

AMERICANISM PLUS

The Red Cross, while fulfilling America's obligation to the stricken peoples of Europe, must respond to the call at home to meet the greater peace-time responsibilities revealed by the cessation of war. This means:

AT HOME

I. Organization of the nation's Health forces by co-operation with existing agencies and by independent action in unorganized communities. Education of housewives, school children and other groups in food preparation, home hygiene and care of the sick.

II. Expansion of Home Service in those communities where no similar service exists to provide the same help to civilian families that has been given families of our fighting men. (In ninety per cent of the Home Service communities there existed no similar agency.) Providing an Information Service to explain facilities offered by the government and private sources. Inspiring co-operative effort to make communities safer and better places in which to live.

III. Emergency relief in epidemics and disaster.

IV. Permanent duty with the Army and Navy.

V. Helping the nation's fighters back to civilian life.

VI. Child welfare work.

VII. First Aid.

IN EUROPE

I. Relieving distress among war sufferers and helping their countries recover from the war.

II. Distribution of surplus stores donated by the American army.

III. Helping the war orphans in Europe through the Junior Red Cross.

"The master-problem of civilization is to engage as many people with as much enthusiasm in the upbuilding processes of peace as, by the traditions of the ages, it has always been possible to enlist in the destructive adventure of war. When people shall have learned to sacrifice themselves as readily on the altar of the commonweal as they sacrifice themselves on the altars of war, the world will be saved, and not until then."

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