

chosen by the Protecting Power and the International Red Cross who will supervise the supplies and will facilitate their receipt and trans-shipment at Lourenco Marques. In the meantime, the International Red Cross Delegate in China is taking over from the American Red Cross certain large stocks of cereals and medical supplies at Hong Kong and Shanghai and is placing them at the disposal of the local authorities for the benefit of prisoners of war and interned civilians.

7. Visit of Prime Minister to Washington,  
press statement of June 24, 1942

"The Honourable T.A. Crerar, Acting Prime Minister announced that, at the invitation of President Roosevelt, the Prime Minister had left Ottawa for a short visit to Washington to attend a meeting of the Pacific Council at which Mr. Churchill will also be present, and for further conferences with Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill. Mr. Crerar also indicated that Mr. Churchill had joined in the invitation. Mr. N.A. Robertson, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, accompanied the Prime Minister."

8. Washington Wheat Agreement, press statement of July 2, 1942

1. The Wheat Meeting recently held in Washington has resulted in the approval by the Governments of Argentina, Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States of a Memorandum of Agreement as a first step towards the conclusion as soon as circumstances permit of a comprehensive international wheat agreement.
2. The Washington Wheat Meeting comprised officials of five of the ten countries which participated in the work of the Preparatory Committee established by the International Wheat Advisory Committee at London in January 1939. The work of the Preparatory Committee was near completion when war broke out in September 1939. The war aggravated in several important respects the world wheat problem and, following an exchange of views between their Governments, officials of Argentina, Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States met in Washington on July 10, 1941 to resume the discussions which were interrupted by the outbreak of war. They submitted to their Governments a preliminary report in August 1941, reconvened in October and have met at frequent intervals since then to carry on their discussions.
3. The Memorandum of Agreement now concluded provides for the convening by the United States when the time is deemed propitious of a conference of all the nations having a substantial interest in wheat, whether as consumers or producers; and there is attached to it for consideration at that conference a Draft Convention prepared by the Washington Wheat Meeting. In the meantime the Memorandum of Agreement requires the adoption and maintenance on the part of the four exporting countries of positive measures to control production with the object of minimizing the accumulation of excessive stocks during the war.