

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR RECEIVES THANKS

The Canadian Ambassador to Greece, Mr. Magnan, is shown above being thanked by a blind man and his wife on the occasion of the distribution of flour to inhabitants of four villages on the island of Mytilene.

Greece. The Canadian Parliament and the Canadian people should be assured that this intention had been carried out and that the Greek Government had not interfered in any way with the distribution. The Ministry of Welfare had arranged, however, at the request of the Greek Red Cross Society, for credits to cover distribution expenses, without charge to the recipients of the flour, and the Ministry of Social Welfare, through the competent Minister of Supply and Agricultural Bank of Greece, had made the transportation of the flour possible.

The operation described above extended over a period of more than six months from the time it was first proposed until it was successfully completed. By its means—that is to say, through the action of the Canadian Government and the co-operation of official bodies and voluntary organizations mentioned in this brief review—the Canadian people contributed to the welfare of some 400,000 individual Greeks in an area where hard work and self-help are deeply ingrained traditions, but where the untoward circumstances of the times have forced them to depend temporarily on outside aid for their very survival.