

AID FOR POST-WAR EUROPE'S MOTHERS

Two women - a doctor and a trained nurse - are helping to make plans for Maternity and Child Welfare relief in Europe after the cessation of hostilities.

They are Dr. Dorothy Taylor, senior medical officer for maternity and child welfare in England and Wales, and Miss Pye, who had wide experience in relief work amongst mothers and babies in Poland and Austria at the end of the last war.

The Committee on which they work consists of seven medical experts, four of the remaining five being doctors attached to Allied Governments in London.

At a meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on Medical Services just held in London it was agreed that doctors and nutrition experts should work in the closest harmony to consider the question of what vitamin and mineral supplements will be required in the emergency period following hostilities. The nutrition experts have already drawn up a list of relief foodstuffs - "iron rations" - which will be needed in Europe following liberation from Axis occupation, but it was found that these iron rations, by their very nature, would be deficient in accessory food factors necessary for the maintenance of health. Plans for doing away with this deficiency are now being prepared.

The Technical Advisory Committee are also making plans for fighting epidemics - in particular, typhus and malaria. Attention is also being given to dealing with the large increase of tuberculosis in Europe.

A short emergency list of 59 drugs has now been drawn up, but it is realised that these drugs are for an extreme emergency period only. A longer list of drugs for the continuation of medical relief beyond the immediate emergency period is now being considered.

The next task of the Technical Advisory Committee, which works under the Allied Post-War Requirements Bureau, the organisation in Britain which is concerned with the planning of relief in Europe, is to prepare lists of hospital requirements, and this task will be given early attention in the New Year.

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