

# Carol Prompts Students To Aid Poor in Kentucky

HAZARD, Ky. (AP) — "They don't have Christmas in Kentucky. There's no holly on a West Virginia door. For the trees don't twinkle when you're hungry. And the jingle bells don't jingle when you're poor."

Some heard that carol on the sidewalks of New York, and other cities, and it brought them to the snowy mountains of Eastern Kentucky bearing gifts. The gifts went to impoverished families of miners. The decline of the coal business has made this area one of the most economically depressed in the United States.

"They just needed help desperately," said Diane Glasser, 17, of Jamaica, N.Y., a student at Hunter College in New York City.

### Composer Goes Along

Forty students distributed food, clothing, money and toys. The students collected funds at their campuses. They came from New York, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

With them was 23-year-old Phil Ochs, a folksinger from New York's Greenwich Village and composer of the carol which inspired the mission of mercy.

"Most of us never had come into contact with a situation like this before," said Alma Moy, 19, of New York City, a Barnard College student.

The students used such terms as depressed and saddened. But they reported gladness at their visits.

"We have been amazed and gratified by the warmth which we have been greeted," said Joel Fredericson, 19, of Cleveland, a Columbia College student.

One woman carried a tricycle from the gift distribution point. "She said she wished we would come again and said, 'God bless you,'" reported Bill Wertheim, 19, Brooklyn, N. Y., also of Columbia.

The students ate simple Christmas dinners with the miners' families.



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