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The Need For Blood Is So Acute. . .

That within 72 hours after you give it it will be on the battlefield in Korea. is because the blood reserve is so low. Why this is was not explained. Evidently the American people have a lot of Scotch blood in their veins.

The Armed Forces Blood Bank will be at the Children's Hospital on Notre Dame avenue this coming Thursday and Friday and the 21st through the 25th of April. This week some 300 students will donate their blood; the remainder of the student body will have their opportunity during the week after Easter vacation.

The Notre Dame Shift.

When the first request for blood donors was proposed the response indicated an appreciable shift upward in the rate of actual donors to possible donors. But now the indications are that there is a Notre Dame Lag .- Notre Dame lags far behind other universities of the country in both percentages and actual pledges.

The need for volunteers is still great. The men who have signed pledge cards but have not returned the parental permission slips are requested to do so immediately. If you are under 21 and do not have this permission slip filled out, you will be unable to give blood. All slips should be turned in to the hall representatives or at the lobby of the dining hall.

Those who will donate blood this week have already been notified. It is essential that these men refrain from eating fatty foods, such as milk, cream, eggs, fried foods, etc., for 4 hours within donating time. A substantial lunch will be served afterwards!

Kindly Be On Time.

If the schedule is to be run off on time without a hitch each appointment must be kept on time. Since cancelled cuts will be given for classes missed, this being-ontime should not be difficult.

Giving Your Blood Will Save A Life.

Volunteers are still needed. If you have not been contacted you may sign up in the lobby of the dining hall this week. As long as this is Lent, remember that next week is Holy Week; on the first Good Friday Christ shed every drop of His Blood for all of us. It was this Divine Transfusion that gave us new life.

Discouragement.

It is the refuge of the weak. It is an attempt to put a cloak of respectability over a guilty failure. Hence it can never come from Gcd. No one who puts all his trust in God can ever get discouraged. Discouragement comes from the evil forces raging within us. (A pig never gets discouraged if it falls into a mud puddle, but a lamb will.) A man who breaks his Lenten resolution to assist at daily Mass and does not piece together that broken promise, when he very well could, is not the man he could be if he kept on trying. The Saints never found it easy to be good.

Let these last two weeks of Lent be our best. We all have a debt to pay; we are all squanderers of Gcd's graces; we are all guilty of treason. By the Sacrament of Confirmation we were signed with the Sign of the Cross and anointed with the Chrism of Salvation. For what purpose? TO BE SOLDIERS OF JESUS CHRIST.

Prayers: (prayers) Mrs .. inna Werneling. Ill, father of Jack Rosshirt. 4 sp. ints.