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PROVISIONS FOR C.O. MEDICAL STUDENTS

Recently Selective Service has made some findings regarding conscientious objectors who are medical students or in internship. In individual cases Selective Service is willing to appeal for II-A classification for IV-E men in good standing in medical school. They will also do this for men who have completed pre-medical training and can produce evidence that they have been accepted in medical school. That means that it is necessary first to receive a IV-E classification before the appeal for change of classification.

The situation is slightly different with reference to internship. It is expected that the intern should be willing to take his internship in a hospital operated by the U.S. Health Service. Upon the completion of the internship the man should be expected to accept a civil service position with the U.S. Health Service or with the War Relocation Authority for the duration of the war.

These findings are encouraging since they make very fair arrangements for the completion of medical study for those who are conscientiously opposed to participation in military service.

ALBERT GAEDDERT GOES WEST

After a brief stay in camp, Albert Gaeddert, Assistant General Director of MCC Camps, left last Tuesday for San Francisco where he is to meet with officials of the War Relocation Board. He is to plan with them for the opening of special CPS units in the Japanese evacuation centers. These units composed of CPS campers will assist in guiding the recreation and education program in the camp and will help in the personnel work. Albert expects to visit the two Mennonite camps in Calif. on his western trip.

MCC CAMP DIRECTORS MEET

The camp directors of MCC administered camps met at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 5-6. Those attending were Col. Kosch of Selective Service, Paul C. French of the NSBRO, Oris Miller, H.A. Fast, Harold Bender, Albert Gaeddert, M.C. Lehman and the directors of MCC camps.

The meeting was opened with a discussion of the Mennonite peace position. The problem was to clarify, deepen and make articulate the attitude of our CPS program. It was emphasized that we need more of the spirit of sacrifice woven into the expression of our convictions. The last verse of Romans 12, "Overcome evil with good" was referred to as expressing our commitment.

An evaluation of the education program was given by Harold S. Bender, Dean of Education of MCC Camps. It was pointed out that camp life itself possessed great educational values in group living and self and group discipline. Suggested areas of improvement in education are more Bible courses, more outside speakers, more planned social life.

Paul French reported that four boys have left for Puerto Rico. Also prospects are good for enough hospital and farm assignments to accommodate all who are interested in these fields.

In discussing government-operated camps, Colonel Kosch stated, "We are not anxious to operate camps if we can make it work this way." The recent poll showed that 50 men unqualifiedly want government camps. Hospital and other service projects may answer this need.

After two days of discussion, Col. Kosch expressed appreciation for the meeting. "It has been a pleasure, I assure you," were the words of Kosch in speaking of the past work with CPS.

SO YOU BELIEVE:

That war is wrong.

That the German and the Japanese soldiers don't hate you just as you don't hate them.

That a life filled with hate even for enemies is ugly.

That trying to be Christian is the most worthwhile purpose in life.

That Christ wants us to love our enemies and return good for evil.

That fighting will never bring lasting peace.

That you would rather give your own life than plunge a bayonet into another man, personally innocent and merely forced to fight.

THEN THIS WAR WILL SEEM FUTILE TO YOU. YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF CONFUSED TRYING TO CONTINUE BELIEVING WHEN YOU KNOW THE MAJORITY DOES NOT. BUT THESE BELIEFS ARE WORTH STANDING FOR? THEY ARE WORTH DYING FOR. THINK THEM THROUGH. WHY SHOULD WE BE ASHAMED OF THESE BELIEFS? I'M PROUD TO BE A C.O. ARE YOU?

C.P.S. CAMP EXCHANGE

Crestview, Florida

Selective Service has recently allocated a truck for use at Crestview, which will provide for the much needed transportation of the newly built privies and sanitation equipment.

Weeping Water, Nebraska

Great interest in music has been displayed at Camp 25. A band and two choruses besides several quartets have been organized.

Bowie, Maryland

Formerly referred to as the "Beltsville Project", C.P.S. Camp 34 is located on the Patuxent Research Refuge near Bowie, Maryland. The work is carried on both at the refuge, which is administered by the Dept. of Interior, and at the Beltsville Forest Laboratory administered by the U.S. Forest Service, Dept. of Agriculture.

Dr. Garner, a Quaker from Richmond, Indiana, is Director of the camp.

Lagro, Indiana

Camp Lagro is at present studying the possibility of establishing a form of accident insurance for their campers. Plans are being laid to take care of the financial needs arising from expensive illnesses and accidents occurring in camp. Proper officials are being consulted toward this end.

Elgin, Illinois

The "food for C.P.S." project of the Brethren Service Committee has successfully delivered 23 tons of food stuffs to C.P.S. camps in the Ohio region. The food donated by Brethren farmers, is being collected by a large refrigerator truck at sixteen depots along a regular route. At each camp the load is "dumped" and empty fruit jars are collected for distribution at succeeding depots.

Adjuntas, Puerto Rico

Members of the newly established project in Puerto Rico known as C.P.S. Camp 43, have arrived there by plane. Mail to the unit must be sent by 10¢ airmail c/o Brethren Service Committee Unit, Castaner, Adjuntas, Puerto Rico.

Medaryville, Indiana

A number of men from this camp have taken several days furlough to help local farmers with their threshing.

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MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE



The Mennonite Central Committee, what is it? To many of us the MCC is a vague organization which has some thing to do with OPS and which has its headquarters hundreds of miles away in Pennsylvania. The staff of the Peace News finds in the history of the Mennonite Central Committee a modern saga of heroism, sacrificial service, vision--a story of achievement which should be shared with our readers. Our intention is that this will be the first in a series of articles relating the history and service of the MCC.

A great famine swept India in 1899. Sensitive to the suffering, American Mennonites sent representatives with food for the starving people of India. Thus began the international relief activities of the Mennonites.

World War I came. In its wake were destroyed homes, starvation, suffering. The Mennonites could not take human life. But their consciences directed them to restore and preserve human life. Pleas came from the Belgian and French people for food and clothing. The several branches of the Mennonites responded freely to these pleas. Relief commissions were established. The (Old) Mennonites organized in 1917 the Mennonite Relief Commission for War Sufferers, which collected more than \$300,000.00 for the Friends Service Committee relief activity in France. Fifty young Mennonites began reconstruction work in Europe. Twenty-six others volunteered for relief work in the Near East. \$360,000.00 was contributed by American Mennonites for this service. The General Conference Mennonites revived the Emergency Relief Committee. The Mennonite Brethren, Krimmer Brethren, and the Central Conference Mennonites established relief committees during World War I.

In 1920 came distressing news of the suffering of the Mennonites in South Russia. The Ukraine and Crimea were in the throes of a fierce civil war. Famine stalked the land of South Russia. All of the branches of the Mennonite Church turned their energies to meeting the critical need of the people of South Russia. Recognizing the value of united service in the field of Russian relief the several branches organized on July 27, 1920, the Mennonite Central Committee. It was a long stride forward. The Mennonites had joined hands in a great relief effort.

THOSE WE HAVE MET

David Toews, Kremlin, Oklahoma

Small but mighty....agile and witty
....farmed before camp....specializes
in purebred Shorthorn cattle....enjoys
travelling....likes to play tennis and
watch basketball...plans to farm after
duration....Mennonite Brethren.

Reinhardt Preheim, Marion S. Dakota

Farmer before camp.....drives dump
truck at present....has worked in kit-
chen....good sport...plays baseball...
likes hunting and fishing....hobby is
woodburning....types letters in spare
time....plans to resume farming.....
General Conference Mennonite.

Alvin Penner, Balco, Oklahoma

Tall, good-looking, jovial.....pre-
viously a farmer.....on survey crew at

present.....has been on kitchen staff
....likes baseball, basketball and ping
pong....future plans undecided....Men-
nonite Brethren.

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

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first anniversary issue of the
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Emanuel Hertzler, Assistant Director of the Ft. Collins CPS Camp, arrived here Wednesday to serve as acting director during Albert Gaeddert's ten-day absence. Mr. Hertzler was teaching science in a Pittsburg, Penn., junior high school before accepting the position on the staff of Camp 33.

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Camp Director Albert Gaeddert and Orie Gingerich discussed the CPS program at the Sunday afternoon session of the Dist. Conference of the Church of the Brethren, meeting at Palmer Lake, August 16.

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Several weeks ago Lisle Fellowship sent several of its members to worship, work and fellowship together with the campers here. This weekend another team is spending some time with us as a part of a deputation to Colorado Springs which will serve the Christian Church, Trinity Methodist, and the camp. This team includes Lillian Condit, Vocational Counselor in the Chicago public school system; Cecilia Goncalves of Brazil; Dale Dunbar, attending the University of Illinois; Maxine Brooks, music instructor; Larry Judd, who enters Yale Divinity School.

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The recreation committee reorganized this week with Edwin J. Schmidt elected as chairman. Following are the new committee members: Dorm 1, Elmer Kaufman, McPherson, Kans.; Dorm 2, Mike Waldner, Carpenter, S.D.; Dorm 3, Ezra Stauffer, Milford, Nebr.; Dorm 4, Ed J. Schmidt, Buhler, Kans.; Dorm 5 Milo Matthies, Buhler; Dorm 6, Don Campbell, Minneapolis, Minn.; Dorm 7, Henry Ediger, Kremlin, Okla.; Dorm 8, Dewis Bridges, Oklahoma City. The recreation committee plans a tennis tournament, both singles and doubles, for the coming week.

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The last word on foreign service is

The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one,
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one,
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When its love is done.

--Francis W. Bourdillon

a request from China for men from Chiang Kai Shek. Undersecretary of State Sumner Wells was interviewed and seemed interested. Clarence Pickett of the Friends is investigating.

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Ray Schlichting and Edwin J. Schmidt went over the Continental Divide this week to see what they could see. Their trip to Grand Junction, Colo., was a profitable one for the camp. They returned with 1700 pounds of potatoes, 13 bushels of peaches, 250 lbs. of tomatoes and several bushels of cucumbers and plums. Altogether, it is estimated the saving amounted to \$70. A large share of the peaches have been canned for the Winter months. Because of the success of this trip, another trip is being planned to Grand Jct.

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Robert Kreider was elected chairman of the Camp Council last Tuesday evening. Chosen secretary was Mrs. Selma Linscheid, camp matron, perhaps the only lady in all CPS serving as an officer of a camp government. Decision was made that the next dormitory elections will be held October 1. The Camp Council is composed of the eight dorm chairmen, two representatives-at-large, and members of the staff.

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Columbia University is offering a course on post-war relief and reconstruction. C.O.'s may have opportunity to be detached from camps to enroll for this excellent course which continues for 48 weeks.

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Correction on the last issue: Elmer Penner, Corn, Okla., Herman Quiring, Cordell, Okla., arrived on July 31.

On August 12 the camp received two additional assignees: Lee Jantz, Meno, Okla., and Leonard Johnson, Fairview, Okla. Christy Miller from Hutchinson, Kansas, transferred to the army on the same day.

August 21 Henry Janzen arrived from Henderson, Nebraska.

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