

As Governor Lehman's successor, the Council unanimously approved the nomination of the Hon. Fiorella H. La Guardia, formerly Mayor of New York, who, it is confidently expected, will bring to his new office those qualities of administrative experience, political sagacity, and energetic leadership which the necessities of the present emergency so insistently demand.

The success of UNRRA, however, as, indeed, of any international effort, must, in the final analysis, depend on the measure of effective support which individual member Governments voluntarily make available. For this reason it would seem appropriate to conclude this report with a brief recapitulation of certain lessons that have been learned in establishing the first international operating agency and which the retiring Director-General of UNRRA commended to member Governments' earnest consideration. These, as he frankly stated, are as follows:—

“(1) It is of cardinal importance that member governments provide enough first-class men (even at the expense of their own national requirements), so that international organizations such as UNRRA may be able to function effectively.

“(2) Individual members of the United Nations must recognize that when they establish international organizations, endowing those organizations with specific responsibility to perform certain functions, they must also recognize that they must yield some small part of their own sovereign power to the new organizations. Governments must give reality and substance to the grant of authority when they establish international organizations such as UNRRA.

“(3) In view of the great anxiety among the peoples of many, if not all, nations that our new ventures in the machinery of international cooperation shall succeed in their vital tasks, individual members of the United Nations must explain to their people the purpose of these new organizations and build up their stature by strengthening the support and respect given to them by national agencies.”

I have, &c.,

CARL BERENDSEN.