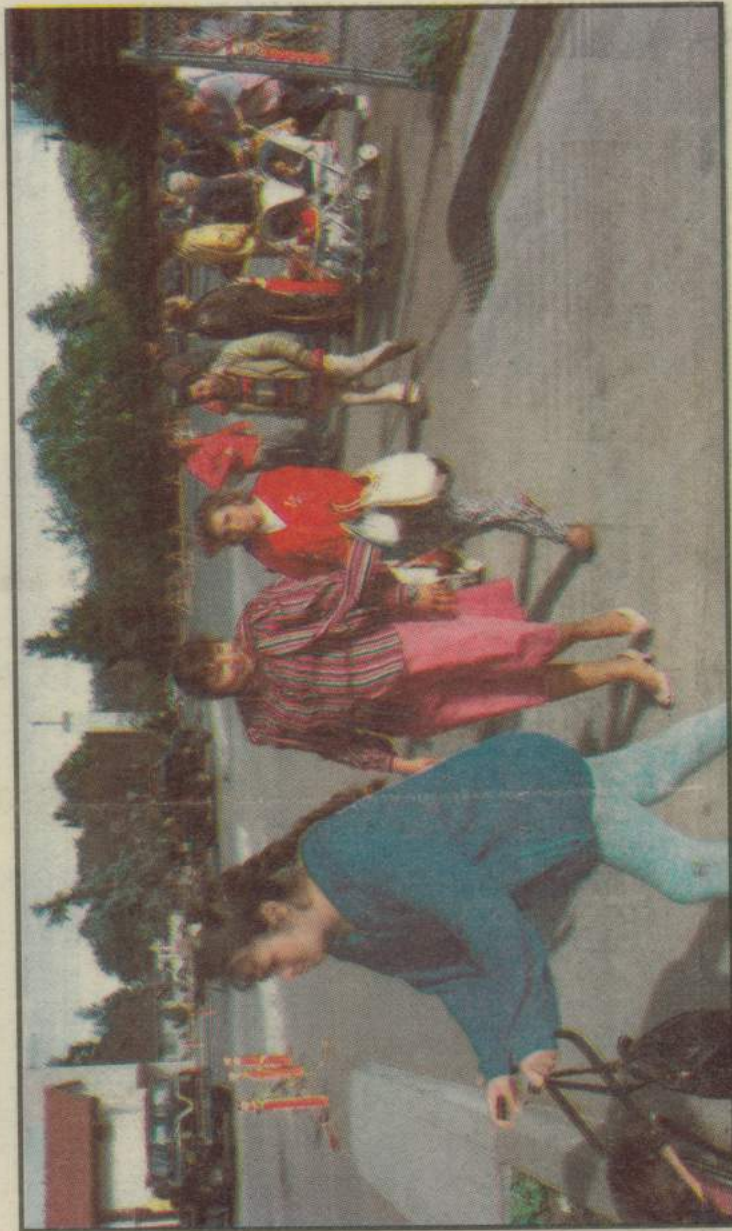


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Too little food, too many hungry Americans 'hurting'

Study says 30 million Americans



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A variety of people line up outside St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park.

hundreds more and way to IMP church hall

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MENLO PARK — Homeless nearly 65 years old, Kevin tt doesn't always know where will end up parking the Ford to he sleeps in.

ut Scott knows where he will on Thanksgiving Day. For the ond year in a row, he will join dreds for a free holiday meal St. Anthony's Padua Dining m.

It's a beautiful thing," Scott I recently as he ate a lunch of atloaf, mashed potatoes and n on the cob. "They decorate place and everybody is won- ful. I don't have a home, so is my kitchen."

he dining room is expected to d more people than ever on v. 26. Administrator Sam uff estimates that 1,400 men, men and children will line up a turkey dinner, 200 more n were served last year on holiday and more than twice number of those who are fed ordinary days.

We're expecting even more ple because of the economy. n on regular days, we're up to 100 people a day," Acuff d recently.

The dining room has operated ce 1974 in a hall owned by St. thony of Padua Church. It gan as a weekend meal sup-

BOSTON (AP) — Michael Stevens, a laid-off laborer, says he'd have to steal food if it were not for the free lunches at a homeless shelter. "There are plenty of people that I know who have to do that," he said.

Stevens, 29, is among the estimated 30 million Americans who go hungry today, a figure so alarming that an international famine-relief group is turning its attention to the United States.

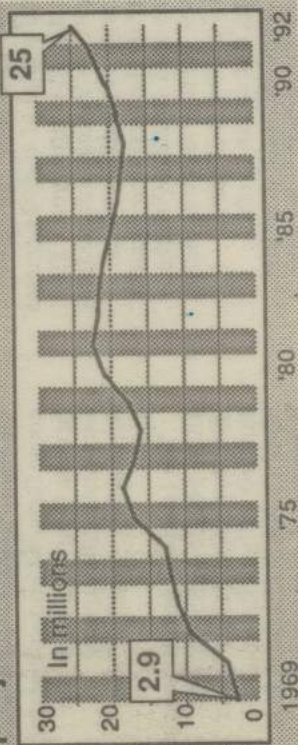
Oxfam, known for its work in Africa, Asia and Latin America, scheduled fasts and other activities today to kick off its U.S. initiative. Celebrity-studded "hunger banquets" were planned in Boston, Hollywood, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

"You don't have to go overseas to find the Third World," said John Hammock, executive director of Boston-based Oxfam America. "The Third World exists in the United States, and in urban as well as rural areas."

"This is a dramatic way of depicting one of the causes of hunger: the unequal distribution of food," said Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio, chairman of the House Select Committee on Hunger.

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Participation in food stamp projects since 1969



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Food and Nutrition Service, Tufts Univ.

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