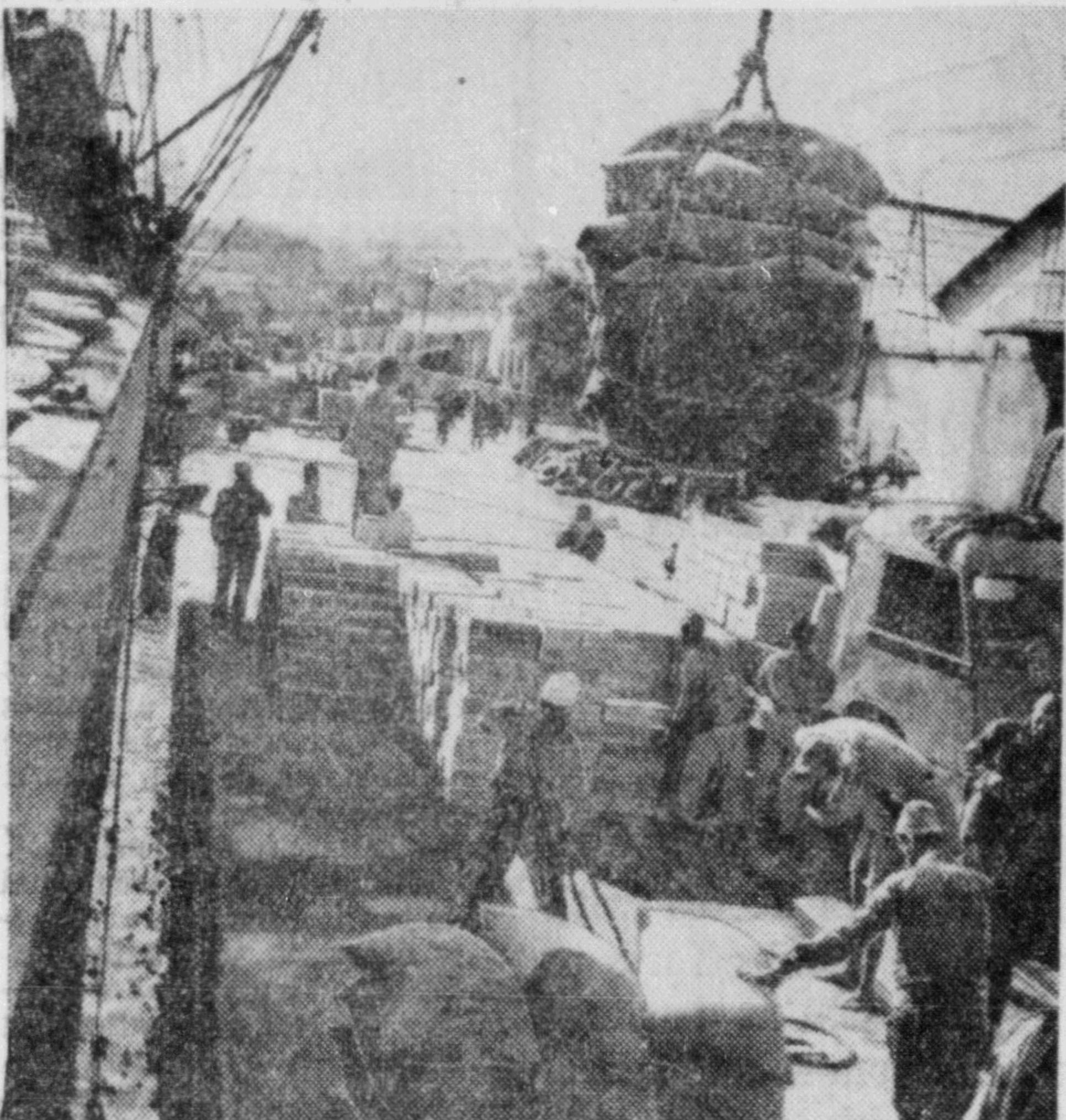


Catering for A Million: U.N. Task



One of the main tasks facing the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) is that of feeding the hundreds of thousands of refugees of the conflict in Palestine. This entails distribution of 11,000 tons of food to a population equivalent to that of Brussels or Washington, D.C., over an area of 100,000 square miles, in five different countries. Here, 5,000 boxes of dry figs bought by UNICEF in Yugoslavia are transhipped in Beirut. In the foreground, a cargo of sugar is shown being hoisted aboard.

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Reflects and Reminiscences

Mayor Hume of Vancouver, hearing that Princess Elizabeth may return by way of the Pacific from the royal tour of Australia and New Zealand, asked Buckingham Palace to have the journey include the port of Vancouver. The mayor has received an acknowledgement. It is the effect that two possibilities are now being studied. Just what does that mean? The flight will be in May or June.

December snow is nothing new in Prince Rupert. And the beauty of it is that there can be plenty of snow without plenty of cold.

Ever know there is a Yankee town called Santa Claus. Located in Indiana, there is nothing unusual about Santa Claus, except the name. For that matter, visiting tourists from south of the line might just what people were thinking of when Medicine Hat was selected.

There's always the other side to a picture. Passengers were doubtless, wishing one another the season's compliments, the other day, as the Danish liner *Santa Lucia* sailed off Portland, Oregon. She broke out and eleven were missing at the week-end. Just now, there is no happiness and the least said of merriment the better.

Dorothy Dix died a week ago. Nevertheless, her sage counsel continues to be a feature of the daily press. Dorothy had numerous correspondents and believed in advance questions and answers. A good idea put into practice, in many other lines of human affairs.

One would rather not suggest but it must continue to be admitted that the postoffice is the home of hard work. Yuletide gush is still on, Mail, by the way keeps moving. And if heaps of letters are coming in its a stubborn fact more are going out.

EARLY EXPLORER

First white man on record to visit Lake Ontario was Etienne Brule in 1615.

Christmas Gems

"God bless us everyone!" prayed Tiny Tim. Crippled and dwarfed, shabby, yet so tall.

Of soul, we tiptoe earth to look on him,
High towering over all.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Ring in the valiant men and free.

The larger heart, the kindlier hand;

Ring out the darkness of the land,

Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Alfred Tennyson.

Have you any old grudges you would like to pay,
Any old wrongs laid up from a bygone day?

Gather them now and lay them away

When Christmas comes.

Although it's not a popular rule, a man should remove a berry from the mistletoe each time he steals a kiss. When the berries are gone, no more kisses are available.

Hard thoughts are heavy to carry, my friend,
And life is short from beginning to end;
Be kind to yourself, leave nothing to mend
When Christmas comes.

—William Lytle.

The sale of Christmas seals originated in Sweden in 1904.

SCOTCH AND WHY

A Scotman living in America, who had been the target of innumerable stories about the thriftiness of his race, repaid everyone in full measure one Christmas. As soon as he received each greeting card, he promptly returned it to the sender with this message rubber-stamped at the bottom: "Malcolm McLeod wishes you the same."

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