

## Seed Being Rushed to Europe, Asia to Avert Famine Threat

### UNRRA Shipped 38,000 Tons Since Early Spring

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First harvests from UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration) seeds are being reaped by European farmers this fall, for despite early difficulties of shipping it was possible to send some seeds in time for the 1945 spring planting. A shipping program has been drawn up to meet Europe's 1946 spring needs and an initial program has been started in China. From the multiplication of UNRRA seeds will come seeds for the first plantings in Jap-free soil.

The 1945 fall and winter seed shipping targets for Europe are mainly wheat, rye, barley, oats, vetch and alfalfa. Data from current shipping reports indicate the amounts, varieties and destinations of the seeds included with UNRRA cargoes now going forward from the United States and Canada.

For instance, on July 2 the Chief Osceola left Baltimore for Constanza with 70,000 bags of rye seed for Czechoslovakia. The following day the Aleksandar I cleared Montreal with 934 bags of alfalfa seed for Yugoslavia, and the Tamara left St. John, New Brunswick, for Piraeus, Greece, with 905 bags of alfalfa seed. The Nicholas Labodie left Houston, Texas, for Constanza, July 8, with 15,420 bags of wheat seed and 1,166 bags of rye aboard to be routed to Czechoslovakia along with other UNRRA materials and supplies.

#### Europe Exported Seeds Before War.

In prewar times, Europe was not only self-sufficient, but a producer of an exportable seed surplus. This was true for cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, red clover and many other seeds although seed corn and perennial grasses were imported. But the destruction of war forced constant switches in the normal economy upon the occupied countries. At the end of hostilities such seeds as the edible legumes—beans and peas, most of the vegetables, wheat and other cereal seeds were needed. Many areas in Europe were also short on grass seeds to rebuild neglected pasture land, seeds to grow animal feed and seeds for industrial crops. Forage legumes, alfalfa, the clovers—red, alsike, and white—and turnips for animal feeding are called for. Seeds to grow rape and hemp for oil, and flax for fiber are also needed.

Shortly after UNRRA was formed by the United Nations in November of 1943, these estimates were turned over to the Standing Technical Committee on Agriculture. The experts of the committee, representing both the invaded and the supplying nations, used them as their starting point for planning rehabilitation through the importation and management of a seed supply. As later information came to light the early goals were modified. The time of year when countries were liberated also entered into UNRRA's calculations. Since the military is responsible for the initial shipments, the army would undertake to distribute supplies in countries ready to plant while military governments were in charge.

#### Vegetables Given Priority.

In selecting seeds to be sent, the committee gave first emphasis to seeds that grew food for direct human consumption. Vegetable seeds came first, then potatoes and cereal. Secondary consideration and shipping space went to seed that would produce forage crops for areas where the restoration of the

livestock feed supply is considered urgent. The tonnages shipped and distributed to date reflect this priority. Seeds dispatched for 1945 spring planting were largely beans and peas from Canada and the United States, and other vegetable seeds from the United States and the United Kingdom. Food grown from these seeds is now furnishing some of the protective elements so badly needed in the diets of most of the people of the world today.

Some of the seed distributions in the liberated countries were carried on jointly by UNRRA and the military. As the military governments withdrew the remaining seed stocks were turned over to UNRRA. Seeds from this source were distributed in the Balkans. Some of the seed held for UNRRA in the U. S. for use last spring in case of an earlier V-E Day were then channeled into the domestic market.

For instance, vegetable seeds to replant the irrigated truck lands near the city areas in Greece were first made available through military supplies and later through UNRRA shipments. Vegetable and root crop seeds from plants grown in England were shipped this spring to Czechoslovakia. Root crop seeds were included with the first UNRRA cargoes for Poland.

#### Surplus Stocks Distributed.

One objective of the UNRRA seed program is to re-establish a flow of seeds within Europe from surplus pockets to areas of need. Military authorities found that Germany had been stimulating seed production in some of the occupied countries. Where crops were not destroyed these reserves are now made generally available.

Seeds of French origin are going to Holland and Belgium. Danish seeds may flow across Danish frontiers. Italy may have a surplus of seeds which can be routed to other countries. Seed potatoes from Cyprus have been sent to Greece. A small portion of the crops raised from the 1945 shipments of seed is being set aside to produce the seed for next year's planting.

The breakdown of interior transportation in the liberated countries as a result of German occupation is a complicating factor in the seed situation as it is in nearly every other relief and rehabilitation program. Every seedman who has led the fight in his own community for better farm to market roads can understand the situation. Roads and waterways have been bombed. Civilian motor vehicles have disappeared, carts have been wrecked and draft animals have been stolen and slaughtered. Much of this was deliberate sabotage on the part of the retreating Nazis. Even when there

### Something to Keep the Ladies Warm



This armload of white fox pelts being displayed by an employee of a New York auction house is worth plenty at present prices. Fur coats, always expensive, will be sky-high this year, dealers say. Most skins now used come from Canada and the United States. The highest-priced fur this season is called silver-blue platinum mink. There are only enough of these rare pelts in the world to make up ten coats. An American mink farmer developed the color phase by careful interbreeding.

## "GAY GADGETS"

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By NANCY PEPPER

### MEDAL MANIA

Let's see how quickly you gals can move in on a High Fashion. Seems the smart fashion leaders in New York and in Hollywood are wearing costly antique medals for decoration on all kinds of clothes. Well, who says they have to be antique? See if your father has some old medals (wasn't he wading champion or something in his youth?); see if your O.A.O. will part with the medal he won for track. Pin them to bits of colored ribbon and wear them instead of your trickier lapel gadgets. If you have a lot of medals, you can pin them to a broad ribbon worn diagonally from one shoulder and tucked into your skirt belt. It's a fad!



### LUSH MUSH

Watch the pounds roll on while you gurgle and slurp over the calories dished up for you by your favorite soda fountain jerk. We know what you've been eating, 'coz our soda fountain sleuths have been watching you.

**Goobar Special**—Vanilla ice cream topped with peanut butter. It's positively Vanny.

**Coke Mush**—A coca cola with a scoop of ice cream floating in it. Delish.

**Tin Roof**—Ice cream, marshmallow, syrup, peanuts dished up in a coca cola glass. Tastes better that way.

are seeds on hand there is difficulty in moving them from the area where grown to the seed cleaning establishments, warehouses and markets.

Early this spring there was a surplus of sorely needed alfalfa seed in one of the liberated countries but the farmers couldn't thresh it because there was no power or fuel. Even if it could have been threshed there was no means for getting it to the seed cleaning plants. Throughout the channels of distribution the same problems of fuel power and transportation arise. However, the trucks, tractors and draft animals now going to the liberated countries are beginning to ease the situation.

The 1946 spring shipping targets are being worked out now by UNRRA in consultation with the agricultural officials of the countries receiving aid. All shipments will be based on estimates which reflect the actual minimum requirements to produce maximum crops.

**Hula Shake**—It's a malted milk with pineapple in it. Sounds dead-ly, but they tell us it's dreamy.

**Jeep Special**—Glass of water and a defense stamp. That's our favorite drink at the soda fountain. We hope it's yours, too!

### SCHOOL DAZE

**Pupil**—Should you be blamed for things you haven't done?

**Teacher**—No, that wouldn't be fair.

**Pupil**—Thanks, I didn't do my homework for today.

**Teacher**—What happens when the human body is immersed in water?

**Pupil**—The phone rings.

**Teacher**—Order, please.

**Pupil**—Double chocolate malted.

### 664 Questions

**Why are Boy Scouts Dizzy?**

Because they do so many Good Turns.

**Why did the Little Moron hit his gal friend in the eye?**

So he could go out on a Blind Date.

**Why should you take a frog and a porcupine shopping with you?**

Because frogs have greenbacks and porcupines have points.

### Sad Sonnets

Early to bed,

Early to rise,

And your gal will go out

With six other guys.

They Know It's Loaded



When crossing fences, let one member of the party climb over first without a gun. Hand all guns over to him, being sure to "break" the breech before handing over. Be sure barrel and action are clear of obstruction before shooting.

### High School Crowd Taught How to Drive In Safety Program

Anticipating a teen-age rush to used car lots for "jalopies" discarded by the motor public when new model automobiles are placed on the market, state and local school officials are accelerating programs in high school driver education.

Termed "behind the wheel" programs, those in operation or planned for the near future are designed to teach high school students to drive safely on the public highways.

Some 5,000 high schools throughout the country now have behind-the-wheel programs, according to information to the American Municipal association, with six states apparently well in the lead in developing such programs: North Dakota, Iowa, California, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Illinois. In each of these six states, at least 200 high schools offer driver education courses.

Delaware includes behind-the-wheel training in 27 classes in 18 high schools. Only six high schools in the state remain without the statewide driver education program because of wartime lack of personnel and equipment.

The West Virginia board of education has approved the proposed course of study in driver education prepared by the West Virginia driver education committee and included it in the standard state high-school curriculum.

Minnesota held a three-day education institute at the University of Minnesota this summer through cooperation of the university and state departments responsible for traffic education. The summer institute followed three regional institutes held in May.

One of the difficulties involved in behind-the-wheel training in North Carolina has been solved by using the state school buses for training purposes. Thousands of students have already learned the principles and practice of safe driving through this expedient.

### Dust One

By ANEL C. JOHNS

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THE strawberries were shipped in early. They were flat, heart-shaped. Pinkish red. The centers came out with the stem if Pattie wasn't careful.

Pattie shouldn't have bought them. But she couldn't resist. She had always brought home the first on the market since that time just after her marriage when Philip came home, smelling of gasoline. There was always hard grease on his hands and sometimes on his pug-nosed face. He stopped at the table, as always, for a preview of what was cooking and said, "Shortcake! Spring must be here. Spring, when a young man's fancy seriously turns to thoughts of love if he's married to a gorgeous dame like one Patricia."

But that had been four years ago. And strawberries always reminded her of the days Philip went away in the mornings and came back to her in the evenings. Never too tired to dance.

Pattie loved the way they moved in unison. Philip holding her a little tight, saying, "You're like the music, Baby. You make me know that, if I never have anything more, I've got everything right now. For you I clean carburetors, patch fats. Pump gas. Pour oil. There's a ritzy dame comes into the station about twice a week. She's a looker! But, Baby, you outlook her even in curlers and cold cream."

Did Philip still feel like that? That she overlooked the lookers who danced with him at the USO clubs on his week-end leaves? The lookers who worked in canteens, doing their bit for the boys? The lookers who flirted?

He was sent with his crew to England and no doubt met new people with strange ways.

Pattie was glad she had been a camp wife. That she had followed her Philip around, put up in a jail for two weeks in Georgia because there were no rooms available. Even slept in the back seat of the car at a filling station when she arrived in a town too late to find quarters.

She was glad that she had been with him the night he was shipped. The sergeant had let her stay. She and four other wives who had little to say that they couldn't tell with the pressure of their cold fingers.

Philip had looked into her face, upturned in the moonlight, until the tears stood at her lashes and her throat hurt.

"You're beautiful, Baby. Even now. I hate going before he gets here but I can't be the chooser in this game. Be sure to send me a cable. It'll be tough over there, waiting. I know it'll be tougher here." It was horrible back in their house alone. She tried having the wife of one of Philip's pals live with her. But the girl was morbid. She doted on horrors, especially those of the war.

Philip had said, "Don't sit around fretting about me. Worry is bad. I'll take care of myself. If I see a blockbuster coming at me I'll run like the deuce. I want to come home and find you just the same."

Well, she wasn't the same. She'd been in the maternity ward without him to stand by. She'd come through the measles and a hand that little Philip burned when he pulled the percolator off the stove. The neighbors helped her when she had a bad appendix that the doctor finally removed.

Philip said, "Don't ever forget me, Baby. I won't forget you. The going will never be so rough that that can happen. I'll think of you every day. All day. And dream of you at night. Everything I do will be for you and the little one."

But all of that had been so long ago. She couldn't bring Philip back as she used to. At first she could make him sit in his favorite chair. Could hear his voice above the radio talking without words. Just the rumble of his deep voice. But she couldn't hear his voice any more. She had forgotten how he looked sitting behind the evening paper.

Suddenly her hands trembled. She crushed a luscious berry between her fingers. She was frightened. If she couldn't recall here, where Philip had been, how could he remember her, where she had never been?

How could he keep in mind their simple pleasures when everyone worked to entertain him and thousands like him? Time blots out everything.

She had tried to keep her hold on Philip. She had sent him pictures of the baby every month. Anniversary pictures, she called them. And snapshots of herself too. Being careful to look her best; careful to smile with the wrinkles in her nose about which Philip had teased her.

Little Philip came in from outdoors. His pug nose was red with the cold of early spring. His hands were smeared with a red sucker and there was a ring around his rosy mouth where he had licked the stickiness. His cap was gone and his reddish hair was every which way.

"Tan I have one, Muzzer? Dust one?" the little boy pleaded, standing on tiptoe to see better.

Pattie looked down. She had seen that face before. But it was older. She gave him the biggest berry she could find. "And one for Daddy," she whispered.

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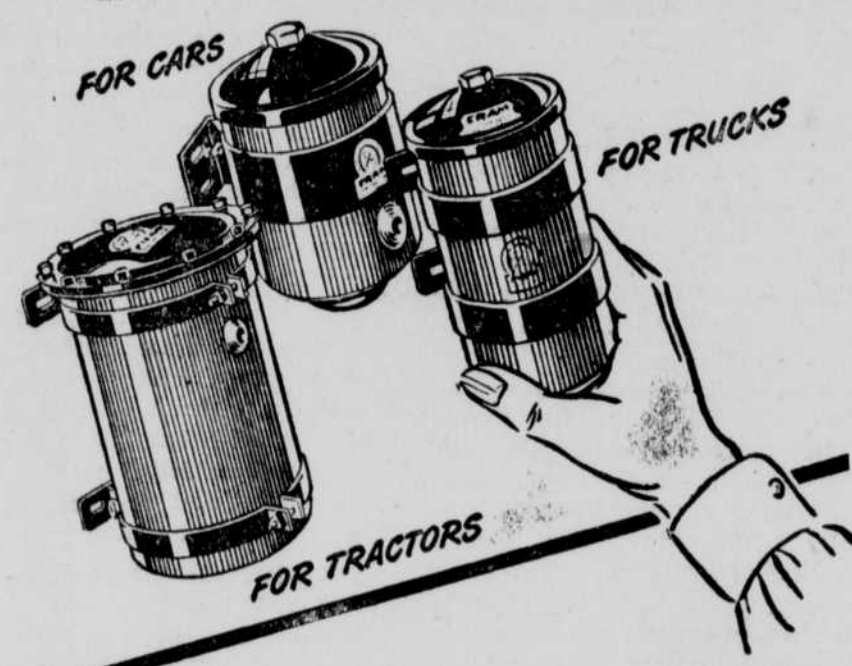
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### Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE



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### LOWER EGG PRICES EXPECTED IN 1946

Egg prices are expected to remain strong during the rest of 1945 and may even advance in coming weeks because of the usual seasonal decline in production and upward revisions of price ceilings. In the first half of 1946, however, the price is expected to be somewhat lower than for the same period in 1945. The over-all meat shortage and a 6 per cent decline in egg production were major factors supporting egg prices at the 1945 level. In 1946 civilian

meat supplies will be more plentiful and egg production may be higher, depending on the number of chickens sold for meat.

As civilian, military and export demands for eggs decline, a lower level of production will be necessary (see chart). Egg producers in the corn belt states will be particularly affected because a relatively larger part of their output has been dried and the production has increased relatively more.

