

between Israel and the Arab states to which the refugees fled. Such negotiations, when they can be arranged, will take place under the auspices of another agency of the U.N.

Meanwhile, however, the refugee agency can see that the refugees don't starve. It does this by providing a basic ration of about 1,500 calories a day, with the addition of 1,200 grams of dry skim milk every month as a supplement for 380,000 refugee children and nursing mothers, and 1,200 grams of dry whole milk for 20,000 infants and hospital patients. And in some of the refugee centers where it looks as though these wretched ones would have to live for a long time, mud-and-rubble housing is being provided to take the place of the tents which so far have provided the only shelter. In Gaza alone, for example, about 60,000 have thus been given passably decent living quarters.

Then there's the story of Korea--a story which deserves five or six times the space we have available. How many Americans realize that by the time the North Korean Communists had made their first drive south, and the U.N. forces under General MacArthur had made their counter-drive north, and the Chinese armies drove across the Yalu to establish the line near the 38th parallel where the fighting stabilized until the truce was signed, there were more civilian displaced persons in Korea than there were in Europe during World War II?

Through the U.N. Civil Assistance Command and then through the U.N. Korean Reconstruction Agency, the U.N. has worked to save the Korean people from starvation and epidemics. Now it is tackling the problem of rebuilding an almost completely ruined country. This requires everything from providing seeds and fertilizer to building bridges and restoring roads. It is a job staggering in extent, but the U.N. throws itself into it, knowing that if it is not done, Korea for decades to come will be a breeding-spot for the trouble that comes out of human misery.

"They Say..." But What Are the Facts?

This survey has touched only high spots in the performance and problems of the United Nations. Many important aspects of its operations have not been mentioned. But with our space almost used up, perhaps Mr. and Mrs. Average American would like us to deal with some of the charges which are constantly being leveled against the U.N. Are they true, or aren't they? Consider ten of the most frequently heard allegations.

"The U.N. is a nest of Communist spies." True or false? We will let Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., head of the U.S. delegation and former Republican senator from Massachusetts, answer. Says Mr. Lodge: "It is not a nest of Communist spies, for the simple reason that there is nothing to spy on at the United Nations. No member nation sends any secret or confidential material to the U.N. ... The Soviet Union has not even bothered to fill its quota of employees at the U.N., and no American citizen employed by the U.N. has ever been prosecuted for espionage."

"The U.N. dragged the United States into the Korean war." It would be closer to the truth to say that the United States dragged the U.N. into that war. (Although that wouldn't be true, either.) But it was the United