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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I beseech you brethren by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service.—Rom. 12:1.

FAMINE—STARVATION

Spring dawns this year on a world of famine and starvation. No one in well-fed America who really believes in Christian principles and does not merely ritualize or process them, can but feel deeply uneasy at the plenty here and dire hunger abroad.

American generosity is proverbial. We are morally prepared for real sacrifices that millions may live. But the public will not cooperate unless these sacrifices are more or less equally shared, and this can be done only by bold government action along lines of set aside orders, feed diversion, grain price adjustment and probably wheatless days.

Time is short. The next three months may see more die of famine than were killed in the war.

Empty stomachs favor political instability and dangerous jockeying for power in critical areas, including ex-enemy areas, the greatest generosity of which we are nationally capable will in the end prove to be not only Christian charity, but truly enlightened self-interest.

A QUICK WAY TO HELP

The best way to help starving Europe is to help them help themselves and one way most of us could help at once is for some one to head a movement at once to collect seeds, grain, and bulbs of various kinds, such as the ones we have left over, or collected as gifts from various stores and individuals, and get them started at once overseas so they may be planted now—this spring.

War has done untold damage to everything about them, and they would appreciate these things and it would cost us so little.

If a responsible organization would take this responsibility and sponsor it right now, it would save many millions of lives of people as well as the poor little defenseless children who were not responsible for the war torn conditions of their country.

Let's make a headquarters for surplus seeds, and see that they are shipped abroad. If this is started in Black Mountain it would soon be nationally known and other communities would follow our example, and many hungry nations would be fed. Let's cast our seeds across the waters, they will pay big dividends.

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The Next Hitler Is Hungry In Europe Today

With millions of people in Europe living on 1500 calories or less per day the political unrest is growing faster than any occupation army can cope with. The daily diet for Americans averages about 3,400 calories per day, and the minimum requirements for life are about 2,000. This lack of food for Europe and Asia will probably warp the minds and thinking of the children and youth to such an extent that new Hitlers are being developed because of America's unwillingness to share her food.

Government experiments during the war with "planned" starvation showed that men who are hungry lose all interest in normal life. These men were fed 1500 to 1800 calories per day and showed every sign of starvation—this is more food than most of the people in Europe eat today.

When these men were fed 2000 to 2500 calories they still did not regain their normal reactions. To bring them out of their starved condition, it took up to 4,000 calories per day. The policy of our occupation army is to feed an average of 1500 calories per day to the people of some parts of Germany and other European countries.

Without more than twice this amount the young boy who may be the next Hitler will continue to be a social and political problem for our world. "If your enemy hunger, feed him!" Or, better still, feed him before he becomes our enemy!

ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINS

H. Grady Hardin.

Many of the outstanding social and religious agencies of America will sponsor National Family Week from May 5-12. During this time splendid efforts will be made in communities throughout the nation to center our thinking on the importance of the family in our civilization. That such a thing is desirable is obvious, but that it is necessary is tragic. Imagine trying to interest mothers and fathers in their children, or the

children in their parents! It is hard to realize that the people in our community should need any outside suggestion that the family must be preserved and strengthened and made a place worthy of our best efforts and deepest love.

Because there are young children on our streets at all hours of the day and night, because there are mothers and fathers who seldom stay at home, because of the students in our schools drop out before finishing, because the majority of our families attend no church or church school, because some families are being ruined by drinking mothers and fathers and children, because gross immorality is wrecking some of our homes, because the homes are too often just places to eat and sleep we need to observe National Family Week.

Building on the foundations of the good homes of our community we can begin to build our community on the solid foundations of Christian homes. Consider just a few suggestions:

Let the parents review the vows taken at their wedding and renew those vows.

Make a special effort to make the meal-time a happy family gathering.

Set aside an evening next week for "family night" and let it have a place for family games, family reading, and family worship. An older child would like to make the plans for such a "program."

Go to the church of your choice on Sunday and let the whole family sit together if possible.

Get some good literature on the family and check your own methods. Don't let the experiment end after just one week.

Will Conduct A Joint Mission Study May 7-8

Members of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild of the Old Fort Methodist Church will conduct a joint mission study on "The Divine Fatherhood of God" on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 7th and 8th, at the church. Mrs. W. C. Macon and Lola Lonon are respective missionary chairmen of the groups.

Society To Meet Sunday

The Woman's Society of the Methodist Church will meet on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the church auditorium. Mrs. Rena Noblitt of Bethlehem Methodist Church will conduct the devotions.

Mrs. W. E. Teague will be in charge of the program, "Children and the Peace."

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GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH SUNDAY

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

(It is suggested that you tear this prayer out and place it at your table to be used as a basis for family devotions each morning of the week.)

O God, who hast taught us that thou art our heavenly father, and hast made all men brothers teach us to live in thy divine family. Bless us in our own family relationships and lead us into that joy and peace and happiness that we can know in our homes. Lead the families of our community into a right relationship with thee and each other. Guide us from the wreckage of our broken homes throughout our world to the joy of family life built on thy guidance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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