

Bennington College  
July 25, 1940

Memorandum for the Executive Committee,  
Bennington County Committee for the Care of European Children

From what I have been able to gather, the tasks before the Committee are the following:

- (1) To be accepted by the U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children as the official cooperating agency in Bennington County. The address of the U. S. Committee is 215 Fourth Avenue, New York City. A pamphlet giving the list of officers is attached.
- (2) Receiving from this Committee the necessary information, blanks, etc., for families to fill out who wish to care for the children from England.
- (3) Making arrangements with the Vermont Children's Aid Society to examine and certify homes of those who offer to take children.
- (4) To gather a list of those people who offer home care or who offer money for the care of a child in someone else's home.
- (5) To have a sub-committee of physicians and dentists make some arrangement for the furnishing of medical service to these English children for the period of their stay here at a nominal cost or without cost.
- (6) Arrange with the state and local school authorities to accept the children in the schools without payment of tuition.
- (7) Have the College sub-committee organize fully the arrangements for temporary reception of the children, including arrangements for the use of vacant hotels or other suitable buildings for this temporary reception period, under College administration.
- (8) Establish contact with people in Manchester, Arlington, Pownal, and the rural areas who may wish to create local committees and to be represented with a member each on the Executive Committee.

Note #1: The Red Cross headquarters (Telephone 120) have agreed to accept telephone calls with offers of homes or money which can be turned over to the Committee to investigate further.

Note #2: Would it not be desirable to have a publicity secretary to give full and accurate information in the Banner, to encourage people to make offers on the basis of exact information obtained from the national headquarters?

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The meeting July 23rd empowered the Executive Committee to carry out the program of organizing the locality for receiving and caring for the children from England. The meeting itself became the beginning of a General Committee. The Executive Committee is empowered to receive the names of others who wish to be members of the General Committee and to help in carrying through the enterprise. The Executive Committee is also empowered to add to its membership representatives from other towns.

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