

NOTES AND NEWS

BOOKS AND WORLD RECOVERY

The desperate and continued need for American publications to serve as tools of physical and intellectual reconstruction abroad has been made vividly apparent by appeals from scholars in many lands. The American Book Center for War Devastated Libraries has been urged to continue meeting this need at least through 1947. The Book Center is therefore making a renewed appeal for American books and periodicals—for *technical and scholarly books and periodicals in all fields* and particularly for *publications of the past ten years*. We shall especially welcome complete or incomplete files of *The American Mineralogist*.

The generous support which has been given to the Book Center has made it possible to ship more than 700,000 volumes abroad in the past year. It is hoped to double this amount before the Book Center closes. The books and periodicals which your personal or institutional library can spare are urgently needed and will help in the reconstruction which must preface world understanding and peace.

Ship your contributions to the **American Book Center, c/o The Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C., freight prepaid**, or write to the Center for further information.

Dr. G. Aminoff, professor of Mineralogy and Director of the National Museum in Stockholm since 1923, died February 12, at the age of 63 years.