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PARAGUAY GROUP IS PROGRESSING

Press Cuttings

Bruderhof Colony now has 62 Families; Hospital serves Area.

By Harold Butcher (released by Worldover Press)

The story of the Society of Brothers in Paraguay, which for heroism and endurance reads so much like that of the Pilgrim Fathers, continues to unfold in South America, where the community still grows although still harassed by lack of funds and equipment. The 62 families living at Primavera, Alto Paraguay, feel themselves called to a way of life "in full community of all things spiritual and material", aimed toward a saner world.

Among their latest achievements are the completion of the big hospital begun in the fall of 1941 and now doing full service, including many operations; the building of a second Bruderhof community known as Loma Hoby, the Paraguayan name of an old estancia formerly on that site; and ministering to the neighbourhood, particularly through their medical service.

Twenty-four of the families live at the new Loma Hoby community, which has its own work departments, garden, cattle, workshops and sawmill, and its own school, all separate from the mother Bruderhof at Isla Margarita, and yet forming together with it one unit in all things, according to the precedent long established by the Hutterian communities of old times.

This unity between the two Bruderhofs is also expressed in the published constitution of the Society of Brothers in which it has been possible to bring to formal expression the aims and basis of the Society's communal life.

In addition to the communal life, the Brothers also engage in missionary activities. Brothers have visited Brasil, Argentine and Chile coming in contact with "seeking" men and women. The Brothers say they could do much more in the maintenance of their community and in carrying on their tasks if they were not seriously hindered by a lack of adequate means. They report with gratitude the arrival, from time to time, of letters with gifts from friends in the United States.

List of Addresses given by Menno Claassens.

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**The New Bruderhof in Paraguay**

*Primavera, Alto Paraguay, South America.* The Society of Brothers, known as the Hutterians, have now re-established themselves. The members of the Brotherhood, which was started in the sixteenth century, are all war resisters. They were driven out of Germany with the rise of the Nazis, and first took refuge in Lichtenstein but later were forced to re-emigrate to England where they established themselves in the Cotswolds. The W.R.I., which had enjoyed contact with and visited the Brotherhood in its happier days in Germany, and maintained that link in Lichtenstein, were able to take some small part in assisting the community while at Ashton Keynes, England. For a time two of the International's members from Bulgaria joined the Bruderhof.

With the outbreak of war the Bruderhof again emigrated, this time to Paraguay. In seven different ships the party crossed the Atlantic, 334 men, women and children. Like the Pilgrim Fathers, they have faced many trials and much privation, but are now firmly established in their new home.

7 boats

334 people