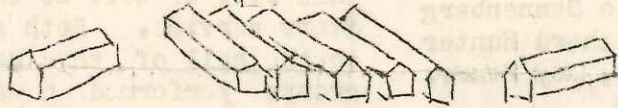


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AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO THEM, FEAR NOT FOR BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE. FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
AND ON EARTH PEACE GOOD
WILL TOWARD MEN

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SHALL THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE CPS CAMPS

At this moment it seems that there is but one subject that should occupy our minds - our nation is at war. What else is there to discuss? Yet certain questions about the C. O. are brought into sharper focus by recent events.

Should the Civilian Public Service program be finance by churches and by interested individuals or by the government? Those that favor government support argue from the assumption that supervision of the camps would remain in the hands of the churches, and that there is no reason why the government should not support the objector as well as all other draftees.

It is true that there has been some assurance that the government would furnish support without expecting to administer that which it finances. At this time such a suggestion would not seem realistic. If we wish to preserve the ideals of our position, we must avoid any changes which might, in any conceivable way bring our camps and our lives under the control of the militarism of a nation at war.

It may seem logical that under conscription the government should pay this bill as well as the bill for military service. Both groups responded to the call of the nation and both groups performed a service to their country. But there is a real difference of opinion regarding the patriotism of the two groups. With such a real difference, our own support of the program, though a burden, seems far wiser than to stand upon some right which might be proved. Demanding that the government finance CPS camps would have the effect of widening rather than narrowing the chasm of misunderstanding

Officials of Selective Service have made it clear that in their minds the most powerful justification for the stand which we have taken is our willingness to carry the financial burden of the CPS program. We have talked of sacrifice as the heart of Christianity. As long as we will practice sacrifice in the giving of our energy and our possessions to prove our sincerity, we may feel secure in our position. But if we begin to think now of our rights and of the burden which is ours, and begin to seek the easiest way, we will lose our opportunity to furnish a testimony to the rest of the nation and to those who do not stand with us.

No, this is not a time to choose the easier way. It is the time when we must act in faith and live Christianity for all that it possesses. We will be watched now if ever and in every detail our lives must be examples of the spirit of sacrifice, or our cause will be lost. -Richard Hunter

DISTRIBUTION OF C. O.'S AMONG DENOMINATIONS HAVING TEN OR MORE, NOVEMBER 1, 1941

Religion	Certified in IV-E	Assignees in Camp	Deferred or Reclassified	Unassigned
Baptist	86	32	46	10
Brethern	407	187		32
Catholic	55	19	32	4
Church of Christ	57	14	41	2
Church of God	57	22	31	4
Congregational-Christian	51	17	25	9
Episcopal	31	12	17	2
Evangelical-Reformed	31	11	17	3
Friends	210	104	94	12
Jehovah's Witness	204	25	144	19
Mennonites	1181	522	588	69
Methodists	246	88	137	21
None	159	41	103	15
Presbyterian	97	32	61	4
All Others	412	154	430	35
Totals	3286	1260	1766	241

NOTES FROM A. C. O.'S JOURNAL

Watchman, what of the night? What lies in wait behind that veil of darkness? Is this terrible threatening hulk merely an apparition born of a heathen fear? Have we permitted the night's natural shadows to blackout the dawn of a glorious future?

Ever forward are pressed the endeavors of a courageous, God-fearing people! Only those who have failed to avail themselves of God's eternal truths will sigh over yesterday's victories will shudder over life's inevitable morrow!

Not blind optimism leads our steps toward the future's higher ground; Nor is ours a hope engendered by a mental astigmatism which results from narrow spiritual prejudices. Ours is a staunch belief that truth and right will prevail! That love is the strongest force existant! Yes, ours is a humble trust resting upon the order and wisdom of a just and righteous God

Watchman, what of the morn? Surely toward this dawn we will plan, will work, will dream!

Dare we dream...of that far day
When futile strife will cease?

When each will love his fellowman,
And try God's will to please?

Dare we dream...of fleecy clouds,
Slow-moving, calm, serene?
Of quiet hills, of clover fields,
Of verdant pastures green?

Dare we dream...of homes, enriched
By sharing joy and pain?

Where truth and love will reign
Supreme in normal hearts again?

May each be given power to see
Beyond the daily task!

Thy will be done! Thy kingdom come!
Tis this, oh God, in prayer we ask!

FORUM

WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE CAMP
(Answers sent in by the members of the
advisory council)

Harry A. Diener, Hutchinson, Kansas

I appreciated very much the opportunity to visit the work project. To see the fine spirit of cooperation of the men with the government directory, with their own leadership and among them-

selves gave evidence of their sincerity in their Christian profession. May God bless these men in their daily peace testimony and all who have made it possible for such an opportunity of testimony.

E. G. Kaufman, North Newton, Kansas

To me the Civilian Service camps are most significant, especially if considered in the light of the future. Not only the future of our church but the future of the American civilization and Christianity is affected. I was glad to spend every minute of the day with you, and in my judgment the training that the boys get there through the work that they do will be the best kind of preparation for constructive needs which will become very urgent and pressing after the war is over. The campers are not only doing very significant work of national importance right now but also are being trained through that work to meet still greater needs to come after the war. It is a far-sighted policy on the part of our government to have made room for these C. P. S. camps.

A. L. Yost, Moundridge, Kansas

I wish to express my gratefulness for the good will and fine cooperation existing throughout the camp, among campers, officers directing the SCS work, camp staff, and advisory council.

The most impressive thought that enters ones mind however, is as to the why and what for "this new thing". When thinking about the subject the message of, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill to men", steals into ones mind at this time.

The reality of this is best realized when we read, personally experience, and live out the fact that God's love in the heart of man worketh no ill to his neighbor, but rather seeks their welfare instead of its own, and the saving of life rather than its destruction.

Thinking of a world which longs for peace, may our service continue to be rendered thus.

J. H. Miller, Hutchinson, Kansas

Having visited the C. O. camp on Aug. 2, Sept. 23, and Nov. 25, I was much impressed with the friendly relationship that exists, among the C. O. boys and the camp director, Albert Gaeddert, and his staff of helpers, the business manager, dietician, and matron; also the cooperation with the

government officials who have charge of the boys and the respect and good word the boys have for them. May we all cooperate so that the good work may continue is my prayer.

Isaac K. Ensz, Inman, Kansas
I am indeed very thankful for all the convenience that is offered to our boys through our government. We as God's people should accept this as a privilege to operate the camp. As the evil one is trying to hinder all the good works of the Lord, let us ever pray to God to overcome all evil, and cling to that which is good.
May God bless us all to this end.

FIVE MORE MEN ENROLLED IN CAMP

With the coming of the following men, our enrollment was raised to 128:

- Harder, Jesse John; Balko, Oklahoma Mennonite.....Teaching
- Nachtigal, Henry B.; Inman, Kansas Mennonite.....Farming
- Penner, Alvin; Balko, Oklahoma Mennonite.....Farming
- Swoveland, Ora, J.; Englewood, Colorado Disciples of Christ...Saw Milling
- Unruh, Ramon R.; Bethany, Oklahoma Nazarene.....Student

REVISED DENOMINATIONAL DISTRIBUTION

Memnonites.....	98
General Conference.....	41
Old Mennonite.....	21
Mennonite Brethern.....	16
Amish.....	8
Holdeman.....	6
Krimmer Mennonite Brethern.....	2
Mennonite Brethern in Christ.....	2
Hutterian.....	1
Evangelical Mennonite Brethern.....	1
Methodists.....	4
Jehovah's Witness.....	4
Evangelical and Reformed.....	3
Church of God.....	2
Plymouth Brethern.....	2
Salem Covenant.....	1
Friends.....	1
Disciples of Christ.....	1
Nazarene.....	1
Evangelical.....	1
Catholic.....	1
Lutheran.....	1
Assembly of God.....	1
Hephzibah Faith Mission Association.....	1
Apostolic Faith.....	1
None.....	5

CAMPERS' ALLOWANCES DISCONTINUED

Monday evening, December 1, the campers filed past Business Manager Ray Schlichting to receive their last monthly gift of \$1.50 from the Mennonite Central Committee.

The MCC decided to discontinue campers' allowances for the Mennonite-operated camps as an economy measure. Director Gaeddert presented the facts that in the past approximately \$200 was spent each month at the local camp on campers' allowances. For the period of a year this expense would approach \$2500 for the Colorado Springs camp. This sum would be a sizeable item in the proposed local camp budget of \$32,000 for the year. Discontinuance of the allowance among all six of the MCC camps would mean an annual saving of well over \$10,000.

A portion of the money thus saved will be diverted into other channels of expense such as education and recreation. However, much of the savings will go toward a lessening of the total CPS financial burden.

The universal response of the campers to the discontinuance of the allowance was favorable. Typical comments were the following: "If they can find better use for the funds, I am glad to sacrifice"...."This is a minor sacrifice which the men are willing to make rather than agree to government support of CPS camps"...."The allowance helped out quite a bit for certain individuals, but the money saved will run the camp for quite a period"...."It doesn't make much difference to me"...."If they are short of money for camp allowances, it's all right with me"...."I had counted on this \$1.50 a month, but these are days in which we must tighten our belts".

REVISED GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

Kansas.....	58
Iowa.....	15
Oklahoma.....	15
Colorado.....	10
Nebraska.....	9
South Dakota.....	7
Minnesota.....	5
Montana.....	4
North Dakota.....	3
New Mexico.....	1
Illinois.....	1

THOSE THAT WE HAVE MET

Elmer Palmer, Bristol, Nebraska

"Doc" Palmer has been in charge of the camp infirmary and hopes to do hospital work when released. Nursing experience gained during six month stay at Federal Corrective Institution near Denver where he was incarcerated for non-registration. Hobby is taxidermy. "Doc" is married and the father of two girls. Parents...S. B. Palmer

Dale Palmer, Bristol, Colorado

Hard-working Dale from the camp survey crew used to help farm 5000 acres of land in Kansas and Colorado. Hopes to continue farming and do machine work. Has developed an interest in local hospitals for different reasons than "Doc". Outdoor sports and taxidermy are his favorite pastimes. Dale also spent six months in the FCI for failure to register.

Kelly Palmer, Bristol, Colorado

Friendly Kelly, elder brother of Elmer and Dale, is married and the father of two children. Kelly has been farming and ranching for a number of years and expects to continue doing so. Has been working on the camp SCS research crew. Hobby is photography and taxidermy.

Rodney Koehn, Greensburg, Kansas

Has farmed for several years and looks forward to farming and cattle-raising. His special interest is motor mechanics. Special dislike is rug making. Rel. Aff....Church of God in Christ. Parents...John P. Koehn.

Cyril Diffley, Plaza, North Dakota

Has farmed for a long time and looks again to a future of either farming or the furniture business. His special enjoyment is auto-racing and most outdoor sports. Parents...T.J. Diffley.

Elmer Froese, Clinton, Oklahoma

Expects to continue farming as well as livestock-raising. Greatest enjoyment is horseback-riding. Has been farming with his brother most of his life. Rel. Aff....Mennonite.

TWO SCS MEN TO LEAVE CAMP

Mr. Harold Corn, Jr. engineer, and Mr. Hillery Mather, assistant conservationist, will soon leave the local camp as a result of a reduction in the appropriations for the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Corn plans to work in the field of land utilization in Amarillo, Texas, and Mr. Mather will be transferred to Herford, Texas.

Mr. Corn was born and raised near Hunter, Oklahoma. After attending the junior college in Eldorado, Kansas, he served in the navy for four years, his home port being in San Diego. In 1941 he received his engineering degree from the University of Oklahoma. His position here was his first experience with SCS work.

Mr. Mather received his college education in Kansas State Agriculture College. He was a school administrator for eight years and was engaged in commercial work for five years. During the past six years he has been employed by the Soil Conservation Service in Baca county, Colorado.

The following statement was made by Mr. Corn and endorsed by Mr. Mather: "I want you to tell the men that I have enjoyed working with them and appreciate their cooperation. I treasure the friendships formed here and hope they will be lasting ones. I appreciate the understanding I have gained of your position and I respect you for your stand."

OBJECTORS MAY WORK IN MENTAL HOSPITALS

Word has come from the National Service Board that two projects have been established whereby men in CPS camps will be enabled to work in Mental Hospital Units. The two work units of 20 to 25 men each would be assigned to the State Hospitals in Elgin, Ill., and Gardner, Mass.

The men accepted for the work would serve as attendant nurses, laboratory technicians, kitchen and dining room assistants, clerical workers, and psychiatrists.

Sixteen men from the local camp have indicated an interest in the projects. No announcement has been made concerning the method of selecting the men.

PIKE VIEW PEACE NEWS will not be published during the Christmas vacation. Next publication will be Jan. 10

THE DIRECTOR ANSWERS:

Question: Now that war has come, how can we sustain our courage?

Answer: The courage of the Christian has its foundation in things eternal. The source of this courage is the God of Jesus Christ; in Him the faith of the Christian dwells. This courage must now, as always, manifest itself in attributes of love, peace, kindness, generosity, moral integrity, and self-control in the form of unselfish service to the welfare of humanity. But we need not deceive ourselves to think that we can do this of our own strength; "God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble."

Question: Now that we have cast our lot with less than one percent of the American people, what future is there for us and for our cause?

Answer: The cause with which we have aligned ourselves is such that numbers neither make nor unmake it. It requires no defense, it is its own defense. What we are required to do is to bear witness of its reality. There was never a more apparent defeat than when the Cross was pitted against the Roman Empire and its strength; but the Roman Empire has vanished, while the Cross lives on. Although for us there may be no future---if the cause is of God it will live.

Question: Since the events of Dec. 7, is our work still of "national importance", and how might it be raised to represent a greater sacrifice comparable to that made by the soldier?

Answer: When the greatest need presents itself it usually comes in the form of food; food must come from the soil. When this war is over there will be large areas that will need to be fed. Meeting this need will no doubt become of international importance.

The role of the religious objector has never been one of avoiding danger points. We offered our services under civilian direction without pay and with the obligation of paying the cost of maintenance; we are grateful for this grant of the government. Although the cooperating government agencies are limited in number, already greater fields of service are opening their doors. Where we can conscientiously render service the element of danger will not deter us.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From Paul French came a telegram Tuesday afternoon which announced: "Special Christmas Furloughs Cancelled...." It was understood that the old 15% rule would remain in effect.

Mr. Eldon Durham, assistant director of San Dimas camp, spent Dec. 7-8 in our camp enroute to other CPS camps.

The opening Spiritual Life meeting was held Friday night under the leadership of President C. N. Hostetter, Grantham College, Penn. A report of the meetings will appear later.

N. Paul Stucky has been asked to discontinue operating his short wave radio station.

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"Men are brothers of each other
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives
of others
Comes back into our own"