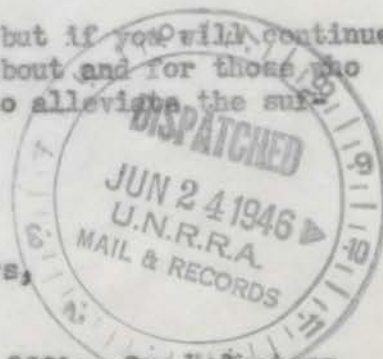
I realize that this does not wholly satisfy your request, but if you will continue your missionary campaign of educating the public to care about and for those who are in want in other countries, much will have been done to alleviate the suffering of thousands.

Thank you again for your intelligent and kindly interest.

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18 June 1946  
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Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts, Office for Voluntary  
and International Agency Liaison





1835 Alameda Ave.

Alameda, Cal.

April 30, 1946.

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To Mr. Fiorelli La Guardia

Dear Mr. La Guardia.

P.R. - Lilly

The enclosed letters are some written by myself and friends several months ago. I am now sending them to those I think will be interested, who in various ways are able to bring the problems and ideas expressed in them into the open, so that they will be discussed by people and groups, especially High School and College Groups.

The enclosed clipping from Monitor of Apr. 8th shows, as do letters I have received myself, and others in the papers, that people are very anxious to help. The other one proves that some of our children are determined to help, despite the lack of opportunity. People do not even seem to know of the "Save the Children" Education, or the various relief agencies in the different countries. They want real leadership, and a concrete plan, and Mr. Henry Wallace is the first person who has told them definitely of something they can do, and I am sure there will be a big response.

But spasmodic giving is not enough. These children need to be assured that the strongest and richest country in the world cares enough to starve by them as long as there is a need, especially the orphans of whom I heard this morning. There are eleven million, but this is too terrible to think about, and I hope it is not true, and the speaker in Paris I believe was only referring to Europe. Charity can feed the physical hunger, but it will take love and friendship to feed the spiritual hunger, and heal to a degree, the deep wounds of the war years. There, I think a sufficient number of our children will give them, if given the opportunity.

Of course, we realize it will not be easy to carry out the ideas and plans outlined in the letters, but it is vitally necessary that these steps be taken, unless someone can think of better ones, for a recently returned missionary said unless we unite and act quickly and effectively, we shall have to cope with a generation of gangsters in some parts of the world in a few years. and Mr. Hooper said the same thing the other day. We also realize it is now too late to save many of the children, but that should only make us more determined to save even one more possible one.

If you yourself haven't time, won't you interest someone else in suggesting the plan of the bantus in the homes to our children, someone who has the love of children in their heart to seek an outlet that they will never stop until they succeed. I am sure there are such people. I realize this plan alone will not solve the problem, but the S.C.F. is getting food and clothes to the children, they are now



helping seven hundred schools, and many of our children; and schools and colleges are sending packages of food and clothes, and much needed toilet and household articles, and school materials, and the best part is, that personal letters go with them, telling of their interest and desire to help, and telling them to write of their most pressing needs. The need for funds is great. As they get more help, the S.C.F. will move around the world with their message of real brotherhood. There would not only be the gifts and desires from the children, but the grown ups say if there were a bank in the home, they would just in terms of money when they would sit down and write a check, or send money. Especially when the one cent is spent for the children.

Do you think if you talked with the President he would make the suggestion to the children? It would only take a few minutes to say all that is necessary. He could get time on the radio stations, and promote publicly, easier than any one else. It isn't as though planning were necessary. The people themselves would see to the forwarding of the money to the S.C.F. or where they are not operating, to whatever organization was. We gave unlimited time, money and effort to win the war, but for lack of these things, we are hearing all over the world the very conditions that will cause another one.

I have just received information that plans are already in operation for a young peoples branch of U.N. which is cause for great gratitude, but it should only make us realize the imperative need to do all in our power to keep the soil fertile enough for the growth of the U.N. when it reaches them, which will be many years in some parts of the world. If we let the children wait till then it will be too late. We need to send messages from our children, telling what we are doing, assuring them we are very much on the job. Through the press, and in the same way news was transmitted through the war years, the message would reach men of them eventually.

I wonder if you know from polls taken by communists, the majority of the people want all necessary food sent abroad, and the rest rationed, and for it to be continued all next winter, and longer if necessary. Even Brown's poll, poor boys listless, showed four out of five in favor of rationing, and most of them thought as I do, that it should not have been discontinued. Once in awhile, we get a cube of butter, or some oil, mayonnaise, or marmoset, sometimes months apart, but we would gladly relinquish it, if it could go to the war victims, but the next person in the line would get it. People say "I will make a sacrifice for those overseas, but I only keep the 'me first'".

I am sure having your consideration of this matter  
Sincerely yours,  
Miss Ethel Spencer.



1835 Alameda Avenue,  
Alameda, California:



Dear Sir:

I am hoping that you who have so many contacts, and know so many people, will be able to think of some person or group with sufficient vision to realize the far reaching and long lasting effects that would follow the taking of the steps I urge in this letter.

I think one of the greatest blots on our history is the callousness and indifference with which so many of us have regarded the tragic plight of the children of the war torn countries. If these children, the future citizens of the one world our children will have to live in, who in their character forming years have been forced to steal, lie, and deceive, and some of them even to kill, grow up to be enemies of society, full of resentment and hatred, we ourselves will be to blame. We could have done much. Perhaps it is still not too late to do much, if only a few people will get together, and overcome the difficulties and obstacles with the same determination that helped us win the war. If we do not, and perhaps at the end of five or ten years, we waken to a realization of what our lost opportunities have cost us, it will be too late, for the resentment will probably have increased with the years.

Next to making a success of the U.N.O., it is important that we reach as soon as possible the children in the war devastated countries, with a message from one of our children on behalf of all the American Children. If someone could be found who would speak on the radio (I think the radio stations would be glad to donate the time) and have it announced well in advance that that person had an important message for the American people, especially the children. Then give the facts concerning the plight of these children, and ask our children if they would like to help them. First by forming little groups to think of ways of saving food, and ask others to save it, so that they would become conscious of the wicked waste of food that goes on in this country.

Then the suggestion could be made that they have boxes or jars in their homes, and by thinking of ways to earn extra money and by making little sacrifices, with the help of the grown ups, they could raise huge sums of money (that would never be missed), to be disbursed by the "Save the Children International Union," and "World Education Service Council," to aid in the truly wonderful work they are going to accomplish in the coming years for children all over the world. I think the schools would be glad to forward the money, each teacher taking in the money from her own class. Failing this, I am sure churches and organizations would co-operate.

One could get some idea of the amount that would be raised by realizing that if only a quarter of our children gave a penny a week it would amount to three or four million dollars a year. I have worked with children all my life, and I feel sure they would respond whole heartedly to the appeal and before long it would be a big interest in their lives.

The message to the children need be very short and simple, expressing a realization of the fact that we in this country owe our safety and freedom from the horrors of war to the courage and heroism of their people, and assuring them of the friendship and help of our children, expressing a real desire that they will all learn to love and understand one another and work together to build a world that

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will be safe for them all to live in, free from the threat of war.

I am not minimizing the wonderful work of the many groups and organizations who are working along these same lines, but there are millions of children who have never heard of any of them. Their desperate plight needs our united efforts immediately, no matter what the cost or sacrifice, though we should not think in terms of sacrifice, but rather as an opportunity and privilege. These lonely children just naturally think our children do not care. They need to be assured of their friendship and help, in order to restore confidence and hope and courage, if they are at least some of them, ever to attain even a measure of stability, and normal living.

I think we should all face the question, Dare we accept the responsibility of denying our children the right and privilege that are theirs of helping these children rebuild their lives and homes, with the clearer realization of the "Brotherhood of Man" that would result, since this realization alone will make this one world a safe place to live in, for all the things we have depended on for our security are now of no avail. We have made an awful muddle of world affairs. The only way we can atone to our children is to see that they have their opportunity to do better. Whatever we of this generation may do will avail little, if we do not train the coming generation to be internationally minded. They must be educated for World Citizenship, and surely they could learn in no better way than by sharing together in this plan. The idea has been put into action in Canada, so that the children could help the Red Cross; also in England, when a town adopted a Greek town and they wished their children to have the privilege of helping, under the name of "Thankful Leagues." Surely what the British children can do, ours can; only they know what total war is, and unfortunately for our understanding of the rest of the world, we do not.

Let us act at once, and make our high sounding phrases of which we are always so generous, have real meaning for the rest of the world.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Ethel Spencer.



1711 Santa Clara Ave.,  
Alameda, California.

Dear Sirs:

Recently a letter written to him was forwarded to you by Mr. Joseph C. Harsch. In the letter the writer urged a special effort be made to get a message from our children to the children in the countries devastated by war, with the desire not only to help these children both materially and spiritually, but also to unite the children of this one world together, to work for World Peace; and I and my friends are hoping that you will be able to contact those who would carry out the wonderful ideas expressed in the letter.

Most of the work we do, deals with effects, for which we try to find remedies, instead of with causes, for one of the greatest causes of war lies in the fact that in each new generation many of them are indoctrinated with the evils of race hatred, class distinction, and intense nationalism. They are brought up in ignorance of the habits and lives of those who are now their next door neighbors, the children in other parts of the world. The majority of them are indifferent to the sufferings of millions of starving children all over the world, because the grown ups are indifferent. They have not been educated to be any different. I know of children who fritter away twenty five cents, some even more, a day, without any thought of sharing a few cents with these children, yet if their pitiable plight were presented to them in the right way they would respond immediately and gladly.

The present generation was brought up in a fool's paradise. They were told they could have peace by wishing for it, and shutting their eyes to what went on in the rest of the world, only to be rudely awakened by the tragedy of Pearl Harbor. They were sent all over the world to fight without knowing why they were fighting, or what they were fighting for, and I am afraid many are coming back with no clearer realization. Let us not repeat this mistake. The children should understand the kind of world they are living in, and told that peace must be earned, that they must be worthy of it, and that it must be worked for unceasingly. Children all over the world should be educated for "World Citizenship", from the time they are able to understand anything. Then we should not have to try, often in vain, to eradicate the false training as we are doing now. We can earnestly hope that these children will never have to go to war, but if they do, let us be very sure that they will understand why they are fighting, and for what; also let us make sure that it is worth fighting for.

It seems to us that it is time to stop talking about what a great country this is, and how much greater a contribution we made to the common cause than the other nations. If wealth constitutes a countries greatness, then we are great, but if a determination to fight with insufficient food and arms as the other nations - Greece for instance - did, when the situation seemed quite hopeless, then we feel that these countries are greater than ours. Also we feel that while we contributed more in the way of material things, other countries contributed far more in the way of sacrifice and suffering, to the extent that we in this country have not the slightest conception. We blush for shame for our country when we hear people voice these misconceptions, and realize the scorn and contempt these people must feel for us when they hear them, for they know that but for their willingness to hold the line, and suffer and die, we too would have had to throw our loved ones into the fighting, untrained and ill equipped. Only the time they bought for us with their lives saved us from this. We should before it is too late, undo the harm done by a small minority, by letting these people know the majority of us realize the debt of gratitude we owe them, and intend to show it.



With free press and radio in so much of the world, there is no excuse for not uniting the children of the world. It should be possible before long to have a radio program if only once a month, when children of the different nations could tell of the customs, habits and lives of their people. When ignorance is displaced by knowledge, we shall have made a big step forward. We hope some day it will be possible to have an International Children's paper or magazine, telling of the doings of children all over the world, in which a good space will be left for letters from the children themselves, with suggestions for bringing about closer co-operation in schools, homes and in World Relations.

Some people may raise the objection that if our children raised a large sum each year, it could not be divided among these millions, but there are many things that could be done that would please them; for instance, Scholarships in this country, to educate the children from the devastated countries, so that a bond would be formed right away by the letters sent home, which could be read on the radio, and printed in the papers. Then a very important thing would be radios in schools, hospitals and children's homes. Another would be small Foster Homes, where the war orphans could be assured of a Mother's care, and gradually learn to forget the horrors they have lived through, and beds could be endowed in hospitals and convalescent homes for the maimed and crippled children of this war, and if there were an inscription on each radio, bed, or Home, - "A Gift from the American Children," or from some school or group, it is certain that children everywhere would know the real meaning of "World Citizenship," and "The Brotherhood of Man." We should not have to teach them.

My friends and I realize our plans are ambitious and some may say, "Are there enough people who would favor them?" We think there are. But if no one did anything unless they were sure of success, very little would be done. Those with race prejudice, who are anti- every other country, make a great noise but we feel the majority of the people, while seemingly indifferent and apathetic, would respond to a concrete plan and rally round real leadership.

We are hoping that you will realize the wonderful possibilities these plans hold for promoting world peace, and that you are able to get groups such as churches, P.T.A.'s and youth organizations to cooperate. A while ago, N.B.C. with ten youth organizations presented "Here's to Youth." We thought them about the best series ever put on the air. I am sure radio would donate the time if they would get together again, and present some of our ideas and suggestions.

We sincerely hope there will be found people with vision who will overcome all difficulties and obstacles, and turn all stumbling blocks into stepping stones to enable us to reach our goal.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) Edith Wamble.



1835 Alameda Avenue,  
Alameda, California.

Dear Sirs:

As one whose time is spent working in the interests of children, I am pleading the urgency of getting help to the child victims of war all over the world, for each day's delay only adds to the already too large number of disillusioned embittered young people, devoid of hope and a menace to the peace of the world, who will be fertile soil in which future Hitlers will sow the seeds of the next war; while if the children are happily united together, their propaganda will fall on deaf ears.

Our policy has been very short sighted, for "Today's Children are the Hope of Tomorrow's World," and those of us who have listened to such programs as "Junior Town Hall," and "Youth Looks to the Future," and "Here's to Youth," are amazed at the understanding these young people have of world affairs, and at their clear thinking. We are sure that given their opportunity and wise guidance, they will as they grow older, make a great contribution to World Government, which is our only hope for the future. It is truly going to be one world for all of us, or no world for any of us. The world's children are now a world responsibility, and the closer we all work together, the better will be the results, for in unity is strength. As long as there are minority groups or underprivileged children anywhere in the world, they are always liable to disturb the peace of the world, and eventually cause war, and we should each one of us make an individual effort to rectify the condition. Equally so, should the children who are blessed with sufficient, or an overabundance of this world's goods, feel it both their duty and privilege to share with those who have not enough, if they are to attain the far sighted and long range vision they will need, to live in the kind of world they are going to have to live in.

I have just listened to a discussion on the air, by Scientists, of the Atomic Bomb, with their terrifying picture of our future world, unless we have a World Government.

But if I had the privilege of giving a message to the world, I should say, "We don't have to live in that kind of a world if we will all realize the danger, and the necessity and urgency of instilling the spirit of love and brotherhood in the coming generation, with the same fervor and determination with which Hitler set about implanting and nourishing in the minds of the German children, the seeds of hatred, race prejudice and revenge in order to conquer the world.

And if we wish to erect a memorial to our war dead that would be a living, vital thing, let us erect in the hearts and minds of the World's Children these indestructible ideas and ideals. The task would be long and difficult, discouraging for some, inspiring for others. So was theirs, but they didn't stop till they had accomplished it. Neither should we. And if we succeed, the atomic bomb will hold no terrors for us, and we shall not fear to relinquish our sovereignty, for when confidence and understanding replace the wrong thinking in our minds, no one will have any desire to drop bombs on anyone.

To any thinking person it is unbelievable that any nation will in the future attack another nation unless they are pretty sure they can wipe out its seat of government, and many other vital portions of the country in the first few hours.

Therefore we can feel reasonably sure of at least ten, perhaps even twenty years, free from war, in which to unite the young people of the world, including the children of those we now call our enemies, together, so that they will in no uncertain terms, let their governments know they have no intention of fighting each other.

According to what use we make of this time may depend the peace of the world. It would be a full time job for all of us, requiring our utmost efforts, but we ourselves should probably benefit to as great an extent as the young people for it may be that the child thought, which is not so cluttered up as ours with a lot of thinking that should be discarded, will even lead us, if given the opportunity.

Some wise person said, "The best way to destroy our enemies, is to make them our friends." Let us try and do just that. We have nothing to lose, and everything to gain if we succeed. It should be to each one of us an opportunity, a privilege and a challenge.

Yours very sincerely,

(Miss) Ethel Spencer.



1724 Eagle Avenue,  
Alameda, California.

Dear Sir:

I am one of a group that has worked all through the war years, to aid the suffering people. In the numerous letters received from abroad, while much appreciation was expressed for the material help, perhaps even more emphasis was placed on the friendship and loving thought, and interest which put fresh hope and courage in their hearts. And last Sunday I think it was Edward Murro who said in a heart-rending account of conditions in Europe, "Great as is the physical hunger of these people, sometimes I think the spiritual hunger is even greater." Unless we act quickly, much that has been won by such terrific sacrifice and suffering will be lost in the hopeless agony of the coming winter, and those whose hopes of the "brave new world" buoyed them up to unbelievable acts of courage and heroism, as they see International Relations going from bad to worse each day, will join the ranks of the heart sick, and disillusioned, who will face a future without hope.

Recently I heard of a wise Mother, who for years had had a jar in the home into which the children had put nickels and dimes, and into which she and Daddy had put somewhat larger sums from time to time, the money being used to help underprivileged children. One of the children, now grown up and married, said she thought every home should adopt this idea for it had given them a better understanding of "Brotherhood", and it would be impossible to overestimate what it would mean to these neglected children to know the money was not raised by appeals over the radio or by door to door collections, but came voluntarily from the hearts and homes of the American children.

Several times a day people talk over the radio from every corner of the globe, and surely it should be possible to arrange a Children's International program, when a boy or girl from such groups as 4 H. Clubs, Future Farmers of America, and Scouts, would tell of their activities and plans. It would put fresh heart in the young people of the devastated countries, and stimulate a desire to form such groups themselves, and later on as conditions improved, perhaps it would be possible to have them talk; and in the meantime, radios and newspapers when possible, would pass the talks along.

It seems as though the U.N.O. and the atomic bomb will have the greatest bearing on future events, and shape the future of the world, but we believe the children of the World united together, will exert just as great an influence, and will be a great guarantee of world peace.

I lost my son, who was my only child, in this war and only if we can feel assured that in a few years time the children of those who have returned will not have to fight another and more terrible war, will I and the other mothers and wives who lost their loved ones, feel that the fearful sacrifice has not been in vain.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Kate Hornett



1049 Fair Oaks Ave.,  
Alameda, California.

Dear Sirs:

I am one of many I feel are now very anxious that all possible means be taken to get help, and assurances of gratitude and friendship to the innocent child victims of this inhuman war.

Several years ago Sir Norman Angell said, "Had we in this country heard the cries of the Chinese Children when the bombs first fell on them, we should not now be digging our own children out of the ruins of our homes," and it is equally true that if we in this country hear the articulate and inarticulate cries of these children who have suffered so long and terribly, it is not only possible, but probable that our children will not be called upon to fight a war that will far surpass this one in horror and tragedy, or be destroyed before they can even rise up and fight.

A Russian woman once wrote: "I was a child at the time of the famine, we were literally starving, when we were given some bread and lard, and told it was a gift from the American people. It made such an impression on me that the years have not lessened the gratitude that I felt." In a few years time our young people will have to have dealings with these young people, and discuss and settle world affairs. One can imagine the difference between meeting bitter, resentful individuals, whose only memory was the fact that we had left them to struggle alone, because we just didn't care, and meeting with those who perhaps would say: "We have never forgotten the day the first message from the American children reached us. It instilled in us a new spirit of hope, and enabled us to better face the difficult future with a feeling of confidence and courage."

We are all very disturbed in this country, (and rightly so) over the increase of juvenile delinquency as a result of war conditions. It is not difficult to at least have an inkling of the state of mind of these children who have been existing under conditions so terrible, that we cannot envisage them, and for a greater number of years.

Unless there are those with better ideas, we feel the easiest and most democratic way to raise the millions of dollars that will be needed in the coming years to support the wonderful work of the Save the Children International Union and World Education Service Council would be by the children having a substitute for a bank in the home. In that way, no one would have to give, each one would give what they could afford, and no one would know how much any one else had given. As the aforementioned organizations are non profit, non political, and care for children only, regardless of race, color or creed, the response should be wholehearted, for people will have the assurance that every cent contributed will be used to help these children.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) Dorothy Britton.



1835 Alameda Avenue,  
Alameda, California.

Dear Sir:

Perhaps you will be able to make use of some of the ideas expressed in this letter. I don't know if I am aiming too high, but it seems as though it is time to start planning for a young people's group of the U.N.O. They need not attend the sessions, but they might form groups, and send delegates to a National Convention, where a delegate would be selected to an International Convention and at the close, ideas and suggestions could be forwarded to the U.N.O. And if possible they should have a magazine to which they could contribute articles and letters. This would probably result in a decision to select a language that would be taught in every country. Thus, eventually, one of the greatest barriers to understanding among the people of the world would be removed.

If these suggestions were carried out, the young people would feel they had a voice in matters that vitally affect their lives, or perhaps wiser heads than mine may think of better ways for making the young people feel secure, and assuring them that their wishes and suggestions are valued, and will receive consideration and thought, or perhaps the youngsters themselves may have ideas, if given a chance to air them.

It is not surprising that juvenile delinquency is increasing, for the young people are facing an uncertain future in an insecure world, being fed pictures of drinking, sex appeal, crime, and war through much of the press, radio, and movies, which should be used to contribute to their education and well being, topped off by the terrors of the atomic bomb. I hear such remarks as these from High School and Service boys: "We are only regarded as cannon fodder for wars in which there is little chance of survival, or of coming back whole, so we intend to have as good a time as we can now." Many are convinced that war with Russia is inevitable. And a boy who spent four years in the navy said: "Yes, I did want a college education, but not now. We don't plan for the future, because we don't believe we have any future."

Of course the Germans overseas and the members of the former German Bund in this country, and their dupes, are to some extent responsible for the state of mind of many unthinking, gullible boys, totally uneducated and unfitted for the kind of world they are living in. But the trouble goes deeper than this, and we are greatly disturbed wondering what we are going to do about it; if we are going to awaken to a realization that perhaps we are spending too much time, money, and effort on such material armaments as the atomic bombs, and not enough on spiritual armament, for an army is only as good as the men who compose it. The cases I have cited can probably be multiplied all over the world, which should make us realize we must never stop until we can assure the young people they are not merely pawns in an International Political Game.

I realize there are those who are saying, the U.N.O. will not last, but the mere possibility of its not doing so should only make us realize the urgency of assuring the young people of our interest and efforts on their behalf, and in the event of such a tragedy, I hope there will be those who through radio and press will immediately let them know we do not intend to waste a moment on regrets, incriminations or discouragement, but that we are only conscious of an added urge and incentive to redouble our efforts, and that we need their help, so that when the U.N.O. comes into being again, it will be built on a firmer foundation.

Perhaps if we had enough sense to spend the money we are using to manufacture the atomic bombs, on rebuilding the schools of China, Russia, and the Philippines, it might contribute more to the peace of the world than the bombs will. It seems so very important that we reach the young people of China and Russia, and I'm sure that not only the children, but the majority of the people of both countries are anxious



for our friendship and help. I realize that the Russian Government presents difficulties, but they should be regarded as something to be overcome, not submitted to, for on the understanding between the people of our two countries may depend the peace of the world; and any government that would prevent their young people from receiving help, or deny them the privilege of uniting with an International Group would be taking a great risk, for sometimes when the reins are drawn too tightly, they break.

We cannot solve today's problems by trying to push the young people back into the pre-war world. When we hear of student outbreaks in various places, we realize the young people are on the march all over the world. The direction in which they march will depend on the opportunities and wise guidance they receive, or whether they receive none. In that event they will follow any one with an "ism" who promises them a glowing future. They are tired of being sent to fight wars caused by the mistakes and apathy of their elders.

My many years experience have taught me that children would rather be good than bad, rather do constructive things than destructive, but most of them want to form gangs or groups and whether they are good or bad depends on their environment, whether they have decent homes and sufficient food and clothes, and wise leadership. These we can give them only if we care enough to unite together to sacrifice and work untiringly, with understanding and love, for their interests. We have proof of this, when we contrast the city slum gangs with such groups as Scouts, Four H. Clubs, and F.F.A. and the Youth Clubs being formed all over the country, some of which are happily replacing the gangs in the city slums.

Our late President said, "If we wish to survive we must cultivate the Science of Human Relationships." We can do this in no better way than by interesting our children in the work of the World Education Service Council, for it is uniting children all over the world in a realization of the "Brotherhood of Man," in the only way they can attain it, that is, by practising it. Next to the U.N.O. the W.E.S.C. more than any other group or organization will probably exert the greatest influence for peace in the world.

We all need to realize the necessity of starting with the children, and working from the ground up, for only then can we be sure we are building our one world on a firm foundation.

Yours very sincerely,

(Miss) Ethel Spencer.



# WILL YOU HELP SAVE THE CHILDREN OF FRANCE?

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE

The following excerpts are taken from the overseas diary of Mr. Howard E. Kershner, chairman, Overseas Committee of the Save the Children Federation, Inc.

By Howard E. Kershner

## Food Scarce in Paris

Oct. 1.—Arrived by plane in Paris. Went to five restaurants before I could find anything to eat. Finally got bread and something on it, with ersatz coffee for \$1.30.

Oct. 3.—Bread is about 8 cents a pound and is about all the poor people have to eat. There is no black market in bread. On the black market eggs are 40 cents each, chicken is \$5 a pound, butter the same, coffee \$12 a pound.

The ration of soap is one small piece a month of something that is not soap at all and irritates one's skin without cleaning.

proteins are lacking. The ration is only one small portion of meat a week and often that cannot be found. The dark bread is the principal source of protein. The children are not developing properly and find it difficult to concentrate on their studies.

Took the evening train for Marseilles. I had a reserved seat in the crowded train, but at first did not notice that the window of my compartment was broken. Within an hour we were all shivering. I gave one of my coats to a small barelegged boy and went into the toilet cabinet to put on my long heavy underwear.

Oct. 4.—Arrived in Marseilles. The officials of Entraide took me to see many destroyed schools and two institutions for the children of political deportees and of soldiers who did not come back.

Back at the office I learned how the people continue to have something to wear: by making over, turning wrong side out, shirt cuffs and collars are renewed from the tails of shirts which were fortunately very long in pre-war France.

## Children Are Thin and Dirty

Oct. 5.—Visited schools all day. It was sad to see thin little children, with such ragged clothing and nearly bare-footed in the cold rooms often with some of the window panes gone, trying to study. Many of them should be in hospitals instead. In most schools ragged, pale, undersized children made me fear for the future. Here in southern France I found the children in an even more desperate condition than the children of Norway, Holland or Belgium.

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A French Child

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In collaboration with the French Save the Children organization  
Comité Français de Secours aux Enfants

Name Monique LOESCH No. F-192

ST. DENIS (SEINE) - 8 years old

The family was bombed out of Dunkirk in 1940. The father was arrested and shot by the Germans in 1944. They were bombed out again at the time of the Liberation. They have nothing left and Monique needs help very badly.

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Most of the schools we visited had been partially destroyed. In one school I stood at the end of a corridor on the second floor, where there were gaping holes in the roof above me, and watched half-clothed men who looked weak and unable to work, nailing a kind of grass matting to the overhead joist on which plaster would be put. I wondered if the grass would hold the plaster.

On the other side of the hall a class was going on. The faces of the children brightened with hope when I told them I was from America. I could not say much.

To sponsor a school for one year costs

\$150 \$250 \$500 — and up depending on the size of the school

These children needed commodities, not words. The teacher had only one book for the whole class, and a tiny piece of chalk. Only half the children had pencils. I longed for the wastage of paper, pencils, chalk and books from just one American school.

A small manufacturer, employing about 100 men, told me the men now require eight hours to do what they did in four hours before the war. They are faithful and loyal but being hungry for five years they have lost weight and energy. It is the same with the children in school.

## Medical Survey Made

Oct. 6—I have spent the day consulting doctors. Dr. Gasard, head of the Municipal Health Department, told me that tests of 50,000 children made in 1938-'39 and again in 1942-'43 showed that children of six are two inches shorter than four years ago and that children of thirteen weigh thirteen and a half pounds less. In Marseilles, in 1943, 53 per cent of the twenty-year-olds were pre-tubercular.

Dr. Jean Reyband, head of the pediatrics clinic of the Faculty of Medicine, told me that child infection with tuberculosis had increased greatly since the liberation. The children seem to have stood privation for some years but now many, after the long period of insufficient food, are becoming infected. He added that many children are developing stomach trouble from bad food.

At Aunay-sur-Odon we gave the Mayor and principal of the school 150 sweaters. There will be a sweater for every child who needs one in the school. It is a primitive village. One long stone building four stories high, houses nearly all the village. Four rooms are occupied by the school. I saw rough pieces of slate from old roofs being used for school slates.

## Nightmare in St. Lo

St. Lo had 2,400 houses, of which four hundred remain. It is a nightmare to ride or walk through it. The municipal college for boys and girls is really two lycées in one, and is now meeting in two places. It is certainly in order for the two schools in Michigan to go on sponsoring these two lycées.

In the Department of Calvados well over half of the 396,000 inhabitants are homeless. The houses that are still standing are crowded with two or three times the normal number of people and are without light, heat, hot water, clothing, cooking utensils.

This was not an isolated case. I found such conditions in many schools varying only in the degree of lack of facilities. I wondered how we can expect children to learn and democracy to thrive under such circumstances.

American individuals, groups or schools wishing to sponsor a single child at a total cost of \$8 a month; or a school in Norway, Holland, Belgium or France at a cost of \$12.50 to \$41.66 a month should write to the Save the Children Federation, 1 Madison Avenue, New York City 10.

Your sponsorship of one of these innocent little victims of war may save its life. Devoted workers from our sister organization, the Comité Français de Secours Aux Enfants, go regularly to the homes of these children taking them vitamins, food, clothing, shoes or money with which to help supply these needs.

Without this help many of these little ones might not have sufficient clothing or shoes to attend school or energy to learn anything if they did attend—many might not even survive.



## HOW AMERICAN FRIENDS OF FRANCE ...

### ...TEACHERS AND CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOLS OF AMERICA CAN HELP THE SCHOOL CHILDREN OF FRANCE (1)

:It is exceedingly important to emphasize:  
:the fact that helping the French NOW is :  
:worth ten times the help that could be :  
:extended later on.... :

: : Angela Winthrop :  
: : SCF Relief Worker :  
: : now in France :  
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#### From SCHOOLS TO SCHOOLS

"Friendly hands across the ocean"

The Federation's most important activity in France at present is the "SPONSORED SCHOOL PLAN" (Parrainage de'écoles)...in which you can participate in the following manner:

An individual, a class, school or group in the United States furnishes a minimum contribution of \$12.50 a month - \$150 a year for a small school or a class of about 30 children in one of the devastated provinces of France, \$250, \$500 or more - up to \$5,000 for a larger group according to the number of children, ( counting \$5.00 yearly per child to be aided.) The money is used for whatever the children most need: clothing, shoes, supplemental food, vitamins, soap, school supplies, seeds, tools, books, or even minor repairs to the building. Under the direction of an American supervisor, the program is administered in cooperation with the competent authorities by our sister "SAVE THE CHILDREN" organization, the Comite Francais de Secours aux Enfants. To the extent that the most useful commodities cannot be supplied, money will be sent...

The sponsors (individuals or groups) receive, when it is possible, pictures of the school, and correspondence with the children is encouraged. After such correspondence is established, sponsoring groups may increase the amount of their contributions and collect commodities with which to supplement them: clothing, shoes, school supplies, small household utensils, tools, towels, blankets, pillow cases, certain books, tooth brushes, needles, thread, SOAP, etc... they are all useful articles - very much needed in most cases.

At the end of the first year, the sponsors have the option of renewing for another year. Payment can be made monthly, quarterly or yearly. Partial sponsorships may also be arranged - especially in the case of large schools. Every class can adopt a class "over there" and thus individual correspondence can be started. Send your letter to the Federation, marked, very plainly:- Overseas <sup>M</sup>ail, Code No. \_\_\_\_.

Additional information about any of the above projects will be sent upon request. Send correspondence and contributions to the "SAVE THE CHILDREN FEDERATION", One Madison Avenue, New York 10, N.Y. (French Section).

Commodities should be well packed and sent by PREPAID parcel post, express or freight to the Save the Children Federation Workroom, 8 Washington Place, New York 3, N.Y. and marked for France. Sponsors will be given special code numbers for "their" adopted schools so that packages will be automatically directed to these schools.

Please let us know HOW MANY of these instruction sheets you need for distribution among the people you think might want "to do something" for the school children of France.

We shall be most grateful for any cooperation that you will be able to extend.

#### VOLUNTEERS WANTED !

Ask detailed instructions:

- I. School Sponsorship
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- III. Kits for the children of France
- IV. Sewing groups, local committees, etc.

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No. 8

## WHAT WAR HATH WROUGHT



The child in the wreckage of a shell-blasted home symbolizes today's tragedy. The child is also the hope for tomorrow's Europe. It is our opportunity this Christmas, as a thank offering that the night of terror is past, to give these young survivors of the ordeal a chance to build a better world.

### 2000 SPONSORS ARE NEEDED

The children are French, Belgian, Dutch, Scandinavian. Sponsorship of a boy or girl costs only \$96 a year—eight dollars a month—or \$32 for a part sponsorship. The donor receives a story and picture of the individual child and may designate sex and nationality.





## BULLETIN

SAVE THE CHILDREN FEDERATION, INC.

Guy Emery Shipley, Chairman      John Q. Tilson, Treasurer  
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No. 1 Madison Avenue, New York City

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### HELP FOR SCHOOLS IN LIBERATED EUROPE

Each shattered schoolhouse in liberated Europe tells the story of Nazism's savage attempt to destroy democratic ideals. When the enemy departed, he left fallen buildings, broken and starved bodies of men, women and children, disease and death.

The survival of democracy and the hope of the future await the restoration of the health and well-being of the children. There must be no delay in the revival of education. The schools of the devastated countries are the place to start revitalizing child life and rebuilding education.



*Orphans' Home School in France sponsored by Randolph Macon College for Women*

### HOW THE PLAN OPERATES

The money will be used for whatever will help the children most: clothing, supplemental food for school lunches, vitamins, school supplies, seeds and tools for school gardens, equipment for preserving food or other items to meet physical or educational needs. To the extent that the most needed commodities cannot be supplied, money will be sent.

Pictures of the schools will be supplied to the sponsors and correspondence between the children "over there" and the sponsors here will be encouraged.

### A MESSAGE FROM OVERSEAS

I have seen with my own eyes the sorrow of the children of Europe. It is a terrible thing to behold. In Belgium one sees tubercular children living in barracks without sheets, pillow cases, heat or adequate food. Most of the children in Holland were barefoot or in crude wooden shoes that are bringing permanent injury to many small feet—not to mention the starvation cases with wizened little bodies and old faces. I saw children four years old weighing only fifteen pounds. Norway, France—each country had its own special tragedy. Will the heart and the soul of America be unresponsive or its purse strings tied while these children perish? God forbid!

HOWARD E. KERSHNER.



### OVERSEAS

Sponsorship Cost — \$150 and up a year depending upon size of school.

FRANCE - HOLLAND  
BELGIUM - NORWAY



*SCF clothing workroom, 8 W*





## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In more than a hundred rural counties of the United States thousands of young people are living happier and more useful lives because of the idea, which nearly fourteen years ago, inspired the formation of our organization. Yet the work which the Federation has developed through its unique pattern of service has scarcely more than begun when compared with the needs existing among the children in rural areas.

Our domestic task will not be completed so long as America's rural children anywhere are undernourished, underclad or denied the care and educational opportunities which lead to health and ability to meet life in this modern age. Again, therefore, we bespeak your generous help. We hope that you will find it possible this Christmas to sponsor one of the rural schools which are so greatly in need of co-operative assistance. But, if you cannot do this, remember that gifts to our general work will also give you a share in our mission of helpfulness. Whether your gift is \$1.00 or \$1,000, it can be sent to our treasurer with the assurance that it will be gratefully received and put to work effectively in behalf of children.

JOHN R. VORIS.

### ◀ BEFORE

#### SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP IN AMERICA

Believe it or not, the pictures at the left and below show more impressively than mere words what can be accomplished at a needy school in rural America by a sixty dollar annual sponsorship. This is Liberty School in the mountains of Tennessee.

### ▼ AFTER



### IN AMERICA

**Sponsorship cost — \$60 a year or \$5 a month.**

*Donor is given name of school and picture of children.*

#### CLOTHING ON ITS ERRAND OF MERCY OVERSEAS

50,000 lbs. of clothing have just been shipped to Stockholm to aid refugee children from liberated countries, making 170,000 lbs. sent to Sweden. There is a pool of 10,000 lbs. in France with an additional quantity scheduled to go. SCF clothing for Holland was the first to reach the Dutch children from America. Shipments have also been made to Italy and Belgium.

#### THE CLOTHING NEED AT HOME

The following wires recently received from school superintendents in nine of the hundred rural counties of America served by the Save the Children Federation tell their own story of urgent need for clothing:

**There is a desperate and crying need for school children's clothing in the remote rural sections of county.**

—M. C. NAPIER, Perry County, Kentucky, Superintendent. Wolf County school children urgently in need of clothing. Can you help us out?

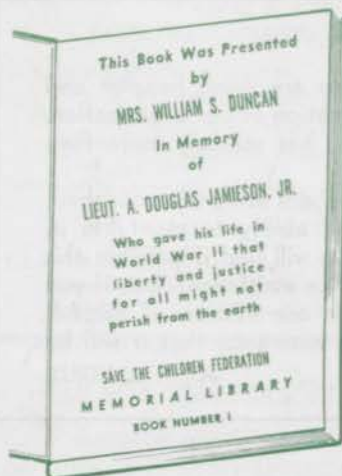
—ARNOLD ROSE, Supt., Wolf County, Kentucky Schools. Need for school children's clothes urgent.

—IVAN DONNELLY, Superintendent of Schools, Johnson County, Tenn.



Washington Place, New York





## MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Teen-age boys and girls living in remote rural areas not served by public libraries need

### Good Books

Memorial volumes sent to the Federation will be marked with book plates (see copy). A story of the life of the individual in whose memory the book is given will appear on the opposite page.

Books will become a part of school libraries which receive assistance from the S.C.F.

Make your memory of a loved one an inspiration to youth.

## YOU CAN BE HAPPY THIS CHRISTMAS IF

You have done your full share to make joy possible to boys and girls who usually know little Christmas cheer.

### GIVE—

Money — Dolls — Games—  
Books — Clothing.

Send package to SCF Workroom,  
8 WASHINGTON PLACE,  
New York 3, N. Y.



## HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

for

CHILDREN IN AMERICA

*Education is free in this country*

BUT thousands of boys and girls in remote rural sections of America do not enter high school because they lack funds with which to purchase books and suitable clothing.

**GIVE SCHOLARSHIPS,  
\$50 to \$100**

*Education must be made available to all.*



*Mrs. Frederic Winthrop, Acting Administrator for the Save the Children Federation in France. The American school children are dressed in type of garments vitally needed overseas. Bags of clothing in the background were collected in public school Bundle Days.*

rate items, and of money—with which we may provide the needed articles—are investments in childhood futures which promise rich returns.

*Please designate your gift "Layettes for American Babies".*

## KITS FOR EUROPE'S CHILDREN

Our sympathy and concern go out to all children who need our help at this Christmas time. In Europe there are countless thousands of them who will be cold and cheerless unless aid is given them, and many may not survive the winter unless clothing is provided.

This is the moment and the opportunity to express our thanksgiving that we are now able to begin the building of a new world. There is no more constructive way than by saving the children and by giving them practical evidence of our friendship and good will.

"Kits" are parcels containing clothing and other articles necessary for the health and comfort of infants and children. Your gift may be a complete layette, or an outfit for a child up to six years of age, or you may send separate items of clothing and toilet articles for children of any age. Money is needed to purchase these same necessities. Your gift may be designated for Sweden (refugees), France, Belgium, Holland or Norway.



*Little Miss Alsace presents clothing package for overseas aid to Lt. General William N. Haskell, Vice-President of the Federation.*

## LAYETTES FOR AMERICAN BABIES

*"and offering their treasures, they offered unto Him gifts."*

At this season of joyful and unselfish giving we have the opportunity of opening our treasures, as did the Wise Men, and of offering our gifts. There can be no more appropriate way, both symbolically and practically, than to give aid and comfort to the new-born babies of our own time. Let us offer our gifts to American babies, born into impoverished homes in the rural disadvantaged areas of our country. There are hundreds of families living in isolation, up the mountains, or in coves and valleys, on mud or rocky roads, often impassable in winter time. The new baby is welcomed and cherished, but there has not been money to buy clothing or other articles needed for its daily comfort.

Gifts of complete layettes, or of separate items, and of money—with which we may provide the needed articles—are investments in childhood futures which promise rich returns.

*Please designate your gift "Layettes for American Babies".*



Return 303

JUL 22 1946

Miss Eldora H. Spiegelberg  
946 East Pacific Street  
Appleton, Wisconsin

My dear Miss Spiegelberg:

Your post card of 6 June to the Victory Clothing Collection asking where to send boxes of clothing which you and your fellow students wish to contribute has just been referred to me for reply. I am sorry that this will not have reached you before commencement but hope that the information will still be of use.

I am enclosing a list of relief agencies, and their addresses, which will be glad to accept any garments in wearable condition which you can contribute.

Thank you for your interest.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

cc to: L. L. Henninger  
CJRichards/fms  
12 July 1946  
C-2967



Return 303

Mr. Jack Spiro  
Jack Spiro & Co. Inc.  
1333 Broadway  
New York 18, New York

14 AUG 1946

Dear Mr. Spiro:

Your letter of 2 July to Mr. Kiplinger -- outlining your plan to market a child's dress with attached material cut in the form of a rag doll, and with instructions so that the American girl who wears the dress can complete the doll for shipment to a child overseas -- has been referred to me.

As an international relief agency, UNHRA is not in a position to endorse a commercial proposition, however worthy. Therefore we can not authorize your using the name UNHRA in connection with the promotion of your plan or with the actual sale of such dresses as you describe. Neither can we authorize you to instruct purchasers of such dresses to send completed dolls to UNHRA for shipment overseas.

We suggest that you may be able to arrange some tie-in either with the Children's Crusade or with the Association for Childhood Education. Both of these organizations are conducting programs for the sending of toy kits and other packages to needy children overseas. Their addresses:

Miss Mamie W. Heins  
Association for Childhood Education  
1201 16th St., N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Miss Mabel Katherine Pearce  
Director, The Children's Crusade  
4700 Kenwood Avenue  
Chicago 18, Illinois

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

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 August 1946  
7443







# JACK SPIRO & CO. INC.

CHILDRENS *Dresses* TEENS

1333 BROADWAY • NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

July 2nd, 1946

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY



*friend*  
Mr. Walter Kiplinger  
Chief of the Contributed  
Supplies Branch - UNRRA  
1344 Connecticut Ave.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We would like to present you with a plan which we feel you will be most anxious to receive.

We are one of the foremost manufacturers of children's dresses, located at 1333 Broadway, New York City. We are extremely sensitive to the crying need for providing the children in Europe with a cheerful diversion to help them to forget these past horrible years.

*have*  
Our idea is to attach to our dresses, which will be sold throughout the country, material cut in the form of a rag doll. We will supply the materials and instructions gratis to the purchaser of the dress. Instructions will be given to the child that wears the dress on how to complete the rag doll, a simple process, then to send it to her local UNRRA Headquarters to be sent overseas in time for the Christmas Holiday.

We would appreciate your reaction to this plan and sincerely hope that you will give us the authority to go ahead with this worthy plan.

Trusting you will give this matter your immediate attention and awaiting your favorable response, we remain

Very truly yours,

JACK SPIRO & CO. Inc.

By

*Jack Spiro*  
Pres.

JS:HK

Return 303

JUL 12 1946

Mr. Morris J. Spivack  
102 West 38th Street  
Bayonne, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Spivack:

Your letter of 6 June to Mr. Lilly, enclosing posters and prints of your own device which might appropriately be used in connection with the Famine Emergency, was referred to me.

I have forwarded your letter and enclosures to Mr. Jack Durham of the President's Famine Emergency Committee, Washington, D. C.

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  
8 July 1946.  
48299

cc to - Jack Durham





UNRRA  
Wash., D. C.

June 6, 1946

PR- Attention of Mr. Joseph Lilly  
Director of Public Information

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of May 28, for which I thank you, please note that prior to the receipt of your letter I mailed ~~you~~ twenty-five copies of a blueprint poster ("Eat No Bread") in addition to the previous material, to the UNRRA.

In order that my communications and material may reach the same person at the Famine Emergency Committee (as well as for the information of your office) I enclose herewith further material as follows:

A large blueprint poster which is being used locally in this community (Bayonne, N.J.) This has been posted in the Bayonne Public Library, and a member of the local famine emergency committee has ordered a quantity of them.

I also enclose a brown-and-white print from which any number of "blue-line" prints (similar to the small white poster enclosed) can be made. These brown transparencies can be made from the original drawing in quantity and distributed to communities interested in making their own copies. The printing is something any boy or girl can do, as a project, at home. The poster can be used with or without the top heading.

I am sure the message these posters carry will result in much good.

If I can be of further help please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,  
Morris J. Spivack.



102 W. 39<sup>th</sup> ST.  
Bayonne, N. J.  
(Please reply to  
the above address.)

48299



Return 303

Stanford Union  
Palo Alto, California

JUL 26 1946

Gentlemen:

Your card of 10 June to Mr. LeGuardia, challenging his "reasons for not accepting canned foods" for overseas relief, has been referred to me.

I believe that you may have slightly misconstrued what Mr. LeGuardia said on the radio concerning contributions of canned food to the nationwide Emergency Food Collection.

The Emergency Food Collection, now ended, was a drive to collect either canned food or cash with which to purchase additional food. The drive was conducted on behalf of UNRRA: all food collected, or purchased with contributed cash, was given to UNRRA for immediate shipment overseas.

Mr. LeGuardia on several occasions advised would-be contributors to give cash instead of canned food, but he never, to my knowledge, said that canned food would not be accepted. He simply said that contributions of money were preferred. Reason: much more food can be obtained for a given amount of money if the food is bought centrally in large quantities. Also, in that case, there is a considerable saving in the cost of collection, packing, and transportation.

You will be interested to know that by 30 June the Emergency Food Collection had collected nearly 2 1/3 million dollars worth of canned food and over 1 1/4 million dollars in cash. According to my latest information, contributions are still pouring in to headquarters of the Emergency Food Collection in New York City, in spite of the fact that the collection has been officially terminated.

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.

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

Cordially yours,

H. Fitts/at  
25 July 1946  
7076

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

cc to - A. Casgrain ✓

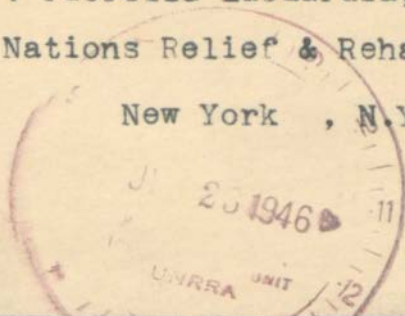






THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Fiorella LaGuardia, Chief of  
United Nations Relief & Rehab. Agency,  
New York , N.Y.



*Handwritten blue ink initials or signature.*

*Orest. Van Housing* June 10, 1946

Your Excellency,

We have listened to your radio talks on relief for Europe and challenge your reasons <sup>not</sup> for accepting canned foods (lack of transportation &c.) At least the sea ports of the North Sea, Mediterranean should have been excepted, as there <sup>m</sup>no inland moving is needed & people could go direct to the docks, warehouse. The U.S. Senate passed a bill permitting food packages to be sent to Germany &c. (TIME 7/6/46 p. 21 p. 1) please correct your obstructionist tactics & publish result. The time to act is NOW.

Respectfully yours,  
STANFORD UNION,  
Palo Alto, California



Return 303

9 AUG 1946

Mr. Paul C. Stark, Director  
Office of Emergency Food Program  
Famine Emergency Committee  
215 Administration Building  
Department of Agriculture  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stark:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter from the International Workers Order to President Truman concerning the world food crisis and the measures to be taken by the American Government to meet it.

It would apparently be more appropriate for your committee to send an answer to this organization than for UNRRA to do so.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
8 August 1946  
7069

cc to - Rockwell Kent



*Return 303*

21 JUN 1946

Mrs. Teresa Steib  
2120 East Tremont Avenue  
New York 62, New York

Dear Mrs. Steib:

Your letter of 23 April to Mr. LaGuardia, regarding the sending of parcels to your relatives in 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 the 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.

Sincerely yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
20 June 1946  
31804





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Richard

New York, April 22, 46.

Mr. Fiorello H. La Guardia  
Director General of UNRRA,  
New York, N.Y.

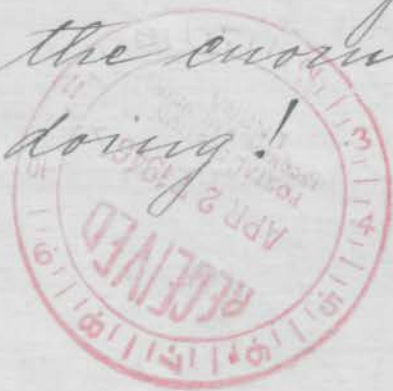


Dear Sir,

After hearing your Easter Day message I know I cannot go wrong in asking you for your help to permit us to send food packages to our relatives in Germany who did not have the good fortune to come to live in this country as I had. I was a growing youngster in Germany during World War I and I do know what it means to be really hungry; one of my sisters died of tuberculosis at the age of 17, due to

starvation. Those sisters in my family who have survived (now aged 40-60) are victims of two wars, homeless due to bombing, and unemployed. I am sure they must be very hungry and despaired. It is now that perhaps food packages that I pray to be allowed to send, might give them enough physical and moral strength to want to live the rest of their natural life.

I would appreciate any help you can give in this matter from the bottom of my heart. May God bless you for the enormous job that you are doing!



Very truly yours  
Mrs. Teresa Steib  
2120 E. Tremont Ave.  
New York, 62, N.Y.



*Conf. Com  
R. B. M.  
303*

25 MAY 1946

Mr. Howard Stein  
U.S.M. Publicity  
231 West 59th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Stein:

Your letter of 8 May to Mr. Lilly, furnishing additional details concerning your proposed auction by radio of a plaque for the purpose of raising funds for overseas relief, has been referred to me.

Since UNRRA is an international agency of 48 nations, it seems that such a plan as the one you propose might more appropriately be considered by some United States agency than by UNRRA itself.

UNRRA operates with funds appropriated for that purpose by the government of its member nations. We are, therefore, not in a position to participate in a fund-raising campaign; although we are glad to receive and put to immediate good use any contributions of bulk supplies or cash which organizations, groups, or individuals in any country of the world may wish to donate to us for the relief of suffering in the war-devastated countries.

We have sent copies of your letter, for their information and possible action, to the President's Famine Emergency Committee here in Washington and also to the nationwide Emergency Food Collection which has headquarters at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, New York.

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 for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison



N. Fitts/at  
24 May 1946

37079  
cc to - W. Kiplinger  
C. Brown

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*Ernst*  
*Lilly*  
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## PUBLICITY

MATTY SIMMONS

HOWARD STEIN

251 WEST 89TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

May 8, 1946



*PK-* Mr. Lily

Public Relations Director, U.N.R.R.A.  
United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The following are the details that you requested regarding our plans for the plaque.

First, we will secure the signatures of Mrs. Roosevelt and members of the Security Council of the United Nations in New York. Then we add the names of the most outstanding people of the entertainment field who are in New York at the time. After New York, we take the plaque to Washington where we secure the signatures of President Truman, his Cabinet, members of the Supreme Court, Congress and other Washington dignitaries. Following this, the trophy will then go to the West coast where a select group of Hollywood luminaries would affix their names to it.

After all the signatures have been secured, the trophy would then be auctioned off over a coast-to-coast radio show, with the highest bidder receiving the plaque. No specific shows have been selected as yet, but such programs as "We the People", "Truth or Consequences" and "Queen For a Day" are interested.

The money secured through the auction, less the expenses involved in the trip, would then be turned over to U.N.R.R.A., for the purpose of purchasing food for the famine-stricken people of the world.

Judging by past experiences, we feel certain that we could raise approximately \$50,000.00 and the natural wealth of publicity.

In answer to your question of how U.N.R.R.A. would benefit by it, I think it is obvious that your cause would be greatly aided by the tremendous amount of publicity you would receive; the auction money; and by special appeals to the people to save food, made in the public places that the trophy would be taken. The full extent of the plans would naturally depend upon you and your policies, as there are no limits to the extent and methods that can be developed in regard to the plaque.

If you are willing to go ahead with the general ideas outlined, I would be glad to come to Washington to discuss this even further.

Respectfully yours,

*Howard Stein* HOWARD STEIN

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PUBLICITY  
251 WEST 89TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY



GRAND CENTRAL  
STATION



Mr. Lily

Director of Public Relations, U.N.R.R.A.

United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration  
Washington, D. C.



Mr. Fiorello La Guardia  
New York City

W. N. R.A.



*Return Rm. 303*

MAY 28 1946

Mrs. Stewart  
Greenwood Lake, New York

Dear Mrs. Stewart:

Your recent letter to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that there would be less bread wasted if bakers "were compelled to bake only half loaves of thin, sliced bread", has been referred to me.

We have passed your interesting suggestion along to the United States agency which is in the best position to give it appropriate consideration, namely the President's Food Emergency Committee. We expect that you may hear direct from that agency concerning the matter.

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,

Norma Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
25 May 1946  
41472

cc to - C. Brown



Dear Mrs. A. Guardian. Over Van Hyning

2  
bakers  
were compelled to back only  
half loaves of their sliced bread  
one of two or three in the  
family would certainly  
save bread, we purchase the  
larger loaf because no one  
seems to like the smaller  
slice, so more than half of  
the large loaf grows stale and  
is thrown away, larger families  
could purchase two half loaves  
at the price of a full loaf, as  
long as the large loaf is on  
the grocer's shelf it is bound  
to be wasted Mrs. Stewart.





Return 303

7 AUG 1946

Miss Grace Stewart  
226 Lombdale Street  
Wilmette, Illinois

Dear Miss Stewart:

Your letter of 12 June, stating that the League of Women Voters in Wilmette, Illinois, is planning an educational campaign concerning the famine situation overseas and requesting posters and photographs for use in window displays as well as sample menus from the famine areas, has been referred to me.

We enclose a statement which includes several sample menus, and under separate cover we are sending you additional informational materials.

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

There is, of course, no charge for any of these 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 Mission

N. Fitts/at  
2 August 1946  
49977

cc to - P. W. Condon



228 Lawndale St.

Wilmette, Ill.

Rec'd - Van Hykes June 12, '46

United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation  
Administration

1344 Connecticut Ave  
Washington



Dear Sirs:-

The League of Women Voters in Wilmette is putting on a campaign to interest the people in supporting the Emergency Famine Relief. Too many people are griping about the difficulty of getting the food they want when they want it.

Please send me some menus of other countries and if possible some posters and pictures that we may use in window displays. Kindly let me know if there is a charge for these.

Very truly yours

(Miss) E. Grace Stewart

99977



Mrs. Rudolph Stille  
Nashua, Iowa



Director Fiorella H. La Guardia  
New York City,

Alma

New York

*Return 303*

31 MAY 1946

Mrs. Rudolph Stille  
Nashua, Iowa

Dear Mrs. Stille:

Your letter of 1 May to Mr. LeGuardia, enclosing the names and addresses of several needy families in France that want UNRRA to send them food packages, has been referred to me.

UNRRA sends relief and rehabilitation supplies in ship load lots to the governments of liberated countries which request such help. Unfortunately we are not in a position to send individual food packages to designated families.

Certain voluntary foreign relief agencies, however, do maintain lists of needy families overseas so that Americans wishing to send packages to them may do so. We have therefore forwarded your list to the appropriate agency.

Thank you very much for your interest and if we can be of any 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  
27 May 1946  
35515

CC to - Molly Flynn  
American Relief for France





*Anna - Rosenstock*

Nashua, La.

May 1st



Director of UNRRA

New York City, New York

I am inclosing the names  
of several needy families in France  
that have requested me to give  
their names to the UNRRA for  
food packages.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Rudolph Stille

Return 303

Miss Doris Stouder  
Brethren Service Center  
New Windsor, Maryland

JUL 26 1946

Dear Miss Stouder:

Your letter of 16 July to Mr. James B. Parkhill, asking whether it is true (as recently reported by a Los Angeles newspaper) that UNRRA has made a shipment of food to Japan, has been referred to me.

UNRRA has made no shipments to Japan.

We shall greatly appreciate your giving us the name of the Los Angeles newspaper, and the date which it carried this story. Our Office of Public Information is interested.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/et  
25 July 1946

cc to - Ernst-Parkhill ✓  
L. J. Margolin ✓





Church of the Brethren

Brethren Service Center

New Windsor, Maryland



July 16, 1946

Administered by  
Brethren Service Committee  
22 South State Street  
Elgin, Illinois

*to Fitt*

*JB*

James D. Parkhill  
1344 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Parkhill:

We have learned from a clipping in a Los Angeles newspaper that UNRRA had made shipment to Japan, a shipment of food. We are wondering whether this statement is correct? As you know, our church organization is very eager to ship relief supplies to Japan and we are very eager to have the way opened. May we have your early reply?

Sincerely,

*Doris Stouder*

Doris Stouder  
Sec'y. to John Metzler

*Checked with Whipple - D. C. Div.  
no shipments. JB, 8 July 46*

*Wanted our Pub. Inf. Section  
be interested?*

# Church of the Brethren

## Brethren Service Center

New Windsor, Maryland



Administered by  
Brethren Service Committee  
22 S. State Street  
Elgin, Illinois

August 28, 1946

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and International Agency Liaison  
UNRRA Office  
1344 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fitts:

It has been some time since we received your letter asking us specifically what paper in California carried the news of an UNRRA shipment to Japan. We wrote to find out sometime ago and just received a reply this morning. I will quote to you from the Illustrated Daily News, Los Angeles, June 6, 1946 -

"Longshoremen today loaded the USS Valdosta Victory with 2512 tons of concentrated foodstuffs, the largest shipment of relief supplies to the Pacific area made to date from Los Angeles harbor.

"Capt. C. H. Gillilan, commanding officer of the naval supply depot and in charge of the shipment, said the Valdosta will sail tomorrow for Tokyo, where the cargo will be turned over to UNRRA authorities. Distribution of the relief foods will be made to starvation areas in Japan, China or Korea by UNRRA, he said."

".....The cargo was originally destined for Europe but was re-routed when UNRRA officials urged immediate aid to widespread Asiatic starvation areas, navy officials said, adding that previous shipments across the Pacific totaled less than 10,000 tons. The Valdosta Victory is operated by a merchant marine crew sailing under army transportation corps orders."

I hope this supplies you with the information you asked for in your letter of July 26. We are wondering just where this shipment was unloaded?

Sincerely,

*Doris Stouder*

Doris Stouder  
Secretary to John Metzler

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WASHINGTON, D.C.





BRETHREN SERVICE CENTER

NEW WINDSOR, MARYLAND



Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and International  
Agency Liaison  
1344 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington 25, D. C.

Return 303

JUN 28 1946

Mrs. Ernest A. Strathmann  
160 W. 11th Street  
Claremont, California

Dear Mrs. Strathmann:

Your letter of 3 June, requesting posters and pictures for use in four window displays in connection with the campaign now being conducted by the Pomona Valley League of Women Voters and the Claremont committee on Famine Relief, has been referred to me.

Under separate cover we are sending you appropriate materials, and we have also asked the President's Famine Emergency Committee and the Emergency Food Collection to send you additional materials of the type you request.

There is, of course, no charge for any of these 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 Pitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Pitts/at  
27 June 1946  
49347

cc to - A. Casgrain  
W. M. Kiplinger  
S. Gaines





160 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Claremont, California  
June 5, 1946

Orval Van Dine



United Nations Relief Administration  
Dear Sirs, -

request.

I am writing on behalf of the Pomona Valley League of Women Voters and the Claremont Committee on Famine Relief, to ask for posters, and pictures for use in window display. We have three markets and a bakery, and would appreciate at least four posters for use in these windows, and any menus or pictures to help emphasize the need for voluntary rationing of wheat, fats and oils and relief to stricken countries.

Thank you so much for your courtesy in helping us to make the community conscious of the need for food abroad. Please let me know if any expense is involved and I will send a check. Sincerely, Cynthia Strathmann

(Mrs) Ernest A. Strathmann  
160 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St. Claremont, Calif.

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Return 303

AUG 1 - 1946

Mrs. Ernest A. Strathmann  
160 West Eleventh Street  
Claremont, California

Dear Mrs. Strathmann:

In accordance with your letter of 6 July, we asked the President's  
Famine Emergency Committee to send you 50 additional copies of the  
poster "Lick the Flatter Clean."

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

Haggart/Pitts/at  
1 August 1946  
9542

cc to - P. W. Condon





168 West Eleventh Street  
Claremont, California.  
July 6, 1946

*over - Van Hyning*  
U.N.R.A.  
1344 Connecticut Ave.  
Washington, D.C.  
Dear Mr Fitts,

Thank you for the material on famine relief. The colored poster - LICK THE PLATTER CLEAN - is perfect for the needs of this community. We would like to put one in every market and restaurant, and to have them for family use in the breakfast nook, kitchen or dining room. Could you possibly send me about fifty copies of this one poster? I am writing for the town famine committee and for the League of Women Voters.

Please send me at your earliest convenience, fifty copies, or as many as you can spare us - near that number - of LICK THE PLATTER CLEAN. Thank you so much for your courtesy in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Cynthia Strathmann*  
(Mrs Ernest A. Strathmann)  
160 West Eleventh Street  
Claremont, California.

*Return* 303

Mr. John B. Straub  
Better Business Bureau of Milwaukee  
710 North Plankinton Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

15 AUG 1946

Dear Mr. Straub:

Your letters of 26 June and 23 July, requesting information about the Overseas Clothing Supply Company of 325 South Second Street, Milwaukee 4, Wisconsin -- specifically, whether the clothing it collects is actually sent overseas for relief purposes -- has been referred to me.

It is my impression that an earlier letter from you on this subject, dated 4 June, was answered some time ago by another UNRRA official.

In any event, we know nothing about the company in question.

On the chance that the United States' Advisory Committee on Foreign Aid may know something about it, we have taken the liberty of sending a copy of your letter of 26 June to that committee for its information and possible action.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention, and we trust that the Advisory Committee on Foreign Aid will be able to give you the information you need.

Cordially yours,

Herman Pitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

H. Pitts/at  
14 August 1946

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cc to - A. Ringland





**BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU OF MILWAUKEE**

710 N. PLANKINTON AVE. - MARQUETTE 3372

**MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN**

RICHARD JORDAN  
GENERAL MANAGER

MILLER, MACK & FAIRCHILD  
COUNSEL

June 26, 1946

*S. C. T. & F. Inc.*  
UNRRA  
Division of Civilian Relief  
1544 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Overseas Clothing Supply Company  
325 South Second Street  
Milwaukee 4, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

Under date of June 4th, we wrote you asking for information concerning the above organization. To date we have not had a reply and are anxious to hear of your findings on the matter.

This company, which is buying old clothing for packing and shipment overseas, operates on a profit basis and we would like to know whether or not the clothing is actually sent to European countries. Could you tell us what arrangements the firm has made for shipping?

Your prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*John B. Straub*  
John B. Straub

JBS:MN

JUL 1 1946

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BETTE BUSINESS BUREAU OF MILWAUKEE

710 N. PLANKINTON AVE. - MARQUETTE 3372

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

RICHARD JORDAN  
GENERAL MANAGER

MILLER, MACK & FAIRCHILD  
COUNSEL

July 23, 1946

*Wied - Van Hyning*  
UNRRA  
Division of Civilian Relief  
1544 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Overseas Clothing Supply Company  
~~325 South Second Street~~  
Milwaukee 4, Wisconsin



Gentlemen:

To date we have not heard from you concerning our original inquiry of June 4th. If it is at all possible for you to advise us whether or not the clothing collected by the above organization is actually sent to European countries, we would greatly appreciate your help.

May we expect to have a reply soon?

Very truly yours,

*John B. Straub*  
John B. Straub

JBS:MW



BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU OF MILWAUKEE  
710 NORTH PLANKINTON AVENUE - MILWAUKEE 3, WISCONSIN



UNRRA  
Division of Civilian Relief  
1544 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

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G E F  
N Fitts

25 MAY 1946

Mrs. Frieda Sverdløve  
309 East 19th Street  
Brooklyn 26, New York

Dear Mrs. Sverdløve:

Your letter of 8 May to Mr. LaGuardia asking what you and your group of Brooklyn housewives could do about the famine emergency has been referred to me.

The President's Famine Emergency Committee has available a considerable amount of material on this subject, and we have therefore asked that committee to select appropriate items for you. You will probably receive this material within the next few days.

We note that you also request information on the desirability of rationing to relieve the situation overseas; and it is possible that the Famine Emergency Committee will be able to advise you concerning that as well.

It occurs to us that you may be interested in contributing canned food, or cash with which to purchase additional food for overseas relief to the nation-wide Emergency Food Collection. If there is not already a local committee in your community cooperating with that nation-wide drive, you can obtain complete information direct from its Headquarters office at 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, New York. The telephone number is Hanover 3-0290.

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  
International Agency Liaison

cc to Casgrain  
Henninger  
Kiplinger  
Gaines

NFitts/em  
22 May 1946

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222 East 19 Street  
Brooklyn, 26 N.Y.  
May 8, 1946

Hon. Fiorello H. La Guardia  
Washington, D.C.  
Dear Sir,

OPC - Kelly

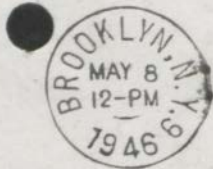
I am one of your former  
Constituents, that is - a resident of  
Brooklyn. I am writing to you  
as a representative of a group of  
Brooklyn Housewives. We are  
interested in knowing what  
we can do about the Famine  
and feeding the hungry of  
Europe.

We would appreciate it  
very much if you would send  
us some literature on this  
subject, also on 'rationing to  
relieve the Famine'.

Sincerely yours  
(Mrs.) Frieda Suedlone

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F. Loedlove  
209 E. 79 St.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.



Hon. Fiorella H. La Guardia  
U. N. R. R. A.  
Washington  
D. C.



Return 303

21 JUN 1946

Mrs. Charlotte Swenson  
100 Overlook Terrace  
Leonia, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Swenson:

Your letter of 23 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 the 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.

Sincerely yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

Fitts-Richards/at  
20 June 1946  
33548



Duma - Welch

Apr. 22, 1946.

MRS. ARNOLD H. SWENSON

100 OVERLOOK TERRACE

LEONIA, N. J.

Mr. F. H. La Guardia  
U. N. R. P. & Director,

open - three



Dear Mr. La Guardia,

I was greatly relieved when you were made director for I feel that you see issues clearly and are unafraid when you know what is right.

There are between 20 and 30 people, half of them children under 15 years living in very bad circumstances, and in some cases close to starvation in whom I have a personal interest. My sisters and I could keep them supplied with food clothing and medicine if only the mails were open to Germany. We have been waiting, hoping against hope that we might

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save them from death.

There is Tante Lisbeth for instance. She fled from East Prussia under dreadful conditions ending up finally in a Hamburg hospital with a cancer condition. She is about 5ft 8 inches and weighs only 80 lbs., so you can see that it is only her will to live that keeps her going. She wrote that she has nothing we have so much to share with her if only we could. The children all have been wandering since the Russian army came through. What their condition is I can only guess.

Were there no children in Germany we might let them

work it out but since there are the children and babies to consider we can't consider ourselves above the Nazis if we let them starve.

Anything you can do to get the parcel post to Germany opened will be appreciated. Please be assured that my interest is not only in Germany though my relatives are all there. I have worked with the Friends, with the Save the Children Federation and with the A. W. V. S. on its Christmas package program.

Good luck in your work. I wish you were President.  
Sincerely,  
Charlotte Swenson 33548



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*Please date & return to*  
*303*

JUL 12 1946

Mrs. Florence E. Tabor  
Round Lake, New York

My dear Mrs. Tabor:

Your post card of 14 June to Director General F. H. LaGuardia requesting information regarding UNRRA has been referred to this office. We are sorry that there has been a delay in replying.

Your questions regarding what UNRRA is and what it does are too broad to cover fully in one letter. I shall briefly sum up its functions and send, under separate cover, a pamphlet which describes this organization in greater detail.

The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration was set up in 1943 by the governments of 44 nations for the purpose of providing relief and rehabilitation to the United Nations which had suffered as a result of the war and to nationals of enemy and ex-enemy territories who had been persecuted because of race, religion or political belief. Since the signing of the agreement in November, 1943, four more countries have become members.

UNRRA operates only in countries which do not possess adequate foreign exchange and whose governments have specifically asked for aid, such as Poland, Greece, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, China, Italy, Hungary, etc. The United Nations of northern Europe, such as France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark and Norway possess sufficient foreign exchange to purchase their own supplies and have not asked for UNRRA assistance.

UNRRA deals exclusively with governments and not with private individuals or groups. The supplies which UNRRA provides, once they have arrived in the country of destination, become the responsibility of the government of that country. The distribution of these supplies is effected insofar as is possible, through normal wholesale and retail channels. Those who can pay do so; those who cannot, receive them free of charge.

UNRRA has sent missions to countries receiving supplies, whose task it is to assist in the distribution of these and to see to it that the supplies are distributed fairly and equitably without discrimination and on the basis of need.

These are only a few of the salient features of UNRRA. We hope that you will read the pamphlet which, although brief, describes conditions



Mrs. Florence Taber

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and what this administration is attempting to do to remedy them.

You also asked where to send funds for the starving peoples in war areas. You can either send your check or money order to the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc. at 122 East 22d Street, New York 10, New York, or to the Office of Voluntary and International Agency Liaison, UNRRA, 1344 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. We should be very glad to accept any money that you can contribute. The want and starvation overseas are such that every bit, no matter how small helps in some measure to relieve the general destitution.

We hope that the above information will encourage you to keep an active interest in the enormous task of relief.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and International  
Agency Liaison

Separate Cover-"50 Facts about UNRRA"

cc to: A. Casgrain  
H. Petticrew

CJRichards/fms  
11 July 1946  
C-2899





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Hon. Fiorella La Guardia  
Washington  
D.C.

UNRRA Headquarters



Please tell me  
where to send  
funds for the  
starving peoples  
in War areas.

What is UNRRA?

What<sup>h</sup> does it do?

Yours truly

(Mrs.) Florence E. Sabor

Round Lake

N. Y.

June 14, 1946



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*Return 303*

Miss Adele Taubman  
Secretary  
Jimmy Day Post No. 12 of AMVETS  
164 West Pike Street  
Pontiac, Michigan

13 AUG 1946

Dear Miss Taubman:

Your letter of 26 June to Mr. LaGuardia, stating that the Auxiliary of Jimmy Day Post No. 12 of Amvets wishes to "adopt" a specific city in Europe, 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.

The 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.

We suggest that the best way to help the needy overseas is by contributing cash either to a voluntary foreign relief agency cooperating with UNRRA or, if you prefer, direct to UNRRA. In that way you can be sure that your contribution will be used for the purchase of most urgently needed supplies and that the supplies will be delivered to the individuals in greatest need.

If you decide to contribute to UNRRA, you should make out your check to UNRRA and mail it to this office.

Under separate cover we are sending you certain of our informational 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  
13 August 1946  
6768





F. H. La Guardia  
U. S. R. R. A.  
New York, N. Y.

Priscilla Van Hyning

Dear Mr. La Guardia,

The great need for everyone's help  
in feeding our world's starving has been  
appreciated by our organization.

Therefore the Auxiliary to the Jimmy  
Dey Post #12 of Amvets wishes to assume  
the responsibility of organizing and conducting  
a campaign to feed a specific city in  
Europe.

We would be very grateful if you  
would forward to us, information,  
instructions and a list of suggested cities,  
and doubly grateful for any advice  
that you with your vast experience  
could give us.

Very Sincerely,

Auxiliary to the Jimmy Dey Post #12 of  
Amvets, Pontiac, Michigan



Adelle Taubman  
Secretary

Los Angeles the 22<sup>nd</sup> July '46.

Mr. Norman Fitts

Office for voluntary and International  
Agency Liaison

Dear Sir! I thank you very much  
for your kindly words and hope your letters  
to your mission in Poland and to the Amer-  
-ican Relief for Poland (Chicago) will be of great  
help for my brother Joseph Thome and his wife  
both Poles who were sent by Russians from  
Lwow Galicia where both Germans and Russians  
destroyed, looted, burned, took away the machines  
(and even the coffins from our parents who  
died more than 40 years ago from our mill  
and our family house and factory, to Olawa,  
Silesia, now Poland. Since we got the wire asking  
us to send them food we sent 12 big packages  
one package from Dan mark by Gimpele New York  
but till the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July they got only 3 (three) parcels  
and those partly looted. As they have now a good  
help for them. We will send from now on the  
C.A.R.E. parcels which will reach them sooner.  
Many, many thanks for what you did  
for my relatives

Yours faithful

Martha Bielechowsky  
Thome.



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- Fitts



Return 503

JUL 16 1946

Mrs. Klara Bielschowsky Thom  
4063 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Thom:

Please pardon our delay in answering the letter which you sent to Mr. LaGuardia concerning your relatives in Poland.

As you know, UNRRA is engaged in the procurement of relief supplies for shipment to the governments of the allied countries which need them. However, it is the recipient government -- not UNRRA -- which distributes the relief supplies in each country. Therefore, UNRRA is not in a position to see to it that your relatives receive any of the supplies shipped to Poland.

We have sent copies of your letter, with enclosed telegram, and this reply to our Mission in Poland on the chance that it may be able to help your relatives indirectly through bringing them to the attention of a local Polish Welfare Agency.

We understand that your relatives are "two old people" named THUMOWIE and that they live in a community called OLAWA in Silesia.

We suggest that American Relief for Poland, Inc. (located at 1200 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago 22, Illinois) may also be able to help your relatives through its contacts in Poland. So we have also sent copies of your letter, with telegram, and this reply to American Relief for Poland for its information and possible action.

We assure you that we are deeply sympathetic with your desire to send food to your relatives, and we hope that some good will come of our attempt to help you.

Sincerely yours,

N. Fitts/at  
16 July 1946  
33337

cc to - Am. Rel. for Poland  
Polish Mission  
M. Flynn

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary  
International Agency Liaison



Dear Sir.

Los Angeles the 19<sup>th</sup> April 46.



The translation of the telegrams  
last letter please send us food

send us

Thom

Thom

It is the cry of distress of two old people  
who die from hunger. We are sending one parcel  
after the other but when will they reach them! Is  
there not possibility that the Curra helps them  
till our parcels are there. Please help them!

Yours thankful and faithful  
Klara Bieleschowsky  
Thom



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4062 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California

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Sincerely yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

N. Fitts/at  
2 July 1946  
33337

cc to - Am. Rel. for Poland  
Polish Mission

*Return 303*

MAY 1946

Mr. Paul G. Thomson  
Wayne Hotel  
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Thomson:

Your letter of 21 May to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that there should be legislation to restrict the holding of banquets at which huge quantities of food are wasted, at least until the world food crisis has passed, has been referred to me.

We have brought your suggestion to the attention of the President's Food Emergency Committee, which is the United States Agency in the best position to give it the consideration it deserves.

Thank you very much 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  
28 May 1946  
42807

CC to - C. Brown





*Orval - Van Hyman*  
20 May 1946



F. H. La Guardia

W.N.R.R.A.

Dear Sir:

As a American citizen and having done considerable traveling through several states past several years. I wish to take the liberty of bringing to your attention, food conditions as I have seen them, and realizing the effort you are putting forth in the world food crisis, feel that more rigid control is vital, more than ever before.

Having witnessed a very shamefull, but elaborate display of food waste through my observations of the various assortments of banquets in the hotel dining rooms. This seems to be a daily occurence and the waste of food at these banquets and private dinners is indeed a very sad state of affairs. Especially, when thousands upon thousand are starving.

The above facts are not just hearsay but absolutely true, as I have witnessd them so many many times. My only purpose in writing this letter is to see if some form of legislation could not be put into effect whereby these unnecessary affairs could be postponed until at least the world food crisis has passed.

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it seems that some world program on the present food situation, should and could, be reached by the obliteration of these so-called necessary functions. To use better term we may call them "necessary" evils.

So as a patriotic citizen, would suggest that you, as a leader, in the present food crisis, take preventive steps to divert this food to the starving needy in Europe.

Very truly yours,

*Paul P. Thomson.*

% Wayne Hotel, Fort Wayne, Ind.



Return 303

AUG 1 - 1946

Miss Habel Thorn  
113 Ann. Street  
Elgin, Illinois

Dear Miss Thorn:

Your letter of 16 July, requesting menus from other countries, as well as posters and pictures for use in window displays, has been referred to me.

We note that you are Chairman of the Social Welfare Department of the Elgin League of Women Voters and that you plan to conduct an educational campaign in your community concerning the need overseas.

The President's Famine Emergency Committee has available quite a number of pamphlets and other informational materials which describe ways in which Americans can help to combat starvation overseas by conserving food in this country. We have therefore asked that committee to send you appropriate materials.

We have also asked our own Office of Public Information to send you appropriate photographs.

As for menus in the famine areas, we enclose a short statement "Food Consumption Levels in Europe," which includes several.

Under separate cover we are also sending a copy of our pamphlet "Fifty Facts about UNRRA" as well as certain other of our informational 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

Taggart/Fitts/at  
1 August 1946  
11956

cc to - P. W. Condon  
W. Wells



*social* *Vare* *Hyatt*  
113 Ann St., Elgin, Illinois.  
July 16, 1946.

United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Admin.,  
1344 Connecticut Ave.,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly send me menus from other countries  
than ours, as well as posters and pictures for use in window  
displays.

As chairman of the Social Welfare Dept. of the  
Elgin League of Women Voters I am asking for the above. This  
is to be a project of this department which I would like to  
put on in the near future.

I assure you this will be very much appreciated by  
members of this committee, as well as the Elgin League as a  
whole.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Mabel Thorn.

Mabel Thorn.





*Return 303*

18 JUN 1946

Miss Mary Thornley  
5 Somerton Avenue  
Philadelphia 16, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Thornley:

Your letter of 26 May to Mr. LaGuardia, suggesting that all grain allotted for beverages be immediately purchased by the United States government and shipped overseas for the starving people there, 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 Food 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 "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

H. Fitts/at  
14 June 1946  
44924

cc to - C. Brown  
A. Casgrain



5. Somerton Ave Philadelphia

July 26, 1946

The Hon. Fiorella La Guardia

Dir. Gen. of Surra

Washington D.C.

encl - Van Kuyper

My Dear Sir: No food grains  
in the face of World-wide star-  
vation, should be used for  
beverages until, at least, after  
1946 grain harvests.

Kindly allow me to urge that  
all grains now so allotted be  
immediately condemned by  
the government and then that  
they be purchased by the  
government and at once sent  
as food ship meats for the  
starving peoples.

Respectfully,

(Miss) Mary Thornley



44924



Return 503

JUL 17 1946

Mr. Worth M. Tippy  
Executive Secretary  
The Erie Council of Churches  
Room 200, Y.M.C.A. Building  
Erie, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Tippy:

Your letter of 3 June, asking whether UNRRA has money from government grants which it has not been able to spend and, if so, why it is necessary to raise additional money through the Emergency Food Collection, has been referred to me.

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 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.

Mr. W. Tippy

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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 \$455,000,000 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 appropriate 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 conducted in the United States has been that of the Emergency Food Collection.

For your further information about the international relief problem, I am sending you under separate cover 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 appreciate your interest in this matter 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  
47063

cc to - Lee Marshall  
A. Casgrain





MEMBER CHURCHES:

Asbury Methodist  
Brown Avenue United Presbyterian  
Cascade Methodist  
Central Baptist  
Chestnut Street Presbyterian  
Church of Christ  
Church of the Covenant  
Church of God in Christ  
Delaware Avenue Baptist  
Eastminster Presbyterian  
Emmanuel Presbyterian  
First Baptist  
First Evangelical & Reformed  
First Methodist  
First Presbyterian  
First United Presbyterian  
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Good Samaritan A. M. E.  
Zion Mission  
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Holy Trinity Lutheran  
Kingsley Methodist  
Lakewood Methodist  
Lawrence Park Methodist

# The Erie Council of Churches

Room 200, Y. M. C. A. Bldg.

PHONE 22-340

ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

FLOYD A. BAKER, President

WORTH M. TIPPY, Executive Secretary

MRS. R. W. HAWLEY, Office Secretary

June 3, 1946

MEMBER CHURCHES:

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Our Lady of Hope  
Salem Evangelical  
Sarah-Hearn Memorial  
Shiloh Baptist  
Simpson Methodist  
St. James A. M. E.  
St. Paul's United Ev. & Ref.  
Tenth Street Methodist  
Trinity Memorial Episcopal  
Wayne Street Methodist  
Wesleyville Baptist  
Wesleyville Methodist  
Westminster Presbyterian

Affiliated Organizations:

Erie Ministerial Association  
Woman's Missionary Federation  
Y. M. C. A.  
Y. W. C. A.

UNRRA

1344 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

A question came up on Saturday in connection with the Emergency Food Collection in Erie, Penn'a. during the month of June as to the need of raising money as well as supplies. The questioner who is Chairman of the Erie Council of Churches Committee said that he understood that UNRRA had money from government grants which it had not been able to spend. Why therefore should more money be raised in the city as well as supplies collected?

I was unable to answer the question, although I assumed that it can be answered satisfactory. Will you please let me know?

Sincerely yours,

*Worth M. Tippy*

Worth M. Tippy  
Executive Secretary

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*Return* 303

JUN 19 1946

Mrs. Adelaide Todd  
4500 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia 39, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Todd:

Your letter of 10 May to Mr. LeGuardia, suggesting that America be urged to give up bread for a week and donate the money saved for overseas relief, also that airplanes be used to carry food more quickly to the starving, has been referred to me.

As you know, Mr. LeGuardia 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.

Since UNRRA is an international agency of 48 countries, it is not in a position to act upon your first 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.

As to your second suggestion, you will be interested to know that UNRRA is already using planes to transport light emergency supplies to the war-devastated countries. You can be quite sure that we are using air transportation wherever it is practical to do so. You understand, of course, that there are not enough airplanes available to us for all the huge shipments of food and other relief supplies which we must send.

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  
14 June 1946

cc to - A. Casgrain  
C. Brown





Mr. Fiorella La Guardia  
Washington, D.C.

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My dear Mr. La Guardia:- A suggestion for feeding the starving  
please read this.

Last night, Thursday May 9th 1946  
I listened to Frank Kingdom over the radio telling of the millions  
of people starving all over the world and telling how you are putting  
up such a good fight to get food to them. I also listened to you  
several times in the movies and over the radio and have always known  
how sincere you are and that your heart is with your fellow-  
man and their needs whatever they may be.

Here is a suggestion, for a first step, which  
might help with God's help and yours and your associates.

Every man and woman in these United States  
can give up their bread for one week without harm to them especially  
if they are overweight, and send it to the starving peoples.  
And send it by airplanes. We sent airplanes and bombers to  
Europe during the War with heavy cargo, and to send bread  
and food to the starving children, women and men is just as  
important, if not more so. If we can send planes to kill the  
enemy, starvation is an enemy too (a deadly one) why not use  
planes to send food before it is too late, as "manna from Heaven."  
I think Mr. Hoover could give the pilots the information where to drop  
the bread and food and where it is needed most urgently.



This would just start to help the cause - then a plan for reinforcements in food can be worked out and ships sent, too, later, which I presume are being sent now.

Immediate help and action is the only thing which can alleviate the suffering of starving humanity. If it were us here dying from hunger we would be eternally grateful to those who helped us while we were still alive and not after we had died of starvation.

I for one am 100% back of you in your efforts to send the food. If it is necessary each man and woman in this Country could send the money they would spend on bread for one week, and more if they can afford it, to you to speed this bread and food to the starving. This is only a start, but I believe it is in the right direction, and then, as I said before, a plan can be worked out to carry it on from there with bread and food for the starving, not typewriters, etc. as I believe you said in one of your speeches. While we are all talking about it instead of sending it at once, children are dying. This is an emergency - let everyone pitch in and help.

I don't know who will pay for the use of the planes and the gas and the salaries of the pilots etc., to get the food there immediately, but if we were starving we would not want anyone to think of the whys and wherefores and everyone can help defray the expenses and I think they would do it gladly and willingly. We can wait on that, even other countries can contribute, but the dying and starving cannot wait, an hour - a day, even a minute, is the difference between life and death.

May God guide and direct you in this gigantic work to help feed the starving peoples wherever they may be



and bless you for your humane approach to this problem  
that you may realize your conquest over this enemy of  
all mankind (starvation)

With all good wishes to you

Respectfully yours

Adelaide Todd

Mrs. Adelaide Todd  
4500 Walnut Street  
Phila, Penna (39)

Please return to  
Rm. 303-~~1~~



JUN 26 1946

Mr. Ralph R. Todd  
c/o The Texas Co.  
Greensboro, North Carolina

My dear Mr. Todd:

Your letter of 21 May, requesting information concerning the sending of food parcels abroad has been referred to this office for reply.

The agency to which you referred is CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe), a nonprofit organization through which standard food packages may be sent to individuals in European countries. The parcels contain approximately thirty pounds of food and are airmailed, whenever possible, to insure rapid delivery. Each package costs \$15 and contains articles, such as meat, cereals, biscuits, jams, sugar, coffee, butter, cheese, and other miscellaneous items, such as soap and matches. For further information, we suggest that you write to CARE at 50 Broad Street, New York 4, New York.

We are very glad to be able to answer your question, and we hope that you will not hesitate to let us know if we can be of further service to you.

Cordially yours,

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

Copy to Mr. Van Hyning

CJR:richards/fms  
24 June 1946  
Serial No. B. 42168



May 21, 1946

*Quial - Yaw Hying*  
Headquarters, UNRRA  
Washington, D. C.



Gentlemen:

Kindly advise the writer in regard to the food kits which are being sent over.<sup>SEAS</sup> As I understand it, these kits are purchased from voluntary donations, are supposed to keep one person alive for three weeks, are over and above the food being sent out by UNRRA, and that \$15.00 will purchase one kit.

Will you please advise if the above is correct, and the agency handling, who the check should be made out to, and if the food is purchased promptly and sent overseas to those who need it.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

*Ralph R. Todd*

RALPH R. TODD  
C/O The Texas Company  
Greensboro, N. C.

42168

*Return 303*

Miss Addie B. Tomlin  
511 Walnut Avenue  
Andalusia, Pennsylvania

21 JUN 1946

Dear Miss Tomlin:

Your letter of 29 May to Mr. LeGuardia, suggesting that all grains now allotted for beverages be purchased by the United States government and shipped overseas, 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 Food 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 "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  
19 June 1946  
45397

cc to - C. Brown  
A. Casgrain







Andalusia, Pa.

May 29, 1946.

*Enial - Van Hyning*

The Honorable Fiorella LaGuardia  
Director General of UNRA  
Washington, D.C.  
My Dear Sir,

In the face of world-wide starvation,  
no food grain should be used for beverages, at  
least until the 1946 grain harvests are in.

I strongly urge that all grains now  
allotted for beverages be condemned by the govern-  
ment and that they be purchased by the government  
and diverted promptly to food shipments for starv-  
ing peoples.

Respectfully,

*Addie B. Tomlin*

(Miss) Addie B. Tomlin,

45397

*Return* 303

24 JUN 1946

Miss Celia Towne  
Shorthand Reporter  
1014 Eye Street, N. W.  
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Miss Towne:

Your letter of 14 June to Mr. LaGuardia, reporting your inability to locate the anonymous employee credited by Jerry Klutz of the Washington Post with initiating a food-fund box in the Minutes & Reports Section of the Civilian Production Administration, has been referred to me.

We agree with you that this CPA employee's idea is certainly deserving of credit; and we suggest that, if you wish to add your own expression of appreciation to that of UNRRA, you may do so by writing direct to the no-longer anonymous CPA employee, namely

Miss Martha Gibbon  
Minutes & Reports Section  
Administrative Services Division  
Civilian Production Administration  
1356 Social Security Building  
Washington, D. C.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention, 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

N. Pitts/at  
20 June 1946  
1663

cc to - Martha Gibbon, CPA  
Jerry Klutz, Wash. Post





CELIA TOWNE  
SHORTHAND REPORTER  
1014 EYE STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 1, D. C.

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER  
SPANISH STENOGRAPHY AND TRANSLATIONS

*Onias - Van Hyning*  
June 14, 1946

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

Dear Mr. La Guardia:

This morning the following appeared in Jerry Klutz's  
column of the Washington Post:

"RELIEF: Leave it to Federal workers to come up with a novel idea to provide food for the starving. In the minutes and reports section of Civilian Production Administration is a box labeled "Food Fund". The employees have pledged themselves to put in a nickel for each meal they eat. In less than two months more than \$70 has been collected. The employees say their gifts have given them a sense of happiness and decency. A grand ideal."

1. Such a plan, if carried out on a nation-wide scale, with an adequate campaign, would yield, I would believe, very substantial funds for relief. It is an extraordinarily "catchy" idea; the justice of it, is very appealing and would, I think, induce many people to contribute who would not otherwise do so.

2. The anonymous employee of the Civilian Production Administration who conceived the idea is certainly deserving of credit. However, I was rather disgruntled when I called the CPA in an effort to locate the person, to tell him as one citizen to another what a fine idea it is, to find that no one in the CPA had ever heard of the minutes and reports section!

Very sincerely yours,

*(Miss) Celia Towne*

Celia Towne

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Copy to: PM, New York City

RE. 9500  
73011

*Dorothy Kern*  
3425  
RE. 9500

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Return 303

5 - JUN 1946

Mr. Alex Sucker  
Converse Hall South  
University of Vermont  
Burlington, Vermont

Dear Mr. Sucker:

Your letter of 15 May, stating that the Social Action Group at the University of Vermont is eager to cooperate in the conservation of food and requesting factual information, has been referred to us.

We note that you specifically need documents on the following subjects:

- (1) Accomplishments of WFERA
- (2) Role of GPA in food conservation
- (3) What would happen if no food were sent overseas
- (4) Just what is expected of individuals in this program
- (5) What must be done to prevent world starvation
- (6) Appropriate charts

We have asked the President's Famine Emergency Committee to send you whatever documents it has on the above subjects; and we also have asked GPA to send you information on point (3) above. Under separate cover we are also sending you certain of our own materials.

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

Cordially yours,

W. Fitts/at  
3 June 1946  
40187

cc to - S. Gaines  
A. Guerin  
H. Dambroski



Worham Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison



Alex Zucker  
Converse Hall South  
University of Vermont  
Burlington, Vt.

May 15, 1946



PR - Lilly  
The Director of Publicity  
United Nations Relief  
And Rehabilitation Assn.  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Social Action Group here at the University is very eager to cooperate in your efforts to conserve food for the starving millions of the world. We are trying to bring home to the student body the importance of conservation, but we find ourselves limited by a lack of factual information.

We would therefore welcome any suggestions you have for this type of work. Also we would appreciate it if you could send us pamphlets on the following subjects:

The accomplishments of UNRRA

The role of the OPA in food conservation

What would happen if no food were sent over

Just what is expected of individuals in this program

What must be done in order to prevent world starvation

also we could use charts for graphic presentation of the cause for UNRRA.

Next week is "Share the Abundance Week" in Vermont, and we would be grateful for any material you can send us which will go to make it a successful attempt to help those less fortunate than we.

Sincerely,

Alex Zucker

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*Return 303*



JUN 26 1946

Mrs. Earl W. Tucker  
374 South State Street  
Painesville, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Tucker:

Your letter of 24 May to Mr. Dan A. West, Executive Director of the recent Victory Clothing Collection, has been referred to me.

We note that your local Eastern Star Auxiliary has been having monthly showers of food and clothing for overseas relief, that you have been dealing directly with an UNRRA employee in Greece and that you would like to be given the names of similar UNRRA employees in Norway, Hungary, Finland and Czechoslovakia.

We believe that it would be better for your auxiliary to contribute food and clothing to one of the organizations cooperating with UNRRA rather than to an individual UNRRA employee overseas. We suggest the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc., 122 East 32 Street, Room 701 - New York 10, N. Y. If you wish to contribute canned food, or money with which to purchase additional food, we suggest the Emergency Food Collection which is a nationwide drive to collect canned food.

Clothing might well be contributed to a local church which is collecting clothing for overseas relief, or it might be appropriately contributed to one of the voluntary foreign relief agencies which has a local committee in your community. You can learn more about this possibility from the American Council.

To save you a little time we are sending copies of this reply both to the Emergency Food Collection and to the American Council. We expect that you may receive further information from them.

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,

H. Fitts/at

25 June 1946  
48193 W. M. Kiplinger  
cc to - A. Casgrain  
American Council

Norman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison



Emergency Food Collection  
on behalf of UNRRA  
100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N.Y.



*Oval - Van Hyning*

To: Miss Elaine Carr  
Division of Contributed Supplies  
U. N. R. R. A.  
1344 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

From: Lee Marshall

Subject: Eastern Star Auxiliary of Painesville, Ohio, seeks  
information on shipping food through UNRRA to specific  
countries.

Attached is letter from Mrs. Earl W. Tucker, 374 S. State St., Painesville,  
Ohio, dated May 24, 1946

48193

374 S. State St.,  
Painesville, Ohio  
May 24, 1946



Dear Mr. West,

I am president of the local Eastern Star Auxiliary & as our project this year, we are having monthly showers of food & clothing, sending the things to different countries each time. In Greece we had a personal contact with someone connected with UNRRA, & so paid the postage only to N.Y.; however, in June we plan to send direct to an individual in Norway for her to dispense to the needy. So then any way we can send direct to someone connected with UNRRA in Norway, Hungary, Finland, Czechoslovakia? We could buy considerably more food with the difference in postage to N.Y. and the aforementioned countries.

Any information you can give us will be appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Earl E. Tucker

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*Return 303*

Mrs. Alfred Ulsan  
13546 Dean Street  
Detroit 12, Michigan

14 AUG 1946

Dear Mrs. Ulsan:

Your letter of 11 June to Mr. LaGuardia, asking UNRRA aid for your American-born brother and sister in Poland, has been referred to me.

UNRRA procures and transports relief supplies in shipload lots to the governments of the liberated countries. It is the responsibility of those governments to distribute the supplies to their needy citizens. Therefore UNRRA is not in a position to extend aid to your brother and sister.

We suggest that you yourself can help your brother and sister by sending them packages by parcel post. Your local post office will give full directions.

You can also order standard food packages sent to your brother and sister through an organization known as CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe) 50 Broad Street, New York 4, N.Y.

Furthermore, if your brother and sister are bona fide American citizens and are in serious need, you may be able to obtain assistance for them through the Department of State. In this case you should address your appeal to Mrs. M. B. Glover, Special Projects Division, State Department, Washington, D. C.

We trust that this information will be helpful to you.

Cordially yours,

Herman Fitts  
Office for Voluntary and  
International Agency Liaison

H. Fitts/at  
13 August 1946  
10710

cc to - CARE





13546 Dean St.  
Detroit 12, Mich.

July 11, 1946



RW - C  
Mr. La Guardia  
Director of UNRRA  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

I am seeking your kindness in aiding my brother and sister thru the UNRRA Unit in Poland. They are American born Citizens and at present are living with their families in Poland.

It would be greatly appreciated if the UNRRA Unit in Poland would bestow their generosity upon them in any manner possible. They are living at the following addresses:

Thaddeus Ulman  
Wieś Staw Noakowski  
Pocz. Ruskie Piaski  
Pow. Zamość  
Woj. Lubelskie  
Poland

Czesława Grot (nee Ulman)  
Kol. Kmiczyn  
Pocz. Laszczów  
Pow. Tomaszów  
Woj. Lubelskie  
Poland

Knowing that my petition will be accepted and aid will be granted to my brother and sister, I remain,

Sincerely Yours

Alfred Ulman

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Return Room 303

JUL 2 1946

Mr. Bruno Vonnoli  
1717 Vennings Street  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Vonnoli:

Director General F. H. LaGuardia has asked me to reply to your letter of 24 April regarding your difficulties in dispatching parcels to Italy.

We sympathize with you in this matter. However, postal regulations are established by the U. S. Post Office Department, over which USFRA has no control.

We suggest that CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe) may be able to help you. CARE is a non-profit organization through which "standard food packages" can be sent to individuals in certain European countries, including Italy. The packages contain approximately thirty pounds of food and are airmailed, whenever possible, to insure rapid delivery. While the sender cannot choose the foods, each package contains an excellent selection: meats, biscuits, sugar, cocoa, coffee, etc. You can get further details by writing to CARE at 50 Broad Street, New York 4, New York.

There is also the possibility of getting some help from the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc., which is made up of private relief agencies in this country. If you will get in touch with that organization at 122 East 22nd Street, New York 5, New York, it may be able to suggest some other method of sending relief to your friends and relatives in Italy.

You may be interested to know that USFRA has been carrying on a full-scale relief program for Italy since the fall of 1945. Italy is now receiving bulk supplies from USFRA on the same basis as they are allocated to other countries which have requested USFRA assistance.

We hope that this information will be of service to you. Please do not hesitate to call upon us should you desire further information.

Cordially yours,

Norman Pitts

Office for Voluntary Agencies  
International Agency for Foreign Service

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1 July 1946  
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(15 MAR 1945)

UNITED NATIONS  
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

## ROUTE SLIP

To:

M. Van Hyning.

DATE

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ROOM NO.

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

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might help here.

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parcel post regulation  
Amer. Relief to Italy  
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From:

ROOM NO.



April 24, 1946

Fiorello H. La Guardia

Director General

UNRRA

Washington

D.C.



Dear Sir,

May I respectfully  
ask the following question?  
Have you ever tried to send a  
package of food or clothing  
to Italy?

If you would investigate  
this procedure you will  
find that packages are  
limited to not more than  
eleven pounds, of which  
about one pound is the  
weight of the carton. The  
ten pounds of food costs \$2.50  
about \$2.50 to buy in this

3/ to Europe, would be the immediate result; and if some way could be found, perhaps thru the UNRRA, to send food in bulk to our own relatives, I am sure that it would be of great help in bettering their conditions.

The general distribution of food to Europe is a wonderful thing but the direct sending of food to our relatives, not only will help feed them but also be of great assistance in raising their morale.

The letters I receive from my relatives in Italy all tell about their great difficulty in obtaining food.



2/ country and the postage is about \$1.50. A limit of one package a day to any one person is imposed and the time consumed in filling out the necessary papers is unreasonable and a great hardship to people whose education is slight.

All the above restrictions and high mailing costs are directly causing a curtailment of the desire and ability of the people here, to provide food and clothing for their relatives in foreign countries.

If the mailing costs and paper work were reduced I am sure that an abundant supply of food and clothing,