

be made but that instead of being a gift from Canada to Greece they would be a contribution from Canada to military relief which would, in turn, give them to Greece. Later on, they might become a contribution from Canada to UNRRA which would, in turn, give them to Greece.

I pointed out to Mr. Depasta that it made no difference whether the gift were kept separate from military relief or integrated with it so far as the quantities of foodstuffs which the Greeks might expect to receive were concerned. The military authorities would, in the latter case, supply the wheat, together with what other foodstuffs they considered necessary. In the former case, the military authorities would take account of the stocks of food in Greece and of the wheat from Canada and would then consider what additional foodstuffs it was necessary to send.

I informed Mr. Depasta that before replying to the Prime Minister's telegram we were endeavouring to find out what the exact arrangements would be, but that so far as the prospects of the Greek people receiving food were concerned, we did not think that the form of the arrangements or the technical channels used would make the least difference.

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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au ministre de Grèce*

*Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Minister of Greece*

Ottawa, October 30, 1944

Dear Mr. Depasta,

I am instructed by the Prime Minister to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of September 30th, 1944, transmitting to him a telegram from the Greek Prime Minister requesting the Canadian Government to continue their shipments of relief wheat to Greece during the military period.

We understand from recent discussions held in Washington that the military programme will provide supplies of flour and wheat for Greece. Canada expects to contribute directly to the military relief programme and any wheat sent to Greece by Canada after the commencement of that programme would normally count as part of Canada's contribution to military relief. Shipping facilities are strictly limited and even if Canada continued to supply wheat to Greece independently of the military programme, it could hardly be expected that the military authorities would disregard the supplies from Canada in calculating what further supplies it would be necessary for them to provide.

It is uncertain at the present time if Canadian wheat will actually form part of the wheat sent under the military relief programme. Inquiries are being made to ascertain if the Swedish ships will be available for this purpose.