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THE extreme food shortage throughout Europe in the spring and early summer of 1947 has been reported in considerable detail. Less information has been available on the ration levels in the Ukraine where near famine conditions existed as a result of crop failures in 1946 and termination of UNRRA supplies. A report on "Nutrition in the Ukrainian S.S.R." by Dr. William P. Forrest, Chief Medical Officer of the UNRRA Mission to the Ukraine, is published in the following pages. Prepared in March, 1947, this report shows that the people were subsisting almost entirely on bread at that time and that the caloric value of the diet available to the normal adult consumer and to children under 14 years of age was about 1,000 calories daily. With supplies of food at the vanishing point, abundant crops in 1947 are essential to prevent a more critical situation in the forthcoming winter.



The leading position of the chronic diseases as causes of disability and death has served in recent years to broaden the scope of public health activities. A comprehensive program of control and alleviation of chronic conditions, however, requires more knowledge of particular diseases and their causes than is now available.

The article "Chronic Disease Among Spouses" by Jean Downes presents an analysis of the prevalence and incidence of chronic disease and the association of specific chronic conditions in a unique population, young, middle-age, and old-age husbands and wives who had shared the same environment over varying periods of years. The general results of this study

