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The problems involved in dealing with all non-military matters arising as a result of any military occupation of foreign territories by American forces has been receiving the close attention of the President and the Secretary of State. As a result of these deliberations there has been established in the Department of State the Office of Foreign Territories to implement the pertinent policies of the United States Government in harmony with the Atlantic Charter and the Declaration of the United Nations. The Secretary of State has been authorized by the President to draw upon the services of officials of the United States Government particularly qualified to assist him in carrying on these functions. By agreement between the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Agriculture Mr. Paul Appleby has been temporarily loaned to the Department of State to serve as Special Assistant to Secretary Hull. Mr. Appleby's many years of experience in all phases of the work of the Department of Agriculture and the many contacts which he has had with related departments and agencies of the Government render him particularly qualified to assist in the inauguration of the Office of Foreign Territories.

It will be recalled that on November 21 it was announced by the White House that Governor Herbert Lehman of New York would become associated with the Department of State as Director of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations. There will of necessity be close collaboration between the functions of Governor Lehman and the functions of the Office of Foreign Territories.
