

At Our House**Helping the Christ Child Help the Kids Get to Camp**

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Martie is the surprise packing at our house. Last week she surprised us again—doing arithmetic in the middle of the summer. I tell her faithfully, "Cool—but forewarned with caution."

Now much do many others care for the city's underprivileged children?

For two weeks they will be away from their overburdened, unchildlike lives away from the fizzling, traffic-laden streets away from the hot, overcrowded rooms where they hopelessly try to sleep at night.

For the first time in their lives, more than 100 children—40 for each through period—enjoy healthful outdoor play on a wide sweep of grass lawn. They have nutritious meals served on breezy screened porches; supervised swimming in a quiet river and long nights of health restoring sleep in the big camp house.

Why should Martie want ten dollars? Not enough for a ticket to the exact—Miss Mary Merrick, founder of the Christ Child Society, decided that city children need something besides good food and fresh air in pleasant surroundings. If their health and nervous systems are to withstand the trials of city living.

So they go ahead with their project, confident that somehow the spirit of the Christ Child will continue to make their efforts successful.

In some miraculous hearts, all are touched—just as this year-old Martie was—and children are made happy through the help of the Christ Child.

Everybody of our house helped Martie raise her ten dollars in a money box placed above the piano. Mrs. Sullivan and the other ladies took Mary Ruth and me to help clean up the camp. They sold their ten dollars because their little girl was going to camp for a week.

It was a happy bunch of children who left the crowded, humid atmosphere of Washington for their first touch of freedom. They are the children whose parents cannot afford to give them this advantage. They

only because of their careful planning has the cost per camper been kept so low.

Every child at this camp is there because a vacation from home conditions is greatly often desperately needed. For instance, Edna, 14, the eldest of seven children living in three rooms over a store, is in bad physical and nervous condition.

She is pale, tense, timid, undernourished and undereveloped for her age. The camp's examining doctor recommends that she be allowed to stay for the entire season of eight weeks to avoid a complete breakdown. This has been arranged.

The first few days Edna could not seem to relax. She was constantly sweeping a floor or dusting. When the camp director suggested that she go out and play with the other children, Edna simply said, "Yes, ma'am." When outdoors, watched the children for a few moments, then began picking up stones and sticks from the grass. Now, after only a week, Edna is beginning to enter the world of childhood again, color is coming back into her cheeks and she even laughs now and then. This is surely preventive medicine.

There are scores of such cases. In spite of the ever-present headache—gathering small contributions to pay for these children's vacations—Christ Child workers find great satisfaction in this task.

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World Inventory Urged To Follow Marshall Plan

New York — (NO) — The "cold war" now being engaged on in United States should follow up the Marshall Plan for an inventory of European economic needs with a proposal, made through the United Nations, for a world inventory of security needs, Senator Elton McMahon of Connecticut told graduates of Fordham College at the school's midsummer commencement here.

"It is to be hoped that the 'security inventories,' when settled up, would show general agreement on the great principle that world peace cannot be created and maintained without adequate machinery to enforce peace," he declared.

"In this way, the burning question of peace with justice can be put fully and openly to Russia. In this way we can bolster our own position before the bar of world public opinion—especially in the critical Far Eastern area where our interests are most in doubt," said the Senator, who is a member of the Fordham class of 1923.

Mr. McMahon said that the present rate of disintegration in world relations could be plotted on a rough graph and would show plainly that if ways and means are not found to stop

"Givent a continued adherence to her past course, only one result can be anticipated—more aggression. The historic Marxist theory that security for communism in any one nation—for instance, now in Russia—can be assured only by a world won for communism is now apparently Russian policy. Where it leads we know only too well."

"The other horn of the dilemma is even sharper," he continued. "If we do not assist Western Europe to pull herself together, we will abandon her to the tender mercies of the masters of the Kremlin. We shall expose ourselves to the threat which we gave over \$30 billions of dollars and \$300,000 infinitely more precious lives to prevent—that threat is the domination of Eurasia by a totalitarian power."

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