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IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUED FOOD CLOTHING AND MEDICAL CARE OF THE THREE AND ONE HALF MILLIONS OF CHILDREN SOLEY DEPENDENT UPON AMERICAN CHARITY IN EUROPE THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE FORMED THEMSELVES INTO THE EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINT ACTION IN THE RECRUITING OF FUNDS AS WELL AS THE COORDINATION OF DISTRIBUTION THAT IS THE AMERICAN RED CROSS THE AMERICAN RELIEF ADMINISTRATION THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THE AMERICAN JEWISH RELIEF COMMITTEES THE YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION THE YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OUR PROBLEM IS TO FIND THIRTY THREE MILLION DOLLARS AND WE ARE PROPOSING FIRST TO GIVE SYMPATHETIC SUPPORT TO THE SEPERATE MEASURES NOW BEING TAKEN BY THE COMPONENT ORGANIZATIONS BUT SECOND TO LAUNCH AT APPROXIMATELY THE NINETEENTH OF DECEMBER EXTENDING OVER THE HOLIDAYS A NATIONAL COLLECTION IN PUBLIC PLACES CHURCHES THEATRES THROUGH NEWSPAPERS CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS ETC FOR THE CHILDREN OF EUROPE WITH THE BACKING OF ALL OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE ENTIRE SITUATION IN EUROPE IT IS OUR UNANIMOUS OPINION THAT THE CHILD SUPPORT MUST HAVE PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER EUROPEAN RELIEF UNTIL THE ABOVE SUM OF MONEY HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN ORDER TO MAKE EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION WE DESIRE TO SECURE THE COORDINATION OF EFFORT OF ALL OF THE



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ABOVE ORGANIZATION IN YOUR STATE AND YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED  
BY THE AMERICAN JEWISH RELIEF COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT

THEM IN A JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE BRINGING INTO PLAY THEIR ENTIRE ORGANIZATION AND INFLUENCE WITHIN THE STATE WE ASK THE GENERAL COMMITTEE DESIRE TO ADD THAT WE FEEL COMPELLED IN THIS EMERGENCY TO REQUEST YOUR SERVICE WE INDIVIDUALS LOCATED IN NEWYORK DIRECTING THIS FUNDAMENTAL TASK CANNOT PERSONALLY CARRY THIS IMPERATIVE WORK TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION WITHOUT THE ACTUAL FULLEST ASSISTANCE FROM THE MOST ENLIGHTENED CITIZENS OF EACH STATE WE HAVE A SOLEMN OBLIGATION WHICH CAN BE MET ONLY BY RECEIVING YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTIVE STIMULATING HELP SHORT OF THIS WE FACE TO ALTERNATIVE OF TURNING THREE AND ONE HALF MILLION DESTITUTE CHILDREN OF EUROPE INTO THE STREETS THIS WINTER WE COUNT UPON YOU TO UNDERTAKE

THIS VERY HUMAN SERVICE THE POINT STATES IN COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EMPLOY SUCH PAID ASSISTANTS IN MANAGEMENT AND PUBLICITY AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR SUCCESSFUL ISSUE THE PRIMARY OBJECT IS TO SECURE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXERTION ON THE PART OF EACH OF THE COMPONENT ORGANIZATIONS YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF THOSE SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WILL YOU INTEREST YOURSELVES IN SECURING A MEETING WITH THEM AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT AT THE FIRST MEETING WE SUGGEST THAT SEVERAL WOMEN LEADERS OF IMPORTANT LOCAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE PLEASE WIRE YOUR REPLY TO HERBERT HOOVER CHAIRMAN EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL 42 BROADWAY NEWYORK CITY PROMPTLY  
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Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

In the tragedy of European Jewry the condition of the children is particularly appalling. Herbert Hoover recently said:

"If civilization and humanity mean anything today, immediate help must be given those innocent little sufferers of the war who will otherwise be exterminated by disease and pestilence, as ruthlessly as if they were massacred."

The Joint Distribution Committee in the past has expended large sums in Europe towards maintaining war orphans. It is realized, however, that the growing urgency of this work demands that it be inaugurated on a larger scale than heretofore. For this purpose, a special Orphans Committee has been created of which Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, formerly superintendent of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum of New York is Chairman, and Mr. Charles Zunser, Executive Director. Mr. Zunser will have the assistance of Miss Jessie Bogen who has recently returned from Poland where she made a special study of the orphan situation.

It is the plan of the Orphans Committee to enlist the aid of the Jews of America in the financial adoption of the homeless and starving children abroad in a way similar to that used with notable success by the Fatherless Children of France Committee. In a short time Mr. Zunser will take the liberty of presenting the project to you in more detail.

The plan is to secure the financial adoption of particular children by benefactors for a certain designated sum, tentatively fixed at \$100 per child. Lists of children will be submitted giving the name, date of birth, sex and address. Each donor will eventually receive a letter of gratitude from the adopted orphan, and thus may clearly see the result of his generosity. These financial adoptions will be supplemented by the bringing over of limited numbers of specially selected groups of orphans for adoption here and also wherever possible, by the reunion of orphans with relatives in this country.

I know that the Orphans Committee can rely on your vital aid in this sacred work.

Sincerely yours,

NATIONAL DIRECTOR.

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DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR ACCEPTANCE AS MEMBER OF JOINT COMMITTEE  
NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE TO  
ACT WITH YOU WILL BE SENT WITHIN FEW DAYS

HERBERT HOOVER.





Paid Day Message;

Cleveland, November 22nd, 1920

Herbert Hoover

Chairman, European Relief Council  
42 Broadway, New York City.

Will be pleased to serve on your Committee.

(Signed) Rabbi A. H. Silver



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Tifereth Israel Congregation,  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

The Joint Distribution Committee invites your interest and cooperation, and through you the active interest of the members of your congregation and of your community in the work of its newly inaugurated War Orphans Committee.

Broad plans by which, through American initiative the several hundred thousand Jewish war and pogrom orphans of Europe and Palestine are to be cared for, have been outlined by this Committee which is comprised of distinguished Jews, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, Executive Director of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York City.

To in any way grapple successfully with this problem, the sympathy and interest of all the Jewish people must be secured, especially of the women, to whom the subject of the welfare of these hundreds of thousands of children should appeal with particular force, as was made evident during the War in the appeals in behalf of the children of France, Belgium and Serbia.

The main objectives to be sought by the Committee are to enlist the interest of a large number of American Jews, who shall agree to financially adopt a designated orphan in Europe; to bring about the reunion of a number of Jewish war orphans with their relatives in the United States; and lastly, to bring to this country limited numbers of specially selected, physically and mentally robust, war orphans for adoption in good homes here. Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, chairman of the Committee, made an exhaustive study during the war for the Red Cross, of conditions affecting the war orphans in the Near East and by training and experience is especially qualified for the great work entrusted to him.



The financial foster-parents will contribute to the support not of any child, but of a given child, whose identity shall be known and in whom they will be able to take a direct personal interest and to keep in touch with and follow the child's progress. A photograph and full record and history of each child and how it became orphaned is to be supplied to the American sponsors for the child's well-being and arrangements will be made for correspondence by letter between the foster parents and the adopted child.

As a first and vital step to the inauguration of the war orphans' program, the European Bureau, of which Dr. Simon Peiser is the head, is to at once begin the compilation of a complete census of war orphans in Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, Roumania, Austria and other countries of central and eastern Europe and Palestine.

It is estimated that there are not less than 300,000 orphans ranging in age from five years upwards. The number may be considerably in excess of this figure, but there are few orphans surviving under five years of age, both because of the low birth rate during the war and of the fact that in most instances infants have succumbed to the privations to which they have been exposed.

To accomplish this undertaking, the cooperation, not only of individuals but of all Jewish societies and organizations both in America and Canada is to be enlisted, including the synagogues, temples, fraternal organizations, Landsmanschaften, the trades unions and other agencies of Jewish life in America.

The J.D.C. intends that wherever possible, the war orphans shall be cared for in private homes and in their native countries abroad and the greatest care is to be exercised in the selection of these homes and of the families who will be entrusted with the up-bringing of these children.

Of equal interest with the plans for the care of the thousands of orphans abroad, is that for bringing to America those orphans who have relatives here who are willing to care for them.

Elaborate safe-guards are to be thrown about the bringing to America of the Jewish war orphans whether for adoption by persons here or where their relatives here are known and apply to the Committee for the children. Not only will each child have to undergo the most rigid medical and physical examinations abroad before the effort is made to bring them here, but they will also be subjected to mental, moral and physical tests; to insure that they will develop into healthy, normal and useful adults.



The Committee will also make the closest investigation of the history and environment of the families in the United States who claim relationship to the orphans, or who may apply for the adoption of an orphan. A register is to be kept of the names of all persons in the United States and Canada, who can be reached, who are related to children orphaned by the war and are prepared to receive them into their own homes.

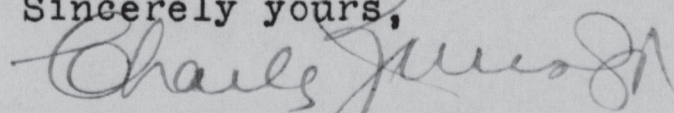
Some idea of the work already accomplished by the Joint Distribution Committee in relation to the Care of War Orphans is given by Miss Alice Seligsberg, who went to Palestine in the Committee's behalf. She found there upon her arrival some forty-six hundred orphans. Most of these children had no homes and absolutely no one to care for them and no food to eat. They wandered about the streets by day and by night, their cries and wails filling the air and making sleep well nigh impossible. Each morning the bodies of numbers of the children who had succumbed during the night were carried away. The Committee, by finding individual homes mainly in the colonies and by subventions to deserving local institutions had succeeded in caring for most of those children who survived.

What has been done in Palestine it is hoped to do gradually in Europe, by the working out of the plans as formulated. It is believed that in addition to thousands of individuals who will give from their plenty, the \$100. annually which has been fixed as the amount needed for the feeding, clothing, education and supervision of a child, many fraternal, religious and other organizations will appropriate from their treasury a sum sufficient to care for a large number of children.

We have taken the liberty of writing to you at length, so that you may acquaint yourself with the details of this plan, so that you may discuss it both publicly, in your pulpit, and among the members of your community, to the end that persons may be found in your community who may be desirous of becoming the financial foster parent of a given child in Europe or who may wish to legally adopt an orphan into their own homes and to register and forward to us a list of persons who have orphaned relatives abroad whom they wish to bring here.

The program is ambitious. If we succeed we shall have saved the coming generation of Jews from the utter destruction that seems to await them. We can succeed only through the efforts of a united Jewry.

Sincerely yours,



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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THREE AND ONE HALF MILLION STARVING EUROPEAN CHILDREN DEMAND OUR  
HELP IMPORTANT MEETING STATE COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN RELIEF OF WHICH  
YOU ARE A MEMBER WILL BE HELD NOON SATURDAY DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH AT  
HOTEL CHITTENDEN COLUMBUS VERY URGENT YOU ATTEND LUNCH SERVED WIRE  
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**EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL**

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Prepared by: J.J. D.C.  
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Date: Dec. 21st 1920

RABBI A. H. SILVER  
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THIS TELEGRAM FOR YOU SENT  
BY MAIL TO SAVE EXPENSE.  
EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL

WILLIAM EUGENE JONES OF E J JONES COMPANY COLUMBUS OHIO  
HAS ACCEPTED CHAIRMANSHIP JOINT STATE COMMITTEE FOR  
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APPRECIATE YOUR COMMUNICATING WITH MR JONES ASSURING HIM  
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FELIX M WARBURG  
EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL



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December 23, 1920.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
3848 Prospect Ave.,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Sir:

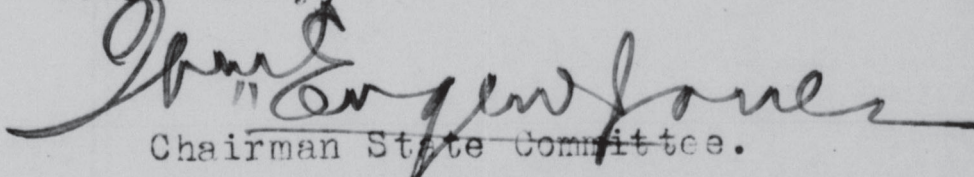
As a member of the State Committee of the European Relief Council, you are asked to attend a meeting of this Committee in Columbus, December 29th, at 12:15 P.M., for luncheon at the Chittenden Hotel.

For the sake of the starving children of Europe and because of the emergency created requiring quick action, we are expecting the members of this Committee to set aside all other engagements and be present at this important meeting.

The time is short and we can only hope to call you together once or twice; hence the necessity for your presence at every meeting.

Will you please let us know by return mail that you expect to attend.

Yours truly,

  
Chairman State Committee.

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Mr. William Eugene Jones,  
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Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Jones,

I have just been informed by the European Relief Council that you have accepted the chairmanship of the Joint State Committee, of which, I understand, I am a member.

I want to take this occasion to express to you my deep satisfaction at your acceptance of this office, and to offer you my services in any capacity in behalf of this great movement.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



WM. EUGENE JONES, STATE CHAIRMAN

FOSTER COPELAND, STATE TREASURER  
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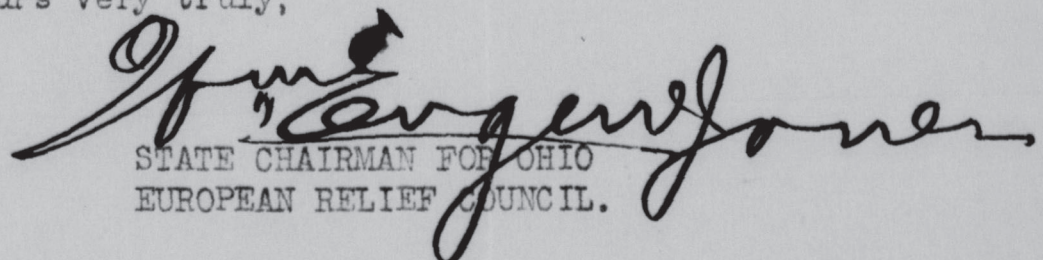
My dear Mr. Silver:

Your favor of the twenty-eighth is received and very much appreciated by me, and I thank you for same. In this tremendous job which has been put upon my shoulders, it is a great satisfaction to have such expressions as you give in your letter, and to know that you are interested and ready to do anything that you can to help the great movement onward. If it were not for the kindly interest on the part of such people as your own good self, the responsibility would be simply crushing.

Your letter, sir, is an inspiration to me and I want you to know that I appreciate it very much and ~~that~~ ~~that~~ whenever you can be of assistance to us, I shall get in touch with you.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year, I am,

Yours very truly,

  
STATE CHAIRMAN FOR OHIO  
EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL.



WM. EUGENE JONES, STATE CHAIRMAN

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January 3, 1921.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

We beg to request that you make a statement, to be published through the newspapers endorsing the joint campaign of the organizations in the European Relief Council for funds to provide food for starving children in Europe.

Church leaders of various faiths are being asked to make such endorsements. We are seeking by the aid of these statements to present the project as one which should be supported by all citizens, irrespective of race or creed.

The enclosed circular gives authoritative information regarding the situation and the plans for meeting it. In addition, let me say that the Ohio state committee has voted to assume responsibility for 200,000 children, feeling this to be the state's just share of the 3,500,000 to be fed. We are emphasizing the number of children to be fed, rather than the number of dollars to be raised. "Ten dollars saves a child" is the slogan of the campaign.

We trust that we may receive your endorsement within the next few days. Any additional information you may desire will be furnished cheerfully.

Yours very truly,

  
Vinton E. McVicker,  
Publicity Director,  
European Relief Council.



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 MONDAY JANUARY SEVENTEENTH SEVENTY FIVE CENTS PER PLATE WIRE  
 QUICK YOUR RESERVATION MUST KNOW SURELY BY SATURDAY

W M EUGENE JONES,  
 STATE CHAIRMAN JAN 13



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Mr. Vinton E. McVickers,  
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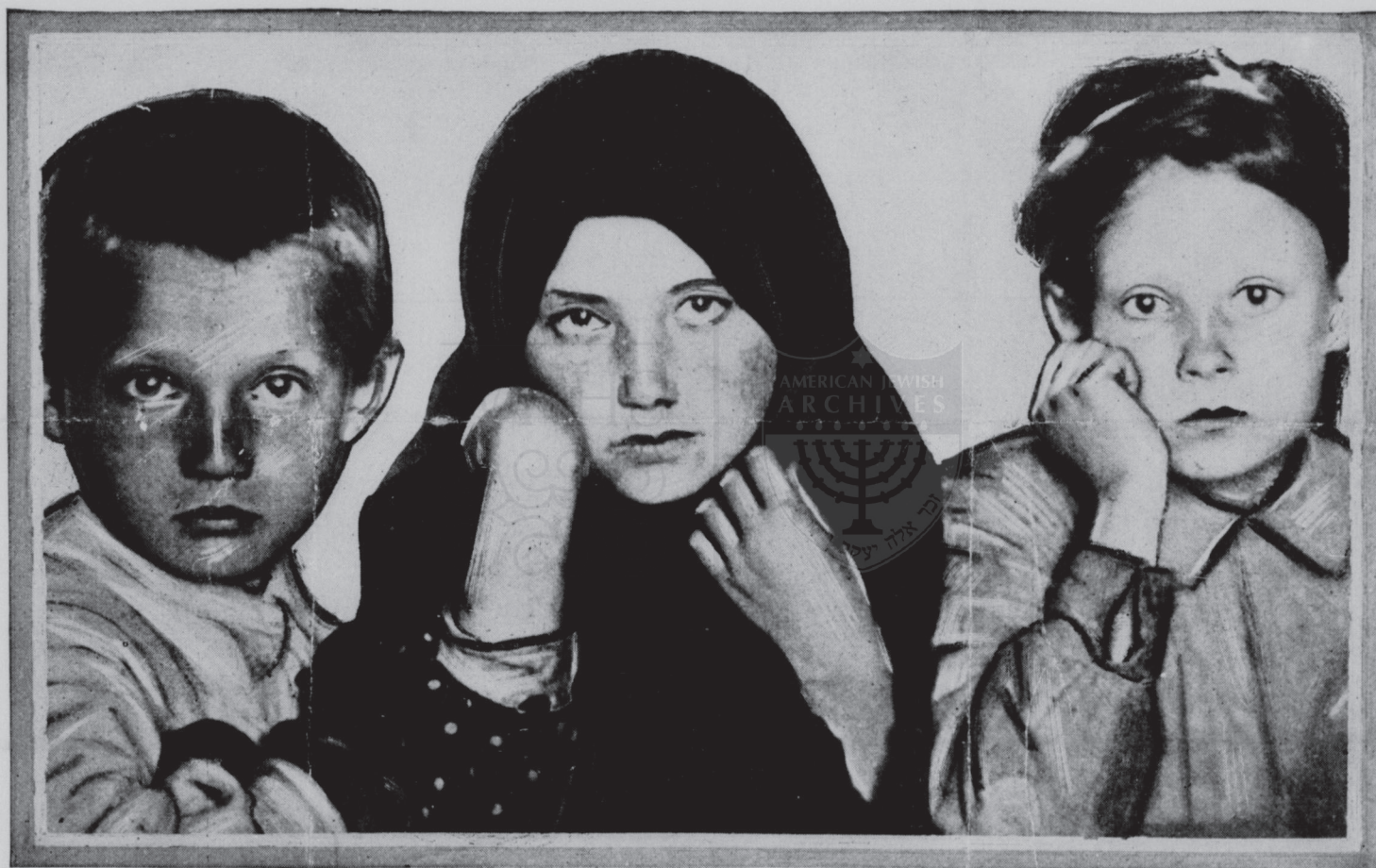
My dear Mr. McVickers,

I am enclosing herewith a  
short statement for publication, as per  
your request. I hope that it will be of  
some help to your great undertaking.

Very sincerely yours,



# SHALL IT BE LIFE OR DEATH?



I think that savin' a little child  
And bringin' him to his own  
Is a derned sight better business  
Than loafin' around the throne. *John Hay*

## EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL

HERBERT HOOVER, Chairman

AMERICAN RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

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## THE EMERGENCY

**A** TREMENDOUS emergency exists in Eastern and Central Europe.

It is due to no new or sudden causes, but is the persistent result of the chaos consequent upon the War.

The expectancy on the part of American Relief Organizations that the present autumn would end the demand for their aid has been disappointed.

The hope that widely planted crops would yield a bountiful and adequate harvest has not been realized.

Poverty, privation, suffering and death still march unchallenged and unchecked.

Economically and politically the ruined world must wait. There is not dynamic energy left in the world to face the task of speedy reconstruction.

But there is one cry that cannot be hushed and there is one challenge that cannot be disregarded.

It is the cry of hungry children; the challenge of Life or Death.

There are millions of children overseas who have never learned to smile. There are millions to whom Christmas means only another day of hunger.

At least three and a half million children in Central and Eastern Europe are face to face with disaster and death. Already they are in the grip of winter, half-clothed and unsheltered. Famine and pestilence have added their menace to already existing horror.

Unless aid is rendered at once, there will follow a tragedy so vast as to be unspeakable.

## THE EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL

**R**EALIZING the emergency, eight Relief Organizations, all of whom had considered that their work carried on during the War was reaching a close, have agreed that never in all their experience has a call come so irresistible in its appeal; so far reaching in its meaning.

Representing each a different phase, both in work and method, they have found a common cause in answering the cry of these perishing children. They are:

1. THE AMERICAN RELIEF ADMINISTRATION, which since the Armistice has under the direction of Herbert Hoover carried the burden of daily food supplies to the undernourished children of Central and Eastern Europe. It fed six million children during the winter of 1918 in Central and Eastern Europe, and, during 1919, three and half millions were cared for, those who by medical test were determined to be the most seriously undernourished.

2. THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, which through its War Organization extended its relief work through Central and Eastern Europe, reached hundreds of thousands of children in the War-torn areas with medical help; rendered aid to mothers and new-born babies in make-shift maternity hospitals, and fought typhus, tuberculosis, rickets and kindred diseases over thousands of square miles of disaster and desolation.



3. THE JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, which while organized for the relief of Jews in the stricken parts of Europe and Palestine, has put its work on a non-sectarian basis wherever the condition of the whole population could best be helped. It is feeding daily 300,000 children; giving medical attention to 50,000 people in Poland; is distributing milk to underfed and tubercular children without regard to race or creed.

4. THE AMERICAN FRIENDS' SERVICE COMMITTEE (American Quakers) who entered Germany immediately after the armistice in November, 1918, took charge of the child-feeding work in Germany, and works on the basic theory that no helpless, hungry child can be an enemy of the United States when America can save that child from death.

5. THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, who despite the fact that their War Activities had been finally closed, reversed their avowed determination to take no part in "drives," and have thrown their organization behind the European Relief Council in its effort to meet the winter's desperate situation.

6. THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA, which having sent its own trained observers to Europe to investigate conditions there, has put the united aid in its organization and its membership at the service of the European Relief Council in preaching the Children's Crusade.

7. THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION and

8. THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, whose work was of such an inestimable value during the War, and, who knowing so intimately conditions Overseas, have volunteered their aid in carrying this Appeal throughout the land.

These are the organizations that have banded themselves together in an attempt to save the child life of Central and Eastern Europe.

That they should be joined together is an event of tremendous significance.

That they should be joined in a single purpose gives unchallenged authority to the cause they are undertaking.

## THINGS THAT MUST BE DONE

**S**PLENDID as it would be if it could be accomplished, there is no suggestion that these children be made comfortable. That is a physical and a financial impossibility.

It is merely proposed that as many of them as possible be saved from starvation by receiving one meal a day, and that that shall be given only to the neediest.

One meal a day isn't much, but in many parts of this desolated world of misery it is all that stands between these children and death.

These children's lives by the divine right of having saved them, belong to America. They are the residue of 12,000,000 children whom America has saved since war clutched the innocent and the helpless. They are living children today because we have fed them. If we abandon them now—what then?

It is not hunger alone that threatens.



Pestilence and famine have always stalked side by side. Undernourishment produces diseases particularly its own. Starved and puny bodies make quick fuel for disease. Tuberculosis and typhus merely touch them and they are gone.

From maternity hospitals, over-crowded and ill-supplied, newly-born babies are sent away wrapped in old newspapers because there is nothing with which to clothe them.

Hundreds of thousands of children in Europe have never tasted milk, either animal or human, in their lives.

Medical aid must be furnished, together with clothing and at least some kind of care, if there is to be a tomorrow to follow the desolation of today.

**I**T will take \$33,000,000 to carry this project of child-saving through until the next European harvest. Of this, \$23,000,000 must be provided for feeding children, and \$10,000,000 for medical service and aid.

The distribution of these funds will be under the direction of the European Relief Council,—made up of a representative from each of the co-operating organizations.

## HOW YOUR MONEY WILL BE SPENT

**T**HE European Relief Council pledges itself that not one penny of contributed money will be used for child-feeding overhead. Expenses of the program that are incurred in America, including the cost of collection of the fund and home office up-keep, will be met from the proceeds of the American Relief Administration's Food Draft sales.

Every dollar that you contribute for child-feeding will buy one hundred cents' worth of life-sustaining food for a child.

It should be remembered that the mass child feeding work will be carried on in the future as in the past, largely through the agency of the people of the country where aid is rendered.

The American personnel of the A. R. A. in Eastern and Central Europe consists of not more than 50 representatives, but associated with them are more than 100,000 field workers, about half volunteers and the rest paid in local currency by their own Governments or charities, who do the work, gather the children, establish the feeding-stations and who, through their own efforts and organization, furnish two units of help to every one provided by American aid.

For every dollar contributed from these funds that are being raised, two dollars will be furnished in transportation, local food supplies and labor by the Government of the country aided, and by local communities throughout that country.

The American dollar, plus the native two dollars, will give a child one balanced meal a day for a month.

Medical aid, medical supplies and material must, of course, be an unqualified gift, for these are the things above all others, absolutely lacking.

**HE GIVES TWICE WHO GIVES QUICKLY.**

Your check should go today to Foster Copeland, Treasurer, of the Ohio Branch European Relief Council, City National Bank, Columbus, Ohio.

*\$10.00 will save the life of a child until the next harvest*