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January 14, 1947.

American Friends Service Committee,
20 South Twelfth Street,
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania.

Dear Friends:--

You will soon receive from Harlan T. Jones, treasurer of the Newberg Meeting, a check for \$160.00, earmarked for the Heifers for Relief program. This money was raised from the members of this meeting as a part of the campaign that is being put on in this state to send one more shipment this month, which the URRRA is to handle for China. It is the wish of our service committee, therefore, that the money should ultimately go through the hands of the state Heifers-for-Relief organization, of which J. J. Handsaker is executive secretary, 1316 S. W. Park Ave., Portland, Oregon. We have understood from the first that this arrangement is possible, to send funds to pay for these heifers through our own denominational organizations, earmarked for the Heifers-for-Relief campaign. And because we are trying to make the first campaign on a state-wide basis as a sort of pattern for other states, we want this gift to go through the state headquarters ultimately. I am writing Handsaker that he can expect the remittance to come from you. We could have sent it right to him, but we want it to go through your hands.

Some ten days or so ago we sent another shipment of clothing for relief, 315 pounds, this time to the headquarters in Seattle. Heretofore we have been sending direct to you in Philadelphia, since it seemed foolish to ship to Seattle and then have them ship to the east coast, from which we understood most of the clothing was going, to European sufferers. But we understood that the Seattle headquarters folks were sending help across the Pacific, and our committee wanted to send this shipment to them. Is that the better way, or should we in the future ship to you as we have been doing?

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.

You will be interested to know that a plan was put into operation last week for some united publicity for all the agencies working for overseas relief, so far as they will cooperate. The first item of this program is a semi-public meeting in the Portland Public Library, with a general invitation to anyone interested in relief, and special invitations to representatives of all agencies. There are to be two or three Portland "big name" speakers, including the editor of the Oregonian, who made a recent tour of Europe, the editor of the Journal, etc., and a representative of each relief agency is to be given three minutes to tell of the work of his organization. The purpose of this united campaign of publicity is to give the public information as to the need and the agencies that can handle relief.