

William Hearst on

The Soviet-Russian Hunger Catastrophe

Moscow 24th January. In a radio lecture in San Francisco, the owner of America's largest newspaper corporation spoke out about the situation in the Soviet Union, again initiating action by his papers on the Russian issue.

The text of this speech was published by the Los Angeles Examiner. Hearst then went on to say that, *"Russia was starving and is starving. Dr Ewald Ammende stated in the NYT on August 4th that millions of people died of hunger in the USSR in 1933 because they could not get help in time.*

And Dr Ammende is an authoritative personage, as he is Secretary General of the International Committee for the Relief of the Starving in the USSR. He explains that last year five to ten million people died of hunger in the USSR. Peter Khrisanfov, attaché of the Washington embassy of the USSR, recently stated that in spite of the drought in some areas, the harvest in 1934 is even better than the extraordinary harvest of 1933."

If in 1933, despite the extraordinary harvest of the USSR, up to ten million people perished, how many millions will now be destroyed by hunger?

The well-known communist Kosior recently said: *"We do not know how the harvest is, nor how much grain we will raise. Because the gathering of the grain depends on us."*

After, Hearst quoted this and other data on the famine in the USSR and summarized his judgment by saying that "more people died in the USSR in two years than during the entire world war on all fronts."

He argues that as long as the Bolshevik regime exists in Moscow, it is not possible to help the starving people there.

He says, "millions of people starved to death in Ukraine, while 68 million bushels of wheat were exported abroad by the Bolsheviks for the purpose of baluta procurement. There is no doubt that several million people could have been saved if this export had not taken place."

Mr. Hearst states that it is impossible to help a government that exports grain for baluta procurement purposes. *"May we and can we - he asks - give aid to a group of criminal Communists who are ravaging their country?"*