

# BILLION PEOPLE FACING FAMINE

Winter Brings Prospect of Starvation to 900 Million in Far East, 90 Million in Europe.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Nearly a billion people—90 million in Europe and ten times that number in China, India and other places in the world—face starvation this winter.

That is the grim reality reported by food experts of the state and agriculture departments and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. This picture, reported by spokesmen for Greece, is typical of the grave world food situation:

The Pappas family lives in a fairly large city near Athens. Mrs. Pappas has a teen-aged son and daughter. Her husband is a day-laborer. Marketing is her day's biggest chore. It varies a little. Some days Mrs. Pappas gets more, but usually she can buy about a half pound of bread for each mouth a day.

Most of the time she can get three-eous of dried peas or beans for each person, maybe one codfish for all to share, a tiny bit of olive oil and a handful of raisins. She can usually get potatoes, too. They are rationed.

**UNRRA Helps**  
It's a celebration when she gets a can of American army meat stew. This happens about once a month after a shipment from UNRRA has arrived at the market.

Mrs. Pappas is too tired to worry about the strange things that are happening in her family.

She doesn't understand that the diet of about 1400 calories a day for each member is responsible. It's the reason her husband only goes to work about three times a

week in spite of her scolding. It's the reason her son isn't growing and only sits stupidly in the sun all day.

It's the reason her daughter refuses to help clean up their tiny little hovel and has a chronic hacking cough. It's the reason her baby died last month when it was only a few weeks old. Hardly any babies seem to live over a couple of weeks any more. Half the population of one section of the city died last month.

Mrs. Pappas isn't mad at anybody and she's glad the Germans are gone, but she wonders where all the food is that the allies kept promising on the radio before they arrived. All her neighbors are saying, too, that as soon as winter sets in food will be even harder to get.

#### Food Supplies Vary

Food supplies in Europe vary within and between countries. Greece and Italy are about average. Poland, Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany and Finland have less. Austria is believed to be in the worst shape. People in France and Czechoslovakia get a little more than the Greeks. Norway's condition is not critical.

Most people who live on farms get at least enough food to maintain health. Persons in the small urban communities are the most hungry. They don't produce food and can't draw from the stocks sent to the big cities. They haven't the money or goods to get food directly from the farmers.

Little is known about the food supply in Russia except that it is inadequate, but better than it was in the war years.

**Chinese Hungry 10 Years**  
Chinese mothers aren't worrying about getting enough rice, wheat or dried fish merely to stave off hunger. Their families have been hungry for the last 10 years.

This year they are worrying about which ones in the family will be dead by spring or if they will all be dead. Same is true in India. Average diet in these two countries varies from 2000 to less than 1000 calories per day.

In most of Europe, parts of the Near East, all of the Far East and in North Africa, countries desperately need imports of food. Most countries in South America will be able to get along without threat of starvation. England and Australia need food but expect to get along on rationing through the winter. Sweden is just about able to get along, and by pinching can share some with needy neighbors.

#### More Than Ever in U. S.

The average Swedish family gets meat several times a week, milk for the children and less for adults, sugar in small quantities and an adequate ration of bread. There is more butter than before the war. Cheese and eggs are seldom placed on the table. Average daily diet is about 3000 calories, more than enough for health.

In contrast U. S. citizens are eating better and getting more food than they ever did. A few items like salad oil and shortening and cooking oils are a little hard to find on grocery shelves. Housewives are forced to watch their sugar bowl very carefully. But more meat, by 30 per cent, is being consumed by Americans than ever before. Increased buying power coupled with bumper crops have filled the U. S. bread basket to overflowing.

Canadians, too, are eating as much and of some items, more, than they did before the war. Strict meat rationing is being enforced to permit greater exports.

**CUCUMBER COMMANDOS**  
WASHINGTTON.—"Cucumber Commandos" are the units of agricultural specialists who set up vegetable gardens on islands in the Pacific war area to raise fresh food for servicemen.

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## Ex-OPA Attorney To Practice Here

GEORGE H. KISTLER, well-known Hoosier attorney, will leave his post as district litigation attorney for the QPA to enter general law practice Dec. 7. He will begin an association with the firm of Yeager and Tinder.

Mr. Kistler is a graduate of Butler University and Indiana University School of Law. Prior to the war he was affiliated with State Life Insurance Co., and since has served as chief George H. Kistler food enforcement attorney for the OPA. He joined the OPA in May, 1943.

#### MORE POLIO CASES

WASHINGTON.—An increase of almost 50 per cent in the number of infantile paralysis cases is reported for the first five months of 1945, as compared to the same period last year.

## HALSEY TRANSFERS COMMAND OF FLEET

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Nov. 22 (UPI).—Adm. William F. "Bull" Halsey today, was to relinquish command of the powerful third fleet, hauling down his four-star flag aboard the battleship U. S. S. South Dakota.

Rear Adm. Howard F. Kingman then will run up his two-star flag, moving it from the battleship U. S. S. Wisconsin where it flew over the battleship division he commanded during the war in the South Pacific.

The command transfer will take place in a colorful ceremony long traditional in the navy. Thereafter Adm. Halsey will review the fleet from a speed boat in the Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor while the assembled ships give him a 17-gun salute, perhaps his last.

Halsey, 62, will leave for New York soon to serve a month of temporary duty before his retirement.

#### OPERATE DAIRY ON GUAM

WASHINGTON.—A dairy farm with American cows has been established on Guam to furnish wounded men in navy hospitals with fresh milk.

## OFFICIAL WEATHER

At 12:15 Weather Bureau  
All Data in Central Standard Time

—Nov. 22, 1945  
Sunrise 6:38 (Sunset 5:24)

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a.m. 24  
Total precipitation since Jan. 1... 48.22

Excess since Jan. 1... 12.22

Temperature table above shows

ture in other cities: High Low

Atlanta 61 32

Boston 48 37

Cincinnati 53 36

Cleveland 48 32

Detroit 51 35

Evansville 56 28

Fort Wayne 47 29

Indianapolis (city) 50 32

Kansas City 51 30

Los Angeles 77 74

Minneapolis-St. Paul 52 14

New Orleans 78 48

New York 45 30

Omaha 39 18

St. Louis 47 21

San Francisco 61 38

Washington, D. C. 61 47

#### TEST LIFESAVING SUITS

WASHINGTON—Individual rubber lifesaving suits are tested for

leakage by filling with air containing ammonia while the suit is inside a fitted cotton garment that has been dipped in a dyestuff that turns red in contact with any leaking ammonia.

#### WILLIS SAYS TRUMAN SLIPPING IN INDIANA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—President Truman is slipping in public esteem in Indiana in the opinion of Senator Raymond E. Willis (R. Ind.).

The senior senator returned here after several days spent in Ft. Wayne and Indianapolis. He expressed confidence in his own re-nomination by the Hoosiers.

The defense witness, testifying for the second day, said under cross examination that Yamashita had ordered the end of street fighting in Manila but was disobeyed.

"The President has definitely slipped among the Hoosiers," Senator Willis declared.

"They think he is being pushed around too much by a lot of Missouri politicians and has not shown the leadership they expected when he first took over after President Roosevelt's death."

"Republicans in the state are expecting the party to carry the house of representatives next year. There has been little defection, particularly among the farmers."

"They still dislike governmental

#### JAP WITNESS 'AMAZED' AT YAMASHITA TRIAL

MANILA, Nov. 22 (UPI).—General Tomoyuki Yamashita was betrayed by subordinate officers who failed to obey his humanitarian orders, Lt. Gen. Akira Muto, Yamashita's chief of staff, claimed today.

Muto said he was "amazed" that Yamashita was being tried as a war criminal.

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#### U. S. FIRMS MAY GET GERMAN EQUIPMENT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (UPI).—American firms soon may be able to use German equipment to break

reconversion production bottlenecks

and expand their production

facilities, the state department indicated today.

Equipment soon will be available,

the department said, as a result of

the conference on reparations now

being held in Paris. The United

States expects to be allocated part

of Germany's assets, including a

share in German industrial capital

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#### USE FOR WALKIE-TALKIES

WASHINGTON—War-developed

walkie-talkies are promised in post-

war days for reliable two-way com-

munication between farms and

town.

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