

Is Riggs Right?

Read what Riggs did — Read what Rabbi Wise said —
and did —, and then —

What do YOU say? What will YOU do?

Riggs is a Near East Relief worker (one of 511) in Western Asia—the Turk's Butcher Shop. Riggs has been there for some time. He has seen sights—men murdered in cold blood, women stricken down or, worse, led into brutal bondage; little children, homeless, naked, starving, “dropping like flies, in the streets.” General Harbord called it “misery unadorned.” Howard Heinz, representing Herbert Hoover there, said: “Merciful God, it's all true. Nobody has ever told the whole truth. Nobody could!”

And yet Riggs, kindly, compassionate, heroic Riggs, has not grown callous, has not lost faith. Riggs sent a cablegram. It was addressed to Dr. James L. Barton, chairman of Near East Relief. And when Rabbi Stephen Wise, of the Free Synagogue, New York City, read that cablegram he wrote a brief letter to Dr. Barton.

THE CABLEGRAM

BARTON 14 BEACON STREET BOSTON MASS.
NEW REDUCTION APPROPRIATION NECESSITATES
TURNING OUT MANY OUR ORPHANS TO STARVE
AS WINTER BEGINS BESIDES THOUSANDS AL-
READY REFUSED. WE CANNOT DO IT
HARRY RIGGS
Harpoot, Armenia

THE LETTER

Dear Dr. Barton:

Riggs is right. He can't do it. He can't turn out any more orphans and we must not let him. I beg the privilege of taking care of one of the orphans for the year and of pledging \$100 for its care. I am sure that many, many more would do this if they knew of these little ones. Riggs is right. God bless him.
(Signed) Stephen Wise

Two hundred and fifty thousand homeless children are dependent on the kindly hearts of America for rescue from cold, hunger and disease.

Over one million adults are destitute. The Turks have wantonly demolished their dwellings, stolen their farming implements, robbed their country of every valuable thing—even the window panes from houses and hospitals have been carried away! Until the next harvest the only hope of these people is America.

“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help!”

The oldest Christian people on earth—now free, though crushed by centuries of oppression—lift up their eyes to America, to YOU!

Must they look in vain? Must little shivering children
be turned out to die?

No! Not if YOU, too, say with Rabbi Wise:

“Riggs is right God bless him!”

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