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UNITED CAMPAIGN FOR EUROPEAN RELIEF.

Newberg, Oregon, April 8, 1946.

Dear Friend:--

This letter is being sent to a group of altruistic citizens for purposes of information, inspiration and solicitation. Everybody should know of the terrible situation facing multitudes of the peoples of Europe; everyone should be inspired by the efforts that are being made to relieve the suffering across the sea; and everyone, we feel, should be eager to give generously to relieve this suffering. This letter will go to some of you who have already given to the limit of your ability. To you, on behalf of the women and children whose lives you have helped to save we wish to extend our sincere thanks. If you have not yet given to your limit, this letter is appealing to you on behalf of these who are suffering and dying.

THE NEED. The situation which has followed the war in Europe is hard to imagine. Here are some of the outstanding facts.

More than 140,000,000 in Europe are undernourished.

More than 100,000,000 are living on less than 1,500 calories per day, little more than half the minimum for health, and much less than half the average for the United States.

Deaths by the thousand are occurring ^{daily} because of the lack of food and the diseases attendant on malnutrition.

There are areas where there is not a child left alive under five years of age; much larger areas where not a child born in 1945 is still living.

The need for clothing and medicine is in many areas even greater than the need for food.

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TO MEET THE NEED. A united campaign has been organized, and we whose names appear below have been designated as an executive committee to get the appeal for funds and clothing before the people of Newberg and the surrounding area. There is to be no house-to-house solicitation, no high-pressure salesmanship for the raising of this money and the collection of this clothing. We and the suffering people for whom we are working must depend on your generosity, your gifts made without any pressure except the appeal of the terrible need and the promptings of your own generous heart. Various organizations and individuals have already responded generously. The Friends Church is giving a thousand dollars and more, in addition to its previous giving, and is contributing clothing as it has done in all the other clothing drives. Other organizations have given and are giving as liberally in proportion to their numbers and ability.

HOW THE GIFTS ARE HANDLED. The American Friends Service Committee and the Brethren Service Committee have offered to handle these gifts of money and clothing and get them to the sufferers in Europe as speedily as possible. These denominations care for all overhead, so that the gifts in toto minister to the actual people who need them. Gifts do not have to go through these channels, however. Some of the denominations contributing have their own channels through which their money will be sent, and it is possible to designate the cause to which the gifts are to apply where that is desired. But the Brethren and the Friends have the organizations and the personnel, both here and abroad, to get the gifts speedily to the places where they are most needed.

If you have not yet made your full contribution to this cause and wish your contribution to be credited to any church or other

organization to which you belong, give the money to the treasurer of this church or organization, who will turn it over with the other gifts from this organization to Mr. Cliff G. Rue, manager of the First National Bank, who is general treasurer for the campaign. If you do not care to have the gift credited to any particular organization, make your gift to Martin Redding, 609 First Street, Newberg, who will later turn it over to the general treasurer.

Any gifts of clothing should be deposited in the big box in the front of the offices of the Portland General Electric Co. One generous shipment has already been made to the Brethren headquarters in California, where the garments will be put into condition for shipment at the earliest possible moment to Europe. The next consignment will be handled by the Friends.

ACT QUICKLY. The need is tremendous, and we should all give as generously as possible. And the need is pressing, so all should give as quickly as possible. They are dying over there for what we can supply. Let us act as we would if it were our own loved ones who were starving and freezing.

On behalf of those who are in such dire need of our help,

Levi T. Pennington
Hubert E. Armstrong
Mrs. Ora Huston
Mrs. John Prideaux
Rev. R. A. Feenstra
Rev. J. Frank Cunningham
Martin Redding

Executive Committee.

Insert I.

A minimum of \$4,000.00 is being sought.

Insert II.

If you have given to the limit of your ability, can you not secure a substantial gift from your business house or other organization to which you belong?