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England. The food situation in England (11 lb.; 14¢ per lb.; forms needed: 2966 and 2922) has not been too good lately, and in some ways it is worse than it was during the war years. Rationing is said to function smoothly and honestly, but the diet is limited and dull. Conditions are not in any way as bad as they are in most countries of Western Europe, and packages should chiefly be sent to colleagues with whom one has had relations for a longer time.

There are a number of firms which make up gift packages for shipping to the countries overseas. They are often in a position to send such things as butter in tins, which an individual cannot easily obtain. A reliable firm is: Fraser, Morris and Company, 119 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York, which will send a price list upon request. The Universal Tobacco Company specializes in sending cigarettes, cigars, and tobacco overseas (276 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York).

(6) After sending a first gift package, one may inquire if the colleague to whom it has been sent does not have any special needs. Many are in desperate need of things which are easily and cheaply available in the USA, such as slides, cover glasses, certain stains, one or two recent books, rubbers for a child, a hotwater bottle for an aged member of the family, hose, or underwear, etc. Medicines are now mostly available in sufficient quantities. Letters received from colleagues to whom gift packages have been sent should be considered as personal communications and should never be published in full without the writer's consent.

(7) The governments of most of the countries of Western Europe have been acquiring scientific periodicals and also often books published during the war years in the Americas and the United Kingdom. This literature is now being forwarded and will be distributed in due time amongst the largest libraries. All this is, of course, only a drop in the bucket. Many colleagues are in great need of literature. In most cases they can send older books in exchange or they will be able to pay for books sent, within a year or two.

Publishers and managers of scientific periodicals should be liberal in allowing their former subscribers one or two year's credit during the years of the early reconstruction period in Western Europe. When the Nazis left, the financial structure of these countries was in a deplorable state.

But not only scientific literature is needed. "Pocket books" of the better kind can easily be included in gift packages. A few numbers of *Time*, *Life*, or *Newsweek* will find many grateful readers, and a gift subscription to one of these magazines would be very welcome.

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