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Speedy Response Is Needed

There is very little time remaining to organize and conduct a campaign to fill Friend Ship Golden Bear with food and clothing for stricken France, Italy and Greece. If we desire to give the City of Vallejo and the County of Solano a spot in the picture by providing a sizeable quantity of the needed materials for the first loading, our actions must be spontaneous and liberal. There will be little time for solicitation or for arousing public interest by publicizing the human need or the benefits that will accrue from our gifts.

The first announcement that the Golden Bear had altered its training cruise and instead of making a leisurely cruise to Rio, would become the carrier for a shipload of food and clothing contributed by generous Californians, was received with expressions of approval. Almost over night the program to fill the hold of the ship with food and clothing caught popular favor and it is now in full swing. The enthusiastic support accorded the plan by Governor Warren was inspiring and when he announced committee chairmen throughout the State and urged local communities to get busy, Vallejo was quick to observe the advantages of sending the Golden

power to enlist the support of the community as a whole. Since the first meeting of the committee, excellent progress has been made, numerous checks have been received, and it is believed that on loading day a large volume of merchandise will be ready for going into the hold of the ship. As an incentive for quick action, to stimulate and accelerate the movement, the plea has been made for cash donations. This plan will enable the committee to obtain the foods most needed, packed and ready for shipment. It will save quantities of labor and prove far more economical. It has also been pointed out that any person desiring to send a package to friends or relatives may do so with full assurance that the gifts will be delivered in any section of the three countries to be visited. Assurance of these deliveries comes from the State Department in Washington, which is giving full support to this generous movement.

Any person desiring to contribute cash, food or clothing may do so with confidence that their contributions will be fully appreciated and perform the services for which they are given. The movement to load the Friend Ship Golden Bear is state-wide and going forth expeditiously. We may

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