

the full requirements of the armed services of the United Nations, and also for equitable treatment of civilians in the United States, Canada, and other United Nations in the Western hemisphere. The allocations for the United Kingdom takes into account the very limited supplies of fresh and canned fruit available to them. Supplies to the United Kingdom will be procured and exported under the Lend-Lease programme.

"While the 1942 production of dried fruits in the United States is about average, carry-over stocks at the beginning of the marketing year, September 1st, 1942, were substantially below pre-war levels. Heavy military requirements of the United Nations, together with changes in demands resulting from the shipping situation, however, have greatly increased the demand for American dried fruits.

"In the interests of an orderly distribution of supplies, it was agreed that Canada's supply of all dried fruit from the United States, except figs, would be handled through the appropriate procurement agencies of the United States and Canadian Governments. These agencies will operate within the quantities of the various dried fruits agreed upon in the Committee. Figs, however, are not under Government control in the United States, and the trade in this commodity will be handled privately. Since Canadian brokers had already contracted for a quantity of figs greatly in excess of the amount considered essential for the Canadian consumption in the light of over-all dried fruit supplies and requirements, the Canadian Government has found it necessary to limit the importation of American figs to the quantity of 1500 short tons."

6. Christmas parcels for Canadian Prisoners of War, press statement of November 16, 1942.

The Canadian High Commissioner in London on the instructions of the Government is making arrangements, in collaboration with the Canadian Red Cross Society and the British Red Cross, to send a special Christmas parcel from the People of Canada to each Canadian prisoner of war in enemy hands. These parcels will be accompanied by Christmas cards bearing the text, "Christmas Greetings from the People of Canada."

These parcels are of course supplementary to the parcels regularly sent by next-of-kin and the Canadian Red Cross Society. Parcels for prisoners of war in Europe are being packed in the United Kingdom. The chief article in each will be a sweater of an appropriate colour for each of the services - khaki for Army, light blue for Airforce, dark blue for the Navy, and the blue-black or black for Merchant Seamen. Parcels will also contain cigarettes, chocolate, soap, and other small comforts and extras.