

a day on the average. The average, that is the target figure fixed for western Europe for this winter is 2,200 calories. Already, in parts of Greece, the figure is below 1,500. In Italy and in other parts of central Europe the figure is as bad or worse. The ration fixed for the German population in the zone occupied by the British and American armies is 1,500 calories a day, but the actual figures are nearer 1,000. In some places in western Europe the outlook is pretty fair. In other places the outlook is grim.

In India, due to crop failures the people are in a very much worse situation. The only sources to meet all these needs are North American.

Boiling these figures down and reducing them to what is needed for a person for a day, we can say that a pound of flour will keep a person alive for a day. That means that ten million more bushels of wheat will produce flour to keep alive five hundred million people for one day. Or, let's say, fifteen million people for a month, or a million and a quarter for a year.

We don't know how long this is going on, or how many people are involved. We do know that each bushel of grain will produce fifty pounds of flour which will keep fifty people alive for one day. We do know that the situation is so bad that if a pound of flour that might be saved in Canada is not saved and made available in time, then some person will certainly suffer from serious under-nutrition and may die of starvation.