A Student in Distress

"Dear Friends: Since I am in great need, I am going to ask you for help. My wife and I lived in Silesia. Both of us went to school at Breslau University to study chemistry. In January '45 the Russian troops approached the town and we had to leave our home. We lost all our property. When we arrived in the Western Zone of Germany, we had nothing but what we were wearing and carrying.

The last two years have been very hard for us. Now I am going to school at Karlsruhe University. My wife is working at a chemical laboratory in Bavaria to earn the money I need to finish school. It's not so easy to live in Germany now, especially to study on an empty stomach. Winter is coming and we have no warm clothing. The few things we brought from home are worn out and there is no hope of buying new ones.

"It is very hard for me to ask you for something, but I can't help making an appeal to you. We have no relatives living, either in the States or anywhere in the world. Please think of us when you happen to have some old clothes you can do without. Is it possible for you to send some food to the hungry people of Europe?

"I am twenty-eight years old; my wife is two years younger than I am. We were married Christmas '44. We would be very glad to hear about the American life in the States. If you are interested, we could tell you about our home in Silesia and how we lived there."

(Hans Toepsoh, Karlsruhe, Baden, Philippstr 31, US Zone, Germany)

The clothes you gave to the recent Drive will be given to people, like Hans and his wife. If the clothes collectors missed you, you can leave your offerings in the Dillon hall pamphlet room. Your generosity a few Sundays ago when the collection was taken for the poor, will also make it possible for a CAPE food-package to be sent to Hans and his wife. Letters like the above should make you very conscious of God's goodness to you in supplying all your necessities and many luxuries.

These Are Poor Too.

Everyday we read about the poor who are starving, the poor without warm clothing, the poor without decent shelter. Yes, and there are Poor Souls who need nothing more to shorten the time of their suffering than a brief prayer, an extra visit to the chapel or a cross willingly accepted. Won't you do something to help a soul begin its Heaven by Christmas Day?

Prayers.

(Deceased) father of Jim Dinman (OS)
Frank Reppenhagen, '39; grandfather of
Bill Roberts (Law Bldg); cousin of Pat
Kenny (St. Eds); Friends of Jim
Conway (Z).
(Ill) daughter of Thomas Braniff (Dallas);
Three special intentions.