U.S. FOOD SHIPS AT MARSEILLES

By refusing to permit two American food ships to leave Marseilles Vichy precipitates a Franco-U.S. crisis. The mercy ships were arrested when the States put the Normandie and twelve cargo boats in custody. ~~The day~~ The day the fourteen thousand tons of flour/arrived from America the French were so glad that Marseilles had a public holiday.

Admiral Leahy who formally received the cargoes to-day faces a hostile France. Diplomatic relations may be broken off. After the Vichy sell-out to Hitler Roosevelt may recognise de Gaulle.

To appease Petain the States sent Leahy as Ambassador. Britain also has tried to appease Vichy, though it might have been thought we'd had enough appeasement for one lifetime.

At the British Embassy in Cairo we took pictures of General de Gaulle, here entertained by Ambassador Sir Miles Lampson. Vichy treachery proves that we should back to the hilt the French leader who will never compromise with Hitler, General de Gaulle.

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1. Mercy Ship For Hungry French Kids

2. Food from America! Simple food--milk, and similar every-day necessities for
just keeping alive...but their arrival brings a school holiday in Marseille.

The cargo ship "Cold Harbor", chartered by the Red Cross, made the voyage by
special British lifting of the blockade. The French promise that not one bit of
the food, or of the clothing, shall reach Nazi hands.

Richard Allen, American Red Cross delegate, and Captain Moore present the food.
Comment does not come from France--not now; but from a free Frenchwoman in free
America, there is comment. Mlle Curie speaks from the heart, over radio and the
screen.