

A quantity of wheat up to 25,000 tons per month will be required to complete the loading of these relief vessels and Canadian wheat authorities have indicated that these quantities can be made available for shipment out of St. John. The Canadian representative inquired as to the method of financing such wheat shipments and the other relief cargoes provided by governments, and not by voluntary relief societies.

The F.E.A. representative indicated his understanding that it was F.E.A.'s expectation that the Lend Lease expenditures incurred, after a date to be determined, in the procurement and shipment of relief supplies to Greece would be brought under the general arrangement for combined financing.

The representatives of the British Embassy stated that they had already raised with London the question of future financing of supplies, under the Swedish-Swiss Relief Scheme and had reported that it was likely to be the view of the Canadian and United States governments that future financing should be within the framework of the overall scheme for the finance of relief outside the scope of UNRRA, and had requested London's view as to this proposal and as to the date from which shipments under the Swedish-Swiss Scheme should be brought into account.

The military representatives of U.S., U.K., and Canada agreed as to the desirability of retaining the services of these ships and expressed the view that the provision of sufficient approved cargo to fill these ships should be encouraged.

Pending settlement among U.S., U.K., and Canada on the precise terms of the formal agreement to cover the financing of relief provided on a combined basis outside UNRRA it was recognized that no formal provision can be made at this stage for the inclusion of these shipments in the general arrangement. It was observed, however, that the general agreement, in the form now proposed, would permit of the inclusion of these shipments.

If necessary, it was considered that specific provision could be made in the formal agreement, or in an annex thereto, for the combined financing of these shipments. It was noted that the proposed agreement is so worded that it could be agreed among U.S., U.K., and Canada that no bill be presented to the Greek Government for these particular relief supplies, if it is agreed among the three supplying countries that the financing of these shipments be borne by the governments who are parties to the agreement. It was observed further that as this general agreement covers not only "military" relief but is rather an arrangement for the financing of general relief, the suggested arrangement for financing these shipments could scarcely be interpreted as contravening the safe conduct agreement so long as supplies are consigned to the neutral Swedish-Swiss Relief Commission, as in the past.