

War brings power and glory to the few, but to the many it brings poverty, hunger and disease. Today, war rages throughout the world, causing untold destruction. It is absolutely necessary that an organisation should exist which will follow behind the advancing armies everywhere, and which will begin the immediate task of alleviating starvation and preventing disease; of planning methods and costs of helping the stricken to help themselves back to a self-sustaining level and to a state of human dignity.

That organisation has already been formed and activities have already been started in North Africa and Italy. Recently representatives of forty-four nations met and considered a plan. They represented an over-whelming majority of the peoples of the world. The result of their meeting was the formation of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

The details of how this organisation will work have been carefully worked out, but the scheme in general is that U.N.R.R.A. will seek the provision of the following:-

Firstly, relief supplies consisting of essential consumer goods to meet immediate needs, like food, fuel, clothing, shelter, and medical supplies.

Secondly, assistance in caring for and maintaining records of persons found in any areas under United Nations' control whom the war has displaced from their homes and, in agreement with the appropriate authorities in control, in securing their repatriation or return; and necessary technical services for these purposes.

Thirdly, rehabilitation supplies and services like seeds, fertilisers, raw materials, fishing equipment and machinery spare parts which are necessary to enable the recipient country to produce and transport supplies for its own and other liberated territories and such technical services as are necessary for those purposes.

Fourthly, the rehabilitation of public utility services as far as they are repairable and restorable, to meet immediate needs like light, water, sanitation, power, transport, and temporary storage, communications and assistance in procuring material and equipment for the rehabilitation of educational institutions.

The U.N.R.R.A. is not confined to men of one race or of one part of the globe. It is world-wide.

In this way some alleviation of the disasters caused by war will be attained. It is a scheme of which Heaven will certainly approve.