

to make it possible for UNRRA to complete, if on a somewhat modest scale, the task which it has undertaken.

Yours sincerely,

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*L'adjoint spécial en temps de guerre du sous-secrétaire d'État aux
Affaires extérieures au ministre de la Santé nationale
et du Bien-être social*

*Special Wartime Assistant to Under-Secretary of State for External
Affairs to Minister of National Health and Welfare*

Ottawa, August 30, 1945

Dear Mr. Claxton,

With reference to our conversation at lunch to-day, I am enclosing a few notes that I have made on the recent Session of the UNRRA Council.

Yours sincerely,

H. F. ANGUS

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*Mémorandum de l'adjoint spécial en temps de guerre du
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NOTES ON THE THIRD SESSION OF THE UNRRA COUNCIL

1. The first important business to come before the Council concerned Displaced Persons. The Director General recommended that UNRRA should extend relief to these persons even if they were not willing to return to their countries of origin and even if those countries objected to the relief being given. This recommendation was strongly supported by the United Kingdom and the United States, both of which produced alternative resolutions to that proposed by the Director-General. It was opposed by the U.S.S.R., Yugoslavia, Poland and Czechoslovakia. The U.S.S.R. based its case on respect for its sovereignty; Czechoslovakia on the danger of groups of political opposition forming outside the country and intriguing against its Government. The Poles, on the other hand, presented a very moderate argument, suggesting that they recognized groups which might properly wish not to return to Poland, but that they felt that their Government should be consulted before any decision was reached in particular cases. After much debate and many delays the matter was put to a vote and the decision reached that, until the next meeting of the Council, relief should be extended to all Displaced Persons in need of it. On behalf of Canada,