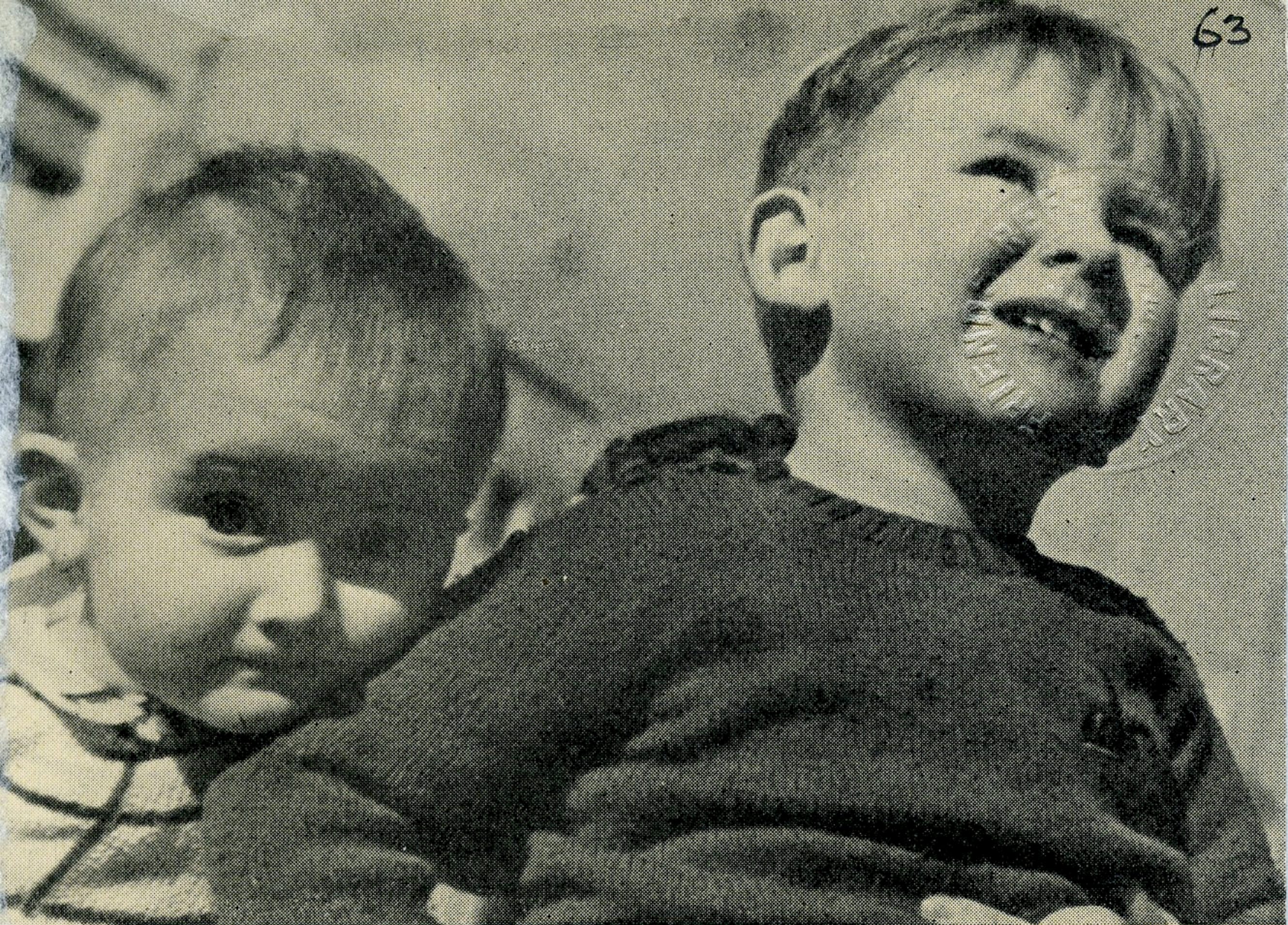




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Spain

The work of the Save the Children International Union and the Society of Friends

From day to day the war in Spain goes on, towns are destroyed, lives lost, men, women and children hopelessly injured. Are we, who live in safety, becoming callous, indifferent to the horrors, a single account of which would, in earlier days, have made us pale? When we read of children starved, tubercular, rachitic, of women bearing still-born babies, of men dying, do we turn the pages idly and say: "This is none of our business. It is the Spaniards' quarrel!" or do we, touched with human compassion, cry out: "How can we best help to alleviate the sufferings of the innocent in this monstrous slaughter, to feed the hungry, to bring relief to the dying?"

WHAT WE ARE DOING AND HOW YOU CAN HELP US

Since the first months of the civil war, the Society of Friends and the Save the Children International Union have had representatives in various parts of Spain, who, after preliminary investigations, have established relief centres. Many more such centres are needed.

Children's Colonies

There are still many thousands of children in Madrid and other exposed places so dangerous that no child ought to be allowed to remain there. These can be evacuated into empty country houses in safe positions, where they can be housed, fed and educated under healthy conditions of mind and body, if the necessary help in the shape of food can be sent. A large number of such "colonies" as they are called, have been established by Spanish Authorities, but they are now unable to do much more without help.

£1 per child per month will enable much good work to be done. We want to interest groups of people to agree to keep up a colony of their own with, say, 25 to 50 children.

CHIEF NEEDS

In every district the crying need is for food—milk above all, but also medical supplies, baby-foods—and SOAP.

School Lessons in a Sports Stadium.



Catalonia and Eastern Spain

In Barcelona, in collaboration with the General Relief Committee, we have equipped four canteens, one in the railway station, for refugees, and three others for badly undernourished children, where from one to one-and-a-half tons of milk (made from dried powder) and about two hundred tins of condensed milk are distributed daily by Spanish helpers under S.C.I.U. and Friend representatives. Biscuits and sugar are also supplied, as well as cod-liver oil during the winter months. It takes £150 a month to maintain a centre of this kind for 800 children, and the help of contributors is urgently needed for such purposes. People in Norway have entrusted us with the setting up of another centre, and have provided the means for maintaining it for three months.

Madrid

No one can be in doubt as to the need for food in Madrid. Everyone, rich or poor, has to go short. The Spanish Social Services have insuperable difficulties to face and the Save the Children International Union and the Society of Friends have assisted them by sending milk for the children under the auspices of the Council for the Protection of Minors, so that 4,000 children each receive two tins of condensed milk and two bars of sweetened chocolate weekly. We have made a special gift of dried milk to the Spanish Red Cross for the benefit of nursing mothers and babies. This work has been materially assisted by the lorries of the National Joint Committee which have brought up this food from Valencia when returning for a load of children. We have also to acknowledge gratefully supplies from the General Relief Committee and the Danish and Swiss Committees. Four tons of milk a week is a big item, but we feel that once English people are made aware of the needs, they will urge us to go on and will provide the necessary money.



War Zone: An Underground Refuge.

Valencia

Here we have given supplies to depots for refugees organised by voluntary organisations and departments of social services. From time to time we learn of people in terrible need and it is a joy to be able to send some relief promptly. Such service, however, cannot continue without further support.

South-Eastern Provinces

Since the fall of Málaga, the South-Eastern provinces are coping with 100,000 refugees, some sheltered in families, some in colonies, some in “refuges”, where they are not only half starved but are short of clothing, beds and furniture. In one case in Murcia, our investigator found the refugees sleeping on the floor of a half-finished office building, who only got one meal in the day, with some milk in the morning. We immediately sent some food to keep these people going temporarily, and also some soap and with the assistance of the Southern Spanish Relief Committee this is being handed out daily. Already the change in appearance and in behaviour is quite astonishing—“Someone is caring for us,” they say—surely this is work which must not stop for lack of funds.

Meal time at a Relief Centre.



Northern Spain

Vizcaya, Santander and Asturias are in dire need. Cut off from help by land and sea, they are subject to constant air-bombardment, while Bilbao itself is in imminent danger and full of refugees from Guernica, Durango and the surrounding districts. The inhabitants have no bread, meat, vegetables, fruit, coffee, tea, milk—everything is lacking and the staple diet is beans and rice. Babies are fed on flour and water for lack of baby-foods. We contributed £200 to the fitting-out of the food-ship *Backworth* for Bilbao, are sending out supplies for Santander with a representative, and hope to send help to Asturias, where matters are reported as “infinitely worse”.

Insurgent Spain

We have sent investigators to the Insurgent side who have reported that while there is not any real shortage of food, that special children's food, medical supplies, clothing and such commodities as cannot be bought in Spain are greatly needed. We have sent some special food—a good deal of clothing, and amongst commodities such things as 1,000 forks, spoons, and basins for a centre which could not give out food for want of them.

Just now, two members of the Society of Friends from the U.S.A. are entering the Insurgent area to make further investigations.

WE APPEAL TO YOU

We must have money to meet these needs. We appeal to everyone who reads this leaflet to help us:

BY SENDING A DONATION

BY INTERESTING OTHERS IN OUR WORK

BY SENDING GIFTS OF SUITABLE CLOTHING

BY ORGANISING A GROUP WILLING TO GIVE

OR COLLECT A REGULAR MONTHLY SUM

TOWARDS THE SUPPORT OF A REFUGEE

CHILDREN'S HOME.

GIFTS OF MONEY should be sent to:

THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS,

Friends House,

Euston Road,

London, N.W.1.

THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND,

20 Gordon Square,

London, W.C.1.

GIFTS OF CLOTHING should be addressed:

MESSRS. DAVIES, TURNER & CO.,

82 Queen's Circus,

London, S.W.8.

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