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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mr. Conde  
Room 1504  
Broadway Mansions

Dear Mr. Conde:

I am enclosing a series of press releases concerning the Fishery Rehabilitation Administration (FRA) at Point Island, Shanghai, which will provide a certain amount of background information. I would like very much to have you talk with Mr. Schoettler, of UNRRA, who is in charge of our fishery division, and who can tell you much more about the program, which I feel has great potentialities as a source of help to China and as a news subject. I'll be glad to introduce you to him if you can find time to drop over here. We're located not far from Broadway Mansions, in the Embankment Building--the large gray stone, horseshoe--shaped building two blocks to your right as you come out of Broadway Mansions; room 228 on the second floor.

FRA at Point Island have promised to notify me one day in advance of the sailing date of a fishing boat to Formosa, but cannot be more specific at the moment than that it will be within the next week to 10 days. Hope this will be in time to fit into your plans. Drop over if you can.

Sincerely,

*Bob Cook*  
Robert L. Cook  
Public Information Officer

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# 4 NEW SHIPS FOR UNRRA HERE FROM N.Z.

Four new ocean-going vessels purchased by UNRRA in New Zealand have arrived in Shanghai this week via Australia, Amboina and Manila to join China's growing fishing and merchant fleets, UNRRA announced yesterday.

Two of the vessels, the steam trawlers "Awatere" and "Tawhai", were delivered to the Fishery Rehabilitation Administration at Point Island. The "Murray" and the "Canning", both 300-ton cargo carriers, are for use by CNRRA Water Transport.

The vessels sailed originally from Auckland, New Zealand on different dates, called at Sydney, Australia, rendezvoused in Amboina and proceeded to Shanghai in convoy via Manila, where they stopped for provisions and refueling.

## 85 Fishing Boats Here

Arrival of the two new fishing boats brings the total powered fishing craft supplied to China by UNRRA to 85 vessels, a number of which are currently being sent to four new bases in China and Formosa.

Seven vessels are now operating from the new FRA base at Keelung, where Formosan fishermen are being trained in the operation of the modern power boats and their deep sea fishing gear.

The fishing boat "El Rey", which left Shanghai on Wednesday to join the "Martinolich" and the "North Cape", now at sea on a survey of northern fishing waters, carried supplies for the new FRA base to be established shortly in Tsingtao.

## Spread Fish Catches

According to Robert J. Schoettler of Juneau, Alaska, UNRRA Fisheries Officer, operation of the four new bases, in addition to the Shanghai Point Island headquarters, will spread the large FRA fish catches widely up and down the China coast and Formosa and will provide training facilities for Chinese fishermen in five important areas of China. The remaining two bases will be established at Canton and Tinghai, near Ningpo.

By present UNRRA plans, sub-charter of powered vessels, now held by FRA, will be transferred to Chinese fishermen trainees who show the best ability to operate the vessels efficiently—now being taught them under the FRA training program—and who are otherwise qualified. The training program is expected to be completed by the end of September.

W. Collins, after having been in Communist hands since March 1, were released today at 12.32 p.m. according to schedule at the village of Hungfantse, south of Taolaichiao, 60 miles northeast of this Manchurian capital.

The Red party, which had brought their captives from Harbin, surrendered them to an American combined official and press party which had been sent especially to that remote spot to receive the abducted U.S. assistant military attaches.

Brig. Gen. Robert Soule, military attache at Nanking, headed the party. Changchun American Consul Oliver Clubb, Jr., represented the U.S. State Department. Benjamin Welles, of the New York Times, covered the event for the combined American press; while Associated Press cameraman John Hogan was included in the group to photograph the long-awaited event.

Mrs. Rigg is presently at Peiping awaiting the return of her husband who, it is expected, will be flown there immediately. Mrs. Collins is an expectant mother.

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## HOUSE DEBATES POST-UNRRA EUROPE RELIEF

WASHINGTON, April 23 (Reuter)—The United States House of Representatives today began a full-dress debate in expectation of a vote before midnight on the controversial issue of post-UNRRA relief to the most needy of war devastated countries.

Under the program proposed by President Truman the United States would provide and directly administer the allocation of \$350,000,000 worth of essential foodstuffs, medical supplies, clothing, fuel, fertilizers and seeds to Austria, Greece, Italy, Hungary and Poland.

Relief for Greece would be in addition to the \$300,000,000 provided under President Truman's Greco-Turkish aid program.

The controversy in the House of Representatives is centring on the question of including Hungary and Poland among beneficiaries, critics maintaining that to do so would be giving aid and comfort to Soviet-dominated Governments.

## . Samtampa Terrific Storm

but there was no sign of life. There is a possibility that some of the crew may be trapped in the holds or cabins, but it is considered that many of them were caught amid-ship when the ship broke up.

Warnite On Rocks



# Deep-Sea Fishing Boat



A part of the new fishing vessels from Australia, now owned by UNRRA and operated by the Fishery Rehabilitation Administration, lying at anchor at Point Island in Yangtzepoo. One of these vessels sank when a fire broke out on board sometime ago. Vessels from America are equipped with modern instruments and are bigger than these 80-tonners.—CHINA PRESS Photo by Valentin Chu.

## Renovation Slated For Local Fishing Junks

A large-scale renovation of China's battered fleet of fishing junks, with a total of 35,000 tons of lumber given by UNRRA, will begin in the middle of May. Jennings Wong, Director of the Fishery Rehabilitation Administration, stated at an informal press interview yesterday.

A representative of THE CHINA PRESS and several other newsmen made an inspection on board the fishing boats anchored beside the FRA depot on Point Island during the interview, at which they also met Deputy Director Wang

Although the missions of the FRA, which is under CNRRA and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, include training of fishing personnel, actual catching of deep-sea fish to in-I-kong and Administrative Advisor Ernest Nash.

### Training Of Personnel

crease the food supply, building and repair of pre-war fishing boats, the primary purpose will be the training of personnel in methods of operating up-to-date fishing boats, Director Wong pointed out.

The FRA at present has 34 American and 47 Australian fishing vessels, and 31 auxiliary boats. When all the vessels arrive in China the total will be 160. Tonnage of these spic and span vessels varies from 320

(125 feet) to ten. Some are powered by steam, but most have diesel engines.

Most of the boats from America are equipped with governor control, which controls the speed from the captain's bridge; fathometer, which by means of radar tells the depth of the water at a glance; and, the bearing angle which contacts radio stations ashore and gives the position of the boat. These boats also have refrigerators on the deck for freezing the crew's food and for producing ice, which can preserve the catch for several days.

Each fishing vessel has two officers, two engineers and two deckhands, consisting of one American and one Chinese each. In addition, several Chinese fishermen take part in the actual setting of nets and hauling. These have previous experience as fishermen along the China coast. What they lack is training in modern fishing technique.

### Fishing Firms Complain

Director Wong told newsmen that many fishery organizations have been trying to obtain the fishing boats, and had complained when they didn't get them. He explained that merely taking over these boats from UNRRA without knowing how to operate them will not help rehabilitation in the long run. A training class for all the fishermen sent by these fishery organizations will soon be started, Mr. Wong reported. After a period of training and actual at-sea work, these boats may be finally used by such organizations. At present they still belong to UNRRA as China has insufficient personnel.

In addition to the Shanghai base, four branch centers will be established along the China coast where vessels and personnel will be despatched, and fishing students trained on the spot. Seven ships have already reached Taiwan; three were sent to Tsingtao last week; two will go to Canton next month, and a few to Tanghai, near Ningpo. The director hopes that the entire project will be successfully carried out and terminated before CNRRA is wound up.





A Scottish officer kneels as he receives regimental colors from King George VI in ceremonies at Robert Heights, Pretoria, South Africa. The monarch presented colors to 14 regiments of the South African Army.

## Wallace Ends European Tour, Asks Aid To Jews

(Associated Press)

PARIS, Apr. 25.—Henry A. Wallace today ended his 18-day program in western Europe with a news conference at which he said the Jews were entitled to a voice in the United Nations and that the Jewish resistance movement in Palestine was necessary to "arouse the conscience of the world."

He will fly back to the United States on Saturday for a coast-to-coast speaking tour which already has stirred up controversy in California where the owners of Hollywood Bowl said he would not be allowed to speak in that stadium.

Wallace had intended to leave for New York on Friday night but an "operational delay" by the airline caused postponement of the flight.

### Lunches With Blum

The former Vice-President rounded off his stay in Europe with a lunch with the former premier, Leon Blum, elder statesman of the Socialist Party of France, and a conference with Communist party leaders who told him that "developments in the United States" left the general impression in France that the American government was backing General Charles de Gaulle and his new Rally of the French People.

Wallace asked the Communists what evidence they had to back up their assertion but they said they only had a "general impression."

Wallace's meeting with Communist leaders, who included Jacques Duclos, secretary of the party and vice president of the national assembly, was one hour

long. The discussion included the Communist position on French colonial affairs and French needs for coal and wheat. The Communists said France should try to keep her colonies in a French

justice is done to the Jewish people."

The Balfour declaration had put the British government on record as favoring the establishment of Palestine as a national home for the Jews

### Wallace Moves Proposals For Solution Of Palestine Problem

(Reuter's)

PARIS, Apr. 25. — Henry Wallace, former United States Vice-President who recently toured Britain, made two proposals at a press conference here today a few hours before his departure for the United States, for solution of the Palestine problem.

He proposed that the natural resources of the Near East should be developed to provide the basis for a large population in Palestine, and that the United States should abolish for three years immigration obstacles to the entry of displaced persons from Europe.

Recognizing that the Palestine



"CNRRA" stands for Chinese National Relief and  
Rehabilitation Administration, UNRRA's  
Chinese Government distributing agency.

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over to CNRRA at ship's tackle for  
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## CNRRA Plans To Loan Fishing Ships

CNRRA's Fisheries Rehabilitation Administration is mapping plans to allocate UNRRA-chartered powered fishing boats to Chinese fishing organizations on a loan basis, FRA Director Jennings Wong announced yesterday.

Eligible for such help will be public and private fishing firms in existence before the war which suffered damage as a result of the war and were still operating after V-J Day.

The firms also must be sufficiently stable financially, and have enough equipment and skilled technical personnel to operate the vessels efficiently, said Wong.

UNRRA will retain right of ownership to the motored trawlers in accordance with the Basic Agreement between UNRRA and the Chinese Government.

### 15 Vessels Coming

The FRA operates 106 vessels, including 23 which arrived in Shanghai last week from Australia. Fifteen other fishing boats have left Australia and now are en route to China.

Taiwan, Tsingtao, Tinghai island (off Chekiang) and a port in Kwangtung will be set up as bases for FRA craft. Vessels have been sent to Taiwan and Tsingtao to survey fishing conditions there.

Wong explained that the FRA is laying great emphasis on training of China's fishermen in the use of modern equipment and better fishing methods, and less emphasis on heavy catches.

A training class of 50 students was organized in March by CNRRA, in cooperation with the Fuh Tan University in Shanghai. The trainees will be assigned jobs in China's fisheries rehabilitation work after graduation, slated for September.

## LAGUARDIA WINS "ONE WORLD" AWARD, TRIP

(Reuter's)

NEW YORK, April 9.—Fiorillo LaGuardia, former Mayor of New York and Director-General of UNRRA, has won the 1947 "One World Award" for press and radio which carries with it a trip around the world, it was announced today.

The award, which was established to commemorate the "One World" idea popularized by the late Wendell Wilkie, was made for his "outstanding record of national and international public service."



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Seven thousand pounds of freshly caught deep sea fish were given free today by CNRRA to 9 Shanghai charitable organizations, in the second free distribution of fish caught by the UNRRA-donated fishing vessels of the Fishery Rehabilitation Administration at Point Island.

Arranged by Mr. K. Y. Li, chief of the relief division of CNRRA's Shanghai Regional Office, the distribution included approximately 5,000 persons who received between one and two pounds of free fish each.

"We believe that the gift of the freshly caught fish was a real treat to the orphans and homeless now being cared for at CNRRA Reception Centers who have not tasted sea food for a long time", Mr. Li stated. "We hope to be able to arrange many more such free distributions of the sea food brought to Shanghai by the Fishery Rehabilitation Administration vessels."

Today's gift of free fish to seven local orphanages and welfare institutions and two CNRRA refugee reception centers follows a previous free distribution of 9,000 pounds of sea food brought to Shanghai recently by the UNRRA powered fishing vessels "Hustler" and "Stella Polaris".

Commenting on reports that much of the fish being brought to the Yangtze-poo Fish Market by the FRA vessels is not being used to the fullest advantage, Mr. Jennings Wong, director of the Fishery Rehabilitation Administration stated that FRA has constantly pressed the fish market for faster, more efficient handling and disposition of the fish brought back by the powered fishing craft.

"Our men are at the market constantly during the day and throughout the evenings too," he stated. "Much of the confusion and piling up of fish is caused by the slow, inefficient unloading and handling of the fish by the market authorities. This part of the business is beyond the jurisdiction of FRA. We can only recommend and advise the use of efficient measures and urge that the fish be unloaded and stored quickly and sold as soon as possible."

However, he added, the present congestion is only temporary, pending the establishment of four additional FRA training and operational centers which will divert a substantial portion of the FRA fleet's catches from Shanghai to other points. The vessel "Pahua", he said, is now in Taiwan making preparations for the new base there. Six other craft will proceed to Taiwan early next week.

Another boat will leave for its new base at Tsingtao on Monday and will be followed shortly by others. Two will leave for Canton before the end of the month and the fourth new FRA center will be at Tanghai, near Ningpo, Mr. Wong stated.



This does not, however, alter the fact that every pound of fish now being caught by the FRA vessels and the Chinese junks can be used in a city the size of Shanghai, the FRA director emphasized. The matter is mainly up to the fish market, he said, adding that FRA has exerted constant pressure to improve and speed up the handling of the fish brought to the market by the FRA boats.

"Unfortunately, there is only the one market in Shanghai at which the fish can be unloaded, and sold," he stated. "The fish is not primarily intended for free distribution, but for sale through commercial channels. The FRA fishermen are paid a bonus on each catch and must be paid whether the fish are sold or distributed. free of charge. In the latter case, as in today's free distribution and the previous one, the fishermen's bonus is paid by FRA."

At present, he explained, the FRA boats cannot approach the dock, being blocked by some 70 junks, many of which, although already unloaded, have not departed.

"If the market authorities will cooperate with us in striving for a faster, better handling of our fish, it will be of great benefit to Shanghai. It is far from true that too much fish is being caught. There is a waiting market for every pound, if the fish market will cooperate with us in expediting our catches to reach that market."



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A near-record catch of 125,000 pounds of deep sea fish--about four times the average haul to date for a single vessel--was brought to Shanghai this week by the UNRRA powered fishing boats "Hussler", and "Stella Polaris" of the Fishery Rehabilitation Administration at Point Island.

The big catch was principally from waters 150 miles south of the mouth of the Yangtze, with each drag of the nets producing well over the average 2-hour drag of 10,000 pounds.

The amount of fish caught depends on the season of the year, the fishermen's knowledge of the productivity of the fishing waters and his luck, fisheries officials stated. With all factors propitious, the UNRRA deep sea powered craft now in use at Point Island are capable of producing individual hauls of 80,000 pounds or more.

Carrying three UNRRA fishing instructors and eight Chinese fishermen trainees each, the Hussler and Stella Polaris are part of the growing fleet of deep sea powered fishing craft procured by UNRRA in the United States and Australia. The boats now number 95, with 12 others due to arrive shortly from Australia. Twelve new vessels arrived this week aboard the British train ship "Empire Charmain", which is returning to Sydney for the remaining 12 craft.

Following the end of the training program for Chinese fishermen, soon to be expanded by present plans, qualified fishermen will be entitled to sub-charter an UNRRA fishing vessel on first priority. Second priority for subchartering will be given to public and private established fishing companies. It is expected that the training program will be completed by September 30, following which the services of UNRRA technical personnel will not be required.

With the record catches of the Hussler and Stella Polaris, captained by Floyd Johnson, of Astoria, Oregon, and Alfred Lindgard, of Ballard, Washington, respectively, the total catch poundage of the UNRRA fishing craft to date is more than 2,300,000 pounds.

Last week's distribution of free fish, when 9,000 Shanghai Chinese and foreign needy received one half pound each, is to be followed shortly by further free distributions.



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Nine thousand needy persons in Shanghai were included in a free distribution of 4,500 pounds of freshly-caught deep sea fish brought to Point Island Sunday afternoon by the UNRRA fishing vessel "Ballard Pride" and distributed by CNRRA and the Shanghai Joint Distribution Committee, UNRRA announced today.

Two thousand European displaced persons in various camps, including those on Seward Road, Chau Fong Road, Wayside and Ward Road, received about one-half pound of fish each. The distribution also included the Shanghai Reform Camp, Tsao Ho Ching, where many ex-beggars are housed, and two CNRRA Refugee Reception Centers.

Distribution of the fish, all freshly caught, marketable sea food which included Yellow Fish, Pomfret, Croakers, Skates and eels was a free gift arrangement worked out by UNRRA, CNRRA and the Fisheries Rehabilitation Administration. It is hoped that future large catches of fish will provide a margin for further free distributions.

The 83 UNRRA-imported Diesel powered deep sea fishing vessels comprising the Point Island fishing fleet and soon to be augmented by 23 vessels now enroute from Australia, have brought back more than 2,000,000 pounds of fish to date. Since only deep sea fish are caught, FRA officials stated, the famous Chinese Mandarin, a fresh-water fish, is not included in the catches.

The FRA officials added that the term "scrap fish", often taken by land-lubbers to mean an inferior quality of fish, is merely a fishing industry trade term referring to the mixed collections of various kinds of fish hauled in by the big fishing nets. "Scrap fish", they declared, is fully as fresh and edible as the more well known Yellow Fish or Pomfret.

The FRA powered fishing fleet, with an average of ten or more boats out at all times, ranges over far-flung fishing grounds reaching from the mouth of the Yangtze to the lower tip of Formosa and the Chosan Islands.

At Point Island Chinese are being trained in modern power boat fishing, Diesel engine operation, net repair, etc, so that China will be ready to take over the operation of the FRA at the close of UNRRA's fishery rehabilitation program, which also includes the construction and repair of 10,000 Chinese junks.



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Five major UNRRA rehabilitation projects at Point Island, Yangtzepoo and Kiangwan were inspected Sunday afternoon by a group of UNRRA, CCFE and Ministry of Communications officials on an inspection trip arranged and conducted by Brigadier Frank Field, UNRRA Deputy Director in charge of the Bureau of Supply.

The group, which included Mr. Donald M. Gilpatric, United States member of the UNRRA Committee of the Council for the Far East, Mr. R. Gaumnitz, Deputy Director, UNRRA China Office and Mr. Harry B. Price, Assistant Director, first visited the Fishery Rehabilitation Administration on Point Island.

According to Captain John K. Wagner, deputy director of the fisheries project, who acted as guide for the inspecting party, fish production last week reached a new high when four deep sea fishing vessels brought in a catch of approximately 192,000 pounds of fish. The officials viewed a number of the 83 UNRRA powered fishing vessels now in China which have so far brought back approximately 1,893,600 pounds of fish. Chinese fisherman trainees are being instructed in modern powerboat fishing, net repair and Diesel operation, Captain Wagner stated, adding that the program also includes the construction of 10,000 Chinese fishing junks.

The party next inspected the Office of Agricultural Machinery Operation and Management (AMOMO), on Point Island, consisting of a tractor repair workshop, agricultural machinery assembly shop, spare parts stock room, warehouses and administrative quarters. Mr. A. D. Faunce, UNRRA Agricultural Machinery Advisor, explained that AMOMO's operational highlights include five main projects aimed at achieving UNRRA's Agricultural Rehabilitation goal of increased food production: 1. Establishment of tractor plowing and training projects; 2. Providing new irrigation and drainage equipment and repairing the old; 3. Well drilling; 4. Production of animal-drawn and hand farm tools; 5. Supplementing and expanding existing food processing equipment.

At the UNRRA Barge Assembly (CBA), also on Point Island, Mr. Roger S. Ormberg, UNRRA technical advisor, explained to the inspecting officials how Chinese workmen, under the guidance of UNRRA technicians, assemble huge steel and wooden barges, some 112 feet in length.

According to Ormberg, barges are constructed like ships, built from the bottom plates laid on a regular ship launchway. The barges are bolted, riveted and welded and when watertight and nearly complete, are slid down the launchways into the water and tied up for the finishing work. CBA, Ormberg stated has completed 318 barges to date. Three of the 112-foot steel barges are being used for the 30-ton revolving cranes which have greatly speeded the loading and unloading of relief supplies in Shanghai.



Proceeding further out Yangtzepoo Road, the UNRRA officials inspected the National Agricultural Engineering Corporation (NAEC), a subsidiary agency of the MOAF operating with US\$7,300,000 worth of forges, lathes, mobile machine shops, steel and pig iron with which to establish 18 regional workshops, the central workshop in Yangtzepoo and 3000 local blacksmith shops throughout China.

Mr. Edward L. O'Brien, one of the original UNRRA planners of NAEC, showed the inspecting officials farm implements made by Chinese workmen at the central workshop, including Chinese hoe blades made of soft steel but constructed with a three inch edge of high carbon steel which will hold a fine cutting edge and bear many resharpenings.

According to Mr. O'Brien, 3000 blacksmith shops have been assembled and twenty mobile machine shops are being assembled for distribution in 18 provinces. Construction on the first branch workshop, which will serve as a model for the rest, will begin in a few weeks.

At Kiangwan race course, the UNRRA officials inspected the UNRRA livestock feeding station, one of two established in the Shanghai and Tientsin. According to Mr. John N. Eller, UNRRA Livestock Advisor, livestock are fed and cared for at these stations until distributed to institutions or experimental stations throughout the country.

The party examined a number of the approximately 1500 head of prize UNRRA cattle and sheep which arrived this week aboard the Lindenwood Victory from New Zealand. The shipment included 25 pedigreed Corriedale sheep, a donation to China from New Zealand Sheep breeders.

Of the previous UNRRA cattle received in China, 300 cows are awaiting shipment to Communist areas, while 400 cows and 800 mules have already been distributed.

In addition to those previously mentioned, the Sunday inspection party included Mr. Frederick R. Carson, newly arrived special assistant to Major General Glen E. Edgerton, Director, UNRRA China Office; Col. John S. Thorp, UNRRA Assistant Deputy Director, Bureau of Supply; Messrs. A. Klein, H. Brown, R. Reisinger, E. Duerst, W.H. Wells, R. Davis, and other UNRRA personnel, and Messrs. M.T. Ho, Y.P. Tsai and H.H. Mei, of the Ministry of Communications.



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UNRRA fishing boats and vessels arrived in Shanghai for the first time on board a ship when the S. S. Empire Charmian anchored in the Whangpoo River after a twenty day trip from Sydney.

The ship is now being unloaded of its cargo of thirty four fishing boats which will enlarge the CNRRA Fishing Fleet. In a neat row, side by side in huge cradles on the deck are trawlers, towboats, scows, and dories, fifteen in all. In the hold are nineteen more. This method of transporting these vessels has greatly expedited delivery, as those already in Shanghai have all come in under their own power. The arrival of the Empire Charmian signalizes another important contribution of the Commonwealth of Australia to the UNRRA program in China.

Yesterday there was much activity among the steel wire rope and timbers when several score of coolies pulled the lines that swung the jumbo lifting derrick out over the river. Hanging from the beam by cables was the first vessel to be unloaded, a fifty five ton 61 $\frac{1}{2}$  foot trawler. Slowly it moved out from among the other vessels on deck until it hung half way over the edge of the big ship. The derrick swung it around and gently lowered it into the water. Coolies tugged at the cables under the vessel and it slipped free of them, moved by a tug alongside. They proceeded to Point Island where each vessel will undergo servicing for operation. In order to prepare these vessels for Shanghai weather and exposure to freezing temperatures, water was drained from all engines and fuel from the tanks.

The S. S. Empire Charmian was loaded in record time at Sydney because of the urgency of providing these vessels immediately. Due to shortages of stowage equipment, it was necessary to obtain the cooperation of the Royal Navy, from which cradles and lashings were bought. This equipment, including the twenty five cradles, will now be available to UNRRA for future shipments.

The cargo aboard the Empire Charmian included eight 66 foot trawlers, four 61  $\frac{1}{2}$  foot trawlers, three 56 foot scows, six 45 foot towboats, and thirteen 26 foot dories. Some of these boats were complete with all fishing equipment and fitted as combination seine and otter trawlers. However loose gear and necessary machinery will be supplied so that the entire number will be fully equipped. A portion of these vessels were built for the purpose of supplementing the present CNRRA fishing fleet of thirty four vessels stationed at Point Island. Others were bought from surplus army stocks.

Unlike the thirty four already in the present fleet, these vessels were brought up from Australia without crews, in order to expedite delivery. Since CNRRA personnel is not sufficient to operate them directly they will be held at Point Island until they are ready to be put in service through sub-charters by CNRRA to individual fishing concerns. The charter agreement is now in process of completion. A convoy of sixteen more vessels is now proceeding to Shanghai from Australia and is expected by the end of January. These vessels are fully staffed with crews who will act as fishermen instructors to teach both operation and maintenance of vessels and fishing techniques to student Chinese crews. The total fleet when fully assembled in Shanghai will number one hundred and twenty six ocean going vessels and thirty eight in-shore boats, provided through UNRRA for the rehabilitation and rebuilding of the Chinese fishing industry.



*Ben Edgerton*  
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Under the watchful eyes of the United States Navy and the Air Transport Command 34 small vessels, moving in convoys, have crossed the Pacific ocean to form the nucleus of the UNRRA deep sea fisheries program for China.

The 60 to 80-foot vessels, manned by crews of five to seven seamen, boast the latest in navigation and fishing aids, including 2-way radios and electrically operated winches, but they are small craft to hazard a six weeks' trip across 7500 miles of ocean.

UNRRA's Fisheries Rehabilitation Administration, praising the sound construction of the boats, stated that they are able successfully to weather most storms at sea with the exception of heavy typhoons ~~where~~ <sup>when</sup>, like most ships, they must seek port. Many more ~~of~~ vessels of the same type are scheduled for voyages from the west coast of the United States and from Australia in the near future.

The Navy rendered assistance to the craft at Pearl Harbor, Wake, Guam, the Philippines and Okinawa and maintained radio contact with them at all times. Air Transport Command planes continuously reported convoy positions en route across the Pacific.

The fishing vessels have been pressed into service immediately on arrival here. They are making regular fishing trips of approximately 10 days' duration. Chinese crews are being taught to handle the power machinery and the new Western-type fishing gear.

UNRRA's Fisheries Rehabilitation Administration emphasized that the power boats, whose catches are increasing steadily, are but one phase of the plan to assure a four billion-pound catch of fish a year for China. The fisheries program also has allocated funds to build, repair and put in working order 18,000 fishing junks which will fish in the traditional manner.



UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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China's eleven new deep sea fishing vessels, vanguard of more than two hundred being brought here by UNRRA were personally inspected at Point Island on Sunday by Major General Glen E. Edgerton, director of UNRRA's China Office and other UNRRA and CNRRA officials, it was announced today.

Following a test run down the Whangpoo in the OCEAN SPRAY General Edgerton announced he was impressed with the shipshape appearance and modern efficiency of the vessels and with the skill of the American crew members who will shortly begin training Chinese in modern power boat fishing techniques.

"These boats represent the beginning of large scale deep sea fishing three and four hundred miles from the China coast, beyond the usual fishing limits of junks, in waters formerly fished almost exclusively by Japanese power fishing boats," General Edgerton stated. "The fisheries program should not only provide China with a large additional food supply of four billion pounds of fish a year but furnish employment for many hundreds of skilled persons trained by UNRRA to eventually take over the complete operation of the vessels."

The party also inspected repairs made to the Point Island wharf which is being extended to accommodate additional vessels scheduled to arrive soon and visited the old island fish market which is being readied for sorting and storing fish. According to Dr. F. C. Hsu, Director of the Fisheries Rehabilitation Administration, a CNRRA subsidiary, the new fishmarket on Yangtzepoo Road, closer to downtown Shanghai than Point Island, is being expanded to handle the large fish catch expected of the new vessels, which will begin fishing operations this week.

William J. Green, Chief of UNRRA's Agricultural Rehabilitation Division who also accompanied General Edgerton on the inspection tour emphasized that China's acquirement of the power fishing boats does not mean that the junk fishing industry will be injured. On the contrary, he stated, UNRRA's US\$37,000,000 fisheries rehabilitation budget includes US\$2,000,000 for the repair of war-damaged junks and US\$14,000,000 for the construction of new junks.

Also included in the inspection party were Frank Field, Director of the UNRRA Bureau of Supply; Franc Shor, UNRRA Executive Officer; Merome Jacobson, UNRRA Legal Advisor; John Thorp, Assistant Deputy Director UNRRA Bureau of Supply, Glen Briggs, Assistant Chief of UNRRA's Agricultural Rehabilitation Division, and a number of other UNRRA officials.



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Six "Pacific Coast" type deep sea fishing vessels purchased in the United States by UNRRA -- the advance guard of hundreds to be brought to China under UNRRA's U.S.\$37,000,000 fishing industry rehabilitation program -- arrived today at Point Island, Shanghai, after crossing the Pacific under their own power, manned by experienced American fishing crews who will remain in China to instruct the Chinese in modern power boat fishing, operation and maintenance.

Twenty four other craft of the same type are enroute and scheduled to arrive within a month.

The 60-80 foot vessels are completely outfitted with the latest mechanical fishing and navigational aids including 2-way radio, electrically operated winches and continuous automatic depth recording devices. They will be turned over by UNRRA to the Fisheries Rehabilitation Administration, a CNRRA subsidiary of which Dr. F. C. Hsu is Secretary. A second fleet of 50 is being procured in Australia and 100 are in the process of procurement through new construction in the United States.

Ting Hai, or Point Island, has been assigned by the Executive Yuan to the Fisheries Rehabilitation Administration as an operating and training base for the huge program to which more than one third of UNRRA's Agricultural Rehabilitation operating budget has been allocated. Godowns on the island will be used for storage of fisheries equipment.

For operating purposes the coast of China has been divided into six regions, from Canton to Dairen, including Formosa. Under the program, supervised by the Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry and originally mapped by Ecom Wang of the Ministry in collaboration with UNRRA, fishing craft with trained Chinese crews and supervisory staffs will be assigned to each of the six coastal districts. Co-operating with the Ministry and CNRRA in the developing program is Robert A. Nesbit, of College Park, Maryland, UNRRA Fishery Advisor.

According to William J. Green, of Dallas, Texas, Director of UNRRA's Agricultural Rehabilitation Division, the full scale fishing fleet of imported power boats and new and rehabilitated junks will provide China with an annual fish catch of over 4 billion pounds.

Important program features, and the approximate financial outlays for each, include \$2,000,000 for the repair of war damaged Chinese junks; \$386,000 for the repair of damaged Chinese power fishing craft; \$14,000,000 for the construction of new fishing junks in China; \$17,200,000 for purchase of power fishing craft in the United States, Australia and elsewhere; \$2,850,000 for the construction of ice and cold storage plants and \$604,000 for building new fish processing plants for canning, reduction and the production of vitamin oil.

Title to China's new fishing fleet will be retained by UNRRA until the close of the UNRRA program at which time the boats will be sold to the various operating companies to which they will be sub-chartered following the initial training period of the Chinese operators. The training will be complete and will include navigation, and mechanical operation of the boats; the use of modern fishing apparatus, servicing and repairing the vessels; the fishing fleets' movements through systematic sched the canning, processing and packing of fish.



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Four thousands pounds of salt water fish brought to port by the UNRRA fishing vessel "Rainbow II" were given free yesterday by CNRRA to six Shanghai hospitals and the Joint Distribution Committee in the third free distribution of fish caught by vessels of the Fishery Rehabilitation Administration.

During the last three weeks 15,500 pounds of sea food has been delivered free of charge to 17,000 needy Shanghai persons in 18 local charity and welfare institutions. The fish was made available through arrangements worked out by Mr. Jennings Wong, Director of FRA, Mr. Ernest Nash, Deputy Director, and Mr. K.Y. Li, Chief of the relief division of CNRRA's Shanghai regional office.

Additional free distributions are planned as the UNRRA-donated powered fishing vessels return to Shanghai with their loads of freshly caught sea food from fishing grounds up and down the China coast and extending hundreds of miles eastward, past the Chosan Islands and South to the lower tip of Formosa.



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CNRRA's Fisheries Rehabilitation Administration is mapping plans to allocate UNRRA-chartered powered fishing boats to Chinese fishing organizations on a loan basis, FRA Director Jennings Wong announced today.

Eligible for such help will be public and private fishing firms in existence before the war which suffered damage as a result of the war and were still operating after V-J Day. The firms also must be sufficiently stable financially, and have enough equipment and skilled technical personnel to operate the vessels efficiently, said Wong.

UNRRA will retain right of ownership to the motored trawlers in accordance with the Basic Agreement between UNRRA and the Chinese Government.

The FRA operates 106 vessels, including 23 which arrived in Shanghai last week from Australia. Fifteen other fishing boats have left Australia and now are en route to China.

Taiwan, Tsingtao, Ninghai island (off Chekiang) and a port in Kwangtung will be set up as bases for FRA craft. Vessels have been sent to Taiwan and Tsingtao to survey fishing conditions there.

Wong explained that the FRA is laying great emphasis on training of China's fishermen in the use of modern equipment and better fishing methods; and less emphasis on heavy catches. A training class of 50 students was organized in March by CNRRA, in cooperation with the Fuh Tzu University in Shanghai. The trainees will be assigned jobs in China's fisheries rehabilitation work after graduation, slated for September.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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Seven thousand pounds of freshly caught deep sea fish were given free today by CNRRA to 9 Shanghai charitable organizations, in the second free distribution of fish caught by the UNRRA-donated fishing vessels of the Fishery Rehabilitation Administration at Point Island.

Arranged by Mr. K. Y. Li, chief of the relief division of CNRRA's Shanghai Regional Office, the distribution included approximately 5,000 persons who received between one and two pounds of free fish each.

"We believe that the gift of the freshly caught fish was a real treat to the orphans and homeless now being cared for at CNRRA Reception Centers who have not tasted sea food for a long time", Mr. Li stated. "We hope to be able to arrange many more such free distributions of the sea food brought to Shanghai by the Fishery Rehabilitation Administration vessels."

Today's gift of free fish to seven local orphanages and welfare institutions and two CNRRA refugee reception centers follows a previous free distribution of 9,000 pounds of sea food brought to Shanghai recently by the UNRRA powered fishing vessels "Hustler" and "Stella Polaris".

Commenting on reports that much of the fish being brought to the Yangtze-poo Fish Market by the FRA vessels is not being used to the fullest advantage, Mr. Jennings Wong, director of the Fishery Rehabilitation Administration stated that FRA has constantly pressed the fish market for faster, more efficient handling and disposition of the fish brought back by the powered fishing craft.

"Our men are at the market constantly during the day and throughout the evenings too," he stated. "Much of the confusion and piling up of fish is caused by the slow, inefficient unloading and handling of the fish by the market authorities. This part of the business is beyond the jurisdiction of FRA. We can only recommend and advise the use of efficient measures and urge that the fish be unloaded and stored quickly and sold as soon as possible."

However, he added, the present congestion is only temporary, pending the establishment of four additional FRA training and operational centers which will divert a substantial portion of the FRA fleet's catches from Shanghai to other points. The vessel "Pahua", he said, is now in Taiwan making preparations for the new base there. Six other craft will proceed to Taiwan early next week.

Another boat will leave for its new base at Tsingtao on Monday and will be followed shortly by others. Two will leave for Canton before the end of the month and the fourth new FRA center will be at Tinghai, near Ningpo, Mr. Wong stated.



This does not, however, alter the fact that every pound of fish now being caught by the FRA vessels and the Chinese junks can be used in a city the size of Shanghai, the FRA director emphasized. The matter is mainly up to the fish market, he said, adding that FRA has exerted constant pressure to improve and speed up the handling of the fish brought to the market by the FRA boats.

"Unfortunately, there is only the one market in Shanghai at which the fish can be unloaded, and sold," he stated. "The fish is not primarily intended for free distribution, but for sale through commercial channels. The FRA fishermen are paid a bonus on each catch and must be paid whether the fish are sold or distributed, free of charge. In the latter case, as in today's free distribution and the previous one, the fishermen's bonus is paid by FRA."

At present, he explained, the FRA boats cannot approach the dock, being blocked by some 70 junks, many of which, although already unloaded, have not departed.

"If the market authorities will cooperate with us in striving for a faster, better handling of our fish, it will be of great benefit to Shanghai. It is far from true that too much fish is being caught. There is a waiting market for every pound, if the fish market will cooperate with us in expediting our catches to reach that market."