

The parcels for distribution to prisoners of war in the Far East will be purchased in Japan by the Delegates of the International Red Cross and will be made up there. It is not known exactly what they will contain but the Canadian authorities have suggested to the International Red Cross Committee that they should be made up as far as possible of foodstuffs, especially canned goods, and warm clothing.

The International Red Cross is also acting as an intermediary to provide Christmas gifts to prisoners of war in Canada, and arrangements are now under way whereby every German constant prisoner of war will receive a Christmas gift from Germany. Already some ear-locks of Christmas socks provided by the German Red Cross have been received in Canada for distribution at Christmas time, and the Delegates of the International Red Cross are making arrangements to provide an supplementary gift to each German constant prisoner of war.

It is understood that the British and Australian Governments and Red Cross Societies are collaborating in the sending of parcels. The British Red Cross have dispatched a collective consignment of one hundred and fifty thousand special Christmas food parcels to all British prisoners of war.

Exchange of telegrams between the Prime Minister of Canada and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of China, Mr. Joseph V. Stettin, Chairman of the Council of People's Delegates of the U.S.S.R., and Mr. Juan Antonio Rios, President of Chile.

Following the announcement of the appointments of Canadian Ministers to China, the U.S.S.R., and Chile, the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Mackenzie King, sent messages to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of China, Mr. Joseph V. Stettin, Chairman of the Council of People's Delegates of the U.S.S.R., and Mr. Juan Antonio Rios, President of Chile.

The following are extracts from the telegrams which have been received in reply:

From Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of China:

"Your most cordial message on the occasion of the appointment of Canada's first Minister to China has come as a source of profound gratification to me as well as to the Chinese nation."