

PLEA FOR VIENNA CHILDREN.

Public Asked to Relieve Famine in Austrian Capital.

Following a meeting in Herbert Hoover's offices at 115 Broadway, yesterday, the newly formed American Relief Committee for Sufferers in Austria, which former Ambassador to Austria Frederic C. Penfield, is Chairman, made an announcement of its purposes.

Emphasis is placed on the urgent need for immediate response to this committee's appeals if the work of children's relief is to be extended during the next few critical weeks in Vienna.

"Children in Vienna no longer receive free food from the American Relief Administration European Children's Fund," this statement says. "unless physicians have pronounced them below normal in nourishment.

"Harsh as this sounds, the food shortage in Austria has reached the stage where all of the relief societies together have not sufficient supplies to do more than this.

"And this in spite of the fact that the Children's Fund program for this January calls for 232,000 free meals daily for children. The number sounds enormous, but Austria has a population of about six million people.

"It is useless to send money into Austria, because there is practically no food to be bought; what little there is must be paid for at a frightful price, and in getting it for one person it is taken from another.

"Checks for the American Relief Committee for the Sufferers in Austria may be sent to Alvin W. Krech, Treasurer, President of the Equitable Trust Company, 37 Wall Street."

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