

Dr. HUDSON: About 160 million bushels is their normal imports.

Senator LAMBERT: That is from all countries?

Dr. HUDSON: Yes.

Senator LAMBERT: Was it not greater than that? There is a population in England now of between 45 million and 50 million people, nearer 50 million than 45 million, and on the basis of a barrel of flour a head, which is the amount that we use, or about 4.5 bushels a head, I figure there would be over 200 million bushels.

Dr. HUDSON: That is the consumption. They of course do grow quite a bit themselves.

Senator LAMBERT: But not a great deal. However, what I was trying to get at by asking that question was the larger picture of world production of wheat which I think in rough terms is certainly over one billion bushels, which is divided between importing and exporting countries. Take a country like China, which is supposed to be producing now between 500 million and 600 million bushels, and Russia, and the rest of them, it gives a different picture of these percentages altogether if they are figured against the background of world production.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: Is the answer to your question satisfactory, Senator Lambert?

Senator LAMBERT: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Dr. HUDSON: I can give some statistics on that if you would like.

Senator LAMBERT: I think it would be interesting to have the picture of the total world situation in wheat.

Dr. HUDSON: On the basis of the best information available for the period 1952 to 1957, it is estimated that the total world production, that is on a global basis, was about 211 million metric tons.

Senator LAMBERT: Would that be long tons or short tons?

Dr. HUDSON: Metric tons, yes.

Senator LAMBERT: That is, 2,240 pounds to the ton?

Dr. HUDSON: 36.7 bushels to the metric ton.

Senator MACDONALD: What would be the total of 211 metric tons, in bushels?

Dr. HUDSON: It would be about eight billion bushels, roughly.

Senator LAMBERT: Is that the production of all the producing countries?

Dr. HUDSON: This is all countries. I may say just from the standpoint of a comparison, according to figures published by the United States Department of Agriculture, the world production of wheat during the last three years was about eight billion bushels as compared with about 6.9 billion for the period 1950 to 1954 and 5.8 billion for the period 1945 to 1949.

Senator LAMBERT: Do you happen to know what it was at the beginning of the war, 1939 to 1940?

Dr. HUDSON: We will try to get that figure later, Senator Lambert.

Senator LAMBERT: I just wanted to lead up to this point. These figures of world production rather go to support the position that was taken at the beginning of the war, in the early 1940's through the influence of Doctor Boyd-Orr and all those who were associated with him in picturing the most abject devastation of the world through hunger and shortage of food supply, and Washington was full of representatives of food organizations from Great Britain and elsewhere promoting as far as they possibly could the idea that