

UNRRA

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The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration will cease functioning, in December for Europe, in March throughout the Orient. That's what the Council of UNRRA learned from its Director General, Fiorella LaGuardia, at Geneva today. <sup>LaGuardia</sup> ~~She~~ made a speech two hours long, <sup>telling how by</sup> ~~which was virtually a~~ ~~generalization~~ <sup>By</sup> the end of September his organization will have delivered two billion, nine hundred and thirty-seven million dollars worth of goods. Of that seventy-two percent was contributed by Uncle Sam.

The Officers of UNRRA have received notice that their labors will be ended by the end of the year, for the simple reason that not one contributing nation has made any provision to set aside any funds or provisions in Nineteen Forty-Seven. <sup>Even though</sup> ~~however~~ the need for relief in Europe will not come to an end <sup>by then.</sup> ~~it~~

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LaGuardia then reported that the Soviet Union had seized, and contracted to sell, fifteen

thousand tons of oil in Austria, which the Austrians sorely need. In fact, the Russians have grabbed the entire oil production of Austria. The fifteen thousand tons, they are going to sell it to Czechoslovakian manufacturers.

Also, LaGuardia tells us how the Russians have seized enough land in Austria to produce seventy thousand tons of food. Every pound of which should be used for the civilian population of Austria, and which, under the Mandate, the Russians have no right to take.

For the rest, LaGuardia made a detailed report of what UNRRA had done in various countries. With particular thanks to Canada whose people have given in overgenerous proportion to the Dominion population - likewise Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, and other south and Central American Nations. LaGuardia then said: "I don't know what we'd have done without Argentina" which supplied grain at the most crucial time. Former President Hoover arranged that - arranged

it direct with Perron, when Mr. Hoover flew to South America early this summer.

In his speech today LaGuardia stated that UNRRA accounts are in a hopeless mess.

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In Washington the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has made public ~~xx~~ the following proposal: a world-wide ever-normal granary". In other words to apply to the entire world the idea used by Joseph when he was Comptroller of Supplies to the Pharoah of Egypt thousands of years ago. The purpose to keep the people of poorer countries from going hungry while other nations like the United States produce tremendous surplusses which often they can't even market.

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The proposal is that a great international food commission take over the functions of both the UnRRA and the International Emergency Food Council, to stabilize world farm prices, buy stocks when prices fall below the minimum, and ~~xxx~~ sell when they go over the maximum. Also, to set up a world food reserve large enough to meet any emergency from crop failures anywhere. And, to provide funds to sell surplus farm products to needy countries.

## PEACE CONFERENCE

When the Delegates of the twenty-one nations to the Peace Conference of Paris adjourned last night, they were so tired and disgruntled that reporters talked about the probability of the Soviet Bloc taking a walk. It looked like a definite split between the nations of the East and those of the West, the spirit of harmony <sup>being</sup> ~~was~~ conspicuous by its absence.


But this afternoon when they reconvened the atmosphere of the meeting had changed. ~~entirely~~. A politeness almost painful marked the proceedings. The delegates from both East and West were not ~~in~~ only courteous to each other, they were unanimous. Every proposal offered was adopted unanimsusly, including one by Yugoslavia. Andrei Vishinsky, speaking for the Soviet Delegation, said that the attitude of his side was misunderstood. <sup>that</sup> The Russians had no intention of being obstructive, <sup>that</sup> they merely wanted to urge their proposals as strongly as possible. Finally, he too offered a motion that all questions not covered by conference rules should be governed by the principles

and precedents of the rules of the United Nations. Secretary Byrnes agreed to this and that, too, was adopted unanimously.

Just before the close of the meeting it looked as though more trouble <sup>loomed.</sup> ~~were impending.~~ Chairman Spaak of Belgium wanted to adjourn, but Molotov asked to be recognized. There was a sigh of anxiety because <sup>Molotov</sup> ~~he~~ rarely speaks for less than twenty or thirty minutes at a time, and everybody expected another argument. <sup>But,</sup> all the Soviet Foreign Minister wanted was to congratulate his colleagues on the spirit of unanimity which prevailed. And with that they adjourned.

## WAR PROFITS

The Council for the Senate Committee Investigating War profits announced today that the files of the Committee had been removed and somebody had tampered with them. They were taken late at night from a room in the Senate Office Building and kept by the thieves for ~~the~~ three hours. Apparently they were copied and <sup>then</sup> some of ~~them~~ returned, <sup>and</sup> some not. ~~returned.~~ The FBI is investigating, but apparently a trifle late, since this happened about a year ago when the Committee first began to look into the affairs of the Garsson Brothers and their wartime munitions empire.





## ADD WAR PROFITS

The spotlight has switched today to Henry J. Kaiser, the West Coast Big-time Shipbuilder. A Congressman last week raised a question about the hundred and fifteen million dollars that the R.F.C. lent to Kaiser, and that the Government charged Kaiser no interest on some of the loan. Henry Kaiser shot back today with a declaration that he was more than eager to have Congress investigate his enterprises. The results of which, he promises, will make scandal-mongers think an atomic bomb has exploded. Kaiser will be delighted to tell the story of his operations. Whereupon he accused the Eastern Steel Interests of having tried to prevent the making of steel in California. And he says the records will show how the Kaiser interests have paid the Government in full for two war plants, one ~~in~~ in California, the other in Bristol, Pennsylvania. And how on another a steel plant, he has paid more than ~~xxx~~ thirty cents on the dollar. He terms the insinuations about him "the work of character assassins."

## VETERANS

Officials of the Veterans Administration today published a few instances of the way in which both employers and former servicemen are taking unfair advantage of the government's on-the-job training program for veterans.

One employer in the Mid-West asked that a veteran be certified for training as a watchmaker. As the law provides, he further asked that the Government buy tools worth five hundred dollars for the apprentice. The veterans administration investigated and learned that the apprentice he wanted to be trained had the same name, same address *as his own.*

Then there was the proprietor of a hamburger stand. He got the State Veterans Administration to approve a four-year training program for his sons so ~~that~~ they might learn how to manage his business, *— selling hamburgers.* The Veterans Administration investigated and found that such training could be completed in ~~several days~~ *4 hrs. instead of 4 years.*

In the Middle West a veteran returned to

his old job where he used to earn ninety cents an hour. The boss advised him to take "on-the-job-training" <sup>in order to</sup> ~~so that he might~~ become a service manager.

The veteran jumped at the chance. Then the boss forced him to sign a contract to continue doing his old work at forty cents an hour because the subsistence fee from the government would make up the difference.

<sup>and</sup> If he didn't, like it he could look for a job elsewhere.

<sup>R</sup> ~~The~~ Veterans Administration Officials say they don't know to what extent this chiseling is going on, but ~~that~~ it <sup>exists</sup> ~~exists~~ on a wide scale.

## POLITICS

Friends of Mr. Truman are jubilant today over the results of that primary election in Kansas City. Congressman Robert Slaughter defeated for renomination, although by a slim majority.

The important fact is that Mr. Truman succeeded in an undertaking in which President Roosevelt failed. Preventing the re-election of a Congressman who had constantly opposed him.

The President's champions declare that those ballots in the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri represent a strong vote of confidence for Mr. Truman himself. Making his renomination for the Presidency ~~xx~~ in Nineteen Forty-Eight a certainty.

Slaughter himself put a somewhat different interpretation on his defeat. He attributes it largely to the P.A.C. and says that if the Democratic Party is to succeed in November and in Nineteen

Forty-Eight, the alliance between the P.A.C. and the Democratic National Committee should be dissolved.

Another interesting primary result was the overwhelming success of Senator Harry Byrd in Virginia. There the P.A.C. went down in defeat, failed to nominate their candidate. Byrd won so easily that his victory was conceded less than three hours after the polls closed.

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~~and~~ In Kansas something happened of which the late William Allen White might not have approved. Former Governor Harry Woodring, former Secretary of War under President Roosevelt, was nominated by the Democrats to run for Governor again. Not that William Allen White would have disapproved of Woodring, but Woodring ran on a platform of promises to ~~xxxx~~ repeal the dry laws of Kansas which have prevailed for sixty five years to the great profit of bootleggers.

## AMERICAN FARMER

Today we have a somewhat different story about that ship, the AMERICAN FARMER, the derelict, the one the British tramp steamer tried to take in tow - to claim as a salvage prize. The new version comes from Commander Van Arsdall of the PERRY, the American Destroyer that was standing by when a prize crew from the AMERICAN RANGER, the Farmer's Sister Ship, boarded the alleged derelict and threw off the British tow line.

Commander Van Arsdall says that the British tramp did make a long and gallant attempt to tow the AMERICAN FARMER. But, after nine hours, no headway. The British tramp with four tow lines on the AMERICAN freighter was still almost standing still - making no more than one knot. The skipper of the PERRY said further that the prize crew from the American RANGER did not cast off the British tow line until they succeeded in getting up steam and made fairly sure the ship that had been in distress could proceed into port under her own power.

That's the latest on the argument about the ship that didn't go down even though her own crew left her to go down to Davy Jones.

## BLACK MARKET

In Berlin a U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel committed suicide today. Took that way out rather than face a courtmartial. The charge would have been -- an operator on the European Black Market -- and on a huge scale. The report was that he had accumulated a fortune merely selling candy and cigarettes.

The Military Authorities also announce that two former enlisted men who are now civilian employees of the Military Government have been arrested for bootlegging, a business they made so profitable they were living like kings. The story is that they bought raw alcohol from the Russians, diluted it with water, colored it, then sold it to their housekeeper, a Berlin woman who then put in on the market. Whereupon she in turn cheated them, selling the diluted alcohol for three hundred and fifty marks and telling the Ex-G.I.'s that she was only getting a hundred marks a bottle.



## LADIES

Here is that most interesting of all subjects - the American woman.

A well known portrait painter says the ladies are doing him out of a job because they're all too busy making themselves over by mail order blueprints making themselves all look alike. Such is the complaint of Paul Meltsner of New York, who has painted many well known women, including Gertrude Lawrence, Lynn Fontanne, Martha Graham, Marian Anderson, Carmen Miranda, and many more. But he's running out of subjects, for which he blames Hollywood and the modern beauty parlor.

To be specific here are some of the things to which he objects: false eyelashes, plucked eyebrows, shaved foreheads, high heels, girdles, and long fingernails. The girdle, he says, must have been invented by some henpecked husband. Why, he says, should women, with nice figures try to look like pogo sticks. Or, why should a slender woman, with a sylphlike form, put bulges where nature did not intend 'em?

Then he rants on, saying as how when he tries to paint the modern girl - the modern woman I mean - ~~he finds it impossible~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ he finds it impossible to produce anything approaching a likeness because she's so artificial, has made so many changes in herself that she herself can't even recognize herself in the mirror - let alone in a portrait. Shaved eyebrows! They give him the jitters. Eyebrows drawn in according to the dictate of mere caprice. Giving her the expression of a person always dressed for a masquerade.

Makeup men, in Hollywood, says the artist are regimenting our fair ones to where soon they'll just be types in regulated shapes and sizes. And when a man wants a wife why he'll get himself a ~~mail~~ <sup>mail</sup> order catalogue, check for size and type, mail in a coupon, and back will come the Little Woman.

What do you say, ladies? And what do you say, Hugh?