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Dear Contributor:

Will you send us a Christmas contribution for the old people among our Spanish refugees? We have about 250, and they are all over sixty-five. They are often childless and alone, and their only income is an old-age pension of 5,000 francs a month (about \$14). They don't have enough food, clothing or heat - the winters are cold in France. Thanks to the International Rescue Committee, we are distributing U.S. Government surplus food to some of these old people in Montauban, Toulouse and Perpignan. But many live in the provinces and we can best help them with your cash contributions.

You will read the story of Antonio A. on the back of my letter and see the faces of a few of those who sacrificed everything in their fight against Franco's tyranny. Will you help this Christmas by sending us a contribution or by "adopting" one of these old people?

Let me tell you briefly about a few of our activities since last April. We have raised over \$14,000 in cash, have shipped over about \$2,000 worth of clothes, and have continued our program of regular aid to eighty tuberculars. We have run a film benefit last summer of Pablo Casals playing Bach's First Suite for unaccompanied cello. This film, made by Robert Snyder, who produced "The Titan", is available for other benefits. (We raised \$278 at ours.)

Again many thanks for your belief in our work. Please help us again.

Very Sincerely,

James T. Farrell
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P.S. If you can spare an extra dollar, will you earmark one for "sewing machines"? If each one of our contributors sent us an extra \$1, we could buy those 25 sewing machines which our Spaniards still need so badly.



Antonio A. B. B.

Bullina Pro...



Florentina

"All my old bones ache and I am unable to work. I am an old man, a peasant and an Andalusian," writes Antonio A. Born in 1881, a farmer in Spain, day laborer in France, he now receives less than \$10 a month plus 6 kilos of bread to live on.



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