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Yugoslav Refugees
I. R. O. Refugee Camp
El Shatt near Suez
Egypt.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Washington D. C.

December, 18, 1947.

Dear Madame,

Yugoslav Refugees from I. R. O. Camp,
El Shatt, Egypt, wish you a Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year. May God give you whatever
you wish.

In their wondering full of grief strug-
gle and worries they remember with gratitude
"The Mother of the Refugees" who has dried ma-
ny tears, calmed many sufferings and given to the
refugees much hope by her steady intrepidity and
uncompromising fight for human rights and free-
doms.

They can not forget, they have to thank
only to you that they are not at present unlaw-
ful persons victimized by those because of whom
they were forced to remain abroad.

May God give you Madame a long
life for the good of the refugees and all humanity.

May the Almighty bless every step you
undertake in performing your noble mission and
may He give you every success in your work.

Faithfully yours,
For the Yugoslav Refugees:

Nikola Discevo:

Petar Radovan:

Angel Kuis:

Acim Skiatino:

Nikola Discevo

Petar Radovan

Angel Kuis

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Yugoslav Refugees

*Thank
deeper affection*

Yugoslavia

~~Fotitch~~

W. A. R.

I forwarded your letter to the State Dept. & they tell me that they can in the matter of displaced persons that returned to their own countries unless prima facie shown

SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

November 10, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have received your letter of October 22, 1947 forwarding a letter dated October 11, 1947 and enclosures sent you by Mr. Constantin Fotitch, former Royal Yugoslav Ambassador in Washington, regarding certain Yugoslav displaced persons said to be in the British Zone in Germany. Mr. Fotitch, has communicated with the Department on this subject, and his views have been given careful consideration.

The British and United States Governments have collaborated closely in respect to the problems connected with Yugoslav displaced persons within their jurisdiction, and our views on the matter are very similar. The ultimate disposal of persons said to be within British jurisdiction is primarily a British responsibility, just as the final decision in respect to persons found within United States jurisdiction is a matter for the American authorities to determine.

The position of the United States Government regarding the surrender of persons whom the Yugoslav authorities have requested for trial as war criminals or quislings was, as you know, recently set forth in detail before the General Assembly of the United Nations when this question was raised by the Yugoslav delegates. The resolution introduced by the British delegation and adopted by a large majority on October 31 in the Plenary Session of the General Assembly recommended that such surrender requests be supported with sufficient evidence to establish a reasonable prima facie case of identity and guilt and reasserted that trials should be governed by

the principles

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the principles of justice, law, and evidence. This resolution, it may be stated, embodies the principles which this Government has consistently maintained in dealing with this problem. In view of Mr. Fotitch's interest in this subject, it is believed that he is fully cognizant of the statements made on this matter by the United States and British Representatives in the General Assembly.

As for the suggestion that an inter-Allied or an Anglo-American group hear the cases of Yugoslavs who are accused by the Yugoslav Government of crimes committed in or against the Yugoslav state, there are a number of considerations which render such a proposal impracticable. The existing procedure, however, whereby the United States Government determines on the basis of all evidence available to it whether the Yugoslav Government has established a prima facie case of guilt is believed to provide due safeguards against the surrender of persons improperly accused.

Faithfully yours,

