

(3) That there should be the widest dissemination of information concerning allocation, procurement, and export of foods of the types essential for UNRRA's programme, and that in present circumstances the Combined Food Board should publicly state the policy on which allocations are made and be prepared to explain these allocations before a fully international body.

As will be seen from the following series of recommendations contained in the resolution which emerged from the sub-committee and was adopted by the Council, the demand for fuller publicity was substantially accepted. The Committee reported, however, that it had considered carefully the Director-General's and other proposals concerning enlargement of the Combined Food Board and the adoption of definite formulæ as a basis of allocations, but had decided to make no positive recommendations on these matters at this time. In the face of strong opposition from supplying countries to any drastic modification of present allocation arrangements, it was agreed instead to recommend that the Director-General immediately enter into consultations with representatives of the supplying Governments and with the Combined Food Board in order to consider the effectiveness of the steps being taken for the improvement and adaptation of national and intergovernmental machinery for allocating and distributing food-supplies, and to report the results to the Central Committee of UNRRA and to the Council, which is to reconvene for this purpose in a few weeks time. It was understood that the Director-General would include discussion of all relevant factors, including the specific proposals which had been put forward, in his discussion with allocating authorities.

The text of the resolution <sup>(1)</sup> referred to is as follows:—

“WHEREAS, the Council has considered the grave crisis arising from food shortages throughout the world and the threat of mass starvation in those countries which have fought the common enemy; and

“WHEREAS, the Council deems it imperative in order to avert world-wide tragedy that all of the United Nations, including those not members of UNRRA, take immediate and vigorous governmental and voluntary action in the spirit of common sacrifice demonstrated by these nations during the war; and

“WHEREAS, the Council considers that this grave food crisis must be met with justice and equity to those who fought against, and suffered at the hand of the common foe and in accordance with the resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on February 14, 1946, with the widest dissemination of information to all the United Nations called upon to make common sacrifices; be it therefore

“RESOLVED:

“1. That the Council recommends to all United Nations governments, including those not members of UNRRA, the following:

“(a) The taking of all possible measures at the earliest possible date to ensure the maximum production of food required to meet the present emergency and the uninterrupted maintenance of facilities and services for its mobilization, shipment and distribution.

“(b) The conservation of food in every form by:

“(i) Elimination of all waste;

“(ii) Diversion of the maximum possible amounts of wheat, corn, barley, and oats from animal to direct human consumption;

<sup>(1)</sup> Resolution 89; see page 18.