



"Typhoid Mary" Starts her day

Just forty years ago, "Typhoid Mary" was caught by the New York Health Department. Her real name was Mary Mallon. She never had typhoid herself, and she never dreamed she was harming anyone. But in her body "Typhoid Mary" carried typhoid germs... millions of them. As a cook, she infected at least fifty-three persons. Some of them died.

All around us today are Typhoid Marys—and Typhoid Toms. They are spreading germs far more

deadly than typhoid—germs that infect the mind.

You can't see these germs; you hear them: Nasty words about a race or religion.

Even innocent words can be infected by a tone of voice: "Catholics"... "Jews"... "Negroes"... "Protestants."

Typhoid Marys "never dream they are harming anyone" by spreading racial and religious hatreds. But weren't such hatreds behind Hitler's concentration camps? Behind our own lynchings and race riots?

Let's stop the Typhoid Marys—cold—for our own sake, for America's sake, by doing these three things:

1. **Accept**—or reject—people on their *individual* worth.
2. **Don't listen** to, or spread, rumors against a race, or a religion.
3. **Speak up**, wherever we are, at home, in business, in our school, labor, church or social groups, *against* prejudice, *for* understanding.

REMEMBER—THAT'S BEING AN AMERICAN

