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It is a privilege to me to endorse wholeheartedly the Tide of Toys campaign of the South Carolina Department of the American Legion, which seeks to collect 27,000 toys to be sent to the underprivileged children of Europe.

This international goodwill program is sponsored nationally by the Legion, and the national goal this year is 10,000,000 toys. Every child who wishes to bring joy to the hearts of unfortunate European children is requested to select one new toy from his own gifts this year, and take it to the nearest Legion post.

The Reverend Dallas Mackey, of Charleston, who is state chairman for the drive, has assured me that an earnest effort is being made to meet the South Carolina quota. I am sure that every child fortunate enough to have received new toys this Christmas will gladly give up one of them to make a less favored child happy.