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Friendship and understanding come with Quaker garden seeds to German prisoners of war near Toulouse.

For Those Still Imprisoned

Two Quaker teams visit German prisoners of war in camps near Caen and Toulouse to bring them friendliness and to relieve their sense of isolation. Probably the deepest contribution of the Quakers has been to foster better understanding between P.O.W.'s and French authorities. Service Committee workers have been able to bring to French and other authorities first-hand accounts of the condition of the prisoners.

International Friendship

The School Affiliation Service helps European and American students become acquainted. About 120 French schools are affiliated with an American institution of similar size, age range and social background. Pupils and teachers correspond and American schools send books and other supplies to their French friends.

How to Help

These services, seemingly inadequate when measured against the need, represent friendship and goodwill. The American Friends Service Committee is able to carry them out through the generous support, in means and in spirit, of kindly Americans. You can help this work to continue or to expand. Here are some of the things your contribution can buy:

- \$1 —paints and crayons for one year for a child at the community center.
- \$10 —noonday meals for one month for an underfed student.
- \$100 —training in tailoring or some other trade for one month for a class of refugees.
- \$1000—a barracks for a carpentry shop where St. Nazaire families could make their own furniture.

Contributions may be earmarked for work in France. The Committee also supports relief and rehabilitation projects in Poland, Hungary, China, Germany, Italy, Spain, Japan, India, Austria and Finland.

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FRANCE

LOOKS AHEAD



AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

QUAKER service in France is endeavoring to build individual and community strength to help this shaken country restore itself. It is concerned with immediate problems such as prisoners of war and the bombed out, and with long-term projects such as education and community services.

France's needs permeate the life of every Frenchman. They show in the drawn faces of the tired and shabby women waiting in dreary queues. They show in the bewilderment of national leaders.

Quaker services are small but they bring a hope for the future to people who have suffered even more deeply in their pride than in their physical privation. This help is given on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or politics.

Folk dancing enlivens the day for youngsters at the St. Nazaire community center.

St. Nazaire Community Center

This Quaker neighborhood house is one of the few community services for war evacuees who fled when St. Nazaire was heavily damaged by bombing. Since the war a Quaker transport team has helped many of these families return to government-built barracks which temporarily replace their former homes. Workers from these families are employed in rebuilding their city and its industries but community services are only slowly being resumed.

The Service Committee center helps to restore and strengthen community activity. The center library is the only one in the town, as the municipal library was moved out during the war and cannot be returned because of the building shortage. A sewing room provides a place and tools for mending old garments and making new ones. There are playground activities, dramatics, music and handicrafts for the children. Young workers have formed clubs for sports, folk-dancing and other wholesome recreation.

Help Toward Self-Help

In Toulouse and Montauban, Spanish refugees who are physically handicapped or whose schooling was interrupted by war, depended on relief or a precarious income before training classes were opened by the Committee. "Graduated" as auto mechanics, tailors, orthopedic appliance makers, cobblers, leatherworkers and carpenters, they become self-supporting.

Community recreation activities—folk dancing, music and study classes—bring these refugees into friendly contact with the French.



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Mastering the cobbler's trade and other skills brings independence to Spanish refugees.

Aid to Education

In the aftermath of war, French persons of vision have been working for a better future in the face of great discouragement. By giving moral support and material aid to some of these leaders in the field of education, the Committee tries to strengthen constructive forces within France.

A French educator is to be brought to the United States to observe classroom methods. Schools valiantly pioneering in spite of heavy odds have received some assistance. Small-scale financial aid to university students, many of them in poor health, is continuing. If funds are forthcoming, the Committee will aid anti-tuberculosis work among university students.

