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FARM ANIMALS IN EUROPE Beside the need for cows to supply milk, most European countries are in desperate need of draft animals to do the heavy work on the farms. To meet this need, UNRRA bought thousands of mules from army surpluses. Most shipments from America in recent weeks have been of work horses rather than heifers.

Greece: Each nemos (county) has its local committee to make allocations of animals. The size of the animal, the amount of land to be cultivated, the fodder supply and the individual farmer's ability to make good use of the animal - all these factors are considered. Many farmers make joint use of mules and horses supplied by UNRRA. One Greek woman, who lost her two sons, her farm animals, and her cottage during the war, wept and publicly gave thanks to God when she was awarded a mule for her farm.

To begin the restoration of dairy herds, Greek farm authorities have started an artificial insemination program. At the beginning, six bulls were presented by the Brethren Service Committee. When the bulls first landed in Greece, the Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Church came out in full vestments to bless them. They are now maintained at an agricultural school near Athens.

Yugoslavia: Most farms are small, lying on the outskirts of small, compact villages, where most of the farmers live. Here, the draft animals become the property of the villages, and farmers take turns using them. Yugoslav farmers assert that these are the best animals they've ever had, thus making plowing faster and easier.

Poland: Livestock have been distributed in the following manner - 30% to state farms (estates which have not as yet been divided into small farms or experimental farms) and colleges, which did not have a cow or horse. 70% were distributed to peasants who had neither horse nor cow. If a farmer got a horse, he did not get a cow, and vice versa. Milk production is so low that milk from UNRRA cows is earmarked for children and sick people. In the Warsaw section of Poland, there is less than half a pint of milk per day available for children under 2 years of age. There is none for adults.

EGGS FOR EUROPE UNRRA is planning to provide brood stock to begin reestablishment of poultry flocks in the country where it operates. Experts report that poultry flocks in Europe are down to a point comparatively lower than farm animals. The program calls for 2 million hatching eggs to be provided in the first 5 months of 1946. Several key hatcheries are being established.

In the same line Ray Petersime, Brethren layman of Gettysburg, Ohio, is now carrying thru a project he started some weeks ago. He is accompanying a cargo of 55,800 hatching eggs being shipped by plane directly from Ohio to Warsaw, Poland. Petersime will assist UNRRA distribute the chicks to Polish farmers.

COWBOY QUOTA Selective Service has indicated that the new quota of 100 CPS Reserve men is more or less in the nature of providing replacements for men discharged from the original 250. It has also been announced that men inducted before October 30, 1944, will be eligible for the sea-going cowboys.

UNRRA QUOTES Letter from Mr. M. E. Hays, Chief of the Agricultural Rehabilitation Division of UNRRA in Poland, reporting to UNRRA headquarters in Washington: "I hope that you will again officially express to the Brethren Service Committee the very great appreciation of the Polish people, as well as those of us here in UNRRA, for the excellent manner in which they have cared for livestock en route. I have heard nothing but praise of this from the veterinarians and also the ship's officers. They are certainly to be commended as good livestock men and gentlemen."

COWBOY QUOTES From the SS Luckenbach: "The ship's crew is a pretty good bunch, as seamen go, and most are friendly if approached. Our messmen, one white, one negro, are good fellows. . . The abolishing of the color line here on this ship is a good thing. . . The food is good, always meat, eggs or vegetable omlet, potatoes, cereal, hot bread for breakfast; usually two meats, two vegetables, potatoes, soup, dessert for the other two meals."

Another man notes: "With its crew of 51 and 32 cowboys (and 761 heifers, 89 work horses and 9 bulls) . . ., the SS Woodstock Victory left Newport News early on Sunday morning, March 3. The Woodstock Victory is a 7,800 ton Victory ship named for the city of Woodstock, Maine, whose average cruising speed is 18 knots, therefore covering about 400 miles every 24 hours. Except for the 5th day, sailing was smooth. We took the southern route, passing a few hundred miles north of the Azores. On the 9th day we entered the English Channel, past the White Cliffs of Dover, then north to Hull, England. We proceeded thru a rough North Sea into the mouth of the Elbe River and thru the 61-mile Kiel Canal. It was because of mines, wrecks and sunken ships that we laid over in Kiel for one day (without shore leave) and took the zig-zagged course we did from Dover to Danzig. Northeast into the Baltic Sea and past the ice-packed harbor of Traillborg, Sweden, then north of the island of Bornholm and then south into the Vistula River and on the 15th day we docked at Newyport, a suburb of Danzig.

"Human beings of all shapes and sizes lined the wharf as the dockhands secured the lines. . . After supper . . . a group of us wandered around Newyport to inspect the great damage that had been done. Children of all ages, boys and girls, flocked around us, saying "bom-bom". They wanted candy . . . were persistent and would follow you for five or ten blocks, whining and stumbling in your path.

"On Monday a group of us went to the city of Danzig. The sight was appalling. There are very few buildings still standing and these few are minus a wall or a roof or both. The city looked more like a brick yard. The only activity was women piling up the bricks in neat piles and men creating clearings for rebuilding. All this . . . by hand.

"Wednesday was warm, clear and sunny . . . We piled into an UNRRA truck . . . and viewed the countryside for miles around. It was like any farm land at home, except for the wreckage of war machines that were rusting in the fields or at the roadside, or the many mounds that signified graves, surrounded by a wooden red fence with a green cross."

TIPS FOR THE FUTURE: One bunch of cowboys distributed chocolate bars to children in the streets of Danzig. . . Another crew found that kite-flying from the stern of their ship was great sport. They reeled out several miles of string and could have gone on indefinitely,

except that the paper kite began to tear. . . One cowboy battalion found that among them they had some 75 books aboard. By posting a list of these books they arranged for trading off during their leisure time on the long trip home. . . One suggestion is that each man going take along with him a game of some kind, ideas for stunt nights, craft tools and materials and so forth. Or make your desires known to the cowboy office at New Windsor, which will attempt to supply legitimate needs. There's plenty of time aboard ship for weaving belts, making leather wallets, wood carving, etc. . . Another idea is to take along tourist guide pamphlets and language guides. Michelin's "Blue Guides" and Baedekkers Buide books are recommended. They may be out of date on many points, but helpful on others. They're not easy to locate, but might be found in port cities either here or abroad, left over from the halcyon days of Americans touring Europe.

CPS NEWS Cascade Locks is scheduled to close on June 15th, leaving Wellston the only base camp still operated by BSC. . . Work strikes are reported in the former AFSC camps at Glendora and Big Flats. The Glendora strike, involving some 80 men, was caused by an arbitrary SS order to two men to transfer to Minersville. At Big Flats the men point out that the strike is a protest against conscription in peacetime. . . A U.S. District Court Judge in Portland, Oregon, has established a precedent in holding that a man who has walked out of CPS camp is not subject to penalty, since his transfer to camp was signed by a military officer, which is contrary to Section 5g of the draft law, which states that work shall be "under civilian direction". . . Ten men from Minersville are under arrest for having refused to take down blankets which they had hung up to screen off their bunks in the dormitory.

UNRRA AND EDUCATION UNRRA has awarded some 165 fellowships to train foreign experts to carry on a program similar to UNRRA's after that organization has ceased operation. These are awarded in the same ratio as UNRRA's total resources, and are for study in such fields as public health, nursing, sanitation, agricultural rehabilitation and welfare work. . . UNRRA is at present operating a University in Munich for displaced persons who desire to continue their education. The present enrollment is close to 2500.

UNRRA AID: -- (in millions)

