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The United Kingdom representatives described the efforts being put forth in the United Kingdom. Consumer rationing has been continued and over a wide field rations are now below low wartime levels. The rations of home-based United Kingdom forces have been reduced. The extraction rate of flour has been raised several times and will be maintained at 90 per cent during the critical May to September period. Supplies of grain for distilling have been cut from 300,000 tons to 130,000 tons. The size of loaves has been reduced, while production of biscuits, cakes and pastry has been substantially curtailed. Beer production has been set at 90 per cent of prewar production. Cereal production is being encouraged and a number of special directions and inducements have recently been introduced to this end. Feeding of millable wheat to livestock remains prohibited and rations for livestock have been cut down. Consumers are being encouraged to conserve food and to reduce waste.

Further, the United Kingdom has recently agreed to forego another 200,000 tons of imports which will thus be released for use elsewhere. This has been done with full awareness of the dangers to the United Kingdom in the way of still further interruptions of distribution or restrictions on the austere diet obtaining in the United Kingdom for the six years since the beginning of the war.