

Chronology of UNRRA

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- 9 November UNRRA Agreement signed at the White House, Washington, D.C., by forty-four nations
- 10 November - 1 December First Council Session, Atlantic City, New Jersey
- 11 November Herbert H. Lehman appointed Director General of UNRRA at First Council Session
- December First contribution of funds to UNRRA, from the Government of Iceland

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- 1 January Establishment of Headquarters Office in Washington
- 25 January Appointment of Sir Arthur Salter as Senior Deputy Director General
- 1 February First United Kingdom contribution voted, £80,000,000
- 12 March - 11 April Establishment of European Regional Office in London
- 28 March Lehman's visit to Algiers and Cairo
- 3 April Authorization of United States participation in UNRRA and of first one percent contribution, \$1,350,000,000
- 17 April The Cairo Agreement signed, between UNRRA and Allied Military Liaison Headquarters (Balkans) for "Participation of UNRRA in Balkans—Greece, Yugoslavia, and Albania—during Period of Military Responsibility" X
- 1 May First Canadian contribution voted, \$10,000,000 (Canadian)
- 16 May Balkan Mission set up in Cairo upon appointment of Sir William Matthews as Chief of Mission X
- UNRRA Liaison Office opened in Switzerland

- 13 June Canadian contribution voted, \$77,000,000 (Canadian), including first \$10,000,000
- 30 June First United States appropriation to UNRRA, \$800,000,000
- 9 July UNRRA Observers Mission arrived in Italy
- 10 July UNRRA/AFHQ (Allied Forces Headquarters) Liaison Office established in Caserta, Italy
- 12 July (approximately) UNRRA Liaison Officers attached to SHAEF
- 14 September Arrival of Lithgow Osborne and Rolf Nugent in Sydney, Australia, on supply and recruiting mission
- 15 - 27 September Second Council Session, Montreal, Canada
- 26 September Resolution 57 passed by the Council, authorizing operations in enemy or ex-enemy areas for the care and repatriation of displaced persons
- Resolution 58 passed by the Council, providing for limited aid to Italy
- Resolution 59 passed by the Council, permitting aid to Dodecanese Islands
- October UNRRA Mission opened in Paris
- 12 October Resignation of Sir Arthur Salter as Senior Deputy Director General
- 23 October First members of UNRRA Mission entered Greece
- 24 October Preliminary Mission arrived in Luxembourg, withdrawing in December because of Battle of the Bulge
- November UNRRA Liaison Officer to Belgian Government arrived in Brussels
- Procurement Office opened in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 1 November UNRRA Mission under Resolution 58 established in Italy
- 11 November - 21 December Lehman's visit to London and France
- 24 November Agreement signed between the British Government and the Greek Government "regarding questions concerning civil administration, jurisdiction and relief arising out of Military operations in Greek territory"
- 25 November The SCAEF Agreement signed, "to regularize the relations between UNRRA and the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, during the Military Period"

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| December | First representatives of UNRRA China Office arrived in Chungking |
| 18 December | Exploratory Mission to Ethiopia arrived in Addis Ababa, remaining until May |
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| 19 January | Signing of Agreement between the Yugoslav authorities and SACMED (Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations) |
| February | First members of UNRRA Mission entered Yugoslavia with Military Liaison (Yugoslavia) |
| 12 February | Commander R. G. A. Jackson appointed Senior Deputy Director General |
| 26 February | Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Government of Czechoslovakia
Resolution passed at twelfth meeting of the Central Committee authorizing emergency relief supplies and services for special and supplementary relief where emergency distress exists, without regard to status as paying country |
| March | Conference of mission chiefs in Caserta, Italy |
| 1 March | Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Government of Greece |
| 8 March | Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Government of Italy |
| 15 March | Balkan Mission liquidated and Middle East Office established in Cairo |
| 17 March | First group of field personnel left England for UNRRA Displaced Persons Operations Mobilization and Training Base at Granville, France |
| 24 March | Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Government of Yugoslavia |
| April | Procurement Office opened in Mexico City |
| 1 April (approximately) | First UNRRA teams entered Germany to assist the military authorities in work with displaced persons |
| 2 April | UNRRA Liaison Office, SHAEF Mission (the Netherlands), moved into Holland |
| 4 April | First Mission representatives arrived in Belgrade, Yugoslavia |

- 11 April Agreement signed between SACMED and the Commander-in-Chief, Albanian National Army of Liberation
- 19 April UNRRA Mission returned to Luxembourg
- 23 April Arrival of Investigatory Mission on Displaced Persons in Stockholm, Sweden
- 30 April UNRRA Preliminary Mission entered Albania under Military Liaison (Albania) sponsorship to negotiate an agreement with Albanian Government, remaining until 5 July
- 1 May UNRRA Mission to Belgium set up in Brussels
- Procurement Office established in Bogota, Colombia
- 3 May Director General's directive regarding delegation of responsibility and authority to the European Regional Office
- 31 May UNRRA Mission established in Oslo, Norway
- 7 June Procurement Office for Caribbean Area opened in Havana, Cuba
- 21 June The United States Government authorized UNRRA to continue the displaced persons functions performed in the United States Zone, Germany, under the UNRRA-SCAEF Agreement
- 22 June The French Government authorized UNRRA to continue the displaced persons functions performed in the French Zone, Germany, under the UNRRA-SCAEF Agreement
- UNRRA Mission to Czechoslovakia established in Prague
- 28 June The United Kingdom Government authorized UNRRA to continue the displaced persons functions performed in the British Zone, Germany, under the UNRRA-SCAEF Agreement
- July UNRRA Mission established in Denmark
- July Balkan Clearing Office (for public information) established in Rome
- 6-10 July Conference of UNRRA mission chiefs in Rome
- 14 July Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Government of San Marino

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| 28 July | First UNRRA personnel entered Austria to carry on displaced persons operations |
| 29 July | UNRRA Temporary Delegation arrived in Poland |
| 30 July | UNRRA Liaison Officer appointed in New Delhi, India |
| August | UNRRA Office for procurement of surplus military supplies opened in Paris |
| 1 August | Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Government of Albania |
| 2 August | Agreement signed between British Military Administration (Dodecanese) and UNRRA in the Dodecanese Islands |
| 7 August | Philippine Mission Office opened in Manila |
| 7-24 August | UNRRA Mission established in Albania |
| 8 August | Third Council Session, London, England |
| 13 August | Resolution 62 passed by the Council admitting Denmark to membership in UNRRA |
| 21 August | Resolution 63 passed by the Council admitting Byelorussian SSR and Ukrainian SSR to membership in UNRRA |
| 22 August | Resolution 73 passed by the Council authorizing extended relief and rehabilitation assistance to Italy |
| 24 August | Resolution 74 passed by the Council authorizing UNRRA program in Austria |
| September | Resolution 76 passed by the Council designating Korea and Formosa as areas in which the Administration should operate |
| 13 September | Resolution 80 passed by the Council authorizing second contribution to UNRRA and setting termination of the Administration |
| Fall | UNRRA Mission established in the Netherlands |
| October | Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Government of Poland |
| 1 October | Second United Kingdom contribution voted, £75,000,000 |
| 16 October | UNRRA Mission established in Poland |
| 20-25 October | UNRRA unofficially took over responsibility for displaced persons camp administration in United States Zone, Germany |
| | UNRRA Dodecanese Mission established in Rhodes |
| | Finance and Administration Conference, Rome |

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- November
 First Supply Conference, Washington
 Office for procurement of surplus military supplies established in New Delhi, India
- 1 November
 UNRRA unofficially took over responsibility for administration of displaced persons camps in British Zone, Germany
- 7 November
 Sir Humfrey Gale appointed as Personal Representative of the Director General in the European Regional Office
- 13 November
 Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Government of China
 Liaison Officer appointed to remain in Sweden
- 16 November
 Procurement Office opened in Uruguay
- 27 November
 Agreement signed "relating to the responsibility of UNRRA and of the Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine and Military Government of the British Zone of Germany" in regard to displaced persons
- 29 November
 Working Party arrived in Vienna to confer on the relief and rehabilitation requirements for Austria
- December
 New Zealand Procurement Office established in Wellington
- 11 December
 Second Supply Conference, Washington
 Official invitation from the Allied Council to UNRRA to undertake a relief and rehabilitation mission in Austria
- 14 December
 United States appropriation, \$550,000,000 (remainder of first one percent)
- 18 December
 United States authorization, second one percent contribution, \$1,350,000,000
 Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Government of the Byelorussian SSR
 Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Government of the Ukrainian SSR
- 18 December - 11 January 1946
 Agreement between UNRRA and the Government of Finland completed by exchange of letters
- 20 December
 UNRRA Procurement and Recruiting Mission opened in New Delhi, India
- 22 December
 Second Canadian contribution voted, \$77,000,000 (Canadian)
- 28 December
 United States appropriation, \$750,000,000 (part of second one percent)

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- January Office for procurement of surplus military supplies opened in Honolulu, Hawaii
- 12 January Second UNRRA Mission arrived at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 17 January First Exploratory Mission arrived in Korea
- 19 January Supplementary Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Government of Italy
- February Office for procurement of surplus military supplies established in Manila, Philippine Islands
- Office for procurement of surplus military supplies established in Shanghai
- 13 February - 19 March Agreement between UNRRA and the Government of Hungary completed by exchange of letters
- 18 February Agreement signed "defining the respective responsibilities of the Director General of UNRRA and the General Commander-in-Chief of the French Occupation Zone in Germany" in regard to displaced persons
- 19 February Agreement signed "as to the relationship of UNRRA to the Commanding General, United States Forces, European Theater, in the United States Zone of Germany" in regard to displaced persons
- 10 March UNRRA Mission established in Finland
- 15 - 29 March Fourth Council Session, Atlantic City, N.J.
- 20 March Arrival of UNRRA Mission to the Ukraine in Kiev
- 22 March Resolution 84 passed by the Council admitting Turkish Republic to membership in UNRRA
- 28 March Resignation of Lehman as Director General presented to the Council
- 29 March Fiorello H. LaGuardia appointed Director General by the Council
- 1 April Procurement Office opened in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 5 April Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Government of Austria
- 11 April UNRRA Mission to Hungary arrived in Budapest

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| 19 April | UNRRA Mission to Byelorussia arrived in Minsk |
| 4 May | Procurement Office in Bogota, Colombia, moved to Caracas, Venezuela |
| 9 May | Adjourned Fourth Council Session in Washington |
| 10 - 25 May | Third Supply Conference, Washington, D.C. |
| 21 May | Office for procurement of surplus military supplies in New Delhi closed |
| 21 - 24 May | Relief Services Conference, London |
| 31 May | Balkan Clearing Office, Rome, discontinued |
| 27 May | United States appropriation, \$135,000,000 (part of second contribution) |
| June | UNRRA Central Port Office set up in Trieste |
| | Procurement Office opened in Santiago, Chile |
| 11 June - 12 June | Agreement between UNRRA and the Government of the Philippines completed by exchange of letters |
| 14 June | Second Exploratory Mission arrived in Korea |
| 15 June | Closure of Luxembourg Mission |
| 27 June | Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Soviet Military Command in North Korea "regarding shipment of UNRRA supplies to North Korea" |
| July | Procurement Office opened in Ankara, Turkey |
| 3 July | Agreement signed between UNRRA and the American Military Government in South Korea "regarding shipment of UNRRA supplies to South Korea" |
| 4 July | Agreement signed between UNRRA and the Government of Ethiopia |
| 14 July - 6 September | LaGuardia's visit to UNRRA missions in Cairo, Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy, Paris, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Poland, Byelorussia, and the Ukraine |
| 15 July | UNRRA-SACMED Agreement signed relating to transfer of responsibility for displaced persons from SACMED to UNRRA (in Italy) |
| 23 July | Completion of United States second contribution, \$465,000,000 |

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- 5 - 17 August Fifth Council Session, Geneva, Switzerland
 16 August Resolution 101 passed by the Council relating to the fulfillment of the program of operations of UNRRA
- 21 August UNRRA Liaison Office in Sweden closed
 October Fourth Supply Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 31 October Procurement Office in Buenos Aires, Argentina, closed
- 20 November Procurement Office in Chile moved to Lima, Peru
- 10 - 13 December Sixth Council Session, Washington, D.C.
 13 December Resignation of Fiorello H. LaGuardia as Director General, effective 31 December
 Appointment of Lowell W. Rooks as Director General, effective 1 January 1947

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- 31 January Closure of Mission to Dodecanese Islands
- 6 February Closure of UNRRA/AFHQ Liaison Office
 Displaced Persons Headquarters for Germany, Austria, Italy, and Middle East set up in Paris
- 15 February Closure of Mission to Finland
 28 February Closure of Procurement Office, Caracas, Venezuela
- 1 March Manila-Shanghai Office for procurement of surplus military supplies placed under China Office
- 15 March Closure of Mission to Belgium
 Closure of Mission to Denmark
 Closure of Mission to the Netherlands
 Closure of Mission to Norway
- 31 March Closure of Mission to France
 Closure of Paris Office for procurement of surplus military supplies
- April Conference of mission chiefs, Rome
- 10 April Closure of Procurement Office, Ankara, Turkey
- 31 May Closure of Mission to Hungary
 Closure of Procurement Office in Uruguay
 Closure of Procurement Office in Peru
- 16 June Decision at fifty-fifth meeting of the Central Committee that no seventh Council Ses-

- sion would be held; in accordance with Resolution 115, Council powers henceforth vested in the Central Committee
- 30 June
 Closure of Mission to Austria
 Closure of Mission to Albania
 Closure of Mission to Byelorussia
 Closure of Mission to Czechoslovakia
 Closure of Mission to Greece
 Closure of Mission to Italy
 Closure of Mission to Korea
 Closure of Middle East Office
 Closure of Mission to Poland
 Closure of Mission to the Ukraine
 Closure of Mission to Yugoslavia
 Turnover of Displaced Persons Operations to the Preparatory Commission, International Refugee Organization
- 10 July
 Closure of Procurement Office in Havana, Cuba
- 15 July
 Closure of Procurement Office in Mexico City
 Sir Humfrey Gale, Personal Representative of the Director General, in the European Regional Office, left UNRRA
- 16 July
 Major General R. G. Lewis appointed Personal Representative of the Director General
- 26 August
 Dissolution of the Committees on Industrial Rehabilitation, Displaced Persons, Health, Supplies, and the Rehabilitation of Children and Adolescents, at the fifty-seventh meeting of the Central Committee
- 31 August
 Closure of Liaison Office in Switzerland
 Closure of Port Office, Trieste
- 30 September - 24 October
 Director General's visit to China
- 11 October
 Termination of R. G. A. Jackson, and abolition of the Office of the Senior Deputy Director General
- 25 October
 Closure of Procurement Office, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 31 October
 Closure of Procurement Office in New Zealand
- 15 November
 Closure of Mission to Ethiopia
- 30 November
 Closure of Mission to the Philippines
- 31 December
 Closure of China Office

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| 31 January | Closure of UNRRA Office in New Delhi, India |
| 31 March | Bureau of Supply abolished at Headquarters |
| 31 May | Resignation of Major General R. G. Lewis as Personal Representative of the Director General in the European Regional Office |
| 30 June | Closure of Southwest Pacific Area Office, Sydney, Australia |
| 30 September | Closure of European Regional Office, London, England
Termination of Major General Lowell W. Rooks as Director General |
| 1 October | Appointment of Harry E. Howell as Administrator for Liquidation |

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