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WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (UP)—Representative Lester Holtzman said today that "millions of pounds" of United States cheese donated to Egypt was allowed to spoil on Egyptian docks about a year ago.

The Queens Democrat said the Egyptians failed to provide adequate storage. He denounced this as "needless waste."

The cheese, Mr. Holtzman said, was part of the surplus farm commodities donated by the Agriculture Department to CARE and other United States charitable agencies for distribution to needy people abroad.

Under this program, Mr. Holtzman said, Egypt received 31,000,000 pounds of cheese during the year ending last June 30, even though the country normally consumes only 9,000,000 pounds annually.

Mr. Holtzman said the Eisenhower Administration had made "no claim for damages" as a result of the cheese spoilage, although the Egyptian Government under a contract with CARE was responsible for providing adequate storage and handling facilities.

Aides of Mr. Holtzman said the statement had been prepared by the staff of a House Government Operations subcommittee headed by Representative L. H. Fountain, Democrat of North Carolina.

Mr. Fountain charged tonight in a speech at Boone, N. C., that the spoiled cheese was only one instance of "the mess" in the Agriculture Department under the Eisenhower Administration.

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