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the degree in which UNRRA succeeds or fails will affect all future world co-operation.

Yet 16 months after its organization it has shipped only 6000 or 7000 tons of supplies from the U. S. — less than enough to fill even one Liberty ship.

UNRRA has promises now for about a half-dozen vessels, but finds itself competing in tight markets for commodities to fill them.

UNRRA — unhappy, frustrated, often faltering — has been a grim disappointment to many.

Everyone credits Herbert H. Lehman, director — general of UNRRA, with a devoted effort to build a solid agency for world-wide aid.

At best his assignment was a difficult one. But he is criticized for lack of force and imagination in running a big job demanding a lot of both. He is a man with many troubles.

Yet much criticism of UNRRA grows out of a misunderstanding of UNRRA's scope and function. Recently it has taken a beating for failing to alleviate suffering in France, Belgium and Holland — yet it never was intended to do the big relief job in those countries.

Ability-to-Pay Basis

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however, \$50,000,000 was granted for Italian relief.

Some 5000 tons of supplies have moved in there — mere trickle — to supplement what the military is doing in relief work.

Many Difficulties

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UNRRA went into Greece — not on its own, but "integrated" with, and subject to, the military. It was as abrasive a relationship. Now UNRRA hopes to get in independently by April 1.

Russian delay in providing port space has hampered relief in Poland and Czechoslovakia. At last an understanding has been reached, and supplies are scheduled for these areas soon.

But it all adds up to nothing much happening.

Suffering and unrest among millions grows out of delays. And UNRRA is criticized for not properly conceiving the nature of its job, for having wound up in red tape, for having too few people with stature equal to a big international undertaking, for failure to move boldly and speedily.

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COWAN AGAINST POST-WAR 'OWI'

U. S. Official's Proposal for Movies' Financing of Plan Opposed.

HOLLYWOOD, March 7 (U. P.) — Lester Cowan, one of Hollywood's leading independent producers, today balked at a government's suggestion that the film industry finance a post-war OWI.

The proposal was made this week by Robert Riskin, former screen writer who heads the OWI's motion picture overseas branch. He said he believed it would be beneficial if studios contributed talent material to a post-war production agency to turn out documentary films for distribution abroad.

Cowan, in a letter to Riskin, admitted that "a better job of making

America and the rest of the world know each other and better under-

stand each other" might have prevented this war.

He pointed out however, that "the war has taught us some few things about dictatorship and the elements indispensable to its growth."

"A dictator can hardly grow unless his government can make the press and motion pictures the servants of his political interests," the producer wrote. "It's handcap our industry by imposing a stigma of propaganda or political control is the surest way of destroying it."

"The press believes — and both houses of congress have passed resolutions of endorsement — in the world freedom of information." This program aims to prevent any government from making its media of news and information into a propaganda agency.

Plan Unworkable

"Essentially you propose that in order to render a great service and at the same time build a mountain of good will that we of the industry set up and finance a film agency for the benefit of our government despite the fact that congress has shown no disposition to

set up a similar agency, nor has the state department any plans for establishing one."

"You suggest that a government

representative be a member of the board to advise us to 'help determine subject matter for the reels, with each picture calculated to project a favorable phase of American life.'

I assume that the government representative will be either a Republican or a Democrat. Do you think that we can get both Republicans and Democrats to agree on the meaning of a favorable phase of American life?"

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Malan Inaugural Set for March 15

LAST OF six Republican elective officials to be inaugurated, Dr. Clement T. Malan will be sworn as state superintendent of public instruction at 11:15 a. m. March 15. The ceremonies will mark the beginning of his third term in that post.

Guest speaker will be Kenneth C. Ray, superintendent of Columbus, Ohio, public instruction in Ohio.

Judge Frank Hamilton will administer the oath. Gerhard Ahrens, assistant state superintendent of public instruction will give greetings from Dr. Malan's staff and G. O. P. State Chairman William E. Jenner will preside.

Music will be provided by the Shortridge high school brass ensemble and the Broad Ripple high school golden singers. The Rev.

A. C. Brooks, pastor of the Third Christian church, will give the invocation.

There will be a color guard composed of high school boys representing Shortridge, Manuel, Attucks, Tech, Washington, Howe, Broad Ripple and Cathedral.

The Red Cross senior life saving course to train life guards for city pools opened yesterday at the Riviera club and will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7:30 p. m.

Men and women 16 years of age and over who can swim more than one-quarter mile are eligible for the course.

WODEHOUSE FREED

PARIS, March 7 (U. P.) — French police have released P. G. Wodehouse, English novelist, from detention in a Paris hospital, it was learned today. He had been held at the hospital since December following investigation of his broadcasts from Berlin.

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