

Hunger Problem Solved

It has taken a long time for social legislation to get into its stride, but at last we are beginning to go places. Every child ought to have plenty of milk, so Pennsylvania's legislature has passed a law under which every family on relief has delivered to its door one pint of milk per day for each child under 16. The milk is paid for at 12c a quart by deducting that amount from the relief check. After the further deduction of rent, practically every family has at least \$2.00 or \$3.00 a month left for all other expenses.

This is a good beginning, but of course children need solid food too. So we suggest that at its next session the Pennsylvania legislature consider the following bill:

"It shall henceforth be illegal for any family receiving public relief to contain any infant, babe, baby, suckling, papoose, bambino, child, tot, little one, mite, pickaninny, kid, urchin, youth, boy, lad, youngster, girl, lass, wench, miss, maid, or any young person whatsoever which shall be undernourished, underfed, emaciated, stunted, hungry, famished, starved, ravenous, or in any way insufficiently supplied with sustenance.

"Any parent who fails to comply with the provisions of this act shall be incarcerated in the jail, prison, penitentiary, dungeon, coop, house of correction, cooler, clink, can, jug, and any other place of detention until he shall have complied."

If this works, its well-conceived and far-seeing provisions can be extended later so as to take care of adults also. Other states will follow suit, and at last there will be no more malnutrition in the United States. What are we waiting for?
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