

Goodwill To Men *Especially the Children*

Christmas is universal, in one respect at least. It has a magical effect on many that seems to bring out the best in them.

Here in B.C.S., where the best of people is displayed a little more often than in other parts of the world, at least in my opinion, one might not be as surprised to see all the goodwill shown by most at Christmas time. It never stops feeling good to help someone else, especially during Christmas.

One of the many unselfish efforts shown this year was that of the King family. Hope King, with the help of her family and friends, was able to bring about a little more Christmas joy this year for the orphanage of La Paz. While not the only large donation to this worthy cause, it was unique in that it was an effort done entirely by tourist/residents of this port.

During the month of De-

ember, the donation drive for the orphans at Ciudad de los Niños y Niñas de La Paz was in full swing. Just try to imagine the effort involved, although Ms. King feels perfectly at home in Baja California Sur, the fact remains that she was in a foreign country. The extra effort needed to collect funds in a different environment could have made a lesser person throw in the towel. To make matters even harder, Hope was competing with several charity drives for funds and donations.

On December 29, more than one and one half million pesos plus several bags of toys, food and clothing were turned over to Father Juan Meloni Ennas at the orphanage, who expressed his deepest thanks from himself and the children.

Acts from the heart, such as this one, should not be used as a political tool and this one was not intended as such. However,

hopefully whenever the American community, for one reason or another, gets crossways with

CRUISERS DELIVER GIFTS TO NEEDY FAMILIES

the vessel "Mad Hatter", who coordinated this year's effort, described the purpose of the program in this way: "We want to express our appreciation for the warmth and hospitality of the Mexican people and the city of La Paz. By sharing with the poor at Christmas, Cruisers have an opportunity to express these positive feelings. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with the Pentathlon Deportivo in a program like this."

Many people assisted in the Christmas program. This year the Club Cruceros de La Paz sponsored the program and recruited the Directors. Hundreds of Cruisers donated gifts or cash. The manager of La Sirena (department store)

their hosts, these types of acts can be remembered by those who would sometimes be too

quick to judge an entire nation and her citizens based solely upon the actions of a few.

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donated songs, taco vendors donated food, Cruisers and Berkovich Boatyard donated marine equipment and Marina de La Paz donated the use of a boat slip for one day. Many peoples lives were brightened by the efforts of the Cruisers and of the Pentathlon Deportivo. Gifts from the heart such as these are always the most cherished and these Cruisers have shown their unselfishness once again. Their presence in La Paz Harbor is not tolerated, but invited by the citizens of La Paz.



The Cruisers who delivered the Christmas gifts were greeted by poor but proud families who had gifts of food or refreshments waiting for the group. Traditional Christmas "ponche" was served at one of the stops.



Lorraine "La Payasa" was on hand to entertain the kids. Loraine never misses an opportunity to bring joy to kids with her antics.