

STATEMENT BY SECRETARY MARSHALL CONCERNING CONSERVATION PROGRAM INAUGURATED BY THE CITIZENS FOOD COMMITTEE

Every humane, economic and world political interest of the United States dictates that we, the American people, should do everything within our power to help feed the people of Europe this winter.

The many reasons for the grave shortage of food, particularly in Western Europe, have been explained to the country by the President. The urgency of the problem has developed with alarming rapidity. It has now reached the stage where only the immediate and concerted action of our people as a whole can avoid the possible disaster resulting from further cuts in pitifully low rations throughout Western Europe. Every American, I am sure, will gladly share his bounty with the hungry men, women and children of Europe. Food is the very basis of all reconstruction.

Hunger and insecurity are the worst enemies of Peace. For recovery and political stability, Europe needs many things, but the most elemental, indispensable need is food.

Europe needs more food than she received from us last winter and this country has a smaller quantity available to send her. This may seem to be an impossible situation but it is not so if the American people really wish to find the answer.

The Citizens Food Committee has laid down the challenge: 'Buy Wisely', 'Eat Sensibly', 'Waste Nothing'. In short, all of us

of us must 'Declare War on Waste' in this country in order to win the 'War Against Hunger' in Europe, and its menace to world stability.