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TO THE PUBLIC:

Tarboro, N. C., December 29th, 1929.
The ravages of war in Central and Eastern Europe have left over three million children in a most pitiable condition. They are not only in dire need of real necessities of life, but face actual starvation. In their affliction they cry out to us for aid—only American generosity will save them.

Herbert Hoover, who has already done so much for the relief of suffering humanity abroad, has again arisen in this emergency by organizing the European Relief Council for the raising of \$23,000,000.00 towards the relief of these unfortunate children. This Council embraces the various philanthropic organizations above mentioned. Mr. Henry A. Page has been selected State Chairman of the forthcoming "National Collection" to be held December 19-30. He has asked me to look after this collection in our community.

A committee of our representative citizens is being organized to solicit funds from the good people of Goldsboro. A \$10.00 contribution will save the life of one child until next harvest. \$5.00 provides for a child for five months.

It is the intention of the committee to call on you in the next few days, during the coming week. If, however, they fail to see you, will you be so kind as to mail your contribution to the undersigned? Same will be duly acknowledged and promptly forwarded to headquarters. It is earnestly hoped that each and every one of us will contribute out of the fullness of our hearts, so that together we may do our part in saving the little children who are still waiting, clinging to life with weak fingers almost ready to let go."

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

JULIUS ROSENBAUM, Chairman Local Committee

An Appeal to the American People

THREE and one-half million children in Eastern and Central Europe have no alternative to disaster between now and next harvest except American aid. For months those most helpless sufferers in the track of war have been admitted to American feeding stations and are tragically undernourished, and have received American medical aid or if desperately threatened by death from disease.

One 5 cent hot American meal today has saved a thousand lives.

Winter is closing down. The money of many nations is spent within their own boundaries. Economic and crop conditions make with its terrible train of diseases, a certain visitor until next harvest. Invariably the helpless children will suffer most. No child can grow to health and sanity on the pitiful makeshifts for food with which millions of European adults must content themselves this winter. It is clear, then, that the remedy can come only from outside.

America saved 6,000,000 European children winter before last. Nor did recuperation cut the need nearly in half last year, but unusual conditions have resulted in scant shrinkage of child destitution during the twelve-month just past. The response of America must now decide whether 3,500,000 of these charges, in acute distress, shall begin to be taken care of in January from more than 17,000 asylums, hospitals, clinics and feeding stations dependent on American support. There would be no truce in history so sweeping or so destructive of those who can deserve no aid.

The undersigned organizations, working among other race and creed, many engaged also in other forms of relief, agree unanimously that the plight of these helpless children should have complete priority in overseas charity until the situation is met. This is an issue without politics and without religious lines. There can be no danger of prostration for the \$23,000,000 for child food, and the \$10,000,000 for medical service, that we seek, will relieve only the critical cases. The imminent supply, of course, must be an unqualified gift, but for every American dollar used in child feeding, the governments and communities aided furnish two dollars in the form of transportation, rent, labor, clerical help, cash contributions and such food supplies as are locally obtainable.

America has not failed in the past in great heroism. She has never had a more poignant call than this. Contributions should be turned over to the local committees which are now being formed for this national collection, or sent to Franklin K. Lane, Treasurer, Guaranty Trust Co., New York City.

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