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BABIES IN BORNEO

From the Franciscan nun Mother Alphonsus of the Sacred Heart convent in Sarawak on the far away island of Borneo comes this long appeal:

"I come to knock at the door of your charitable hearts feeling that you will not turn a deaf ear to our current request—I dread to think that soon we will have to refuse little pagan orphans and castaway babies whom we could baptize if our dear friends in the United States did not come to our rescue. We have over 100 orphans and 30 little babies. And we cannot possibly take any more until we get help. And where to look for it except from the fortunate people so blessed by God in America? Even now we are unable to put a new roof on our children's dormitory. When the rain comes the poor little ones get wet and when the bright sun shines during the day through the holes it causes the little ones to catch cold so that they cry themselves sick. We beg your assistance. All our little ones make a special gift to the Blessed Sacrament every day to pray for the good friends who help us.

Your willingness with our boys and girls that is a very touching letter. We can help these little babies in Borneo by our Christmas seals. The infant Jesus the symbol of a little baby, the seal of the Christmas seals of the Holy Childhood Association. All of the money will be used for the purpose. And think of it, you could be on Christmas seals to know that you had secured some new friends to bring a little ray of sunshine to these little unfortunate.

measure to be so far ahead of their rivals the girls are enthusiastically presenting us with their fourth ransom a little Indian boy to be named Joseph Roy. Fine work indeed, boys, and all of the grades making the above mentioned ransom. Believe me we think you're swell!

If you're not sitting down I'd advise you to grab a chair before you read this next one. It isn't often that we receive such reports as this and you can just bet that we are proud of St. Mary's School, Corning. They are proudly waving eleven ransoms in front of us. Yes I said eleven! The Seventh grade wants John Francis, the Sixth grade wants three babies, Suzanne Rosaria, John Albert and Robert, three also from the Fifth grade, Gerald, Carmen Rocio and Barbara Francis, two from the Fourth grade, Robert Joseph named for a little classmate who went to heaven in November and Immaculata, one from the Third named John Martin, one from the First grade named Mary Catherine. And as if that weren't enough they also are sending \$21.44 for the year and \$22.00 for Holy Childhood seals. Thanks a thousand times St. Mary's for this magnificent report. You're tops!

St. Ann's, Hornell have been doing a land office business this year and they can just bet that we are pleased beyond words with their interest. This time they are paying \$7.00 in dues and the Second grade would like an African baby named James Peter and the Fifth grade would like a Chinese baby to be called John Patrick.

The Eighth grade 2 of St. Boniface want to send a Christmas present to some mission friend away out in Montana. They would like two little Indian children a boy named William and a girl named Mary. You can be sure that we will forward this gift for you and I just know that the Sisters will bless you many times for your thought of them.

SEALS:

The receipts on seals this week were most encouraging. It certainly shows that our children are working hard to provide a little cheer for their little foreign friends. The report is as follows: Blessed Sacrament, \$7.97; St. Bridget, \$24.00; St. Patrick, Seneca Falls, \$20.00; St. Margaret Mary, \$72.87; St. Ambrose, \$35.76; St. Charles Borromeo, \$70.00; St. Cecilia, Elmira, \$15.00; St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, \$32.80; St. Mary, Elmira, \$44.25; Holy Family, \$66.00 (additional); St. Francis Xavier, \$12.00; Nazareth Hall, \$25.00; St. Michael, Penn Yan, \$6.00; Holy Ghost, Coldwater, \$6.00; St. Mary, Waterloo, \$8.00; and St. John, Clyde, \$25.50.

NEWSWEEK

Well, oh boy! Are our boys and girls ever working hard this week. We have so much news on our desk that we can hardly get the surface! As busy as bees is the only way to describe the Holy Childhood members these days, what with their Christmas seals, their collection of old newspapers, their Christmas adoptions, and every thing else! I'm afraid that about all we can do this week is just to mention the adoptions and the returns from seals. We hope you'll forgive us but space will not allow us to go into the praise we would like to give each of you for your fine mission enthusiasm.

First in line we have St. Andrew's School with five adoptions! One is from the Seventh Grade North Chinese baby named Mary Josephine, Eighth Grade South, Mary Teresa Laniers, another Chinese baby, Fifth Grade South, Ruth Balzold, a little African baby, First Grade South, Mariene Klein, also from China, and the boys from the 5th Grade West, delighted beyond

American Red Cross Appeals For \$50,000,000 War Fund

Calling for the united support of the entire nation the American Red Cross has appealed for a special war fund of \$50,000,000 to carry on and expand its work among Army and Navy personnel. The appeal was broadcast to the nation through major radio networks by Red Cross Chairman Norman H. Davis.

In preparation for just such an emergency as the country now faces the Red Cross has been spending funds at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 a month. However with war in the Pacific now a reality the traditional Red Cross responsibilities to the nation and its armed forces have increased manifold and steps were taken immediately to meet these obligations. Chairman Davis said.

"Millions of Americans today desire to demonstrate their will to victory," the Chairman said. "Not all can be in the armed forces, not all can volunteer their services for humanitarian work, but all can volunteer their dollars to arm the Red Cross to be their representative at the scene of battle and distress.

"Today is the day to demonstrate our high morale, our unity, our determination to support our fighting men at the front, and to insure to the wounded and to our homeless and suffering fellow citizens in our Pacific Islands that we, as a nation, stand 100 per cent ready to aid them through the Red Cross.

"Let the Red Cross be the spokesman for every community in America. Thus, what we do and what we give will be the triumphant ex-

pression of our humanitarian spirit and our faith in victory."

In its months of preparations the various services which the Red Cross provides to the nation and its Army and Navy have been effectively strengthened. But under the new conditions activities all along the line, on the war front and on the home front, must be rapidly expanded. By tradition, custom and Congressional Charter the Red Cross is the organization that maintains those human and family links between our fighting men and the people at home, links which mean so much to both military and civilian morale. Through its ministrations to the men on whose shoulders the safety of our country now rests the Red Cross must prove that they have the wholehearted support of every single American, it was stated. The people, united as always in an hour of peril, will pour from their hearts the means which their Red Cross needs to carry on its work.

In announcing the war fund campaign Red Cross officials pointed out that contributions would be used only in connection with the organization's war work. Membership dues collected during the November nation-wide Roll Call are needed to finance the normal, day-to-day services of the Red Cross in thousands of communities throughout the country.



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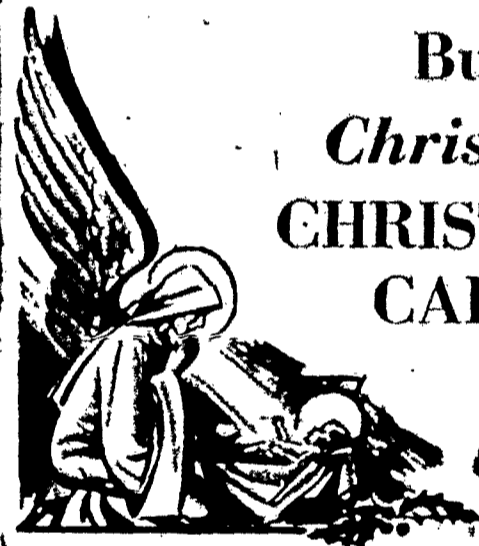
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