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## Levi Pennington Writing to A Friend, September 16, 1946

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1000 Sheridan St., Newberg, Ore., Sept. 16, '46/

Dear Friend:--

At the meeting of the ministerial association today, consideration was given to the deplorable conditions of the famine stricken lands across the sea, and it was decided to put on a campaign through the churches and schools of Newberg and the churches and other organizations of the surrounding communities for money to provide food and medicines for these suffering countries and used clothing, which in many places is quite as much needed as is food. This committee as appointed consisted of Rev. J. Frank Cunningham, president of the ministerial association, Emmett W. Guiley, president of Pacific College, Hubert E. Armstrong, superintendent of schools, Rev. R. A. Feenstra, pastor of the Methodist Church, Rev. Oliver E. Porter, pastor of the Free Methodist Church, and Dr. Levi T. Pennington, who was asked to be the convener of the committee.

Most of the committee will remember the campaign which was carried on early in the year under the direction of a committee named by a meeting representing churches, civic organizations, schools, etc. This committee disbanded when we were informed that the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration was arranging a nation wide campaign to raise many millions for relief, with a local campaign in every town, and the man already selected who was to organize the campaign in Newberg. Now it is evident that this campaign is not to be carried out in Newberg -- the big drive across the continent under UNRRA auspices simply did not develop.

The Community Chest is being organized for the first time in Newberg, and it is intended that this shall be the only house-to-house and man-to-man solicitation for the year. The causes that are expected to be regular from year to year are included in this Community Chest, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, Anti-cancer, Salvation Army, Children's Farm Home, etc. There is no place in this Community Chest budget for such an emergency campaign as this for European relief, which must be carried on through the churches and schools in the city, and through any means that seems proper in communities outside the city.

I am asking the committee to meet at my home, 1000 Sheridan Street, Thursday evening of this week, at 7:00 o'clock -- that is not a slip of the typewriter, for some of the committee have appointments for 8:00, and so we are meeting at 7:00. It is hoped that we can have a meeting of the entire committee, and that each of you will come with your best thought as to how we may best reach the hearts of our people to secure relief for those who so desperately need it. We are assured that in many sections of Europe the coming winter promises to be more grim even than the terrible one last winter. Many sections of Europe are living -- many are dying -- on a daily ration 500 calories less than the Germans allowed the Poles during the German occupation of Poland.

Hoping to see you promptly at 7:00 Thursday evening,

Sincerely your friend,