

2. The officials in F.E.A. concerned with getting UNRRA to assume responsibility for payment for United States supplies in the stockpile as of that date, have not been able to satisfy UNRRA that the latter is responsible financially for payment. Leading to submission of an account, F.E.A. has been endeavouring to get from UNRRA receipts for the supplies in the stockpile of March 31st, which it is assumed went into UNRRA distribution channels subsequent to that date. There is apparently nothing in UNRRA's Washington records to indicate that they had assumed responsibility or that they actually did take possession of the stocks. UNRRA's contention seems to be that the stocks were handed to the Greek Government (or Military authorities) for distribution and that their part in the transaction may have involved no financial responsibility. The problem is complicated by the absence from Washington of Norman Gould and other UNRRA officials who clearly understood the arrangement at the time it was made. UNRRA is cabling Gould in London for a report on the basis of which a satisfactory settlement of the whole problem may be possible.

3. We have learned from Bull that the Canadian account covering wheat in the stockpile on March 31st, properly chargeable against UNRRA, has not yet been submitted to them by the Mutual Aid Board. Although it would be desirable for this account to be submitted as soon as possible, we feel it should be based on the latest figures available on the stockpile position on March 31st. Only yesterday F.E.A. informed us that the figures contained in Chadbourne's letter to Bull on July 7th[†] have been revised as follows:

(a) The total in warehouse on March 31st was 19,620 long tons (not metric tons). Argentine wheat figure to be deducted becomes 7,974 long tons, leaving a balance of Canadian wheat of 11,646 long tons.

(b) The flour figure of 5,750 is also in long tons. Adding the equivalent in wheat, i.e., 6,778 long tons gives a total for the Canadian inventory of 18,424 long tons instead of 18,296 metric tons.

(F.E.A. has been requested to confirm these figures to us in writing and they are being pressed for this information.)

4. In Bull's WA-1348 of March 13th to Angus, he pointed out that "arrangements covering the payment by UNRRA for stocks of Canadian wheat in store in Greece" had not yet been worked out. The only written record we have of UNRRA's understanding regarding payment is Bull's file memorandum[†] covering his and Ritchie's conversation with Borders and McAnsh of UNRRA of March 14th. This reads as follows, Begins:

"Accompanied by Mr. Ritchie, I called on Karl Borders and James McAnsh of UNRRA to discuss the procedure for the taking over of Canadian wheat supplies in Greece as of April first.

Messrs. Borders and McAnsh confirmed UNRRA's policy to assume the financial responsibility for this wheat. Roy Hendrickson²⁰⁸ has been in Athens for the past ten days negotiating with the Military Relief authorities and the

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