The Survey—A Magazine of Value

It is good to see the September issue of The Survey—good because recent issues have been reduced in size and there have been rumors that this splendid magazine might be forced to suspend because of mounting costs of publishing. The September issue is still on an "austerity" basis, but it contains Editor Paul Kellogg's word that there is hope the fall season will bring a solution to the three-year struggle to conserve The Survey and its parent organization Survey Associates, Inc.

The Post-Dispatch trusts that this trail-blazing monthly magazine is over the hill of financial difficulty. The Survey has pioneered so long and opened up discussion in so many fields which are now commonplace that it deserves the appreciation of the entire country. Fate would be not only unkind but also unfair if it cut down the magazine which dealt with housing and unemployment and social security and many other related themes long before there was a New Deal in government.

The new issue is an excellent demonstration of The Survey's value. Eduard C. Lindeman, back from a visiting professorship at the University of Delhi, describes the moral sense of India and what it has to offer to a frightened, cynical age. A South Carolinian reports a moving lesson in race relations from a rural crossroads. Dr. Dorothy V. Whipple, Washington pediatrician, tells what Americans may learn from British gains and mistakes in health care. An occupation wife describes American families in Germany—"with many of the superficialities and few of the realities of life back in the states."

If The Survey were to suspend, social workers and others would need to develop at once a publication to try to take its place. The sensible course is to give The Survey the secure, sound footing that its mission in American life entitles it to enjoy.