

Senators Vote Bill to Assist Red Cross Ships

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Obtaining Safe-Conduct
Papers to Zones at War

WASHINGTON, June 18 (UP).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in a hurriedly called meeting, approved today legislation which would relieve Red Cross vessels from the necessity of obtaining safe conduct papers to visit belligerent ports.

Chairman Key Pittman, Democrat, of Nevada, explained that the committee's emergency meeting was due to the situation of the Red Cross ship McKeesport, two days out of New York, with \$1,000,000 worth of food and medical supplies aboard. Senator Pittman said the Germans would not guarantee the condition of the port of Bordeaux.

The legislation does not affect sections of the neutrality act requiring the Red Cross ships to obtain a special permit to travel through combat zones.

Urge Red Cross Aid First

The Community Chests and Councils, Inc., the national association of community chests, sent recommendations yesterday to community chests and councils of social agencies throughout the country that they withhold support from all war relief campaigns except that of the American Red Cross until the end of the present Red Cross drive for \$20,000,000. The group urged also that, after the Red Cross drive, care be taken in the choice of appeals to be aided.

Robert Cutler, president of the association, said that a great number of unco-ordinated war relief appeals had sprung up. He urged the country's community chests to support, after the Red Cross drive, "only those appeals for war relief which clearly demonstrate that the funds which they seek to raise are necessary in order to provide aid which the Red Cross is not then rendering or does not propose to render, and that such funds, if raised, will be administered effectively and economically."

At headquarters of the New York Chapter of the Red Cross Maj. Gen. Robert C. Davis, U. S. A. (retired), executive director, emphasized that Red Cross help for war victims would continue despite a French surrender. He announced the chapter had raised \$1,275,821 of its quota of at least \$2,000,000 for war relief.

Gifts Are Announced

He announced the following gifts: \$5,000—Mrs. Amelie M. Upshur. \$3,000—Asiatic Petroleum Corp. \$1,750—Consolidated Edison Co., N. Y., Inc. (additional). \$1,250—Anonymous. \$1,000—Phelps Dodge Corp. \$604.15—Employees of United States Steel Corp. and of the 71 Broadway Corp. \$500—Baker & Williams, Chrysler, New York Co., Inc., Mount Sinai School of Nursing, James Stewart & Company, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah C. Thau, John S. Williams, Col. J. H. Bigley, executive director of the Red Cross in Brooklyn, announced that \$132,714.54 had been raised for war relief so far. He said that \$1,411.94 had been raised in the 22d Assembly District and \$500 had been contributed by the Greater New York Savings Bank.

The Overseas Service League, of 315 Lexington Avenue, a group of 200 women who served as nurses, aids, canteen workers, librarians and clerks with the Red Cross overseas during the World War, announced yesterday that they had sent to Senators in Washington a resolution unanimously adopted by the group urging the immediate repeal of legislation hampering aid to Great Britain and France. A spokesman said the members had "a strong feeling of loyalty" to the former Allies, France and Great Britain, but "I think they feel only contempt for Italy in her present role."