

# How The U.S. Saved The World During The Last 12 Months

## Great Outpouring of Help To War-Wrecked Regions Balked Civilization Collapse

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—This is the story of how the United States saved the world during the last 12 months.

The American people kept whole nations alive. They prevented civilization from collapsing into chaos and barbarism throughout most of the earth.

It was the greatest outpouring of help by one people to others that history has ever known.

This is the story of how America, in helping others, also helped itself.

People often say that one more war would destroy civilization.

World war II itself almost did that—and the danger is not over yet.

At least the modern world has a good chance to survive now, thanks to the Mr. Deuel United States.

The American people have been able to produce things on a staggering scale, and to get those things to the hundreds of millions of human beings who were dying for lack of them.

Europe Like Charnel House

When world war II ended, 19 countries lay prostrate and dying.

The peoples of these countries numbered almost a billion—approximately half of the human race.

Europe was like a charnel house.

It was a large part of Asia.

Tens of millions were gaunt with hunger and disease. They ached with cold, crawled with vermin and shook with fever.

The world had slaughtered almost 14 million of its best men—and women—in uniform, and wounded almost 31 million more.

Another 27 million were missing or prisoners of war.

Total civilian casualties were probably at least as high as those in the armed forces. Six million civilians were killed in Poland alone.

The war had driven 77 million human beings into alien areas.

800 Million Faced Starvation

Ten of thousands of children had been so completely lost that they did not even know who their parents were, where their homes had been, their own names or nationalities, the mother tongues they had spoken. Neither did anyone else know these things.

Whole nations were wearing their last threadbare clothes. Whole na-



tributions to foreign relief total al-

most 70 billion dollars.

The total U. S. national income reached this figure in only one pre-war year—1937.

The U. S. public debt didn't total 70 billion until 1943.

Total wages and salaries paid in private American industry didn't reach that figure until 1945.

So colossal is America's power to produce that the country has been able to pour out its wealth on this gigantic scale without suffering hardship at home.

Contributing to relief is not only a spontaneous act of humanitarian generosity. It is also a deliberate act of high policy.

Decent World Made Possible

The basic aim of American foreign policy is to create—or maintain—the kind of world society in which the United States can be safe, can remain at peace, can prosper and can preserve its free institutions and ways of life.

Without American relief revolution would have swept a dozen countries, and Europe and Asia would have turned to Moscow for hope and direction.

Foreign relief—and America's other outlays—have made a decent world possible.

There is only a chance for America's kind of a world. But without American help there wouldn't even have been a chance.

U. S. policy on foreign relief and lending now enters a new phase.

There will be no more huge outpourings of American treasure.

UNRRA goes out of business Dec. 31 in Europe and March 31 in the Far East.

New Chapter Begins

The world will need large-scale relief for another year. But the United States will no longer contribute three-fourths of it.

Also, America itself will distribute what it does contribute.

Washington thinks that the worst

needs which UNRRA was created to meet will be met by early next year.

Thus a great chapter in the history of U. S. foreign policy—and of civilization—ends. A new chapter begins.

But regardless of what the new chapter reveals, this remains true: The modern world has come within a hair's breadth of destroying itself.

One people alone have been able and willing to produce the things that the world had to have, or perish—the American people.

The American people have thereby given the modern world—indeed themselves—a chance to survive.

Suppose that, in another war, America should suffer so horribly—along with the others—that the American people would not be able to save everyone else, even if they wanted to do so?

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**PLAN OPEN HOUSE FOR MAGICIANS**

An open house will be held for all members of the International Brotherhood of Magicians at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the D. A. R. chapter house, 824 N. Pennsylvania St.

Clyde Crouse will speak of his experiences while entertaining G. I.'s in Africa, Italy, Germany and France.

Refreshments will be served.

**PRIEST DIES WHILE HOLDING FUNERAL**

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Nov. 28 (U. P.)—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maurice Walsh, pastor of St. Philip's Catholic church, warned in a funeral sermon yesterday that "no man can know when death may come."

Then he collapsed in the pulpit. Doctors pronounced him dead of a heart attack.

**ICC HEARS DISPUTE ON RAILWAY TRUCKS**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (U. P.)—Vice President Charles D. Young of the Pennsylvania railroad yesterday charged that "a deliberate effort is being made to deceive the public" as to the need for replacing the nation's fleet of railroad passenger cars.

Mr. Young said "people are being misled into believing that it would cost the public nothing to replace existing equipment entirely, and that such a thing is likely to happen." Renewal of the running gear of passenger cars and sleepers before it is necessary would be an "economic waste," he added.

He read his statement at interstate commerce commission hearings on the joint application of 48 railroads to buy the Pullman sleeping car business.

The testimony by Mr. Young of the Pennsylvania was in answer to statements at last week's session by Robert R. Young, chairman of the board of the Chesapeake & Ohio and related lines. The C. & O. official argued that passenger equipment should be replaced every seven years.

**FORTUNE TELLERS OFFERING 'PROOF'**

SHANGHAI, Nov. 28 (U. P.)—Shanghai's 2500 blind fortune tellers and 700 others—their means of livelihood menaced by a city ban on "superstitious enterprises"—offered yesterday to take an examination to prove their prophecies are accurate.

The stunned bureau of social affairs presumably was wondering what subjects it should ask the seers to foretell in the event it honors their petition.

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