

## No Simple Approach Sighted For Europe's Many Problems

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LONDON—In discussions which I have had here with leading figures of each government in exile, their prime ministers, ambassadors and such have ruled out any generalizations about the war's aftermath in Europe.

"From the European viewpoint, the one basic weakness in the Washington policymakers' approach to our troubled world is generalization," a Scandinavian ambassador summed up to me today. "In an operational sense, there is no Europe as

such any more. Europe is a conglomeration of 25 races, containing 10 additional countries and some 6800 more miles of borders to defend than before the last war. It will only confuse matters to talk as though there were a prompt common denominator for European freedom, prosperity and fitness for self-government."

There now are six governments in exile here and two in Cairo. Therefore, at this center I have interviewed leaders of each of the six—Belgium, Norway, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Poland, Czechoslovakia—to obtain a roundup of the facts for NEA.

At the Belgian embassy I visited the distinguished statesman of the last world war and this, who now is ambassador here—Baron de Cartier de Marchienne. He impressed upon me the fact that the presence of the king within Belgium, captive of the Germans, is a great boon to the unity of the distressed Belgian people, who feel that Leopold is suffering on the spot with them, in contrast to other kings who fled.

King Held Near Brussels  
"This is an important psycho-

logical and governmental factor." Baron de Marchienne explained. "It will immediately assist the transition to normality from a political standpoint inside Belgium. Although only four ministers escaped to manage the exile government, the peacetime resumption of orderly affairs within Belgium should be the easiest of anywhere."

As for Leopold himself, the last person known to have visited him in confinement is Prince Charles of Sweden, whose sister Astrid married Leopold and was Queen of Belgium when killed in an automobile accident. Prince Charles (Carl Gustav Oscar Frederick Christian) told me that Leopold remains confined in the Palais de Laeken near Brussels.

Charles said the 42-year-old, prematurely-grey monarch is melancholy and restive but not angry over the earliest Allied blasts regarding his army's defeat, as that was later officially corrected from London and Paris, and he lives only for the liberation of his people. The Germans repeatedly have offered Leopold stouche-like advantages if he would collaborate, but Charles told me that Leopold said he would be confined in Laeken to the last day of his life in preference to performing a single act of collaboration. And, in fact, he never has spoken directly or personally to any of the numerous German leaders since the hour he entered confinement.

In Norway, next to Belgium, there should be the easiest orderly resumption of government—and far easier than Belgium in economic respects. The Norwegian government-in-exile is extremely well off financially. Norway's largest income always has been from shipping, and as the third or fourth largest maritime nation in Europe, Norway has not lent ships to the United Nations. She charters them to Great Britain and to the United States at full emergency rates. Furthermore, Norway collects in London and Washington full insurance for every Norwegian ves-

sel sunk in Allied service. The results are untold millions credited to the exile government month after month throughout the war, to give Norway a vast accumulation for her own use the day the United Nations liberate her from her German enemy.

**Dutch Being Exiled**  
The Netherlands is not so affluent as Norway, but Dutch diplomats here tell me that their country also will have an easy transition to peace through their beloved queen and the natural characteristics of the people. The severity of the German occupation in Holland is midway between that of Denmark and Belgium, but is growing worse since the heavier raids over Germany.

Dutch farmers now are being exiled to Poland to make way for Germans bombed out of Berlin, Munster, Hanover and Bremen. It is a fact that the Germans, for home morale purposes, now are announcing that as many Germans as possible will be given free plots of land, houses and equipment—which have been confiscated from the Dutch—to offset their own homestead losses. Therefore German city dwellers currently are moving to Holland in droves.

The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg lives here quietly. Her tiny domain enjoys full representation in exile.

The remaining two foreign governments here, those of Poland and Czechoslovakia, are especially striking examples of why European generalizations are fruitless. Apart from the present Russian-Polish crisis, Polish leaders in London want the United Nations to guarantee compensation from Germany in Vilna and the Lwow District as well as all East Prussia and Danzig and West Prussia to the Oder River and in Silesia as far as Breslau.

**Won't Fight Reds**  
Leading Poles categorically denied to me sensational rumors from Moscow that the London Polish government would declare war on Russia over the border situation as soon as the Germans were driven out. But they did show me today—in great vexation, and as a typical friction-making item—a transcription dated Moscow, January 6th, printed in the Wolna Polaska, organ of the Soviet-subsidized counter-government organization called the Union of Polish Patri-

## More Rationed Food Slated for Schools

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Children will get larger amounts of rationed foods in school meals, the OPA said today in announcing revised ration allowances for schools serving meals meeting certain complete nutritional standards set by the food distribution administration.

Schools now may apply to local war price and rationing boards for allowances of rationed foods on the basis of the number of persons served in January and February and the amount of food currently used, rather than on the amount of food used in December, 1942, the base month for institution users' allotments.

OPA said that a reserve of food points equal to 25 per cent of the January-February allowances can be obtained for adjustment purposes until exact allotments are determined.

Schools not under the FDA setup also may obtain similar increased rations on the basis of comparable standards of meals served and the number of persons served, OPA added.

ots in Russia, wherein it continued to demand a sovietized Poland as though the Tehran Conference had not taken place and the Atlantic Charter did not exist.

As for Czechoslovakia, I find that Benes' return here from Moscow with the Kremlin treaty in his pocket—and with his entire London government, along with Britain's Czechoslovakia Ambassador Philip Nichols at Paddington Station to greet him—implies further isolation of the Poles through this treaty.

Yet, no more valiant fight against the Germans has been made by any of the six exile governments here than by the filers and soldiers of Poland. There is deep and saddening irony in the fact that Russian nationalism and the limited resistance of Anglo-American coalition politics have put Polish heroism at a tragic discount in war of survival.

Oils from raisin seed, apricot kernel, walnuts and avocados are now being manufactured and sold in the U. S.

## Threat of Democrat Bolt in South Fades

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Threats of a party bolt by southern democrats appeared to have melted down considerably today after a series of conferences which ended up with cheers for the party leadership and specific ovations for Vice President Wallace and Speaker Rayburn of Texas.

The shouts for Wallace—long a target of criticism by southern members of the party—came last night at the conclusion of a banquet which a group of governors from below the Mason and Dixon line gave for their congressmen.

Earlier the governors had reported a "very agreeable" meeting with President Roosevelt and agreed in a poll that although the

## Subsidies Supported By Farmers Union

DENVER, (UP)—The national farmers union is on record in favor of the "present support prices in the government loan program." James G. Patton, president of the union, announced that a poll of the membership in each state revealed that a majority of the farm-members are in favor of government subsidies to farmers.

"Three-fourths want a program that will stabilize farm prices for several years after the war, even though it may mean lower present

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