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February 24, 1947.

Miss Alta Blood, Secretary,  
Portland Committee on Overseas Relief,  
1108 S. E. Grand Avenue,  
Portland 14, Oregon.

Dear Miss Blood:--

Let me thank you sincerely for your letter of the 21st., with the copies of material that you are using to publicize the need for help across the water and the agencies through which this help can be delivered where it is needed. I have read it all with much interest, and feel that it is all excellent material. The letter you are sending to non-denominational organizations should prove very effective, I am sure, as it covers the whole matter without using details that might be offensive to some. (As you suggested when we were in your office recently, you put anyone who is interested in line for the information he needs without the necessity of passing on the question as to the effectiveness and dependability of the Amalgamated Society for the Relief of Displaced Persons from the Territory of the Okhund of Swett -- or any other organization.)

We could place some of your clothing posters, though my guess is that Newberg needs them less than do most places. For years various churches have participated in clothing drives for relief overseas, and there have been drives that were community wide. Somewhat less than a year ago we organized a community wide drive for funds and clothing. We sent through the central treasury between \$2,500.00 and \$3,000.00, mostly to the American Friends Service Committee and the Brethren Service Committee; and we placed a big box in the window of the Newberg branch of the Portland General Electric Co., the best window in town, into which everybody was asked to place clothing for shipment overseas, the Friends taking care of the clothing when the box was filled one time and the Brethren the next. We have kept up the publicity for this clothing collection, and we have sent tons of clothing, and it still keeps coming in -- the big box was getting pretty well filled when I looked at it the other day, and soon the Brethren will empty it, and then it will be our turn. This clothing collection was given more publicity when we put on another community-wide solicitation through the church in which we raised more than \$2,000.00 again. And now we are working on the Heifers-for-Relief project, and already we have nine or ten heifers provided by the people of Newberg, four from one church, and we hope to get off a carload from this county by the middle of next month.

With real gratification that your organization is <sup>getting</sup> some effective publicity across to the non-church organization<sup>ATIONS</sup>, and with best wishes for full success in this enterprise, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.