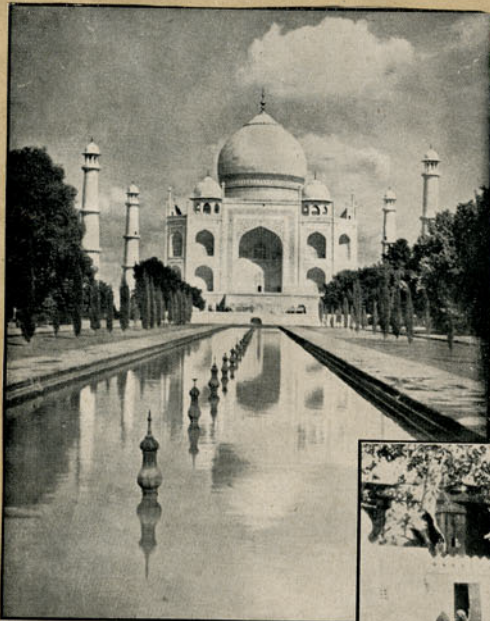


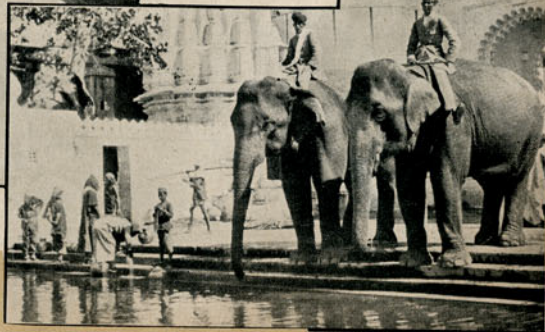
# India.



One of India's most beautiful sights is the Taj Mahal, at Agra, a glorious monument erected by a former Prince in memory of his wife.

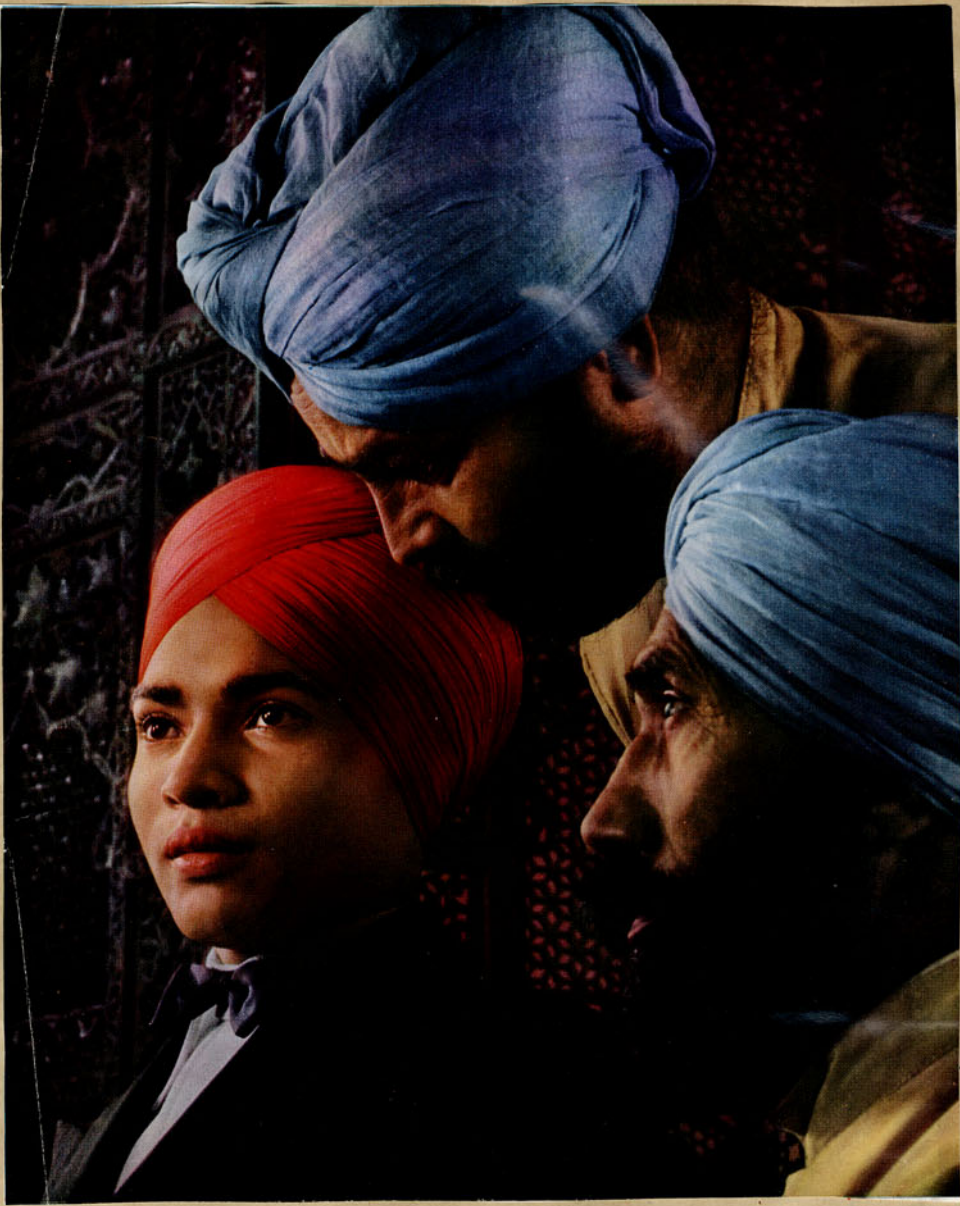
## THE LAND OF 350 MILLION PEOPLE AND 150 TONGUES

Right: Religious fanatics are a familiar sight in India. Here is a typical holy man of Benares, who has white-washed his body and sits motionless for days.



These elephants are drinking from a sacred pool at Rajputana, outside a temple. This prevents the water from being used for other purposes.





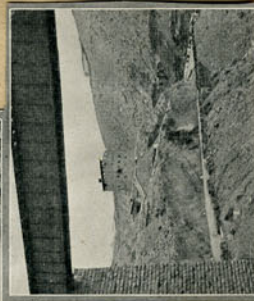




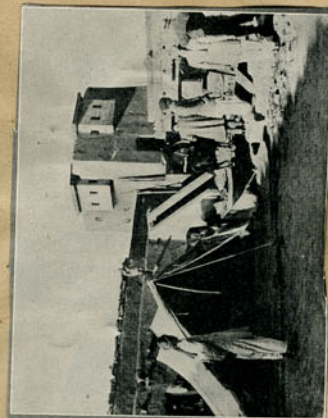
The ever-winding road of the Khyber Pass, which has a reputation and glamour in this pass for sharp-shooting tribesmen rob the unwary



A loaded mule train on its way through the rugged, mountainous Khyber Pass



One of the many British forts which guards the Khyber Pass



On right: Another type of fort which protects the North-West Frontier of India. These forts are occupied by the Frontier Constabulary, police, half soldier





**Bahadarpur's Own Band** turns out to greet the hero, exactly as the village band would turn out in Wiltshire or Worcestershire. Singh and the District Commissioner roll resplendently in a motor car just as their opposites would do here



**The Conquering Hero**, splendid in the hour of his triumph, stands up so that everybody may get a good sight of him



**Singh's Proud Father** makes no attempt to conceal his satisfaction at the honour thus brought on his family



**The Maternal Blessing** bestowed in the presence of the female relatives obviously rouses deep-seated emotions



**An Oft-related Tale** in Bahadarpur, possibly for generations to come, will be that of how Acting Naik Nand Singh won his Victoria Cross fighting in Burma against the Japanese during the Second World War. This is family's first hearing



# Iran and Iraq



G. Erie Matson

About 150 American and British Oil-field Men Live at Kirkuk in Iraq

Discovery of near-by oil fields lifted this long obscure pastoral town to fame and affluence. Its bridge spans a dry river bed which, after heavy rains, turns quickly into a roaring torrent. At near-by Tikrit the valiant Saracen leader, Saladin, was born (page 171).













This man from Mecca, Mohammed Demerdash by name, is a perfect Arabian type; which means that he is an individualist, likes to keep moving, can live on dates and water—as his forebears did in pre-Biblical times.



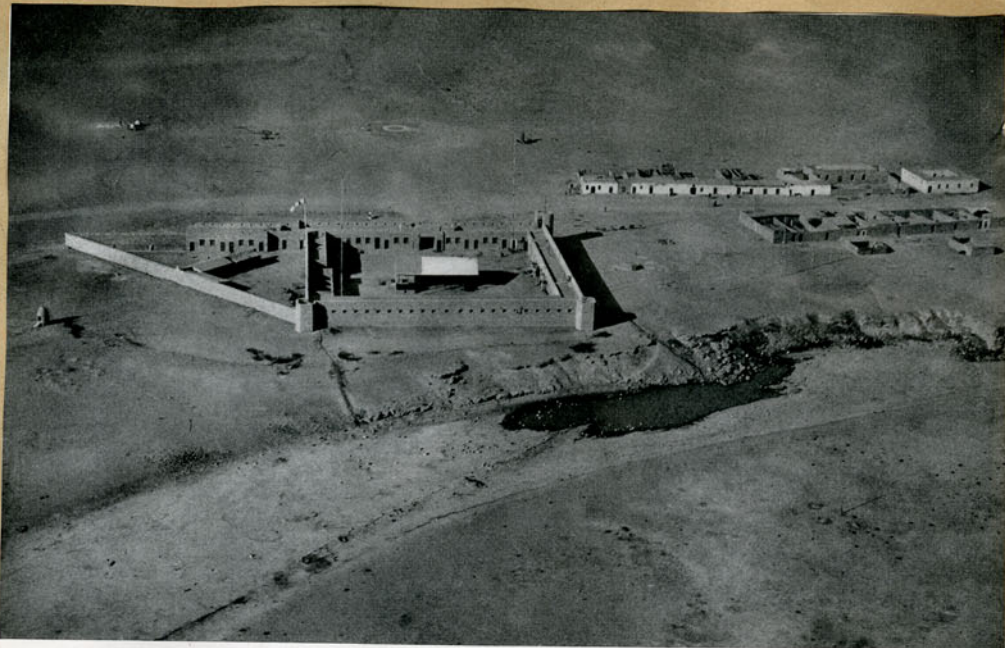
Ibn Saud, leader of the sword-swinging Akhwan brotherhood, has oil for sale.



The Amir Abdullah of Transjordan kept his appointment with Author Lamb despite flood waters.







**Rutba, Overnight Stop on the Baghdad-Damascus Trail, Lies Near the Transdesert Path of Iraq Oil Pipe Lines**

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Medieval in aspect, this British post was originally fortified against nomad raids. In 1941 it was attacked by Iraq troops. Here the authors rested, on a flight from London to the Near East. To pool's right are low, black goat-hair tents of wandering desert tribes. From a plane you see camel paths converging here, like a map of railroads entering St. Louis or Chicago (page 171). This important post owes its position to the wells under the white roof.



**Millions of Date Palms Spread over the Shatt-al-Arab Delta about Basra and Its International Airport**

Sir John Ward, D.S.O.





Staff Photographer W. Robert Moore

Bloated from Big Drinks of Welcome Water, These Camels Now Bawl, Grunt, Wheeze, and Sneeze in Satisfaction



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Baghdad, Ancient Seat of the Caliphs, Sprawls along Both Banks of the Tigris



The Holy Land.



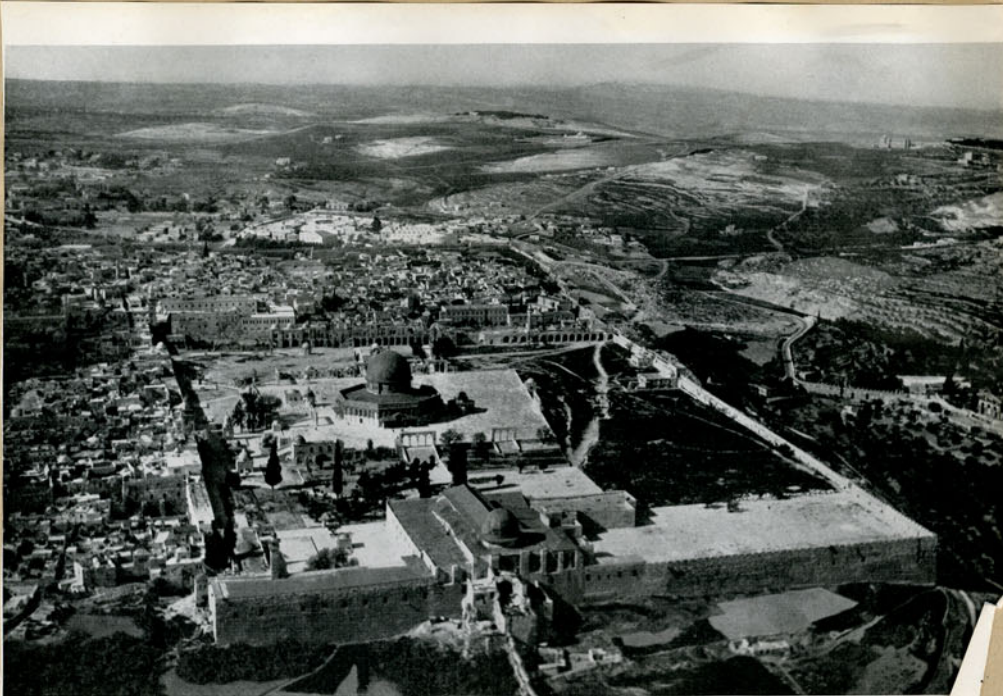


THE CHRISTMAS CRIB



CAMELS STILL COME LADEN TO THE PLACE WHERE JESUS WAS BORN





**Modern Jerusalem Overflows Its Ancient Walls as New Structures Rise on Adjacent Historic Hills**

The magnificent Temple Area, elevated and walled, occupies the center of this air view. In the middle of the 35-acre plaza rises the Dome of the Rock, the Mosque of Omar. Solomon's Temple stood here. On the far right, in Kidron Valley, is the new Church of Gethsemane (page 142).

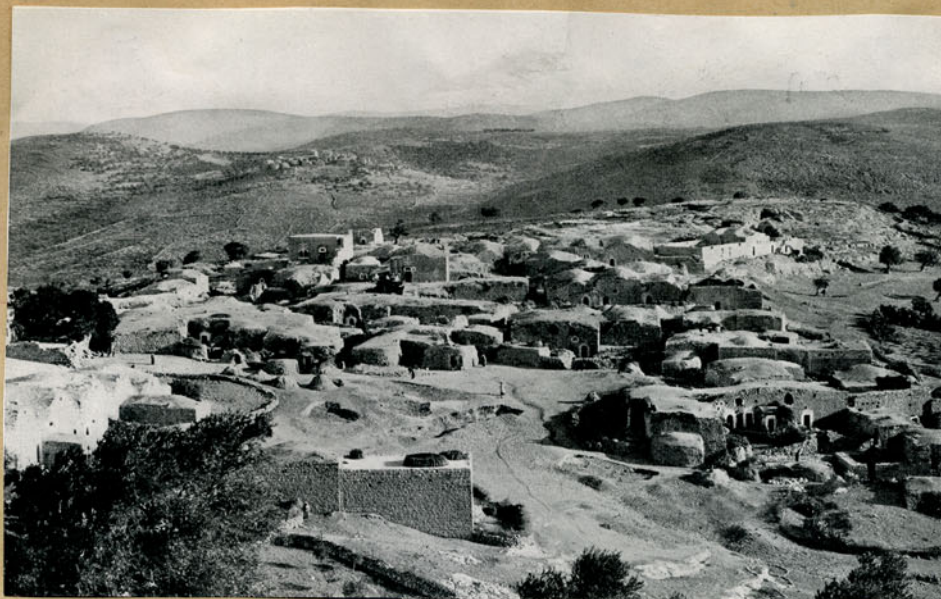


**Strangers Visiting Haifa Gaze in Astonishment at Its Modernistic Shopping Districts**

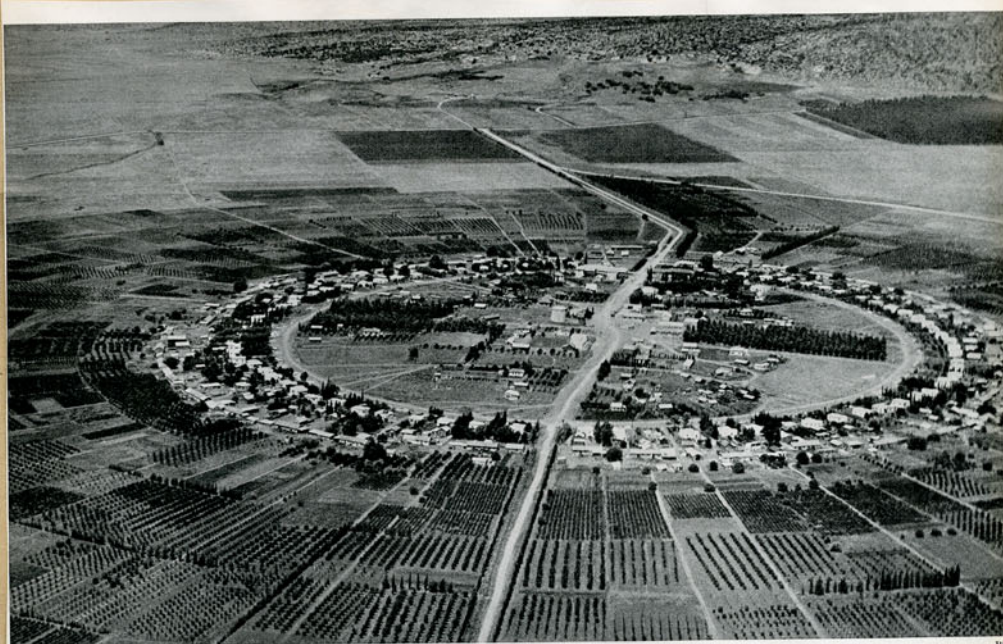
Some of these luxurious shops, cafes, and movie theaters are the work of German Jews. Much German is spoken all through the British mandate of Palestine.

Staff Photographer W. Robert Moore





AN ANCIENT SHEPHERD VILLAGE



Tree Rows Are Spokes in a Bicycle-wheel Pattern Whose Sprocket Is the Circle of Houses—The Village of Nahalal

Jews reclaimed waste swampland and built up this thriving fruit-farm area of Emek Jezreel in Palestine. Driving past the many such citrus-growing colonies in western Palestine suggests a trip through southern California or Florida's orange belts. Jewish migration to Palestine, in the last generation or more, has built up a population of more than 425,000. Few old people arrive. Immigrants have come largely from Poland and Germany.





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 DESERT SHEPHERDS LEAD THEIR FLOCKS BESIDE STILL WATERS

Because for seven or eight hot months of each year in forestless Palestine not a drop of rain falls, Biblical writers in psalm, proverb, and legend extolled the virtues of cold and living water, fountains, and brooks, and described vividly the torture of thirst.







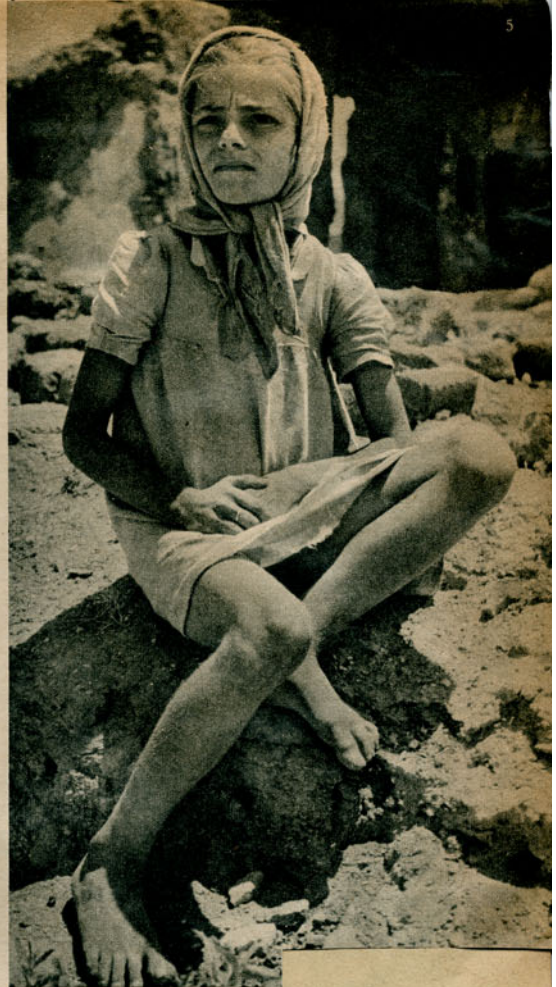
# Europe.







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Abundance and Hunger can be seen side by side in Greece. While children like twelve-year-old Vaia of Risomilos go hungry, rich meat dishes are served in Athens' fashionable Miami Restaurant



Sisters Konstando and Chryssoula Pariss, aged nine and twelve, are small for their ages, weakened by undernourishment. Clad in rags, harassed by bouts of malaria, they represent the ugly, evil conditions of poverty prevailing in many villages

# GREEK TRAGEDY





**Greek Vice-Premier, M. Stephanopoulos (left), in charge of Economic Co-ordination, with UNRRA's Mr. B. Mahen**



**UNRRA Wheat Stocks were down to 12,000 tons when supplies, diverted to Greece in mid-Pacific, arrived**



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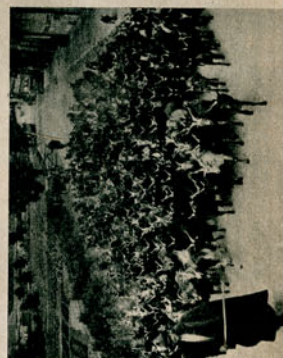
**Unloading grain by hand in Piraeus Harbour is a slow tedious affair. Many harbour installations were wrecked**



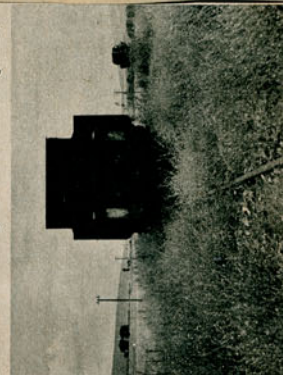
**Good Harvest is expected; will ease food position considerably. In a field near Thebes supplies of grain, potatoes, for lean winter months when there is much unemployment, extreme poverty and hunger in the villages. In the mountain regions conditions are even grimmer**



**Germans stole the tractors and most other agricultural implements, so harvest is frequently gathered by hand**



**Herd of goats are seen in the streets, are often only possession of villagers who depend on cheese and bread**

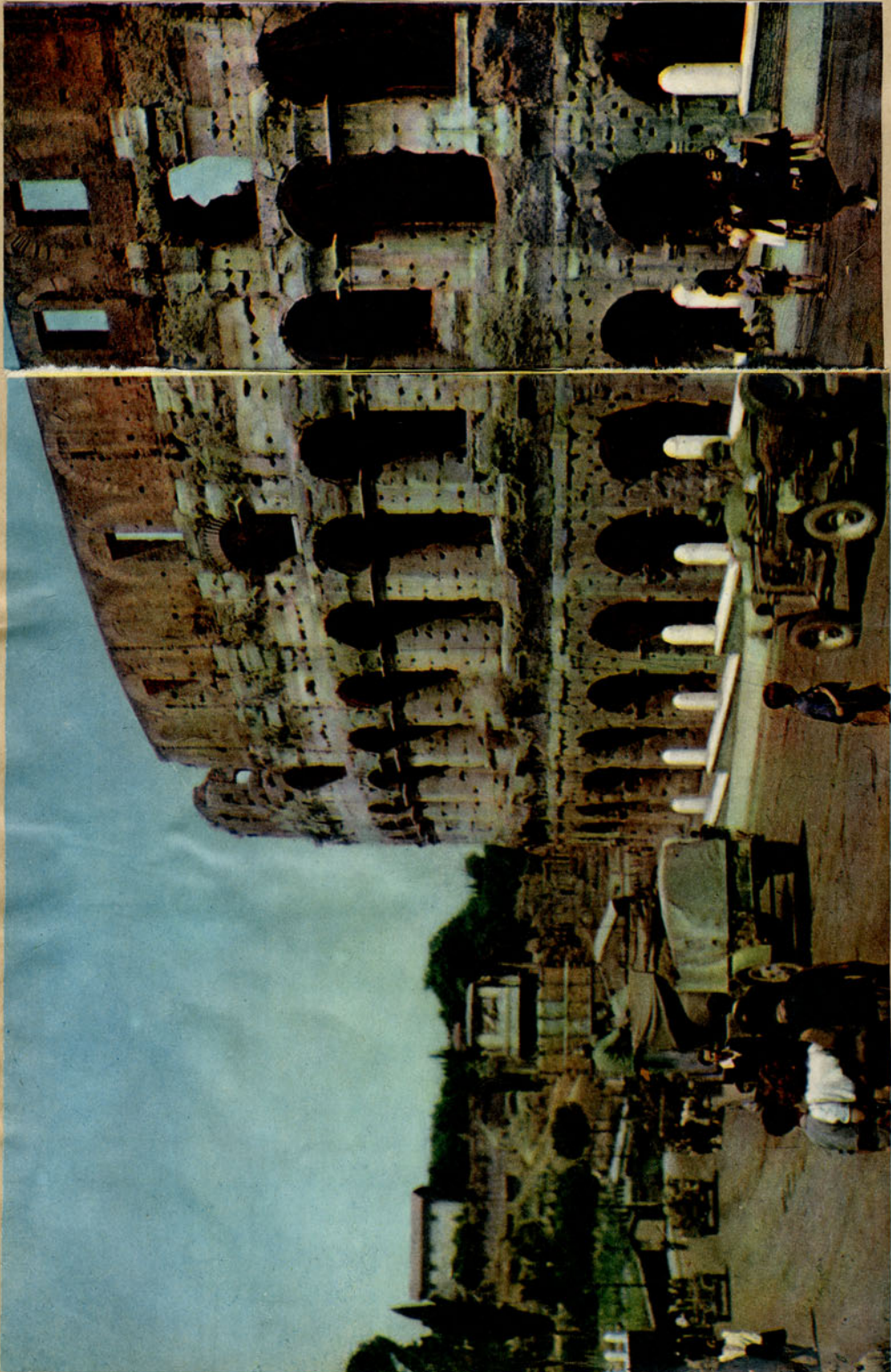


**Transport difficulties hinder equitable distribution. Grass grows on track where railway once ran. Lorries bring food**











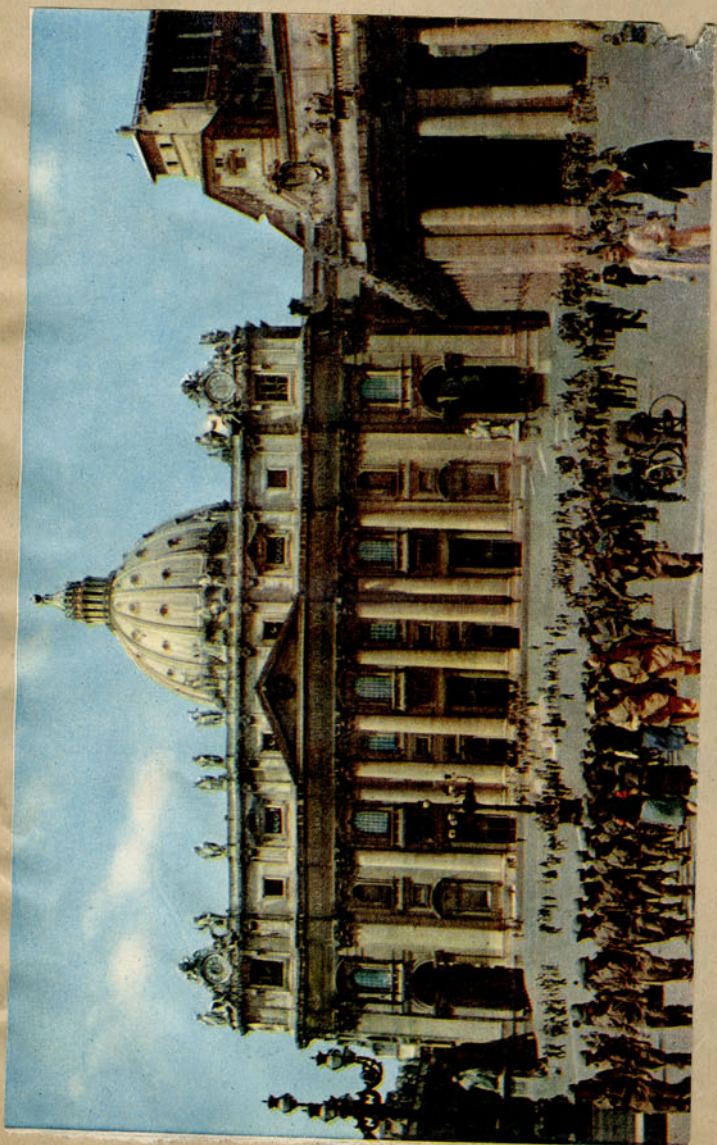


**GENERAL  
SIR HAROLD  
ALEXANDER**

*Commander-in-Chief  
Allied Forces in Italy.  
A study by Oliphant.*

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