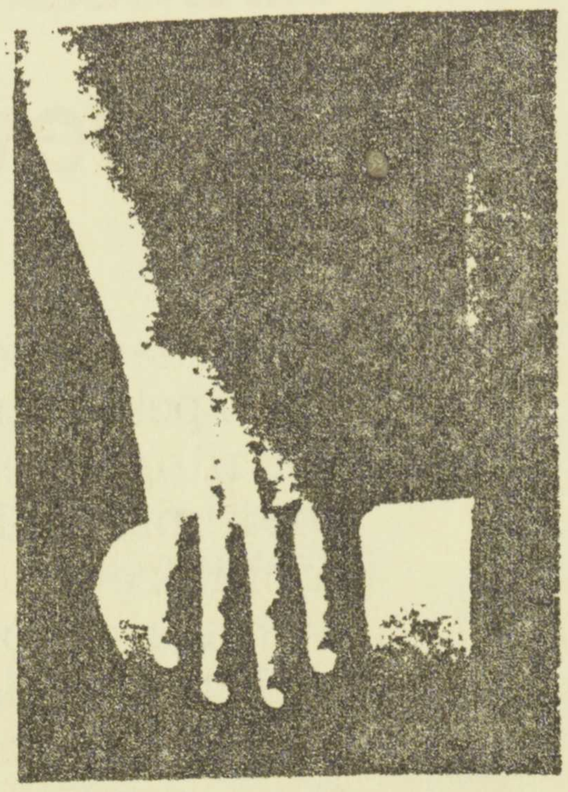
A gift of:

- $10 provides a rake and shovel for a Nicaraguan peasant farmer.
- $25 pays the monthly allowance for an adult-literacy instructor in Cape Verde.
- $50 provides 200 doses of infant DPT vaccine in Guatemala.
- $100 provides a refrigerator for veterinary supplies in Senegal.



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MYTH 5
Rich vs. Poor

Hungry people in poor countries are a threat to the high standard of living enjoyed by those in rich countries.

Fact:

Terms like "rich country" and "poor country" keep us from seeing that hunger exists in both industrialized and underdeveloped countries. Indeed, we share a common threat with the hungry abroad: the usurping of our economic power by an ever more powerful few.

Consider the plight of most U.S. farmers. In striking parallel to their poorer counterparts abroad, small and midsized U.S. farmers are being squeezed out, not because they are inefficient but because they cannot compete with the economic resources of the largest operators.

Moreover, we in the industrialized countries are victims of the same unjust economic and political systems which force hungry people in the third world to work for low wages. As multinational corporations take advantage by moving facilities to these countries, they take jobs from American workers.

Clearly, the third world poor are not our enemies. Rather, we should be allies in a common effort to regain our rightful power to achieve secure and satisfying lives.

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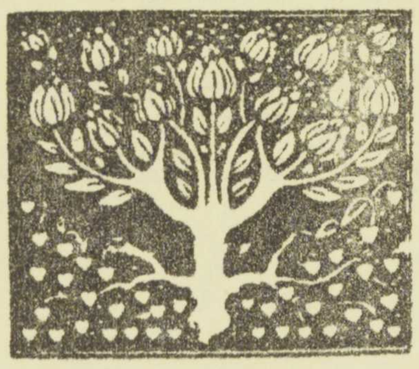

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