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fixed commitments, for example, insurance and superannuation payments while they are away; and in addition we must meet their out-of-pocket expenses while they are on the job. For don't forget they won't have the facilities available to soldiers in an army."

"What about UNRRA? What does it do?"

"UNRRA will pay half the cost of the teams; that is, transport, there and back, and upkeep in the field. New Zealand, through CORSO, has to meet the other half. Our men will be paid at the basic army rate of 11/6 a day, with allowances for married team-members, but with no distinctions as for officers in the army. Considering the type of people who will be going, and the hard and often disagreeable work they'll be doing it's really a very low figure. That's why CORSO needs this sum of £6,000 to £7,000 immediately. It will enable us to support two or three teams, comprising about 25 persons altogether, for the first year. But of course, that's only the first year; and besides Greece we've already had inquiries for relief teams from the Chinese Government."

Raising the Money

"Why hasn't CORSO gone out and collected money for this purpose on its own account? Surely the public would have supported the object?"

"I'm sure it would have, and I'm sure it will," replied Mr. White. "But the position is that during the war, Government regulations placed the collection of funds for all relief purposes under the control of the National Patriotic Fund Board, who in turn took their instructions from the Provincial Patriotic councils. Money was, in fact, collected by the patriotic authorities for overseas relief, but they say it wasn't collected for this purpose. That's mostly what the argument is about. However, I won't go into that."

"Anyway," continued Mr. White, "CORSO applied for the right to collect on its own account for the purposes covered by its constitution. That permission was for a long time refused, and so the sending of the teams was held up—until a month or so ago, when the necessary permission was at last granted. So, now that the Provincial Patriotic Conference has finally turned us down, we shall have to appeal straight to the public. CORSO is going to launch a concerted campaign to raise money to do the job it was given to do. In the meantime, however, it is essential that the teams which are waiting should leave for Greece almost immediately, and Miss A. Duncan, chief welfare officer for UNRRA in this part of the world, is at present in New Zealand to tie up the final details. Until the money is raised by public subscription—which may take some time—arrangements have been made for the immediate expense of sending the teams to be underwritten by the New Zealand Red Cross Society until the end of March."

"If any person reading this wants to subscribe, what is the best way to go about it?" we asked.

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