The President of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is my privilege to present to you the enclosed petition signed by a significant number of the Christian ministers of New York City. Many denominations and all types of religious opinion, within the Christian churches, are represented in these signatures, and we hope that, inasmuch as our plea is on behalf not of Christians but of our Jewish brethren, we may be the more persuasive and convincing.

We have no thought of appealing to you for wide open doors for Jewish refugees. This we feel sure would militate in favor of anti-Semitism in our country and do more harm than good. We understand, so we think, the complexity of the problem, and are aware that the fulfilment of our petition will have to be guarded by well considered conditions and carefully limited numbers.

Nevertheless, we are sure that more generosity can be shown than is now possible under the present policy, and we respectfully urge on your attention this appeal in the interest of humanity and goodwill.

Most respectfully yours,

Harry Emerson Fosdick
January 9th, 1934

My dear Dr. Fosdick:

The President has received your letter of November 27, 1932, enclosing a petition signed by Christian ministers of New York City, concerning the position of Jews in Germany and the immigration into the United States of such aliens as their relatives and friends may be ready to receive under definite terms of guaranty for their protection and care.

American consular officers have already been instructed that every consideration possible under the law should be given to the difficulties which these aliens may encounter in meeting the requirements of our immigration laws. The Department of State and the Department of Labor are studying this matter sympathetically with a view to determining the extent to which, if at all, the regulations promulgated by the two Departments may be modified in order that the most liberal treatment possible under the law may be extended to such aliens who may desire to come to this country. Certain questions concerning the meaning of provisions of the immigration laws involved in these cases have recently been submitted to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to the President.

The Reverend
Harry Emerson Fosdick,
The Riverside Church,
Riverside Drive at 122nd Street,
New York, New York.
Dear Mr. Howe:

In response to the President's request I am enclosing a suggested reply to Dr. Fosdick.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Enclosure:

To Dr. Fosdick:

The Honorable
Louis McH. Howe,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.
Secretary of the President,
White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On November 27 I forwarded to President Roosevelt at Warm Springs, Georgia, a petition signed by a large group of Christian leaders in New York City, men like Bishop Manning, John Haynes Holmes, Bishop McConnell, and others. It concerned the possibility of a more generous attitude toward Jewish refugees from Germany.

I have not yet received even acknowledgment of this petition received at the President's office. I am wondering if you can at least enable me to say to the ministers who are interested in this petition, and are pressing me for a response, that it has been received. I realize vividly the pressure under which you all work and the endless quantity of mail received, but if you can help me in this regard I shall appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,
Robert A. Ashworth, Educational Secretary of The National Conference of Jews and Christians, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Henry A. Atkinson, General Secretary of The Church Peace Union, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

W. Russell Bowie, Rector of Grace Church, 802 Broadway, New York City.

George A. Buttrick, Minister of The Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, 921 Madison Avenue, New York City.

S. Parkes Cadman, Minister of Central Congregational Church, 64 Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary of The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City.

Edmund B. Chaffee, Director of The Labor Temple, 242 East 14th Street, New York City.

Allan Knight Chalmers, Minister of The Broadway Tabernacle, Broadway and 56th Street, New York City.

G.A. Clarke, Minister of Emmanuel Baptist Church, 36 St. James Place, Brooklyn, New York.

Everett R. Clinchy, Director of The National Conference of Jews and Christians, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Henry Sloane Coffin, President of Union Theological Seminary, Broadway at 120th Street, New York City.

John L. Davis, Minister of Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church, 133 West 4th Street, New York City.

Samuel M. Dorrance, Rector of St. Ann's Church, 131 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

William E. Dudley, Minister of Flatbush Congregational Church, Dorchester Road and East Eighteenth Street, Brooklyn, New York.

J. Stanley Durkee, Minister of Plymouth Church, Orange Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Phillips Elliott, Minister of The First Presbyterian Church, Hicks Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Anthony H. Evans, Minister of West Park Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam Avenue and 86th Street, New York City.

Frederic S. Fleming, Rector of Trinity Church, Broadway and Rector Street, New York City.
The President of the United States,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The plight of the German Jews has touched the heart of the world with pity. Repudiated by their own country, they have been driven like their ancestors of old into strange highways in search of shelter, protection, and sympathy. We are credibly informed that 40,000 German Jews have received the generous hospitality of France. Other thousands have entered into Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Czecho-Slovakia, and Great Britain. Into our own country only a few scattered individuals have come, although American Jews, numbering more than three millions of our most respected citizens, stand ready to receive and care for their distressed brethren. Our immigration laws have made it impossible for us to join other nations in receiving German refugees in this crisis.

This tragic circumstance prompts our urgent appeal. We believe that ways and means should be found to grant asylum on our shores to afflicted German Jews seeking escape from their country. We recognize that in our present national situation such admission may necessarily have to be conditioned on guarantees that the refugees will be cared for by their friends and relatives here so as not to become dependent on public charity. With whatever limitations and conditions public welfare may dictate, we plead, nevertheless, for a much more generous policy than at present obtains. Such action would be in accord with the best traditions of our Republic, and with the sacred precepts of our Christian faith.

We therefore respectfully ask you, as President, to take action, consistent with the law, which may permit entrance into our country of such refugee Jews as American Jews and their friends may be ready to receive under definite terms of guarantee for their protection and care.

We the undersigned believe that, in presenting this petition, we are speaking for the overwhelming majority of Christians not only in our city but in the country at large.

We have the honor to remain,

Most respectfully yours,

Robert A. Ashworth,  Educational Secretary of The National Con-
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Daniel A. Poling, President and Editor-in-Chief of Christian Herald Association, 419 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Karl Reiland, Rector of St. George's Church, 207 East 16th Street, New York City.

Christian F. Reisner, Minister of Broadway Temple, Broadway from 173rd to 174th Streets, New York City.

Daniel Russell, Minister of Rutgers Presbyterian Church, Seventy-Third Street at Broadway, New York City.

Harold G. Salton, Minister in Charge of The Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, 480 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

George Paull T. Sargent, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Park Avenue and 51st Street, New York City.

Paul Soherer, Minister of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Central Park West at 68th Street, New York City.

Guy Emery Shipler, Editor of The Churchman, 19 East 47th Street, New York City.

Minot Simone, Minister of All Souls' Church, Eightieth Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

Ralph W. Sockman, Minister of Christ Church, Park Avenue at Sixtieth Street, New York City.

Frederick K. Stamm, Minister of The Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, 350 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Ernest Wilmore Stires, Bishop of Diocese of Long Island, One Seventy Remsen Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Edward J. Walsh, Vice-President of St. John's College, 75 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Harry F. Ward, Professor, Christian Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, Broadway at 120th Street, New York City.

Edmund M. Wylie, Minister of Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, Park Avenue and 85th Street, New York City.
April 5, 1938

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing herein our feature story "LIBERTY SHIP" MAY BRING REFUGEES HERE to which we respectfully invite your attention.

I would appreciate very much an expression of your opinion in relation thereto for publication in our newspaper.

Ever faithfully yours,

HARRY H. SCHLACHT

HRS: SH
ENC:
July 2, 1937

Respectfully referred to the Department of Labor (Immigration and Naturalization Service) for consideration and reply.

M. H. McIntyre
Secretary to the President

Let. to the President from Samuel Ellman, Ellman Importing Co., Lafayette Bldg., Phila., Pa., 7/1/37; asks aid in bringing his two sisters, Rose and Clara Ellman, of Trembowla, Poland, to this country.
July 6, 1937

Respectfully referred to the Secretary of Labor for consideration and reply.

M. H. McIntyre
Secretary to the President

Let. to the President from Leon Sobel, 93 Barrett St., Brooklyn, N.Y., 7/1/37; asks that his brother, Leisor Sobel, and his family be allowed to come to the U.S. from Poland.
Better Housing Week
Starts Here Monday

SETTLEMENT HOUSES AND SCHOOL CHILDREN TO TAKE PART IN
DEMONSTRATIONS

Stirred by the collapsing walls of old law tenements, the lower East Side is reaching a high pitch of excitement with its Better Housing Week program to be held from Monday to April 10th. For the first time in the history of the housing movement of entire communities is participating in a demonstration portraying its housing needs and demanding immediate action in the form of a low rent project.

The schools, the settlements, the social clubs and religious and mem- bers of the community, all are working actively upon the program which includes essays in the schools, an educational campaign of Tenant's Aid, and art and craft work on housing to be exhibited at various settlement houses, homes for girls, in the colors of the party in the community, and at the Forward Park High School, a day school for working girls, and the WPA public service program, and trips to Williamsburg housing problem for housing.

This comprehensive program is being sponsored and planned by the Lower East Side Public Housing Conference, an organization which is completing its fifth year of housing activity and which was the first such group to start and saw the Senate with its bill for a housing bill in 1932.

Among the organizations participating are the Henry Street Settle- ment, Malcom House, Scopus House, Settlement House, Grand Street Settle- ment, Church of St. Matthew, St. Mark's House, Protestant Neighborhood Service, St. Mark's Settlement, and the WPA public service program.

Child Health
Day May 1

The WPA Teachers' Group Fight
To Keep Jobs

The WPA Teachers' Union, local 1210 of the American Federation of Teachers, has notified settlement houses, school districts, and other agencies, including the WPA public service program, that it intends to strike for the first time in the history of the New York City. The WPA teachers of settlement houses, schools, and religious institutions for the next several weeks have been engaged in a campaign to secure recognition of their union by the WPA administration and the settlement houses and schools in the city.

The WPA teachers are demanding an increase in their salaries of 25% and an end to the practice of using teachers as strikebreakers.

In addition to the strike, the WPA teachers are also demanding an end to the use of teachers as strikebreakers, an increase in the number of teachers employed, and an end to the practice of using teachers as strikebreakers.

Children School Act
To Assist Movement

CIGARETTE TAX SCORED ON
EAST SIDE

Councilmen Are Urged to
Vote Against Oppressive
Taxes

The East Side, representing the largest working population in the city, is definitely opposed to the imposition of a cigarette tax. This was made clear by the recent survey conducted by the East Side News. The vigor of the protest was manifested last night at a meeting of organizations where the question of the cigarette tax was discussed.

The East Side is a densely populated area and the cost of living is high. The imposition of a cigarette tax would be a heavy burden on the already hard-pressed families.

Court Is Lenient
To 1st Offender
Of Labor Law

A fine of $50 instead of the proposed penalty of a maximum of $500 fine or a year in jail, or both, was imposed on the import Kiwi Sportswear Mills. 100 Blackstone Street, on a charge of violating the Immigration Act in the transfer of the factory in a way that would deprive the employees of their rights. The punishment was noted by the Supreme Court of the Municipal Court of the City of New York in the case of the State of New York v. Kiwi Sportswear Mills, 100 Blackstone Street.

Said the judge: "The offender, in labor law violations, is not guilty of such offenses. He is entitled to the benefit of the doubt."

The court, too, wanted to punish the offender. To more severely.

Merchants Will
Get 'Cash Tips'

Secret Service agents have uncovered a scheme to cheat merchants of their rights in the tax law. The agents have discovered that two types of illegal hoaxes are being conducted in the city. One type involves the use of false certificates, and the other involves the use of false Federal Reserve notes.

Secret Service agents have also discovered that these schemes are being operated on a large scale, and that the frauds are becoming more sophisticated.

Civil Service Information
Available Without Charge

Any citizen may obtain the latest detailed information about civil service examinations for appointments in the Government service. The Civil Service Commission has issued a manual for all state employees, and has also issued a bulletin for the United States Civil Service Commission.

On request, the commission will mail a free copy of the bulletin. The bulletin includes complete information about the examinations.
April 6, 1938

Dear Mr. Schlacht:

This will acknowledge your letter of April fifth addressed to the President and I regret to advise you that the President will not be able to express the opinion which you desire. So many very meritorious undertakings are brought to his attention that in the interest of fairness to all the President is obliged necessarily to pursue a policy of not commenting. In the circumstances, I am sure you will understand his position and will excuse him.

Very sincerely yours,

STEPHEN EARLY
Secretary to the President

Mr. Harry H. Schlacht,
East Side News,
196 East Broadway,
New York, N. Y.