



Slight Improvement Seen In Nomad Worker's Life

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
NEW YORK, (AP)—America's nomadic "tribes"—the migrant laborers—are getting a little better treatment in some areas of the country but they still lead dismal, insecure lives, a church study shows.

The National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA made the report after a nationwide survey by the supervisory staff of its division of home missions.

"Little by little, not everywhere, but in many places, the attitude toward the migrants is growing friendlier," the report said.

OUTCASTS
The study showed more than 1,000,000 (M) of these seasonal workers and their families, virtual outcasts in some communities, moved up and down the country this year, following the harvest.

Although they helped reap hundreds of millions of dollars worth of crops, the report said, the migrants themselves are often jobless and hungry, shut out of local schools and churches, ignored or resented by the communities where they work for a little while.

But as 1951's harvest-time "Thanksgiving Day" neared, the migrants were reported getting more "willing help" from civic groups, medical societies, businessmen, farm organizations and others in addition to churches.

The home mission's division alone estimated it performed special services for some 129,000 migrants in 28 states in 1950.

Some of the division's 20 permanent staff members and 182 summer workers lived in migrant camps. Other traveled in 10 "jeep" station wagons, equipped with recreation supplies, record players, portable organs, first aid kits and libraries.

The Washington-Northern Idaho Council of Churches and the Pennsylvania Council of Churches also had their own mobile units on the road to aid the wandering families by the church units during the year include:

1. Care for 700 children while their parents worked on the fields at 17 child-care centers in Texas, Indiana, Ohio, Colorado, New Jersey, Delaware, Florida and Illinois.

2. Adult education, literacy and elementary classes for more than 550 migrants in 16 states, including a "demonstration school" at Utica, N. Y., for southern migrant children fallen behind in schooling.

3. Recreational activities—movies, picnics, handicrafts, sports.

square - dancing, singing, community nights—for 36,000 migrants, for 36,000 migrants.

4. Sunday school vacation church classes and worship services for more than 28,000 adults and children, conducted in shacks, barns, halls and sometimes in open fields.

LOCATIONS
The report listed these estimates of the number of migrants who worked in 22 states this year:

Arizona, 45,000; California, 200,000; Colorado, 25,000; Florida, 51,000; Illinois, 70,000; Indiana, 10,000; 20,000; North Carolina, 10,000; Ohio, Maryland-Delaware, 10,000; Massachusetts, 10,000; Pennsylvania, 10,000; Connecticut, 10,000; Michigan, 10,000; 10,000; Texas, 170,000; Virginia, 20,000; Minnesota, 13,000; New Jersey, 18,000; Washington, 20,000; Wisconsin, 600; New Mexico, 18,000; New York, 18,000.

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Chance Brings About Reunion
LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. Katherine Young, 59, was looking in the telephone book for the number of a friend.

The book told her she picked it up, her glance caught on a name, Jacob H. Koch. It was the name of a son she had not heard of for 39 years.

A phone call brought about a reunion and disclosed they have been living only 15 miles apart for almost 10 years. Koch, now 40, lives in Inglewood, Calif.

Mrs. Young, since remarried and widowed, lost track of Jacob when he was a year old. His father, Harry, now living in San Francisco, obtained the child after they separated in La Crosse, Wis., she said.

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KFLW this week added the "Lucky-U Ranch" variety program to its daytime lineup. The program, which features the Sons of the Pioneers, is heard from 12:30-1 p.m. daily. The Sons are assisted by Betty Taylor, sweetheart of the Lucky-U and accordionist Frankie Messina. George Putnam acts as master-of-ceremonies. As a result of this addition, "Ted Malone" moves to 3:00 p.m.

Soricide and peticide play a prominent part in "The Case of the Lute Lamented", the "Mystery Theatre" program for tomorrow night, 7:30-8:00. The daughter of an oil millionaire frames her tipping sister for the murder of their father, and then evidently the sister gets it too before the story is ended, judging from those two big words. Tomorrow night on KFLW and ABC.

The Merrill School Reunion Friday night was a big success and all who worked so hard on the affair are to be congratulated. Solid citizens displayed hidden talents; that their neighbors never dreamed they possessed. Toured the new grade school building for the first time. Present-day Merrill students should really enjoy learning their 3-R's in such pleasant surroundings.

"Europe and America: Partners or Rivals" will be tonight's subject on "America's Town Meeting", again being heard at the old 9:00 p.m. time on KFLW. Speakers will include William H. Joyce, Jr. ECA official and shoe manufacturer, Eldridge Haynes, president and publisher of Modern Industry Magazine, and Dr. Adriano Olivetti of Italy.



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