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The food crisis which had been foreseen ever since the failure of last year's crops in southern Europe, and the drought in the southern hemisphere, and more recently in India, was dramatically brought to the attention of the world early this year. Governor Lehman, the Director General of UNRRA, who ~~was~~ given the responsibility by the United Nations of maximizing supplies for the more destitute of the liberated areas, made an urgent plea to Canada, to other supplying countries and to the United Nations Assembly to do everything in their power to mitigate the impending disaster facing many countries and millions of their nationals. The United Nations Assembly at its meeting recently terminated, endorsed a resolution urging all the United Nations to conserve food and to avoid waste, to collect maximum amounts of foodstuffs from producers, to maximize production and to make known all available information which would permit the best planning for the critical period ahead; particularly it urged that all cereals be reserved for human consumption. Canada is in complete sympathy with the aims of UNRRA, has taken a prominent part in its councils and in providing supplies for its work. We are deeply aware of the misery rampant in Europe and only last week Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar ~~was~~ presenting to the Combined Food Board the dark picture of the impending famine in India this spring, *visited Ottawa and made a strong plea for assistance to his unfortunate country.*

The food shortage presents a problem of such magnitude that only a total endeavour on the part of all nations can contribute to its solution. Canada has fully endorsed the resolution presented at the United Nations Assembly; she is discussing in Washington at the Combined Food Board the means whereby the resources available to the United Nations can best be distributed among the nations and the Minister of Agriculture and other ministers concerned have with their officials