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**Helicopters above wintry Holland.**

**Food droppings for birds.**

**Length: 54 metres.**

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Especially during the last days of the ice-period in Holland, helicopters of the Dutch Military Forces were almost without interruption in the air, in order to help man and animal. Many of these heli-actions were made for the dropping of food for the hungry birds.

The helicopters were used also to build air-lifts, there where the ferry-boats threatened to fall out, e.g. in Zealand, where the connections between the northern islands and the shore were seriously hindered by the ice.

Only the very heavy ferry-boats could travel, though with great delay. All the other vessels laid jammed in the ice.

The helicopters also dropped tons of food for the hungry <sup>R</sup> birds. Even those birds which always prefer the open country, were now in the vicinity of the housing-quarters. E.g. thousands of coots in the Northseacanal. When you see them pecker about you have no idea of the great execution ~~with~~ which was done among the water-fowl.

These birds which survived the freezing-death, are still in danger, as they are very much weakened. It has been decided therefore, to continue these food-droppings.

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