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PLANNING AID FOR BULGARIAN REFUGEES

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Urgent Pleas of Relief Workers Bring Action by Powers to Help Needy In That Country

The urgent pleas of American relief workers have at last stirred the League of Nations to international activity for dealing with the refugee situation in Bulgaria.

Successful flotation of an \$11,000,000 League of Nations loan to Bulgaria for refugee settlement purposes, as recommended a year ago by the Near East Relief, has brought this least known of Balkan countries once more to public attention.

"The refugee situation in Bulgaria shows the most acute suffering which now exists anywhere in the Near East," declares Barclay Acheson, director general of the Near East Relief, who has just returned from Sofia for a conference with the national executives of his organization in America.

Loan Restricted Mr. Acheson explains that the new loan, like the similar loan three years ago to Greece, is restricted to the actual purchase of lands and the construction of buildings for the refugees and needs to be supplemented by private benefactions for feeding and medical care, especially of the 25,000 children in the Bulgarian refugee camps.

The Near East Relief has been working in Bulgaria, on a modest scale, for several years, but recent developments have necessitated a broadening of its work there, and during work for the many refugees who appropriated nearly \$50,000 in cash and refugee clothing, to help tide over the severe winter among these unfortunate.

Struggled Bravely During eight years since the armistice, Bulgaria has struggled bravely with formidable internal and external problems — problems that have made her a menace to Balkan and even European peace. The present loan, sponsored by the League of Nations, is expected to do much to help Bulgaria set her house in order and prevent a flare-up in this tinder-box of southeastern Europe.

Chief among Bulgaria's problems is that of housing and feeding and finding work for the many refugees who were forced to evacuate their homes in Macedonia when large portions of that territory were handed over to Greece and Yugoslavia by the treaty of Neuilly. Though the migration of those poverty-stricken hordes was not so spectacular nor so well advertised as the enforced flight of the Greek population of Asia Minor before the conquering Turks, it has, nevertheless, been equally disastrous to the peoples involved.

is Poor Country Bulgaria is a poor country, and the influx of hundreds of thousands of homeless and destitute refugees could be dealt with only by means of adequate funds in the hands of those in authority. There were no funds, and the result has been border warfare, Bolshevik uprisings and revolutionary conditions that have as yet been only partially suppressed.

The great mass of poverty-stricken malcontents within Bulgaria's borders created a double danger — that of communism; for Red propaganda sprouts like a rank weed where misery reigns, and the danger that constantly recurred of a genuine Balkan war brought about by border raids and battles between the refugees and those other refugees who had dispossessed them of their homes.

Migration Pact At Neuilly the Greeks and Bulgars agreed to a voluntary migration pact which called for the Bulgarians in Macedonia to move to Bulgaria and the Greeks to move to Greece, the migration to be overseen by a commission of the League of Nations, whose functions were to attend to transportation and assist in the sale of vacated property. All might have gone well had it not been for the influx of Greek refugees from Asia Minor, who poured into Macedonia by the thousands. Many of them were quartered in Bulgarian towns, where wrangling with the natives was inevitable.

These are the conditions that have made a Bulgarian loan necessary and which it is hoped the loan will be able to ameliorate. What measures of success will be achieved is unpredictable. There is no doubt that the worst aspects of the refugee problem can be dealt with and that the borders will be rid of many of the armed bands which have so often during the years just passed brought Bulgaria's relations with her neighbors almost to the breaking point.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THIS STATE

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Illinois, rich in lore of the proud Red Man, now has only 194 Indians.

Illinois coal is now being shipped to England, due to fuel shortage.

The Illinois Legislature convened Jan. 5, 1927.

Great is the faith of man. By the time he loses his faith in Santa Claus he begins to believe in hairrestorers. —Gadden, Ala., Times.

U. S. IS BUILDING HIGHWAY SYSTEM

REVOLUTIONIZING ROADS

Co-operates With States In Construction of Continuous Arterial Highways Thru Country

It is only a few years ago that the United States government embarked upon a genuine program of helping to build roads. And it was not many years before that the states came to the aid of the counties, and the counties to the aid of the towns. In the "roaring nineties" when horses and buggies held sway the responsible citizens whose prominence extended beyond their own township limits, boasted about the "county road."

Farmer's Place The farmer gets his setting in the present picture because his needs have been made incidental to automobiles that scoot for pleasure. The revolution of highway building has become a system, and all within the lifetime of present day flappers and shiks. The Federal-aid roads have an aggregate length of more than 182,000 miles. Hills, mountains and seemingly impassable barriers have yielded to the force of explosives, and the workmen have laid hard-surfaced roads everywhere. Road building has progressed so rapidly that it is difficult to keep track of the methods employed in construction. The United States Bureau of Public roads and

the state highway officials have started in on a well developed plan to cut out the useless waste that has crept in on the new industrial undertaking.

Growth Is Slow The growth of transcontinental road-building is shown by the fact that there is now a route extending from the National Capitol through St. Louis, Texarkana and El Paso to San Diego which is 97 per cent improved; and another route from Atlantic City, New Jersey, to Astoria, Oregon, which is seven-eighths improved. Still another highway is from Boston to Seattle through the northern tier of states and it is 73 per cent improved and 69 per cent surfaced.

GAY-COLORED JAMS FAD IN PALESTINE

Gay colored jams and jellies have become quite a fad among American visitors to Egypt and Palestine. As table decorations, they are quite as effective as flowers.

The new jams which have created this fashion are manufactured by orphans in the Near East Relief industrial schools in Syria, and are sold aboard all the tourist ships to help support the work of these schools. One of the most beautiful jams is made from rose leaves, preserving the colors of the petals. A beautiful mauve jelly is the product

of a Syrian blueberry, while a remarkable "flame color" comes from tangerines and quinces skillfully combined.

That Massachusetts editor who killed himself because he had lost his money differs from the general run of scribes in that he ever had any money to lose.—Ft. Wayne News-Sentinel.

If the farmer ever gets finally relieved, there are a lot of politicians who will be wondering what to do next.

The old-fashioned poem about the curfew ought to be amended to read "the curfew shall not ring this morn."

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