

because of things that have been happening in the world recently All the answers can be found in this box - if you look carefully But as we were writing this letter the ink got smudged so we We wanted you to know about the work the Woodcraft Folk have devised this puzzle to help you fill in the blanks. By the time this box is opened many years will We are a group of Pioneers from Sheffield. has been doing to help children who are -Blue skies and smooth trails. "To whoever opens this box have passed 300d luck!





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But it was only this month he discovered how big a thorn he was in Hitler's side.

A New York professor , re-searching German Federal Ar-chives discovered a file relating to the Nazi plan to create a master race

Mr Fair's name was near the top of a Gestapo hit list, saying he should go before a firing squad.

Children from ten countries, including 300 from Czecho slovakia, attended. When they returned home, Hitler was invad-ing their country.

"Because of the friendship with us, they asked us to help find asfe homes for the children and as organiser, I did most of the work," explained Mr Fair. "Even though those Czech us refurges are now in their 60 and

refugees are now in their 60s and, 70s and all over the world, I still get letters of thanks for what we did."

Henry and friend in 1938, inset, him today THE PARTY OF

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SHEFFIELD BASQUE CHILDREN'S COUNCIL.

League of Nations Union Office, 14 St. James' Row, SHEFFIELD.

Mr.Basil Rawson, Stelley Avenue, SHEFFIELD 8.

30th July, 1937.

Dear

As the outcome of a conference that was held in the City Memorial Hall on Saturday, July 3rd, a representative Council has been formed with the object of bringing to Sheffield a number of the Basque Refugee children at present in camp at Southempton.

It is the wish of the Council that I should write and invite you to act as Vice-president of the Council, and I trust, therefore, you will be able to help us in this way.

I remain,

Yours sincerely Bonopary Secretary. Joiet



SHEFFIELD YOUTH PEACE COUNCIL.

112, Dobcroft Road, SHEFFIELD7.

25th September, 1938.

Dear Friend,

AN URGENT S.O.S. TO YOU.

In many towns and cities the film "B L O C K A D E" (which portrays the suffering caused by the war in Spain) has been used by local committees to raise funds for Aid for Spain, and in every case has met with success. This film is coming to the Central Picture House, Sheffield, for the <u>week commencing October 10th</u>.

A very satisfactory arrangement has been arrived at between the above Council and the manager of the Cinema. We are to advertise the film throughout the week by means of a loudspeaker van covered with posters. In return for this, the manager is allowing collections to be taken actually inside the building and will show a trailer immediately after the film asking people to give generously to the collectors.

This is a wonderful opportunity, but its <u>success depends</u> entirely upon the number of people who turn up to help with the <u>collections</u>. Therefore, we are inviting you to help us with this effort for Spain by coming along to the Cinema and assisting with the collections.

Will you please let me know on the form below on which evenings you can turn up. Flease volunteer to come every evening if you possibly can, and especially make an effort to come on Saturday and Thursday evenings when the crowds will be the largest. It will be necessary for some stewards to be present all evening as the show is continuous and people will be going in and out all the time.

In the present state of international affairs this effort may seem rather a small contribution towards bringing peace back to the world, but it is a contribution. In our preoccupation with our own troubles, LET US NOT FORGET SPAIN'S CHILDREN.

Yours sincerely,

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y, Pat,

for SHEFFIELD YOUTH PEACE COUNCIL SPAIN SUB-COMMITTEE.

JOYCE E. HUNTER.

I will be at the Central Ficture House as early as possible in the evenings of the following days during the week commencing October 10th. (Cross out which does not apply). Monday. Tuesday. Wednesday. Thursday. Friday. Saturday. Every.

and I am bringing friends to help.

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YORKSHIRE FOODSHIP COUNCIL (Sheffield Section.) Room 3, Saxone Chambers, 32 High Street, Sheffield. (entrance by John Bull's Studios.) Telephone 20468.

Patrons: The Rt.Rev.The Bishop of Sheffield, and The Lord Mayor of Sheffield.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr.O.C.Wilson, J.P.

Chairman: Dr. J.Atkin. Hon. Joint Secretaries: Mrs. F. Wood. Mrs. F. Tustin.

February 1939.

Dear Sir (or Madam),

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We are glad to announce that £1200 worth of cargo has been sent to Spain from Sheffield on the foodship which left Hull this month. Encouraged by the quick and generous response to this appeal, we are anxious to continue the work so well begun.

By the time you get this letter, the £1200 cargo will have reached Valencia and probably already have been consumed.

Wouldn't you like to ensure that one child at least will not go hungry when that cargo is finished? We have a scheme which will make this possible.

2/- will provide one child in Spain with milk for one month. Books of vouchers for this will be provided from this office. In this way individual children can be 'adopted', that is assured by In you of sufficient milk to save them from starvation.

The Bishop of Sheffield has started off the scheme by himself 'adopting' a child for one year. How many will you or your organization adopt?

Please return the enclosed form as quickly as ever possible. Children are starving while you hesitate. L- 23/3/19 adofty 1

Yours sincerely, Francis Wood. Joint Freda Tustin. Secretaries.



THE WOODCRAFT FOLK

Tel. STReatham 6031. 13 Ritherdon Road, Tooting, London S.Wel7.

Greetings Comrade,

Czech Red Falcon Relief

You will remember that in September, I issued an appeal for assistance to our unfortunate comrades of Czechoslavakia and as a result of this, we collected nearly 250 and were offered hospitality for over 40 children.

Unfortunately, the restrictions and requirements laid down by the authorities prevented us from filling the places offered. One of the conditions made was that the person offering hospitality: should deposit 250 as a guarantee. Thanks however to the untiting work of our Czech comrade, Vicki Schless, we have now been able to overcome all obstacles and so we once again appeal to you to consider whether you or frands in your locality could adopt or offer hospitality to these unfortunate children.

The only conditions now laid down is that persons offering hospitality obtain two references that they are fit and proper persons to have a child, that they shall see that it is educated (i.e. send it to a school such as a L.C.C. or Council school) and that they shall take the child until 18 years of age.

I would stress that the need for help is still as urgent as ever. With the tightening of Hitler.'s grip on CzechoSlavakia, the conditions of these poor children grow steadily worse and unless sufficent help is forthcoming, it is enevitable that they will be absorbed into the Fascist controlled children's and youth movements and receive a fascist training. I should be glad therefore if you will let me know if you can help in this direction and in cases where you offered to have a child, to make a fresh application giving details of whether boy or girl can be taken and what age preferred.

Friendship and solidarity,

Henry Fair "Koodoo"

National Organiser.

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1577 UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION. DISTRICT) (SHEFFIELD SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 1952 OPEN DAY & FETE HIGH STORRS GRAMMAR SCHOOL (by kind permission of the Education Committee) The Lord Mayor of Sheffield. Opening 2.30 p.m. (Ald. Peter Buchanan, J.P.) Speaker: Professor Arthur Newell, M.A. THEME "AID TO REFUGEES" INTERNATIONAL FILMS, EXHIBITIONS, FOLK SONGS AND DANCES STALLS, SIDESHOWS, ENTERTAINMENTS, including PHOTOGRAPHIC TREASURE HUNT, BABY SHOW, JUDO, PUPPETS, TEAS AND REFRESHMENTS. Admission 1/-. Children 6d. Transport: Buses 27, 28. 50, 74 or Outer Circular. Ecclesall tram. ADMISSION PROGRAMME



F. Scheibner. 47, Havelock Street, Glasgow, W.1. 14th. November 1941. Dear Mr. Rawson. Mr. and Mrs. Ehrmann, my brother and sister in law, sent letters to my friend Mr. H. Klinkhoff in Zurich, which were really addressed to Susee. I forward Mrs. Ehrmann,s letter enclosed. Against that I translated Mr. Ehrmann, s lines because this was written down at a letter of my wife with a very important contents for me. I am very glad to be able to forward these letter to Susee and the best regards and hearthy thanks of Susee, s parents to you and Mrs. Rawson for your extraordinary kindness. I myself follow with my best wishes to you and Mrs. Rawson and can only pray, that your very good behaviour and kindness to the poor girl will bring you happiness and blessing. You as we couldn,t suppose, that your welcome of Susee on June 1939 would become the beginning of such a long time of hospitality. I can only hope and wish that Susee is honest and doesn.t make trouble and brings you joy in your house. I am very afraid, that these letters from Prague could be the last possibility to get news from my relatives. They are in a very bed situation now and nobody can say, what they will suffer by the barbarity of the Nazis. We can,t bring any help or even only an advice from here. We can only hope, that the poor relatives will get over this worst time without greater harm at the body and soul. You can imagine, how worried I am about the events in my country. I am sorry, that I was not able to visit you again up to date. But I hope, that a possibility will come soon, to do so. I would be very glad to call and see you again for such a lor time. My best regards and all the best to you and Mrs. Rawson Yours very sincerely pluebue

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MOVEMENT FOR THE CARE OF CHILDREN FROM GERMANY

No: 2 Regional Committee.

Office at :-

Friends' Meeting House, Woodhouse Lane, LEEDS, 2.

H/IC

December 29th, 1939.

Mr. Rawson, 14 Strallay Avenue, SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mr. Rawson,

The above committee has recently been formed to undertake the responsibility for refugee children in the East and West Ridings of Yorkshire. This authority has been delegated to it by the headquarters of the Movement for the Care of Children from Germany, which finds it more satisfactory to decentralise its work in this way.

The first work of the new committee is thus to check all the addresses of the refugee children whom we understand to be living within the region, so that when these are confirmed the children's records may be sent down from London, to be kept and dealt with here in the future. Work for the children is generally undertaken in each of the many districts in the region by local committees, and the lists of the children, allocated to their local committees, which have been issued from London need to be altered and amended in certain cases. This contact between the hosts of refugee children, aided by the local committees is found to work very satisfactorily. It is hoped that the new regional committee, which is representative of the local committees will be able to give further advice and assistance as required for the care, education and training of the refugee

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children in the area, who number about five hundred.

If it happens that you are not in touch with any local committee, we will inform that committee of your address. In some districts no local committee is yet in existence, but it is hoped to form such a com-mittee shortly. An important part of the work both of the local and of the regional committees is to forward the six-monthly report on the health and general situa-tion of each child, which the Movement for the Care of Children insists upon.

We understand that you have in your care Suse EHRMANN, 5579. and should be grateful if you would confirm this, and also if you would let us know if you are not in touch with any local committee.

Yours sincerely

Janet E. Rimmer.

Secretary.



BR/MM.

14, Strelley Avenue, SHEFFIELD. 8.

January 22nd, 1940. (Monday).

The Secretary, Movement for the Care of Children from Germany, No.2.Regional Committee, Friends' Meeting House, Woodhouse Lane, L E E D S. 2.

Dear Friend,

With reference to your letter of December 29th, I have pleasure in confirming that Suse Ehrmann is still in our care, and that we are not in touch, as yet, with any local Committee beyond the National Committee of the WOODCRAFT FOLK, who made themselves responsible for 17 of the children from Czecho-Slovakia, of whom Suse is one.

She is in good health at present, and is in attendance at a local school.

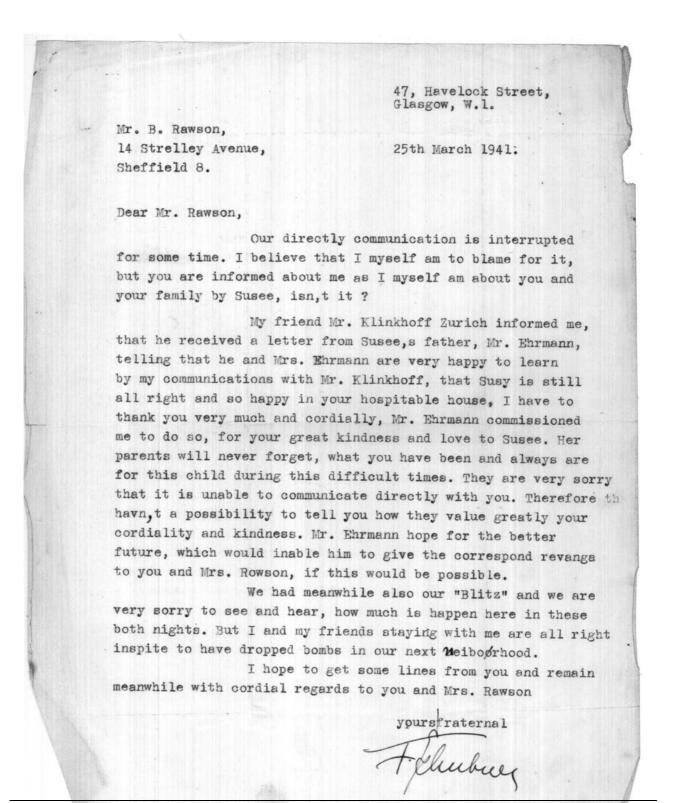
She has been visited once by an uncle who is also a Refugee in London.

I should be glad to hear of any local Committee formed, so that the necessary contact may be made.

With all good wishes,

Yours fraternally,



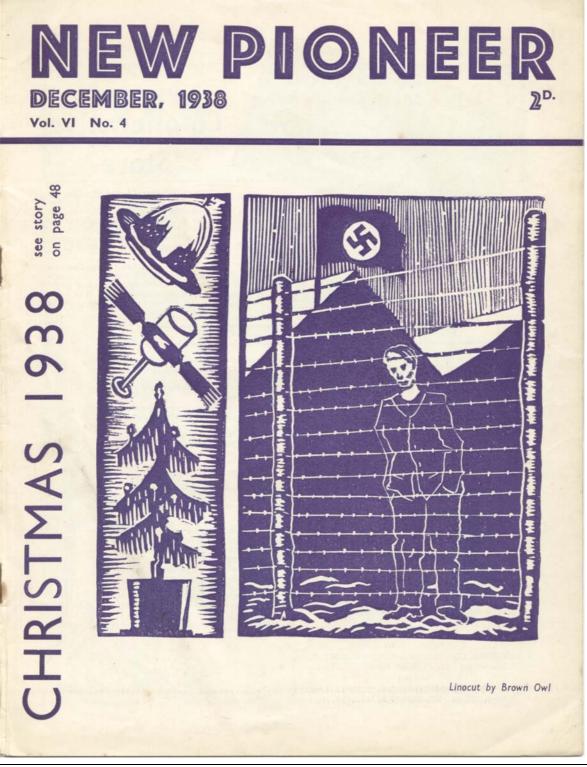


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15. N. 89. Dear friend, Very many thanks for your kind letter. I am so glad, that Jusi ist staying with you and feels at home over there. The informed me in her bast report. that she expects your soon return. I was glad to get letters from hors. Hull and for. Viliesial. They seem to be quite satisfied with my little good and I trust you also will not be mecommodatet by Jusie. her. Vilicsial wrote to me be would try to fund a job for me in England, so that one day we should meet again with Jusie, for will see what it means to a mother, Tom sure of it. Joes Juse speak English with you? and is there are improvement to see? I should be very much abliged if you would kindly look after my girl, twhether the worshes herself properly and cleans her mails. you know how children are. Tuse suffered three years ago from acute preumonica and ought to take care of herself I hope ill of you are well. There are no words to express you my gratitude for all, you do for my child. Hindest regards to you and all the formily Your very sincerely Else Christian.







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NEW PIONEER

DECEMBER, 1938

TRAGEDY

KOODOO writes on

SUPPOSE there must be a good number of the Pioneers who read this mag. who were at Brighton in 1937 and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

I wonder what you remember most about it. Was it the noise and bustle at every meal time ? Was it the fun we had in the evenings in the dip ? Or was it the envy with which you watched those Czech children blowing those trumpets, cornets, &c., and plaving all types of musical instruments.

&c., and playing all types of musical instruments. Do you remember that little child who used to sit on the shoulders of the tall fellow, banking her cymbals? She was great, I thought. She knew exactly when and how often to bang them together. And then of course there were all the other Czech children who were not in the band. Do you remember Willi Hocke, their leader, who made himself hoarse and nearly lost his voice through acting in the dip?

I expect that you can all call them to mind now, their beautiful clean camp village, notice board, their dancing, &c.

I wonder, however, how many of you have vaguely linked them up with all the stories that you have been reading of Czechoslovakia in the newspapers this last few weeks. For those who have wondered if the friends you met at Brighton were involved in the affair, let me tell you at once, they were ! Right up to the neck. Oh ! you will say, " I bet they didn't half have an exciting time. There must have been lots of soldiers about and fancy expecting a war in your own town."

Well Pioneers, it was exciting but it was not enjoyable, you can take it from me. You see, I have had a visit from one of our friends from Prague (that is the capital of Czechoslovakia) and also a letter from Willi Hocke.

Of the thousands of children that were in the Red Falcons, there are now only five groups with a membership of just over a hundred. Over 120 groups have been closed down. "Why?" you might ask. The fact is that all the groups that have had to be closed were in that part of the country that is now controlled by Hitler and he does not like the Red Falcons. In fact, he has had many of the leaders of the groups who came to Brighton, arrested and put in prison. The fathers of hundreds of those children who came to Brighton have had to flee the country to save their lives just because they were Socialists and their children belonged to the Red Falcons.

and their children belonged to the Red Falcons. Just imagine it. Supposing it was in England and suddenly one day your father had to leave you and escape to France to save his life. Perhaps your mother has to go too, if she was a member of the Guild or Labour Party.

Your dinner, your tea, your home. What would become of them? Who would look after you? Well, that's the position in Czechoslovakia to-day. Hundreds of the Red Falcons do not know where their next meal is going to come from. Already some hundreds have been sent into Belgium, so that they can live at least safely, if not in comfort. Fancy having to go and live in a country, miles away from your friends, unable to speak the language of your new country.

Now Pioneers, they need our help. They can only stay in Belgium providing they can be supplied with food, blankets, shelter, &c., and that all takes money. They have asked me if I can collect some for them from their fellow comrades of the Woodcraft Folk. I think I can, I know I can, and I am asking you now, to save up your halfpennies or if you are rich, your pennies, and give them to your Headman to send to me. Your pals, boys, and girls of that sad country, need our help. They are co-operative and socialist children. So are you. Well get together and help each other. "Freundschaft" the cry of the International Camp means "Friendship " and friendship means help for them in their time of need. Don't forget, I'm waiting for those halfpennies, the price of a lollipop, from you. Give it to your Headman at the next meeting. O.K.?

KOODOO.

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