

# POSITIVE PEACE: THE QUAKERS IN SPAIN

## SPAIN'S CHILDREN ARE HUNGRY



YOUNG VICTIMS OF AN AIR-RAID

**HELP US FEED THEM!**

*Our effort is simply to do the works of peace in the midst of war, affirming the rights of human personality which war denies. It is all that lovers of peace can do at a time like this. We have begun with the children, because no one regards children as red or anti-reds, and they can be fed and clothed without in the least helping the progress of the war. Moreover, by mobilizing masses of opinion on behalf of the children we cut across barriers of party and creed both outside Spain and inside.*

**- Alfred Jacob, letter to Miss Judith Corcan (From the Library of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain)**

### SOME ARE BEING FED

"At least give us milk for the children" is the plea of the mothers in Spain.

Since Christmas 1936, the Society of Friends have been distributing milk and other foods in increasing quantities chiefly to children and nursing mothers. American Friends joined in this service later. The work now covers canteens, children's colonies, hospitals and care for refugees, and is carried on in both Eastern and Western Spain.

To-day **OVER 10,000 CHILDREN** are being maintained or fed in Catalonia and 1,000 in Madrid, besides many more receiving rations from milk stations in Murcia and other places in the South.

MEALTIME AT A CHILDREN'S COLONY



Gift - Friends' Service Council

### BUT OTHERS ARE IN DIRE NEED

One of our workers writes :

"The lot of the refugee is certainly one of the most miserable. I have often thought how far preferable is the life of a slave, attached to a master to whom he is of value, with work to do which makes him forget his sorrows."

From BARCELONA

"The refugees arrive in an alarming state of physical weakness. Tuberculosis is rife and the children are its predestined victims."

From GERONA

"A thousand refugees arrived on Sunday with a few hours' warning, 800 on Monday, and many more are expected. This is certainly the gravest of the problems."

From SABADELL

"Food of all kinds is desperately short, and some refugees to whom we talked said they hardly remembered what milk looked like. One woman had lost her young twins from unsuitable feeding."

From ALICANTE

"The malnutrition, illness and disease amongst the refugee children is very tragic indeed. So often a child fails to respond to treatment owing to an already debilitated condition."

From OVIEDO (Nationalist Spain)

"We found Oviedo children scattered in temporary and permanent orphanages for 70 miles around. Others huddle among the ruins. One thing that most tugged at our heart strings was giving out 40 blankets to 652 children. Several of the little ones who did not get blankets walked up to them and felt them; one child patted the blankets and then walked outside into the night cold."

### WHAT CAN THEY HOPE FOR FROM YOU?

ONE OF THE THOUSANDS AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE



The hand of friendship extended to the suffering people of Spain will pave the way for better relationships between them later on. Thousands are homeless and hungry. They need food and clothing. Can you withhold help from them?

**5/- A WEEK** maintains a child in a colony.

**1/- A WEEK** provides a breakfast of porridge and afternoon cocoa for one child.

(Collecting boxes are available.)

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