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SUPPLIES FOR PARIS.

Here is the first great consignment of much-needed supplies for Paris. It was careful planning on this scale that enabled the announcement to be made, within three days of the capital(s liberation, that the food situation was now completely under central. Hany things besides food had to be previded - for instance - here's an important feature of Paris's wash-days.

For years the Maxis feasted while Parisians existed on semty rations, and during the last days of occupation, no food reached the cepital, so many tons of this sert of thing were needed.

Clothes for the women and children were another arely-meded counselity. Many Parisians had been reduced practically to rags during their days under Mani rule, so you can imagine how eyes would light up at a night like this.

"Mips 34." Measurement details stamped on bales of women's dresses. The 21st Army Group which organised these supplies, needed nearly two thousand galls of petrol - a day for the lorries carrying the goods.

In the first ten days of Paris's freedem, it is estimated that 1,500 tens of flour will have been distributed in this way. It seems to need a sort of outside smood to carry each lead. So another truck sets off for Paris, bringing its citizens some of the tangible fruits of deliverance.