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Bavarian Food Situation.

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On October 17th a new ration period begins in Bavaria. Thus far the average food ration amounted to 1200 calories pro day. This allowance, ~~hhhhhh~~ ~~hhhhhh~~, was augmented by various unrationed supplements. Black market supplies excluded, the ordinary citizen consumed ^{BETWEEN} ~~between~~ 1350 and 2000 calories pro day. Another 200 calories will now be added. Although the Bavarian - a grumbler by nature - does not seem to think so, he is on the whole quite adequately fed. His memory, however, is short. While ~~he~~ recalls he clearly ~~hhhhhhhh~~ the three pounds of butter ~~hhhhh~~ pro month which he received during the entire war, he fails to remember what his meals looked like in 1917 and the years that followed. There is no comparison ^{at present.} between the food situation existing then and that prevailing ~~hhhhh~~. The bread in those days consisted mainly of potatoe ^{PEELS} ~~peels~~; it was wet, heavy and nauseating. An evil tasting vegetable paste, named "Butterol", but containing no fat whatever, was used for sandwiches. The vast majority of all soups, main dishes and deserts were made of turnips. Once in a while a patient queuer would get hold of a bit of pale looking rabbit sausage, or a nameless ^{WATER FOWL.} ~~piece~~. Today queuing is virtually unheard of. Munich's butcher shops display a variety of meats, cuts, hams and sausages, the like of which I have found nowhere this side of the Atlantic. The dairy shops, too, make one's mouth water. Ten different kinds of excellent cheese, fresh eggs and sweet butter in impressive quantities - it is all there for the ration holder to buy. The bread is of peace time ~~hhhhh~~ quality and the beer, though thinner ~~and scarcer~~ than formerly, is still

While the bread is of peace time quality, the daily ration (450 grammes pro person) provides for one white roll only. The remaining allowance consists of rye bread and whole wheat rolls. The beer, though somewhat thinner than formerly, is still remarkably good.

This relative plenty is all the more remarkable since the Bavarian population has swollen from an estimated 8 200 000 to about 10 000 000. The Blitz refugees from other parts of Germany who caused this growth will be joined shortly by one million Sudeten Germans scheduled to settle in these parts. ~~Even though~~ Yet ~~nothing is mysterious about~~ there is nothing mysterious about well fed Bavaria. During the later stages of world war number one when the Reich was completely blockaded, this healthy country was compelled to export large amounts of meat and a substantial percentage of its dairy products to less fortunate German areas. Nothing of this kind has been necessary in this war. Occupied Europe was made to deliver the goods. And even now that imports from ^{here} ~~might~~ might reduce the need for allied food shipments to Berlin and other ill supplied regions, Bavaria continues to feed mainly itself. Bavarian exports during the month of August ~~amounted~~ to 166 tons of wheat, 1750 tons of rye, 480 tons of barley, 400 tons of oats, 675 tons of cheese and 990 tons of fresh meat. According to Lieutenant Colonel K. S. Landstrom, Chief food and agricultural officer of the Bavarian Military government, future contributions will be rather more modest.

Up to last week some 300 000 Displaced persons in Camps and a somewhat smaller number of wandering D.P.'s had to be supplied by the natives. Wherever possible the latter circumvented existing

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agreements. Instead of Ehhhhhhhhg furnishing their "guests" with a satisfactory variety of food, they offered huge quantities of cab age and potatoes, thus delivering the the total calory amount, if not the actual nourishment requested. Today Bavaria's D.P.'s live almost entirely on Civil Affairs Ehhhhhhhh emergency stocks. Except f fresh vegetables hhh they eat allied food only. end article.