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Dear Mr. Baerwald:

It is with great pleasure that I send you herewith a copy of the summary report of the activities of the War Refugee Board which, as you may know, will be dissolved on September 15th.

It was only through the cooperation of private agencies, principally the Joint Distribution Committee, that it was possible for the Board to bring some measure of relief and hope to the suffering victims of Nazi oppression. I wish, therefore, to take this opportunity to express to you the deep appreciation of the Board for the outstanding contributions made by the Joint Distribution Committee to the difficult task of saving innocent people from a wanton and ruthless enemy. The generous financial participation of your Committee and its un-failing help and cooperation made possible much of the success the Board has known.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director

Mr. Paul Baerwald, Chairman,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Enclosure.

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AUG 23 1945

Dear Mos:

With reference to your letter of July 30, 1945, and enclosure, concerning the requirements of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for twenty 1½-ton trucks for relief and welfare services in Europe, I enclose a copy of the reply we have received from the Surplus Property Board concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, N. Y.

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New War Department Building

22 August 1945

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
270 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Attention: Moses A. Lovvitt, Secretary

Gentlemen:

Your memorandum of 30 July in which you expressed a requirement for trucks for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's use in Europe has been forwarded for our attention by the War Refugee Board through the Surplus Property Board.

The sale of surplus government property in Europe is under the personal direction of Mr. James S. Knowlson, who has been appointed Central Field Commissioner for Europe. His offices are at 22 Rue de Berri, Paris, France.

The regulations laid down by the Surplus Property Board under which we operate, provide for a priority for the needs of relief organizations such as yours which is secondary only to the requirements of U. S. Government agencies in the purchase of surplus property. Because the situation in Europe has been changed drastically with the declaration of V-J Day we are not in a position to give you accurate information regarding the availability of 14 ton trucks at this time.

We are forwarding your letter to Mr. Knowlson and suggest that you have a representative contact his office as soon as possible so that the full details of your requirement may be made known to him. I am certain that your needs will receive every consideration within the limits of availability of the type of vehicle you require. If we can be of any assistance to you in this country, please do not hesitate to write us.

Very truly yours,

Signed  
DONALD H. CONNOLLY  
Major General, USA  
Deputy Commissioner



Copies furnished:  
WFB (Mr. Reiner) ✓  
War Refugee Board ✓

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AUG 17 1945

Dear Mos:

We have just received the enclosed final report from Roswell McClelland which I thought would be of particular interest to you and Mr. Baerwald. This report is not being made public and is not being furnished to any other private agency. Will you please, therefore, regard it as very confidential.

Sincerely yours,

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, N. Y.

Enclosure.

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**SURPLUS PROPERTY BOARD**

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 17, 1945

*Date July 30, 1945*

Miss Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

This will refer to your letter of August 6, addressed to Mr. Jonas Reiner, concerning the requirement of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for twenty 1-1/2 ton trucks for relief and welfare services in Europe.

We have written the Commissioner of the Office of Army-Navy Liquidation Commissioner, requesting that he advise the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee how to proceed in this matter. Copies of our letter are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

*A. Eric Taff*

A. Eric Taff  
Acting Deputy Administrator  
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SURPLUS PROPERTY BOARD

August 17, 1945

Hon. Thomas B. McCabe  
Commissioner  
Office of Army-Navy Liquidation Commissioner  
New War Department Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCabe

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We should appreciate it if you will communicate with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee at 270 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, and advise them exactly how they are to proceed.

Sincerely yours,

A. Eric Taff  
Acting Deputy Administrator  
Foreign Disposals

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cc: American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

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cc: American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
War Refugee Board

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AUG 6 1945

Dear Mr. Reiner:

There is forwarded to you herewith a copy of a memorandum prepared by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y., concerning its transportation requirements in Germany.

The Joint Distribution Committee desires to obtain 20 1½-ton surplus trucks in France from the Army and Navy Liquidation Commissioner in order to bring relief and welfare services to approximately 130,000 Jewish survivors in German and Austrian concentration camps. The War Refugee Board certifies as to the urgent need for the services which the Joint Distribution Committee desires to render these displaced persons and the Board supports its request for the 20 trucks.

Any assistance you could render in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Jonas Reiner,  
Deputy Administrator,  
Surplus Property Board,  
Room 3012,  
New Municipal Building,  
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM

July 30, 1945

re: TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR J. D. C.  
IN GERMANY

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The American and British military authorities have agreed to provide gasoline and oil and to service our trucks, but they require that we provide our own trucks. We are able to purchase supplies in Switzerland, and certain surplus supplies in France from the army stocks, -- which could be brought to the refugees in the camps only through our having transportation facilities.

We believe the lives of many people are involved in our bringing in such supplementary articles as quickly as possible.

We would need to have twenty (20) 1 1/2 ton trucks in France, to be used for Germany and Austria.

Moses A. Leavitt, Secretary

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July 30, 1945

Miss Florence Hodel, Asst. Executive Director,  
Executive Office of the President,  
War Refugee Board,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Florence:

I enclose herewith a memorandum on our need for trucks  
and hope that you will take over from this point and  
see what you can do.

Sincerely yours,

*Mol*  
Moses A. Leavitt,  
Secretary

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I salute the invaluable humanitarian  
achievements accomplished by the Joint  
Distribution Committee and its incompar-  
able efforts on behalf of persecuted and tor-  
tured European Jewry.

*Samuel M. ...*

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# INTRODUCTION

In this booklet the reader will find the story of a 30-year global war for survival. It began in 1914 with the clash of contending armies. It went on through years of so-called peace when hatred, greed, economic dislocation and political crisis swept over the world. It brought to our days, along with the thunder of warfare, the scorched residue of extermination camps.

The victims of this 30-year war are still uncounted. Many are buried in unknown mass graves. Others are among the ashes scattered over the plains of Eastern and Central Europe. Still other victims are alive; children with haunting fear in their eyes, men and women driven as dust before the wind, the sick, the wounded, the enfeebled, the despoiled.

This war has had its heroes too. Its heroes are all those men, women and children who endured the years of enslavement and the cataclysm of war. Its heroes are the underground of many faiths and many lands who at the risk of their own lives held out the hand of friendship. Its heroes are those who sought out the victims, snatched them from danger, gave them shelter and healing, restored their bruised bodies and spirits.

Not least, its heroes are the anonymous Jews of America who heard across thousands of miles the moan of suffering and saw with eyes of compassion the agony of their brethren across the seas.

This 30-year story is fully written only in the memories of those who have been spared and who, now in the year 1945, can look with renewed hope to a renewed life. Here there is brought together the barest record of an effort that must still go on—to save, to relieve, to heal, to restore. It is the story, in brief, of what the American Jews who support the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee have tried to do for their fellow Jews; and of what they are determined to continue doing until this war too, a war for survival, shall have been won—in the days beyond the final victory of the armed forces of the civilized world.

*Paul H. Meier*

Chairman

# THE YEAR...AND YEARS...1932

We must face the future with a full realization of the tragedy that is now unfolding before our eyes. As the forces of the United Nations are liberating the European continent, the bitter truth is emerging from a six-year fog of apprehension. We may have had other hopes, we may have believed the tragedy to be less than some had imagined but the facts are now fully coming to light, they are out to be more dreadful than any believed possible. The Jewish community in Europe is in ruins.

The tragedy is not only that of the dead: of those who have been driven to their graves in labor camps; who have been brutally murdered by Gestapo and who have come to a fiery end in the furnaces of the extermination camps. The enormity of the tragedy that is now unfolding takes in the living as well. This must be understood: the surviving Jews of Europe have been separated almost completely of the wherewithal to help themselves.

Upon us then, the more fortunate American Jews, rest the gravest responsibilities. We cannot escape making the decision as to whether the survivors shall or shall not continue to live; as to whether they will or will not be granted the chance to re-acquire for themselves a normal, reasonable, creative life.

By conservative estimate, there are (outside of the Jews of the U.S.S.R.) about 1,500,000 Jews who have survived the years of the terror. It is a shockingly low number when contrasted with the size of the Jewish population of 6,000,000 in Central and East Europe immediately prior to the war. But it is a staggeringly high number in terms of what must be done in their behalf. A million five hun-



dred thousand people, Jews who have gone through a fiery ordeal, are in need of everything that human beings must have to sustain themselves, to revive their spirits.

After the last war, the problem in Europe was enormous. Yet it shrinks in contrast with the situation today. In the period after the last war, there were still local communities of considerable size that had some strength and resources, that were able to help themselves and even to help one another. Today, the Jews are nothing or almost nothing. They have been scattered across the continent, men, women and children hunted down like animals.

They are without homes. Bombing, expropriation, a scorched earth policy have deprived them of the most elementary shelters. They must be helped to re-acquire shelter and homes.

They have lost their health. The psychological agonies of thirteen years and more, and the physical deprivations, hardships and agonies have taken a fearful physical toll. They must be nursed back to health.

They have been dispersed and scattered. Families have been broken up; husbands and wives and children are unaware of one another's fate. They must be re-united. They must be helped to rebuild the foundation of their lives: the traditional devoted Jewish family. They must be helped to return to their former homes, or to find new homes in Palestine or elsewhere. Thousands of Jewish children, orphaned, or separated from their parents, have to be brought back from their hiding places, from their enforced surroundings, to Jewish homes and rearing. A thousand psychic wounds must be healed to restore this lost generation to take their place in the building of the future.

They are without businesses, occupations and the tools of earning a living. They must be helped to re-acquire those tools and to start life once again. They must be given help, modest loans, economic guidance and aid, so that they may again be self-respecting, self-supporting citizens.

They have been psychologically tortured and humiliated. Their nerves are shattered, their morale at a dangerous low. They must be restored.

They have lost the institutions built up over many centuries: their synagogues and schools and academies of learning, their hospitals and clinics, their orphan institutions and homes for the aged. They must be helped to reconstruct them anew since man does not live by bread alone.

To contend with the ravages of such a vast calamity, new concepts are needed. What we have been conditioned to think of as emergency assistance will be required for a long time to come. The amount of money that it will take will be staggering. No past benevolence by American Jews can be the yardstick for the years ahead.

The only way to face the future is to prepare to carry on, on a scale and with a program unlike anything done before in J.D.C. history or in the history of American Jews.

For the task for the year—and years—ahead must embrace 1,500,000 human beings who, having lost everything, will therefore need everything.

J.D.C. work is based on the reality that Jews in various areas of the world need special assistance because of the cruelties and tragedies they have undergone in unwonted and unprecedented degree. Whatever the suffering, the executions and the hardships by the Nazis upon the subjugated peoples of Europe generally, the peasants will still have their lands to till, the artisans for the most part will have tools. Many will return to their homes and occupations. Fortunately, in many cases they will find their families joyously awaiting them. The starved, driven, dispossessed, exiled Jews, however, and those who survive at home will have even less and nothing to which to return. To restore them will be an enormous task calling for cooperation among governments, inter-governmental bodies and voluntary agencies like the J.D.C. Each will have its burden. None will replace the others. The sum total of assistance that can be given by all will fall short of the sum total of the human needs.

J.D.C.'s part in this must necessarily be large even when it supplements the services of governments and public bodies. For the immediate future

J.D.C. must continue to bear the responsibility for: (1) extending emergency relief to the hundreds of thousands of Jews still under enemy control where J.D.C. relief, the only major source of aid, stands between life and death;

(2) continuation of relief for refugees who found temporary havens in neutral countries;

(3) continuation of aid in transporting refugees from temporary neutral havens to Palestine and other countries;

(4) aiding Jewish nationals in enemy and enemy countries who were never displaced or who returned to their homes immediately after liberation, e.g., Roumania, Bulgaria.

(5) emergency aid to Jews in liberated countries pending the organization of assistance by UNRRA which operates only by invitation of the respective national governments and approval of the military. Surviving Jews, who literally crawl out of hiding cellars, broken in health and penniless, are in most immediate need of physical aid;

(6) cooperation with UNRRA by lending J.D.C. personnel with experience and knowledge of Jews and by offering forms of supplementary relief to meet special needs of Jews who were everywhere singled out for harsh treatment and suffered more than most people;

(7) immediate assistance in the reviving of Jewish communal, religious and welfare institutions, medical, child care training and economic aid, which were completely destroyed by Axis occupants and which are indispensable to the effective restoration of Jewish communal life, a task which UNRRA can under no circumstances assume;

(8) and, finally, cooperation with governmental and inter-governmental agencies, to plan for assistance in the long run economic reconstruction of Jewish life and aid in the resettlement of those who cannot return to their former homes.

This is the burden for American Jews who have created and sustained the J.D.C. as an all-embracing global agency for rescue, relief and reconstruction.

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Executive Vice-Chairman



## 30 YEARS OF J.D.C.

It is possible to tell the story of the thirty years of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (J.D.C.) only in terms of catastrophes. Europe's Jews, particularly the Jews of Eastern Europe, have known them in abundance. That would constitute a bleak chronicle of oppression and subjugation before 1914, of a war (the first World War), of revolutions and counter-revolutions, of the travail of a peace between wars, of economic depression, of persecution, and finally, of war again. In such a story, the Joint Distribution Committee would be the embodiment of a struggle for sheer survival; and a testament to the work of rescue, relief and rehabilitation that were carried on—and swept away again by later calamity.

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(See photo above) On November 27, 1914, the first business meeting was held of the newly established American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The artist's conception of that historic event shows Felix M. Warburg, Chairman until 1932, presiding at a formal gathering of representatives of the American Jewish Relief Committee, and of the Central Relief Committee. Shortly after that, the People's Relief Committee became a constituent member of J.D.C. Among the representatives were: (Seated from left to right) Felix M. Warburg, Chairman; Louis Marshall, Albert Lucas, Secretary; Mrs. F. Friedman, Official Stenographer; Boris D. Bogen, Executive Director; Leon Sanders, Harry Fischel, Sholem Asch, Alexander Kahn, Jacob Milch, Miss Harriet B. Lowenstein, Comptroller; Colonel Moses Schoenberg, Aaron Teitelbaum, M. Z. Margolis, Israel Friedlander, Paul Raserwald, Associate-Treasurer; Julius Levy, Peter Wiernik, Meyer Gillis, Harry Cutler, Cyrus Adler, Arthur Lehman, Treasurer; Jacob H. Schiff. (Standing, left to right) Herbert H. Lehman, Abraham Zucker, Isadore Herschfield, Meyer Berlin, Stanley Bero, Louis Topkis, Morris Engelman.

Action in the devastated areas was possible because our own Government—and other nations—recognized the importance of relief work and came to respect the J.D.C., its humanitarian objectives, its broad scope, its leaders and personnel. The action

was effective because, from the exact J.D.C. worked with Jewish organizations created by the very people who were victims of a war disaster. In areas occupied by the German Army the work was carried on through the Juedische Hilfskomitee of Berlin and the Israelitische Allianz in Wien. On the other side of the front, in Russia, an efficient relief organization with which J.D.C. cooperated was formed by Russian Jewry. So in time was J.D.C. with American tradition that it was frequently able to extend its aid through direct help of embassy and consular officials of the United States. In this way a pattern was established for friendly contact with governments and for working relationships with representative Jewish organizations abroad.

When the United States entered the war, the State Department granted J.D.C. permission to maintain an agency in neutral Holland from which the tasks of rescue and relief could be carried on. In the war years—up to the end of 1918, a total of \$15,000,000 was expended through J.D.C.

Far more than the transmission of funds was involved. The tasks were legion. The work went on. J.D.C. was able to use to good effect two immeasurable assets: the combined good will of America's Jews; and the friendship, appreciation and help of our own Government and of the governments of Europe.



Yet such a narrative, by itself, would not be the true story. It would overlook the real, the enduring significance of the Joint Distribution Committee: its meaning to the American Jewish community; its catalytic effect upon East European Jewry in an evolution from resigned helplessness to renewed, invigorated aspirations.

For the J.D.C.'s activities must be seen against the background of a submerged, ghettoized, disheartened community of millions. When the J.D.C. was first organized, democracy even in its most tentative forms, barely touched those lands of Eastern Europe in which, at that time, the overwhelming

majority of the world's Jews were living. Emancipation for the Jews was all but unknown.

Into this enclosure came the J.D.C. as a messenger from America's Jews. It was an agency for philanthropic, humanitarian tasks, for saving lives, healing the sick, extending relief, providing rehabilitation. It earned the warm regard and support of governments and statesmen; although it took no part in political activity. In its universal concern with bringing to Jews in need what they needed for a new opportunity in life, it was completely beyond politics. And by that very fact, J.D.C.'s contribution to the rescue and rebuilding of Eastern Europe's Jews, to lifting them out of the slough of despond, to enabling them to reconstruct their lives as free men, is incalculable in its dimensions. The very experience of Jews abroad with the primary organization of the Jews of the United States; the very contacts

(See drawing above) In November 1918 came the Armistice. Yet, before and after that date, Eastern Europe was convulsed by revolution and counter-revolution; by the upheavals of suppressed nationalities and the arrogance and chauvinism of new nations. The Jewish communities of Eastern Europe already seared by the war, were now crushed in the turmoils of a precarious peace.

From 1919 through 1925, the main task of J.D.C. was to bring relief and rehabilitation. Money was needed; and 65 million dollars were raised in that period for J.D.C. People were needed; and J.D.C. sent welfare experts, relief workers, medical men, organizers. Three hundred thousand Jews were helped to emigrate or to become repatriated. Financial support made it possible for local institutions for child care, economic reconstruction, medical service and, not least, education to save and re-establish other hundreds of thousands.

As they revived with the breath of a new life, Jews of Europe could acquire institutions for normalizing themselves and for attaining a status of independence. What had begun with a war was now channelized into a constructive peace activity of enormous dimensions; was felt in one way or another by millions of Jews of Central and Eastern Europe.

established between organizations, practices, social services, ideas, helped preserve and sustain the spiritual strength of people who needed that precious plasma as much as they needed direct economic assistance.

In its effect, therefore, the history of the J.D.C. goes beyond the expression of humanitarian purposes. In the face of severe economic and political odds, millions of human beings—Jews, were helped to their feet and stimulated and aided in fulfilling themselves as free men.

The medical services and child care institutions set up and sustained by the J.D.C. did more than save lives. The loan societies, the cooperatives, the trade schools did more than furnish an economic footing. They became instruments in preparation for a fuller life in the western world. Aid to schools and cultural institutions was not only a step in preserving an ancient heritage, in Europe, in Palestine and in new homes Jews sought out in the western hemisphere. It also helped meet the broad challenge of adjustment and achievement.

At first it might seem that all of these labors of thirty years were only transitory. But, in truth, much has endured; and what has endured is basic to the present tasks of restoration, revival and reconstruction. Millions have been killed in the ghastly ordeal of the Nazi charnel house. Institutions, patiently sustained over generations, have been razed. But Jews have survived. They will survive. And they will have with them an awareness of experiences and capacities manifested in the thirty years during which the J.D.C. walked



(See drawing below) Soviet Russia offered a special problem and a special opportunity. At first, J.D.C.'s work in Russia was in the field of relief as part of the American Relief Administration. Later the A.R.A. withdrew in 1923, but J.D.C. remained by agreement with the H.S.S.R. to help reconstruct the economic lives of displaced Jews.

Four million two hundred and twenty thousand dollars were appropriated for the development of farming, housing, hospitals, medical institutions, loan cooperatives and other community services. This was a promising beginning, followed by a large-scale effort to solve the problem of close to 3,000,000 Jews in the U.S.S.R.; to bring about a smooth transition from idleness to basic, productive occupations. Carried on by the American Jewish Joint Agricultural Association (Agro-Joint), organized by the J.D.C. this program led to the settlement of over a quarter million Jews on the soil of Ukraine and Crimea. Many thousands of others were trained for industrial work.

Over a period of 15 years Agro-Joint administered \$20,000,000 for this effort. Its operations were financed by J.D.C. directly until 1928 when the American Society for Jewish Farm Settlements was formed by leaders of the J.D.C. Outstanding contracts, Jews and non-Jews, subscribed \$2,000,000.

The rehabilitation of hundreds of thousands of Jews in the U.S.S.R. was a task of a magnitude that was beyond the capacity of any other organization.



among them as a symbol of the free community of American Jews.

The survivors of the First World War had as their immediate background a record of persecution and suppression. The survivors of this war will have behind them, in addition, a record of redeeming achievement, of precious experience in reconstruction, of an indomitable resurrection. When the war is over, the human spirit that the J.D.C. kept alive for thirty years will be free to come into its own. In the United States too, the J.D.C. came to be more than a noble humanitarian effort. The very act of brotherly service had profound consequences within the American Jewish community.

When it was first organized, the J.D.C. represented three distinct, diverse groups: The American Jewish Relief Committee, organized by the older established settlers; the Central Relief Committee, organized by later immigrants of orthodox background; and the People's Relief Committee, organized by labor groups among the new immigrants. Each of these elements felt itself distinct and separate. Even the fund-raising continued for a time on that separatist basis. Yet in the process, by the very experience of working harmoniously in the J.D.C., led to a change. The divisions gave way; the lines of demarcation faded, J.D.C. became the master solvent for differences. J.D.C. was the great meeting ground, the complete expression of the philanthropic urge, the religious compulsion, the sense of noblesse oblige that sought to help Jews in need whoever they were, whatever their views in religion, politics, Jewish and general life.

In the year the Agro-Joint was formed, J.D.C. entered into an arrangement with the Jewish Colonization Association (ICA). A new operating agency, the American Joint Reconstruction Foundation, took over the formidable task of holding the economic line during a period of increasing tensions and of final, world-wide depression.

The Foundation concentrated on the development and operation of credit cooperatives to provide a banking and credit structure for Jews who had access to no other resources. At the height of its activities, the Foundation had 700 cooperative loan societies associated with it; its turn-over ran into hundreds of millions of dollars. Assistance to building and other cooperative business and agricultural enterprises gave the Jew who was trader, small merchant, artisan or farmer the opportunity to earn a livelihood. In the years after 1933, the Foundation extended its activities to help the Jews of Germany and the refugees from that country, throughout Western Europe, Palestine, South America and elsewhere.

J.D.C. was planning to cease its operations when, in 1925, the severe economic depression hit Eastern Europe. The entire economic life of the area span in a spiral of collapse. The institutions that had been reborn threatened to crumble again. It was imperative to help the Jews of Eastern Europe hold on; maintain themselves until the broader forces of economic life could bring about a general improvement. In this task, especially in Poland, the J.D.C. Free Loan Societies rose to a new high level. Two million dollars were invested by J.D.C. in free loan societies to provide a livelihood for scores of those who could not avail themselves of even the low interest credit facilities of the cooperatives.

Through the years when Nazism began to poison the continent, J.D.C. continued this basic help to East European Jewry, increasingly pressed by poverty and political hostility. J.D.C. kept alive the great organizations it had helped establish—the medical societies, Toz and Ose; Centos and other child care groups; the cooperative and free loan societies, the schools, yeshivahs and other educational institutions.

The political and economic situation continued to deteriorate into

tragically familiar sequel: pogroms, boycott; poverty and disease, and finally war. The primary need was to sustain life and morale. Anticipating the Nazi threat to the lives of Jews were the threats of despair, hunger and disease. From these the Jews of Eastern Europe continued to be saved by the single-minded service of J.D.C.

(See drawing below) A new war began in 1933. At first it was an internal war in Germany with the Jews as the chief victims. What had been one of the strongest Jewish communities in Europe now itself needed assistance.

The process involved was the liquidation of a community of over a half million people. The problem was to save lives, to bring about resettlement in a desperate race against time. In the face of steadily increasing restrictions, punitive measures, violence and bloodshed, marvels of rescue were achieved. The part that German Jews themselves played was enormous. Yet much of this heroic achievement of survival was made possible by the strong, sustaining hand of J.D.C.

Since scores of thousands had to flee, the problem of Germany's Jews soon became the problem of all Europe and indeed of all the world. It spilled over into neighboring countries; everywhere, in France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Portugal, the Scandinavian countries and even Poland and Rumania, J.D.C. had to step in for new services of rescue, relief, resettlement. J.D.C.'s program now reached world-wide dimensions. The enormous work in Eastern Europe had to be continued; the exodus from Germany, Austria, and later Czechoslovakia, meant that J.D.C. services had to be extended in other ways to over 50 countries.

The communities in each of these lands gave their support. Many relief organizations joined in the task. Above all, the generous backing of the entire American Jewish community enabled J.D.C. to attain new levels in its tasks. Lives were saved, tensions were kept at a minimum, while the world was slowly moving to grapple with the forces that had unleashed the war.

The transition to direct fund-raising by the J.D.C. itself, came shortly thereafter. It developed on a community basis. City by city, town by town, it came to be the first of the joint efforts of almost the entire Jewish citizenry in the United States. An enormous impetus was thereby given to a development of a wholesome, homogeneous, community life. What began as a union for fund-raising and allocation led to the stimulation within our own country of a more responsible and responsive community conscience. Later came the United Jewish Appeal to raise funds jointly for the needs of the United Palestine Appeal, The National Refugee Service, as well as of the Joint Distribution Committee. Here was yet another expression of the increasing communal spirit. Along with these developments, there were modifications in the structure and organization of the J.D.C. More and more, community leaders from all over the country, men and women of ability and devotion, emerged to take their place in the councils and tasks of the J.D.C. More and more, representative Jews from every conceivable element—from the ranks of orthodox, conservative Judaism and reformed; from labor and capital, from the large cities and the smaller communities, from the fields of business and professional and educational pursuits, took their place in the committees, boards and councils of the J.D.C. Today, J.D.C. is more than ever a representative agency of all American Jews. Its funds, its leadership, its policies, its procedures, are drawn from a vast outpouring of generosity and talent from Jews all over the United States.





This is the full story. The J.D.C. began as an organization conceived in temporary terms for immediate relief tasks. It has developed into and is today a profound social influence among American Jews; and among Jews in all parts of the world who have been saved and sustained by its world-wide labors of Rescue, Relief and Rehabilitation.

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(See drawing at right) In September 1939 Germany's external war began, in terms of the familiar conventions of statecraft and military operations. The problems of 1914-1918 revived, but this time with an impact and to a degree unlike anything known before.

The obstacles did not halt the work. In addition to relief, resettlement and refugee aid, J.D.C. took on the problem of sheer rescue, of assistance to democratic forces, driven underground, in their efforts to snatch Jews from the consuming Nazi flame. Little by little, the story is coming out: of a vast enterprise to save thousands of human lives from the executioner. Thus, the story of J.D.C. in the war years, is epitomized—although it cannot be told in full—in the report of 1944 that appears on page 16.



The Holy Land looms large in the history of J.D.C.'s rescue and reconstruction work. Begun at the outset of the First World War, this work has continued in various forms ever since, and its cost, over a period of thirty years, reaches the impressive total of \$18,500,000.

Immediately after its establishment J.D.C. took over work on behalf of the Jews of Palestine endangered by epidemics and starvation. It was in a large measure due to J.D.C. effort that the Navy Collier Vulcan carried \$100,000 worth of food and medicine to Palestine. When direct aid from America became impossible, J.D.C. continued the work of relief through the Holland committee. And when Turkish authorities expelled about 13,000 Jews from Jaffa, it was J.D.C. that provided the funds for their maintenance. In all J.D.C. spent \$1,585,750 to cope with the emergency arising out of the First World War.

After the war J.D.C. took over the task of caring for 4,500 orphan children. Twelve orphan asylums were maintained and vocational and training schools were set up in Jerusalem, Tiberias and Safed. Others were sent to the agricultural school at Mikveh Israel. Some of these children later became the members of the now famous children's village Meier Shifayah.

The basic J.D.C. service to Palestine—that made the later expansion possible—was a systematic program on the malaria problem. A medical unit that grew to 400 was dispatched by J.D.C. to cope with this situation. This work in cooperation with Hadassah was carried on for years on the basis of an annual contribution of \$200,000.

In 1922 the J.D.C., in collaboration with the Palestine Cooperative Company, Ica, and the Economic Board for Palestine in London established the General Bank for Cooperative Institutions. In 1926 the Palestine Company and the Reconstruction Committee of the J.D.C. merged and the Palestine Economic Corporation came into being to furnish aid on a business basis to productive Palestine enterprises. Of the Palestine Economic Corporation's capital of \$2,948,844 the J.D.C. contributed \$1,796,630.

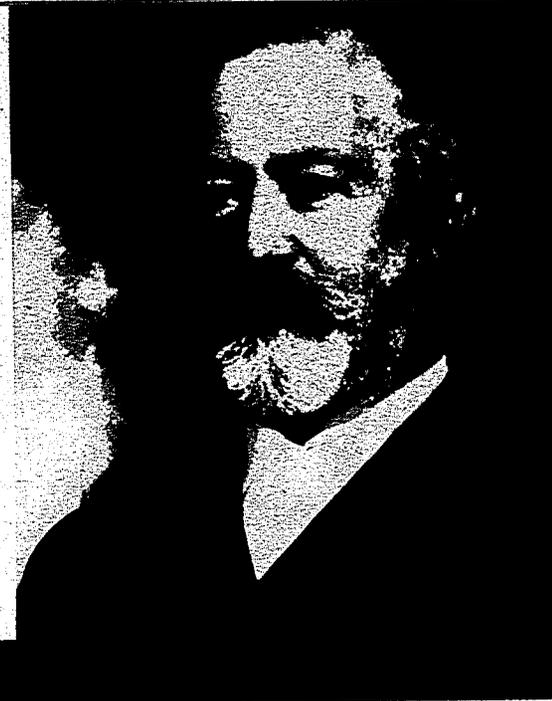
During the critical years of 1926-27 J.D.C. granted a subvention of \$50,000 towards an Emergency Loan Fund which extended more than 2000 loans to workers, artisans, petty merchants and others. J.D.C. also spent \$33,000 for supplying food to the children in the schools and kindergartens of Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem.

In 1929 J.D.C. once more contributed \$50,000 to the Emergency Fund; while in 1942, when Rommel stood before the gates of Alexandria, J.D.C. granted \$200,000 to assist families whose bread-winners had enlisted in the army.

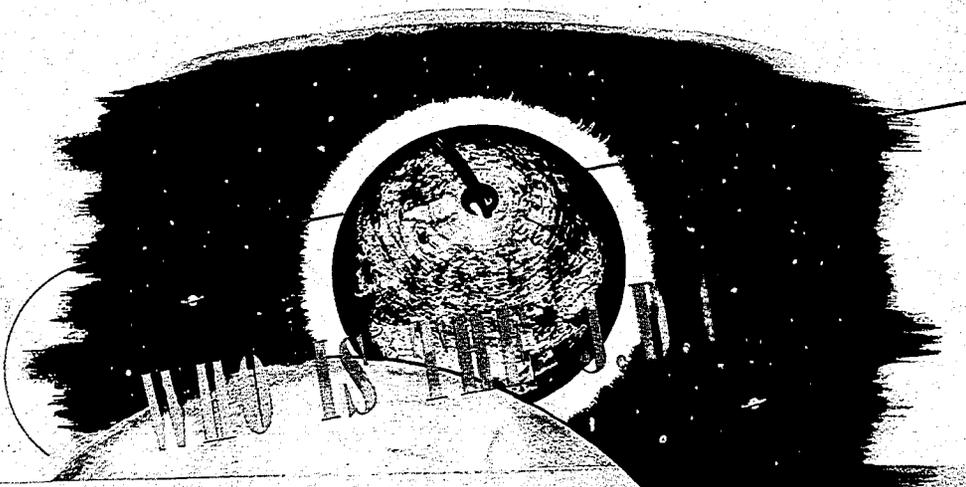
The care of students and teachers at Yeshivoh and Talmud Torahs was always part of the J.D.C. aid-program in Palestine. During the present World War a program of improved feeding was launched for nearly 25,000 students of the old type of Jewish schools who were suffering from malnutrition.

During the war years the J.D.C. has made every effort to rescue Jews in occupied countries and provide for their transportation to Palestine and other safe countries. From 1933 through 1944 J.D.C. spent nearly \$5,000,000 in the transportation of certificate holders to Palestine.

Jacob H. Schiff



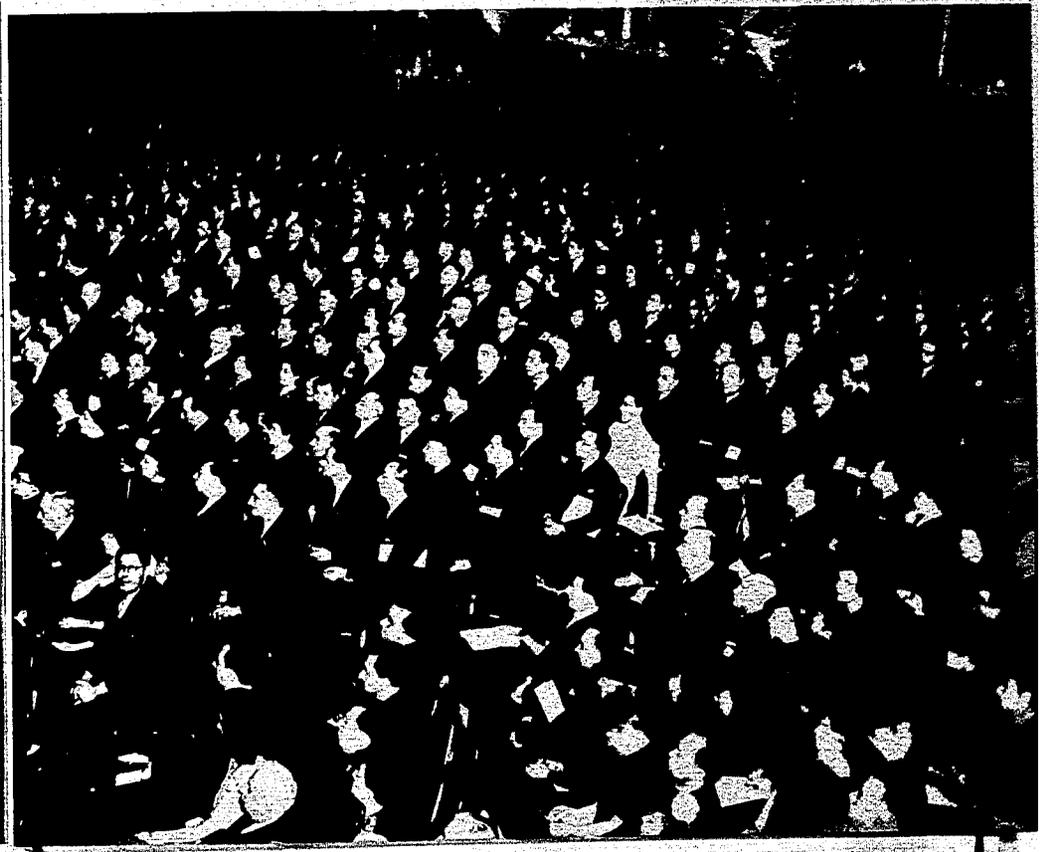
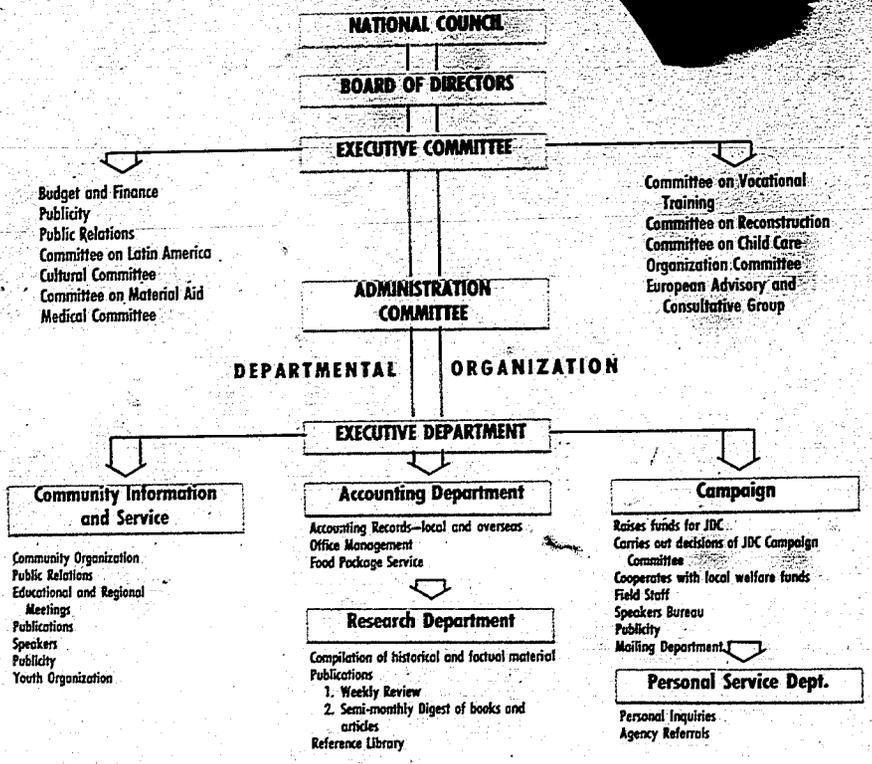
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In America it is the "J.D.C." In Europe it is known as "Joint," a syllable that the European Jew speaks as if he were repeating the biblical phrase "and thy name shall be blessed." For thirty years that word has meant hope, strength, recovery, life itself. For thirty years it has yielded an inner glow to all who have been touched by its comforting hand or who have seen and known its work. To the Jews of Europe and Palestine and to those who have found refuge in the Near East and the Far East, the very special quality of the organization is here expressed: as a united effort of American Jews undertaken jointly, together.

Precisely because the Jews for whom the J.D.C. was created have had direct, personal experience with its manifold, humanitarian services, they know more about J.D.C. than do American Jews. They know the answer to the question:

### Who is the J.D.C.?





For those less familiar, a simple, accurate answer would be: J.D.C. is the world's outstanding relief and welfare agency of and for Jews throughout the world. More, it is one of the greatest of all relief agencies.

J.D.C. is not provincial, not limited to any sector, not restricted by any political theory. J.D.C. is global in scope. Wherever the consequences of war, disaster, discrimination, anti-Semitism, affect Jews, J.D.C. is at work in rescue and healing and rebuilding.

J.D.C. means people; so many of them, that they can only be embraced in so unifying a term as the European Jews apply when they say "Joint."

Who are those people? To begin with, J.D.C. is a group of efficient social engineers, experts in welfare work and relief, men and women trained in medical sanitation, migration, child care, cultural and economic affairs.

These men and women are a substantial part of J.D.C.'s continuing resources.

There is an invaluable asset in their expertness, the training they have had before and after coming to J.D.C., their human sympathy and, not least, their sense of dedication to one of the greatest tasks in a troubled world. Their smooth organization and integration into an efficient unit are described elsewhere (see page 22). They are the active workers in one of man's outstanding services to fellow man. Guiding, directing, inspiring these active workers, are the officers of J.D.C.

The Emergency Administration Committee meets formally at least once a week as the functioning arm of the Executive Committee, dealing with appropriations, cable appeals and decisions, cooperation with government agencies, relations with other Jewish and non-Jewish bodies—the working decisions. They symbolize in their common purpose and constant activity, the meaning of the word "Joint."

Sustaining this Emergency Administration Committee is an Executive Committee of 36 who plan the wide program, consider and establish policy, review the decisions of the Administration Committee and schedule the work ahead.

The Executive Committee which meets at least once a month is the central body of authority of J.D.C.

Yet another and larger group brings to J.D.C. the talent and energy and services of the widespread community. This is a body known as the Board of Directors made up of 210 leaders in American Jewish life, consulting on policy, evaluating needs and decisions and furnishing guidance and directive to the Executive Committee. On this Board sit representative American Jews of all walks of life.

But to get the full picture of J.D.C. we must come to that large body of men and women through whom there is expressed the combined will and viewpoint of all American Jews united in a humanitarian cause. This is the National Council, in legal terms, the basic corporate body of the J.D.C. The Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Administrative Committee are drawn from this National Council. Its 5200 members are selected from the communities of Jews throughout the United States, on the sole test of their devotion to Jewish life and therefore to the work of the J.D.C., with one-third of the membership up for election every year. In this way there is a constant rotation of old and new forces to sustain the J.D.C.'s vitality and to register the evolving character of Jewish communal life.

They are the active leaders and workers in the life of America's Jews: representative community heads, officers of federations and welfare funds and community councils, educators, business and labor leaders, rabbis, representatives of landsmannschaften—a vast outpouring of variety and interest. Their place in the Council draws into J.D.C.'s task the strength, the considerations, the values of the groups and communities with whom they are in constant touch.

Through a specially developed field service they keep in constant touch with J.D.C. and with key leadership. At least once a year—over and above the annual meeting—the field staff meets with the National Council members and their associates in over 250 communities. By special reports, memoranda, research material and regional and city meetings, the members of the National Council participate in the all-year-round thinking, the study of the facts as they are made available by cable and research, the evaluations, checks, reviews and new action that go into J.D.C. operations.

Thus thousands of American Jews take an active part in J.D.C. as members of its basic corporate structure, the National Council. But many thousands more, are tied to J.D.C. by indissoluble bonds: as subcommittee workers, as fund-raisers, as specialists, as staff. And not least, as contributors. Through the local welfare funds and federations, the trade groups and the landsmannschaften, the synagogues, and the local and regional and national conferences, a high percentage of American Jewry takes a direct part in the totality that is J.D.C.

In one form or another, all American Jews who maintain their identity as Jews, are thus related in specific terms in the direction, consultation, planning, management, and financial support of J.D.C. From all ranks, and sections and groups in American Jewish life, J.D.C. draws its support, its ideas, its organization, its evaluations. All these threads enter into a cohesive entity that give substance to the word "Joint." In this way, American Jews through the nationwide pattern of organization and participation, give their own clear answer to the question "Who is J.D.C.?"

J.D.C. is the America Jew, single-minded in dedication to a brave task in behalf of a suffering element of humanity.



# THE YEAR 1944

Fateful is the word for 1944.

In that year there came the liberation of large areas of Axis-dominated Europe. In the same year the full extent of the tragic destruction of Jews became appallingly clear. Here and there Jews were emerging from their hiding places. But they found their homes gone or occupied, their businesses vanished or transferred to other hands; their families dead or dispersed.

The grim facts began to emerge from the nebulae of speculation; It was clear that several million Jews had been exterminated. Of those who survived the vast majority was uprooted, expropriated, dispossessed. They needed everything, from the primitive necessities of life, food, clothing, shelter and medicine, to the fuller establishment of their status, careers, institutions.

Instinctively the Jews of Europe turned to J.D.C. Tens of thousands had been rescued, protected and maintained by J.D.C. even in the years when the Gestapo was raging over the land. Now J.D.C.'s work was greater than ever.

How enormous that burden was can be judged from appropriations made in 1944,—over \$20,000,000—unprecedented in J.D.C. history.

Withal, it cannot be said that every vital need was met. Thousands had to be given no more than one or two meals a day, or had to do with inadequate clothing and shelter. But in one field, that of *rescuing* lives, snatching Jews from the Nazi hangman, the J.D.C. met every call that came to it. In the work of relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction, the J.D.C. had to cut its services to its resources. No project went completely by default or went undone for lack of funds, though the need was greater than could be met. But nothing stopped J.D.C.'s work in rescue.

J.D.C. collaboration with the War Refugee Board set up by President Roosevelt in January, 1944 was close. This opened up methods of aid to Jews of occupied Europe that had heretofore been closed. The rescue work, in cooperation with the War Refugee Board, received an allotment of almost ten million dollars. Translated into lives this means that many thousands of Jews are today alive who would have perished without that aid.

Close contact was maintained with UNRRA and the Inter-governmental Refugee Committee. The J.D.C. assigned to the UNRRA a unit of ten workers, one physician and nine trained social workers for service in the Balkans. Although they operate as part of the UNRRA staff, they are free to report to the J.D.C. on all matters pertaining to Jewish relief and rehabilitation problems. At the Montreal Conference in September of 1944, enabling resolutions were passed which permit UNRRA to enter enemy or ex-enemy territories to aid displaced nationals of the United Nations or such displaced enemy nationals as have been persecuted by reason of their race, religion or activities on behalf of the United Nations. It is hoped that as a result of these enabling resolutions, UNRRA will extend its relief and rehabilitation services to many Jews in enemy or ex-enemy territories where the needs are overwhelming.

Close cooperation was worked out with the Inter-governmental Committee for Refugees. This agency, of which Sir Herbert Emerson is the Director, is primarily concerned with the non-repatriable refugee population, whose resettlement will require long range planning. There is a friendly and intimate relationship between the Committee and the J.D.C. which augurs well for the future when the baffling problems of the stateless refugees must be wrestled with.

The most pressing task of J.D.C. during the year was that of rescue—the sheer problem of saving lives within the countries still occupied by the

Nazis or their satellites, to get as many as could be out of those countries.

## RESCUE

Tens of thousands of children and adults were maintained in hiding by J.D.C. Relief in the form of supplies or funds were made available to Jews even in concentration camps, ghettos, and forced labor battalions. One camp alone received 18,000 monthly parcels through the instrumentality of the International Red Cross. Help was given to underground forces. Under special Treasury license J.D.C. was able to remit local currencies for use by the underground in the work of relief and rescue. For example, to meet the desperate situation of the Jews in Hungary and the possibilities of rescuing them, a special emergency grant of \$1,000,000 was made. Another method was by borrowing locally on the strength of J.D.C. credit and good name for repayment after the war.

On top of this enormous task of sustaining lives of Jews in ghettos or in hiding, there went the maximum possible rescue from the occupied countries to neutral and the liberated areas. Rescue projects were priority number one.

Outstanding among these projects was the evacuation of Jews from the Balkans to Palestine for which a grant of three million dollars was made. Boats were chartered; men, women and children were brought overland. Everything was done to bring out of the inferno those who could reach safe shelter. About 6,000 Jews were rescued through Turkey alone; others, particularly from Hungary, were brought to safety in Switzerland. For the relief needs of the Jews in the occupied countries such as China (Shanghai), France, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, etc., a total of \$3,300,000 was set aside during 1944.

## REMEDIES

Relief needs mounted tide-high. With every advance of the liberating armies there came the revelation of starved, shelterless, uprooted peoples. In North Africa, J.D.C. continued to care for refugees and for the local population that had been bombed out of their homes. Soup kitchens were maintained as was a children's camp. Relief was

furnished to about a thousand refugees who were completely dependent upon J.D.C. In 1944, the sum of \$391,000 was appropriated for North Africa.

For liberated Italy alone, J.D.C. spent \$34,500 in 1944 for emergency aid to 4,500 refugees and to many of the 12,000 Italian Jews who survived the Nazi occupation. In addition, a total of \$120,000 was allocated during 1944 for the still-occupied section of Italy.

France, where some 170,000 Jews survived, constituted a formidable challenge. Some 60,000 were in need of emergency aid. Hot soup kitchens had to be opened. 8,000 children who had been hidden during the occupation had to be collected and housed and if possible re-united with their families. The total allocation for France was \$1,850,000.

About 20,000 Jews came out of hiding in Belgium, including 3,000 children saved through underground forces. An emergency grant of \$150,000 was rushed for the relief of Jews in Belgium who were without homes or possessions or resources. This over and above a further sum of \$390,000 that was made available during the course of the year.

A special grant of \$500,000 had to be dispatched quickly to the desperate survivors in Rumania—about 300,000; supplemented by another fund of \$250,000 plus \$100,000 for Hungarian refugees in Rumania. Hundreds of thousands of dollars, borrowed for relief work during the Nazi occupation, are being repaid to Jews of Rumania. But 150,000 are totally destitute. Many others require substantial supplementary aid. Before the liberation of Rumania, assistance was extended either through local borrowing or with funds sent in from Switzerland, to the extent of \$40,000 a month or a total for the year of \$480,000.

In Poland, which bore the brunt of the Nazi attack, the surviving Jews are estimated to be not much more than 65,000. Their condition defies description. J.D.C. rushed shipment of 50 tons of food, clothing and medicine from Teheran. Two hundred and fifty tons more were authorized shortly thereafter. Additional \$250,000 worth of supplies was furnished from the United States.

A periodic parcel service is maintained for 30,000 families of Polish Jews in the Soviet Union. The 1944 appropriation was \$1,285,000 for parcel service into the Soviet Union which gave sympathetic cooperation to the relief task. This is exclusive of monies provided by the J.D.C. for work in Poland through the Polish Government and other channels and for bulk shipment of food, clothing, medicines, etc. These totalled \$1,285,000 for 1944.

A special grant had to be made for Yugoslavia for 1400 liberated refugees.

As the armies of the United Nations advance, the immensity of the problem of relief emerges in all its magnitude. The full extent of the aid necessary will become known only in the year 1945—and corresponding exertions made.

Meanwhile, Jews who had found refuge in the neutral countries had to be sustained. For the various programs supported by the J.D.C. in the neutral and Allied Countries, a total of over \$7,740,000 was made available in 1944. 25,000 Jews found asylum in Switzerland and for many of them, without any resources, J.D.C. had to provide supplementary assistance. About 7,000 Jewish refugees who were in Switzerland prior to August, 1942 are fully the responsibility of J.D.C.

In Spain 2,000 refugees were steadily maintained by J.D.C. The total number helped was far larger, with hundreds evacuated to make way for new waves of men, and women and children in flight. 600 Sephardic Jews were able to pass through the lines from German occupied countries on the basis of a J.D.C. maintenance guarantee. While nationals of the United Nations are being helped by their respective governments, the German, Austrian and stateless refugees,—the bulk of those who are still in Spain,—are the full responsibility of J.D.C. The same conditions had to be met for the six or seven hundred refugees in Portugal, pending their migration to countries of permanent asylum. In Sweden aid was given to German, Austrian, Czechoslovakian refugees who had arrived in Sweden prior to the war as well as to refugees from Finland and supplementary assistance to the Jews who had to flee from Denmark.

In Turkey the J.D.C. carried on a four-fold program: assistance to refugees from the Balkans in transit to Palestine; purchase and shipment of supplies from Turkey to occupied Rumania and Czechoslovakia for distribution by the International Red Cross; relief to Turkish nationals who were repatriated from France; and aid to the local Jewish communities that were affected by the discriminatory levy on minority groups.

In Palestine J.D.C. carried on a program of aid to needy refugee rabbis and scholars and to about 70 educational and cultural institutions of higher learning accommodating 25,000 students. A special grant of \$50,000 was made to the yeshivah for feeding of undernourished students, after a survey had been made of their nutritional needs.

Aden harbored about 2,000 Yemenite refugees. Early in the year a typhus epidemic broke out and J.D.C. rushed a medical unit from Palestine that succeeded in halting the epidemic. Relief was given to many of the refugees and about half were transported to Palestine by J.D.C.

Similar help still had to be given in the relief and rehabilitation program in Latin American countries. While the local Jewish communities are gradually taking over their responsibility, supplementary grants totalled \$469,000 in 1944.

This is the skeleton story of furnishing basic relief needs: food, clothing, minimum shelter, medications. The thousand and one tasks of saving lives and sustaining them had to be borne while the broader program of rehabilitation and reconstruction got under way.

One aspect of this broader program was the settlement—after rescue—of transient refugee Jews in permanent homes. A large part of this work was carried on in cooperation with the Jewish Agency.

J.D.C. undertook to pay for Jews heading for Palestine—80% of the cost of the sea voyages to Istanbul and 100% of their maintenance and later transportation to Palestine. In January a chartered J.D.C. boat brought 750 immigrants to Palestine from Spain and Portugal. Later, 434 more settlers were enabled to enter the country. 3,000 came through Turkey. Yemenite Jews

stranded in Aden were moved to Palestine. About 500 refugees found asylum in Canada. A thousand Tripolitan Jews were repatriated.

The tragedy of Jews fleeing for their lives had its impact on the communities into which they drifted. Many such communities have been helped by J.D.C. and organized so as to pyramid the work of rescue and relief. But J.D.C. had to take over the maintenance costs of Swiss and Portuguese Jewish institutions, while funds raised by Jews of those countries were devoted to the work in occupied zones. In Palestine educational and cultural institutions had to be aided. In Iran the schools were helped. In Algiers local institutions had to be assisted, including sanitarium and clinics.

The Jewish spirit too was sustained. Responsive to the needs of religion and education in the lives of Jews, J.D.C. has supported institutions of learning which have long kept alive Jewish values.

### CULTURAL AID

Through the J.D.C.'s cultural committee regular grants are made to Yeshivahs which have been re-established on the fragments rescued from Poland and Lithuania. Passover food was made available for which close to \$75,000 was spent. In 1944 J.D.C. spent \$384,500 to sustain those cultural and religious institutions which hold within them the promise of renewed life for the Jews of Europe, the Near East and North Africa.

J.D.C. funds were thus the instrumentality for the rescue of many thousands, the preservation of many hundreds of thousands, and the resettlement and reconstruction and revitalizing of Jewish lives. The J.D.C. was also a catalyst for the enlistment of the efforts of Jewish communities throughout the world.

For many years Jews of Canada have been an integral part of J.D.C. Jewish communities in Latin America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, in Switzerland, in Egypt and England, have worked to coordinate their relief efforts with J.D.C. In most instances expenditure of their funds is made by the overseas staffs of the J.D.C. and represent, in all cases, additional aid to Jews.

The pattern of cooperation with Jewish organizations has followed the pattern of intimate collabo-

ration with government agencies. Under the direction of Dr. Joseph Schwartz the overseas staff of the J.D.C. was enlarged so that staff members are now stationed in Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Sweden, Turkey, Iran, Argentina, Uruguay and Cuba. A Swiss national represents the J.D.C. in Switzerland carrying on magnificently one of the most difficult and important tasks.

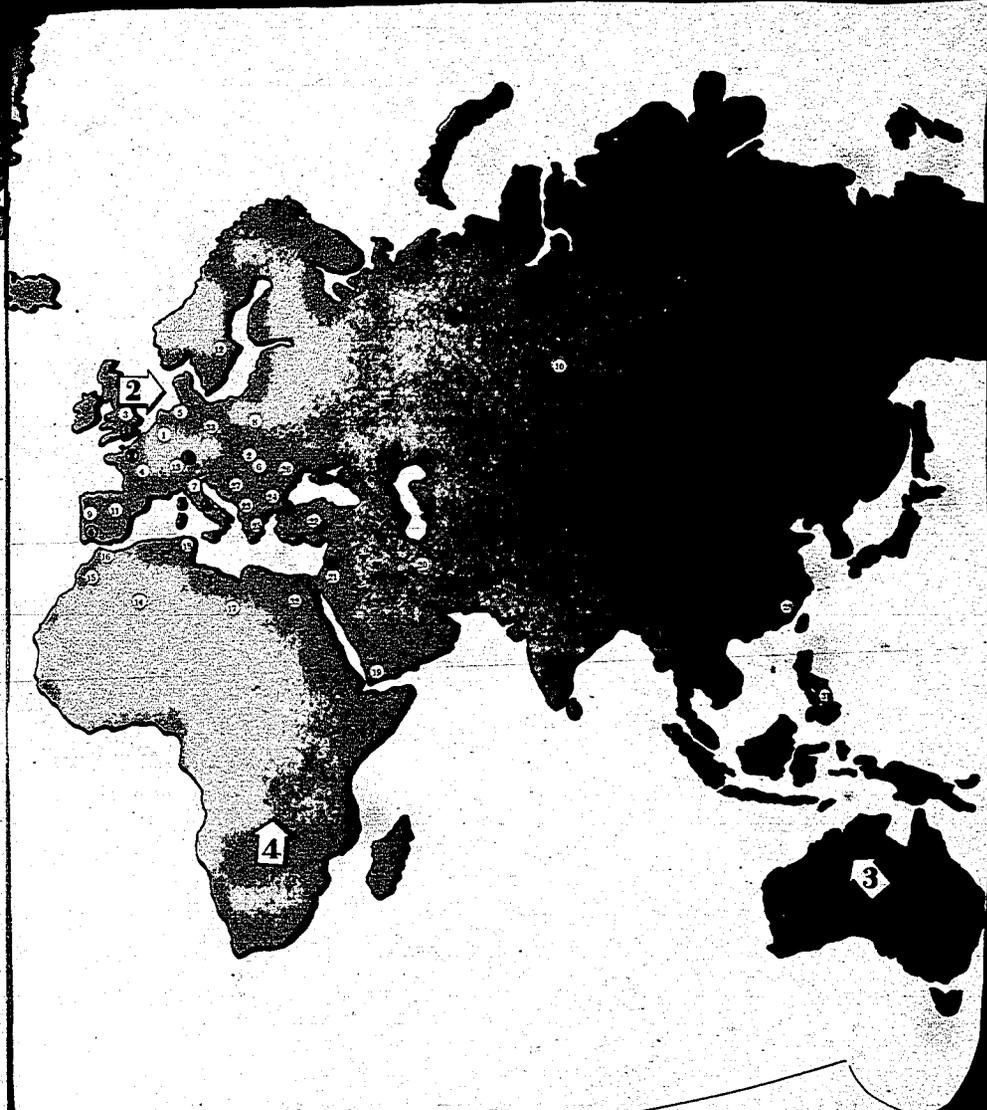
The J.D.C. took the initiative in the formation of the Central Location Index Inc. a cooperative venture on the part of seven national agencies concerned with the problem of serving inquirers who wish to locate the whereabouts of their relatives and friends overseas. The agencies are the American Friends Service Committee, the American Christian Committee for Refugees, the Hias, the International Migration Service, the National Council of Jewish Women, the National Refugee Service and the Joint Distribution Committee. The Index acts as a central clearing body for all inquiries originating with the member agencies, thereby eliminating duplication, and also cooperates with the International Red Cross and other overseas agencies in a centralized effort to locate displaced persons. This service will be vital in helping to reunite families, particularly children and their surviving parents.

These were the high spots in a year tense with tragic discovery, with the revelation of vast needs, complex problems and desperate urgencies. It was a race against time; and once in a while the race was lost, as in regard to Hungarian Jews for whom J.D.C. went to all lengths in a gigantic effort of rescue and relief.

As J.D.C.'s work was effective in the year 1944 the prospect increased of still greater tasks for the year 1945. Jews who were saved and sustained as the liberating armies brought about their freedom, will have to be helped in larger measure before they can resume their normal lives.

The year 1944 has demonstrated J.D.C.'s ability to meet the new challenge.

*Moses A. Leonard*  
Secretary



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2 ENGLAND 3 AUSTRALIA 4 SO. AFRICA 5 CENTRAL AMERICA 6 SOUTH AMERICA

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## The J.D.C. at Work

In 1944 J.D.C. expended over twenty million dollars. In the 30 years of its existence from 1914 through 1944, J.D.C. spent over 151 million dollars directly and millions more through related organizations. Hundreds of thousands of individual Jews have felt the direct benefits of J.D.C.'s existence.

That job, carried on over 30 years and now at a time of greatest need reaching its peak, called for organization on a scale commensurate with the global service of J.D.C.

This is the story of J.D.C. at work.

The machinery of J.D.C. has been set up for one purpose only: to bring J.D.C.'s help wherever, and to the degree that, help is needed by Jews in distress. The measure of J.D.C. is in the service it renders to our co-religionists abroad. That, its only purpose, is what makes J.D.C. machinery tick.

The organization itself embraces three broad sectors.

Primary in importance is the vast army of contributors who provide the life blood and the vitality of J.D.C. activities.

Its corporate structure draws into J.D.C. thousands of American Jews. Through a National Council, an advisory Board of Directors, an Executive Committee, and its administrative committees and sub-committees, a mechanism has been built up out of years of experience to determine policy, to raise and allocate funds, to negotiate and supervise, and to be responsive to the American Jewish community of which J.D.C. is a united expression.

A third sector is that of the staff: the men and women to whom the volunteer leadership assigns a complex process reaching from the individual American Jew who makes his contribution to another individual Jew in Poland or North Africa or France or Italy—or Shanghai.

The organization centers in New York. Here at 270 Madison Avenue, the governing bodies of J.D.C. and the staff work to translate policy into reality. A network of foreign offices and travelling representatives communicates with the national headquarters as a two-way circuit. It brings to the United States the relevant information and appraisal of the situation abroad. It conveys to the Jews in whose behalf this institution was created the materiel of J.D.C. assistance. The technical machinery thus consists of an administrative, research, interpretative and auditing agency in the United States and offices abroad directly at the service of Jews in distress.

Four main divisions make up the staff of the national headquarters.

The administrative responsibility rests with the executive officers and staff — the direct link between policy making and policy execution. Working with the responsible body, the Executive Committee of the J.D.C., the Administration translates decisions into action, assigns the duties, supervises the work and correlates

all of the staff operations, here in the United States and abroad throughout the world. The sub-divisions of its work are both functional and geographic.

A geographical example: there is a secretary in charge of relief activities in Latin America through whom there clears all of the correspondence, budget estimates, allocations and negotiations effecting Latin American countries. A functional example: a secretary of the Cultural Committee is in charge of the efforts in numerous countries relating to educational and cultural programs vital to the Jews of those communities.

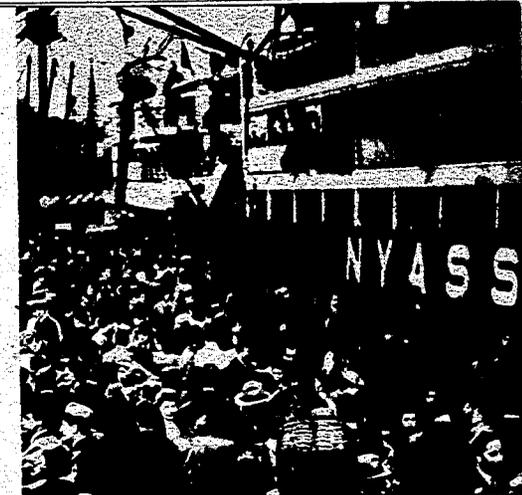
A nerve center of the Executive Office's work is its contact with other organizations. Governmental agencies constitute one such category, general relief agencies, another. Jewish organizations, in and out of the United States, are kept in closest touch with J.D.C. and share in the smooth operation of J.D.C. services.

One form of collaboration and consultation with Jewish groups and organizations is an advisory and consultation group of European representatives right here in this country. A member of the J.D.C. Executive and Administrative Staff is a liaison man with these representative personalities who have been in the United States for some years and are especially qualified to advise J.D.C. on its current program and postwar planning.

This body has no political or fund-raising functions and makes no direct negotiations with United States agencies. It is set up for the purpose of bringing to J.D.C. a wealth of information and human resources indispensable to the world-wide J.D.C. operations.

This is one example. The process, however, is a continuous one here and abroad; a process of exchanging ideas, consulting, gathering information, recording different points of view. All through the year this proceeds with hundreds of Jewish and non-Jewish organizations: the reality of democracy in action.

Because J.D.C. activities are world-wide a vast correspondence reflecting the universal character of J.D.C. operations pours into the New York headquarters. J.D.C. does not do individual case work but J.D.C. must furnish to hundreds who



inquire, information that is available or that can be secured from the appropriate source.

A special responsibility of the Executive Office is in its Purchasing Division. The war and the difficulties of supply and transport mean that it is not enough to make funds available to a desperately starving or newly rescued community of Jews. In normal times, allocation of funds would promptly make available commodities needed: food, clothing, shoes, drugs, medical supplies, tools (the minimum technical equipment of the artisan or craftsman who seeks to re-establish himself in a self-sustaining occupation). Today, J.D.C. has to furnish supplies directly in situations where they would otherwise be unobtainable. The purchase and shipment of such material, enormous quantities of goods and tools, is the job of the Purchasing Division.

A basic function of the Executive Office is related to budget planning and allocation. However large, J.D.C. funds have always been a fraction of what has been called for by communities in need. The heart-breaking task of J.D.C. is to pare down these requests to the irreducible minimum; and to retain enough flexibility for emergencies likely to come up during the year.

This is how the budget is prepared.

About three months before the end of each year, the Committees with which J.D.C. works abroad



and J.D.C.'s representatives from all over the world, submit figures of their estimated requirements for the coming year. Local support is taken into account with the balance asked of J.D.C.

These estimates are supported by substantiating documents to enable the national leadership to understand and properly evaluate the needs.

All of these reports are compiled and collated at national headquarters. Policy considerations: emphasis on relief as against programs of emigration or programs of reconstruction, enter into the calculations. The collation of this material, compact with human values, comes up before the Executive Committee, the Board and the National Council for the planning of the year to follow.

This is the total responsibility of the Executive and Administrative Staff. In its work, is concentrated the job for which J.D.C. is responsible as trustee for America's Jews.

The basis for this work is information, the fundamental, factual material without which no action is taken by the J.D.C. officers and administrators.

To furnish that information, J.D.C. maintains an extensive Research Department that systematically collates reports and information having any bearing on the conditions of the Jews in various parts of the world and on J.D.C. activities. From the material of the Research Department special

studies are prepared as well as a weekly review, a digest of pertinent material and other literature. Another major J.D.C. department deals with community information, service and publicity. J.D.C. is a community enterprise. It is dependent, therefore, on the broadest knowledge and understanding by the community from which it derives its authority and resources. The business of the Department of Community Information is to maintain the closest informational contact between the national office and the total community of America's Jews. It operates through a field service staff and a publicity department.

The field service is the instrumentality whereby J.D.C. has an all-year round contact with the leadership and constituency of the J.D.C. throughout the country. Personnel conferences, local and regional meetings, consultations with the national Council members and community heads constitute the job of the field service staff. In addition, there is a youth division to spread information and stimulate interest among young American Jews in the work of J.D.C.

The publicity department furthers that knowledge. It prepares publications, reports, documents, press conferences, pictorial and other displays, in the fullest possible account of J.D.C. operations. As a result of community service and publicity work, the Jews of America are kept abreast of the J.D.C.'s activities and are able to share in determining J.D.C.'s policies.

In 1945, fund-raising efforts of the J.D.C. which had been part of the United Jewish Appeal from 1939-1944, will be conducted by the Joint Distribution Committee Campaign. This new organization will be responsible for raising funds to meet J.D.C.'s minimum requirements estimated at over \$46,570,000 for 1945.

A special responsibility attaches to the work of the Accounting and Financial Departments. The operations of an organization of J.D.C. dimensions would, under any circumstances, require a highly efficient accounting and recording staff. Its present tasks are more formidable than ever because of the wartime requirements of the American Government and of the countries in which J.D.C. can operate.

Repayments must be made to committees in occupied countries who were authorized just before the outbreak of the war to borrow funds locally for the continuance of relief activities. All the transactions involved in the period of rescue and relief of Jews under Nazi occupation are the province of an Accounting and Financial Department whose records are audited by one of the chief accounting firms in the United States.

The machinery abroad has developed out of thirty years experience. With the exception of one J.D.C. office in Buenos Aires which reports directly to New York, all of the global activities of J.D.C. are supervised by an office having its headquarters in Lisbon, Portugal, under the chairman of the European Executive Council. All field men, all of the temporary and permanent offices in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and the Near East are responsible to the main office in Lisbon.

Specific work of relief, rescue and negotiations with governments is carried on from additional offices, such as those in London, Paris, Rome, Teheran, Istanbul, Stockholm and St. Gall, Switzerland. The regional offices are responsible for J.D.C. work not only in the countries in which they are situated but in adjacent countries.

The London Office acts chiefly as liaison with the American agencies located in London and with other government and intergovernmental bodies.

J.D.C. representatives in the various countries clear all of their information, reports and budgetary requirements through the Lisbon Office. But the heart of J.D.C.'s work overseas is in its highly developed relationships with the local communities where relief is necessary. Wherever possible, even the emergency and rescue operations are carried out through available local groups. In broad functional fields such as child care, emigration, vocational training, the J.D.C. cooperates with specialized institutions having their own personnel and leadership throughout the relief areas.

Ose, an organization for medical aid and child care, is one such collaborative effort; Hicem, for emigration, is another which has obtained substantial grants from J.D.C.

It is a basic principle of J.D.C.'s work to set up a local organization where none such exists and to make sure that it is representative of all sections of Jewish opinion.

This form of collaboration makes for a maximum efficiency of operations. It also draws into the total cooperative effort the financial, moral and physical resources of all sections of the community in which J.D.C. operates.

In France, for example, a special agency had to be set up immediately after the outbreak of the war in 1939. J.D.C. took the initiative in forming a special coordinating committee in which all groups and factions were represented, who assumed responsibility for the actual relief work and were in turn responsible for the statistical and budgetary data. Similarly in 1940 when war refugees made their way to Lisbon, the local Jewish community, small as it was, was encouraged to organize a Refugee Aid Committee for which the local Jewish leaders assumed the responsibility.

A similar development occurred in Italy as Rome was liberated. In all of these efforts, the maximum local support is obtained.

J.D.C. has a direct share in the enlargement of the scope, responsibilities and methods of the communal work abroad. J.D.C. standards are becoming a model of modern relief and rehabilitation programs throughout the world. The experience gained through J.D.C. has given birth to a deeper

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## ALL THIS . . . MEANS *People*

*"Even through Nazi-erected ghetto walls in Poland, J.D.C. brought hope and help."*—J.D.C. report.

It's all in the diary kept by young Mary Berg, who was 15 years old when the Nazis marched into Poland, when Warsaw was pulverized, when the ghetto rose as a mass cenotaph. Her diary entry on October 1939 read: "Today I am 15 years old. I feel very old and lonely." But the will to live remained and with life—as J.D.C. work has demonstrated—there is always hope and effort.

So Mary Berg wrote down in her diary all of the things that happened, from the day Warsaw was besieged until the day of her journey to freedom in the United States.

Out of the agony of the hunted, a sudden, hopeful note is sounded. For in the diary for August 16, 1940, she writes "The young Jewish people of Lodz have founded a club for the purpose of raising relief funds." And "Since we were organized, a representative of the Joint Distribution Committee appealed to us to arrange a show to raise funds for the refugees from Lodz. We went to work with enthusiasm."

Enthusiasm in the Warsaw ghetto!

"Our first performance (she wrote on September 11th) "took place early this month at 5 Przejazd in the J.D.C. office. Our success surpassed all expectations, and the receipts were considerable. We were immediately asked to give other performances, all of which were very successful." . . .

The J.D.C. office . . . the representative of the organization established to help Jews in distress . . . even through Nazi-erected walls, even within the crumbling ghetto of Warsaw. . . .

"We went to work with enthusiasm."

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*"Today there are 22,000 Jews in liberated Italy."*—J.D.C. report.

And at the end of five years they were still interned. Useless to point out to the refugees the difference between their present camps and the concentration camps under enemy domination. Useless to explain to them that it was a matter of effective emergency relief: that in a camp they could be sheltered, clothed, fed with greater efficiency. They only knew that they were enclosed by the familiar stockade, the same barbed wire fence, the same depressing surroundings.

Liberation had been a wave that washed over them. Liberation seemed only a dream, a fantasy. Now there was final disillusionment. And something happened to Isaac R., refugee from Rumania, that even the Germans had not been able to do. His spirit was crushed.

Isaac R. had all of his adult life been a community leader—a member of his local Kehillah, a delegate to Zionist congresses, a person to be consulted on Rumanian Jewish problems, a friend to refugees in the early days of Hitler's terror against the Jews of Germany and Austria. Now he was a refugee himself, and a prisoner. He had fled to Italy, only to be interned there on German orders. In prison camp, he had somehow preserved his dignity as a man, was the acknowledged leader among the other prisoners, had done much to maintain their spirits, through the dreadful ordeal.

But now he was like one dead. The Nazis had been driven off but the doors were not flung open. True, he was now treated with courtesy. True, there were no more beatings, nor fear of beatings. . . . He was still a prisoner.

When a meeting was held, under the new auspices, of the internees in camp, he did not attend. He remained in his bunk, slumped down, indifferent. Hours passed and he did not move.

A fellow internee roused him from his lethargy, shook him into consciousness. "Isaac, Isaac! You have been elected!"

Elected! What was that? A forgotten word.

"You have been elected to represent this camp at the Congress of all camps in the Bari area. It will meet to discuss our problems, and what is to be done to solve them. It will make decisions."

Isaac R. straightened up. To represent! Elections! Who had done this? What had called them?

"The J.D.C. It asks our advice. It wants our experience. We are to confer with its representatives."

A proud smile played on the old man's face. "Yes, certainly. That is how it should be. That is how it used to be. When I was a delegate. . . . Let us prepare everything. We must meet with our American colleagues—our brothers."

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*"Rescue—J.D.C.'s greatest task during war years."—J.D.C. report.*

The story of rescue work in Europe is far too often told in terms of statistics, organization, shipments, bookkeeping. The reality is in other terms. After every disaster rescuers work their way through scenes of utter desolation, a depressing task at best. The dead, the dying—what can be done for them?—and then a voice is heard, a cry that can be answered. Feverishly the rescuers labor with quickened pulses, to reach that one.

The J.D.C. representative in Barcelona was wakened at one in the morning by a telephone call.

"This is Dr. Lopez in Andorra. A party of refugees crossed the border. Two women can walk no more—severe frost bite—danger of gangrene. One of the women said—if I could reach you, you would help to get her to a hospital."

All through the night the representative labored, making 'phone calls, rushing around. It was five in the morning before his efforts were finally rewarded.

An ambulance sped through the dark streets enroute to Andorra, the tiny mountain republic set high in the Pyrenees. The representative rode with the driver as they sped past the sharp turns, the dangerous mountain curves. Hurry! Hurry!

It was worse than Dr. Lopez had reported. Both women, sisters, would have to suffer amputations—one of both feet above the instep; the other of all the toes on her right leg.

"Will we walk again?"

"Yes, with the aid of artificial feet."

No tears. "There are some," said the older sister, "in Hitler's world who would gladly sacrifice their feet to see their husbands and sons again. It is not too high a price to pay."

*"Deliverance."—From the Secretary's report.*

The day for which Emil had prayed was come. The Allies had marched into Paris.

Outwardly showing his jubilation together with his fellow-captives at the French camp, Drancy, still he feared to absorb the reality of the situation.

For only yesterday he had been told to prepare for transfer to another place.

And he had said to himself, well, this is it. The death chamber in Poland.

A squeeze of his hand awoke him to the nearness of Lorchen, who was looking anxiously at his face. He knew what was in her mind. Their four-year-old boy, Peter. His memories surged forward. . . . That day in Nice when the

Nazis were actually in the house, their new friends, the Breunings, had resolved to chance everything in an escape attempt. After all they had a Palestine certificate secured with the help of the Joint.

At the last moment Lorchen had snatched up Peter and flung him into their arms. "Take him with you," she had whispered. "Let him have a chance at least." Then, after the whispered words, "Joint-Lisbon," they were gone.

After that Emil and Lorchen had not spoken of it. But each knew how the other would try surreptitiously to learn the names or description of new arrivals at Drancy. It became a horrible fascination. Each day they dreaded the possibility of the Breunings' arrival.

"Emil, the Joint man, will come today. We must find out if they are safe." He looked at her in surprise. She had changed suddenly. There was something purposeful about her. She was no longer afraid of good fortune.

Together they hurried out. Somebody was making a speech in French through the amplifying system.

"You are now free. Those of you who have your documents in order will please form a line at that large table over there. The people at the desk on that side will answer questions and give information. You are now free and we want to speed up arrangements for emptying this place." Another voice repeated the same facts, this time in German. For another hour the words went on in Yiddish, Italian, Polish.

The people from the Joint were there. Emil and Lorchen queued up. Their turn came.

Yes, there would be immediate communication with the Lisbon office. Breuning, Johann and Bertha, and Peter Cohen? Tomorrow they hoped to have some information.

Early the next morning they took their places in the Joint line. It was still too early for the Joint staff to be there, but the line had formed nevertheless. One couldn't do anything else. People made an effort to chat, but it was only token conversation to help ease the tension of waiting. They talked of the ceremony of thanksgiving and the memorial service held the night before.

For the most part, a deep silence prevailed. Eyes were dry and anxious. The excitement of the previous day had given way to sober consideration.

A stir at the head of the line indicated the arrival of the Joint staff. Holding tightly to their forms, people began closing in as the line slowly shortened.

Now and then there was a cry as people turned away from the desk—they had received definite news of loss, perhaps. Others danced jubilantly as they learned of safe arrivals of relatives, or received emigration permits for themselves.

For Emil and Lorchen it was soon over. The Joint worker had shown them a terse telegram: "Breunings, Peter Cohen en route Palestine. Certificate Emil Cohen and wife available."



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# RADIOGRAM

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TO OBTAIN THE  
BENEFIT OF RCA  
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THE VIA "RCA"  
**MUST**  
BE INSERTED BY THE  
**SENDER**  
OF THE MESSAGE

TO ALL THE WORLD BETWEEN IMPORTANT U.S. CITIES TO SHIPS AT SEA

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO ITALY, FRANCE, BELGIUM AND SWITZERLAND. I HAVE MET WITH JEWS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES AND FROM OTHERS LIBERATED AND ABOUT TO BE LIBERATED. A COLD RECITAL OF FIGURES DOES NOT TELL THE STORY ADEQUATELY. JEWS WHO HAVE MANAGED TO OUTLIVE THE NAZI TERROR STILL HAVE TO CONTINUE THEIR FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL. THEY ARE ALIVE—BARELY SO—BUT THEY ARE MOSTLY RUINED: HUNGRY, HOMELESS, IMPOVERISHED. BUT THEIR WILL TO LIVE AND REBUILD IS STILL HIGH. THE TASK OF HELPING THEM WILL BE GIGANTIC. IT WILL REQUIRE GREAT EFFORT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, OF INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN PARTICULAR, THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.

J.D.C. WILL HAVE TO FURNISH FORTY MILLION DOLLARS TO DO ITS PART ADEQUATELY TO RESCUE AND REHABILITATE EUROPE'S JEWS DURING 1945.

LAST YEAR, IN 1944, OUR CHIEF PROBLEM WAS RESCUE WORK, TO SAVE JEWS FROM NAZI-OCCUPIED EUROPE. THIS RESCUE WORK IS CONTINUING THIS YEAR. IT HAS TOP PRIORITY SINCE NO ONE CAN PREDICT TODAY WHAT MASSACRES MAY DEVELOP IN THE CONVULSIVE PERIOD OF THE LAST DAYS OF THE NAZIS. THERE ARE PERHAPS TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND JEWS STILL IN NAZI HANDS.

BUT, IN ADDITION A GIGANTIC, COMPLEX RELIEF PROBLEM IS BECOMING CLEAR IN EVERY NATION THUS FAR LIBERATED. THE PROBLEM CHALLENGES THE HUMANITARIANISM OF THOSE NATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN LEFT UNTOUCHED BY THE RAVAGES OF WAR.

IN POLAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND JEWS ARE ALIVE. THEY HAVE APPEALED FOR MEDICINES, CLOTHING, BLANKETS, SHOES. THEY HAVE EXPLICITLY URGED THAT THEY BE SENT TOOLS TO RESUME WORK IN INDUSTRY AND ON FARMS.

THE SAME REQUESTS ARE POURING IN FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

IN FRANCE TEN THOUSAND JEWISH CHILDREN ARE NOW ORPHANED. MANY OF THEM ARE IN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTIONS OR HOMES. THEY MUST BE RECLAIMED. THERE, AS IN HOLLAND AND BELGIUM, JEWS NEED NOT ONLY DIRECT RELIEF BUT ASSISTANCE IN REHABILITATION OF THEIR OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS. SCIENTISTS, DOCTORS, LACK ALL EQUIPMENT TO RESUME THEIR PROFESSIONS AND ARE TURNING TO OUR FINANCIAL AGENCIES TO AID THEM TO RE-ESTABLISH THEMSELVES. IN HUNGARY ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND JEWS HAVE ESCAPED MASSACRE AND NEED EVERYTHING FOR THEIR RE-ESTABLISHMENT. DUPLICATE THIS PICTURE THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

THAT IS THE SITUATION AMERICAN JEWS MUST FACE. I AM CONFIDENT AMERICAN JEWRY WILL NOT FAIL THEM.

JOSEPH J. SCHWARTZ  
CHAIRMAN, EUROPEAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

LOES & TROPER  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 17, N. Y. March 6, 1945

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.  
Dear Sirs: We have examined the following accompanying statements of The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. from inception, October 1941, through December 31, 1944:

- EXHIBIT #1 - Statement of Liabilities and Resources as of December 31, 1944.
- #2 - Summary Statement of Income and Expenses from October 1941 through December 31, 1944.
- SCHEDULE #1 - Expenditures from October 1941 through December 31, 1944, by countries and territories.

We have reviewed the system of internal control and related accounting procedures in the New York Executive Office and without necessarily making a complete detailed audit of the books and records, have examined or tested the accounting records and other supporting evidence (inclusive of such records as have been received from J.D.C. overseas offices) by methods we deemed appropriate and to the extent possible by reason of U. S. Government regulations and general war conditions.

The receipt from time to time of additional material from abroad may require some adjustments among certain of the items appearing in the financial statements. Because of restrictions which have been referred to, the financial status of these accounts will not be possible of determination until the post-war period is at hand.

We have been informed that the New York Executive Office has received advice from the J.D.C. European Offices that independent local accountants have performed audits of the J.D.C.'s operations and reports have been received with the New York Executive Office, as certified by the local offices. However, until such time as certified reports have been made with the New York Executive Office, no representation, audits and no being performed. The balance sheets and records by an independent local accountant. Reports on these audits have been received through October 1944.

Field audits were performed by us, in 1944, of the 1944 records of relief committees submitted by the J. D. C. in Central America, on which individual audit reports have been submitted under separate cover. All data included in these reports have been reconciled with the New York accounting records.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. - 2

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The financial data relating to the J.D.C. overseas offices, included in this report, represent operations through September 1944. The Lisbon office reports have been received only recently for October, November and December 1944 and have not yet been examined, recorded, and audited. No reports have been received, as of the date of this report, from the other overseas offices for October through December 1944. Accordingly, the financial data included herein concerning the year 1944, are tentative, before closing, and subject to final audit.

In our opinion, subject to our final audit and report for the year 1944, and our comments herein, the accompanying statements present fairly the position of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc., before closing, as of December 31, 1944, and the results of its operations for the period 1941 to 1944, inclusive, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Respectfully submitted,

*Loes & Troper*

SIGNED

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

EXHIBIT "A"

THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC.  
STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1944  
GENERAL FUND - ACCRUAL BASIS  
(TENTATIVE, BEFORE CLOSING; SUBJECT TO FINAL AUDIT)

<b>Liabilities</b>			
Due committees in countries with which J.D.C. has maintained contact, for expenditures authorized through December 31, 1944 (against this amount payments are being made currently as Treasury Licenses are received); and miscellaneous unpaid balances: \$5,177,571.32			
Treasury Licenses on account of 1944 appropriations	322,081.03	\$4,059,732.35	
on account of 1943 and prior years appropriations of the City of New York		1,000,000.00	
on account of 1943 and prior years appropriations of the City of New York		51,101.70	
Note payable to Chase National Bank of the City of New York (due on or before April 15, 1945)		607,108.22	\$5,728,245.27
Other liabilities (contingent upon post-war checking of records)		19,000.00	
Accounts payable, suspense credits, etc.			
Life insurance reserve			
<b>Total</b>			
Accounts payable to Overseas Committees and individuals for relief disbursed through clearance arrangements and for funds borrowed locally and paid out for the account of the J.D.C. (against which payments are being made currently as Treasury Licenses are received):			
A - Prior to U.S. entry into the War, December 7, 1941 representing undrawn appropriations definitely authorized and at the disposal of committees in countries with which contact has been broken (principally Poland, Germany and Holland)..... \$1,574,372.84			
B - Subsequent to U.S. entry into the War, December 7, 1941 for continuing relief programs in countries with which contact has been broken, with funds borrowed locally for the account of the J.D.C. and disbursed for relief in accordance with instructions given by the J.D.C. prior to U.S. entry into the war; and by J.D.C. representatives subsequently thereto - (more than half to France and Poland)..... \$1,578,195.33			
on account of 1943 and prior years	3,024,531.12	5,482,724.15	
on account of 1943 and prior years		87,137,087.29	
<b>Total</b>			
Available for "A" and "B" above, the J.D.C. had:			
U.S. Government securities in New York, at cost, in the amount of.....	\$1,110,565.51		
and cash in banks and in sight aggregating \$1,103,559.31 (see Resources below) of which there would be required to liquidate these liabilities.....	3,046,531.78	\$1,257,097.29	

<b>Resources</b>			
Cash funds; and other securities - New York (includes \$7,225. cash balances blocked under provisions of Executive Order 8389, as amended).....	\$ 501,749.72		
Cash fund - Oswego refugees - special (blocked under provisions of Executive Order 8389, as amended).....	85,000.00	242.00	
of Executive Order 8389, as amended).....	84,158.00		
Less: Liability to Oswego Group.....		56,301.41	
Less: Liability to Overseas (subject to adjustment as accountings are received).....		6,879.39	
Cash funds - overseas (subject to adjustment as accountings are received).....			
Accrued interest receivable on securities.....			
Estimated balance to be received from the 1944 Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal (Based on total allotments of \$3,872,558.).....	\$3,505,813.86	3,538,135.96	
Estimated balances to be received from campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal for years prior to 1944.....	22,600.00	84,105,539.31	
<b>Total</b> .....			
Less: Needed to complete liquidation of accounts payable of \$7,157,097.29 (see Liabilities above) to overseas committees and individuals (in addition to U. S. Government Securities of \$1,110,565.51).....		3,046,531.78	
		\$1,257,097.29	
Advances made for transportation which, in part, will be reimbursed in cash, and, in part, will represent charges against budgetary commitments when full accountings are received.....	\$ 285,339.82	251,736.58	
Loans, sundry accounts and notes receivable, and advances for 1945 appropriations.....	31,544.24		
Less: Reserve for possible shrinkage.....	\$ 248,795.30		
Claims against foreign banks.....	248,795.30		
Less: Reserve for possible uncollectibles.....			
<b>Total</b> .....			
		2,539,597.82	
		(A) \$1,138,027.44	

General Fund Net Deficit as of December 31, 1944..... \$620,000.

- (A) - This net deficit of \$4,138,027.45 results after utilizing to the full the \$620,000 Working Fund of the J.D.C. as accumulated in the period prior to 1939. The accumulated deficit resulting from operations is \$4,758,027.45.
- \* It is expected that the J.D.C. will receive additional accounts out of the proceeds of the 1944 United Jewish Appeal Campaign when further action will be taken by the 1944 Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.
- Notes: The above statement does not include the following:-
- 1 - Commitments aggregating \$1,791,238.16 deferred to future years.
  - 2 - J.D.C. Transmigration Bureau (N.Y.) deposits aggregating \$31,924.63.
  - 3 - Guarantee of \$2,000,000. given to U. S. Government through U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children for emigration and maintenance of 5,000 children to be brought to this country.
  - 4 - Items held for transmission purposes, \$29,257.75.
  - 5 - Lena and Selig Cohen Trust Fund - \$71,800.11 for restricted purposes.
  - 6 - Investments previously made in American Joint Reconstruction Funds; Palestine Economic Corporation; Gemloth Czeasz Kansas; American Jewish Joint Agricultural Corporation; etc., being of no present cash value to J. D. C.
  - 7 - Contingent asset of \$50,000. representing payment for guarantee to the Iranian Customs authorities (thru the Imperial Bank of Teheran) for 50% of the value of foodstuffs and other supplies in transit, intended for shipment to Russia for the relief of evacuees and refugees. The purpose of this guarantee is to indemnify the Iranian Government in the event of sale or distribution of the supplies in Iran (Guarantee expires May 31, 1945), and is subject to renewal for six month periods.
  - 8 - Legacy account of \$232,192.79 is not included in the General Funds and is not available for general purposes.
  - 9 - Property (Children's Home) in La Paz, Bolivia, at a cost of \$17,000.
  - 10 - Possible refundable items by relatives and friends of refugees and others.



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North Africa (Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tangiers, Tunisia).....	93,453.85		391,050.00	712,360.60
Norway.....	3,000.00		10,069,370.16	3,000.00
Palastina.....	9,139,370.76		800,000.00	10,469,116.16
Paraguay.....	1,602.54	900.00	900.00	3,102.54
Peru.....	11,528.40	600.00	1,685,000.00	15,778.40
Philippines.....	62,876.29		1,685,000.00	62,876.29
Poland, Lithuania and Kurland (Prior to 1920).....	11,543,198.37	500,000.00	1,685,000.00	11,543,198.37
Poland.....	18,288,041.27 (E)	260,117.55	1,685,000.00 (E) (J)	20,233,160.07
Portugal.....	1,667,451.42		1,200,000.00	1,985.06
Romania.....	4,000,500.00		1,200,000.00	1,985.06
Russia (Prior to 1920).....	17,690,486.02		1,200,000.00	2,628,000.00
Russia and Ukraine (Polish and other refugees in Russia, Iran, etc.)	1,985.05		1,200,000.00	1,985.05
Saar.....	471,768.37	937,188.78	52,500.00	1,461,457.15
Siberia.....	51,651.70	25,000.00	1,895,000.00	1,971,651.70
Spain.....	28,500.00	1,083,105.71	3,085.00	1,111,690.71
Sweden.....	1,618,609.08	1,650.00	170,000.00	1,790,259.08
Switzerland.....	52,076.02	95,120.00	30,580.00	177,776.02
Syria.....	12,310.00	25,580.00	150.00	38,040.00
Trinidad, British West Indies.....	851,636.38	3,425.00	10,000.00	865,081.38
Turkey.....	1,098,553.59			1,098,553.59
United States.....	73,980.00			73,980.00
Uruguay.....	8,000.00			8,000.00
Venezuela.....	276,662.87 (K)			276,662.87
Yugoslavia.....	500,000.00			500,000.00
S. S. St. Louis Refugees Aid in Continuation of Emergency Aid in Occupied Countries with which contact has been broken.....	2,009,200.00 (L)	2,401,788.63 (F)	4,571,000.00 (I)	8,981,988.63
Unclassified Geographically.....	9,175,436.32	1,255,440.16	1,200,565.96 (C)	11,631,442.44 (B)
American Joint Reconstruction Foundation for Cultural Work.....	1,918,031.06	122,457.27	111,242.55	2,151,730.88
Constituent Committees.....	250,139.66	32,317.10	107,446.40	389,903.16
Joint Distribution Committee.....	695,464.55	60,532.50	128,958.75	884,955.80
American Jewish Relief Committee.....	1,369,759.52	16,508.40	33,851.70	1,420,119.62
Central Relief Committee.....	696,960.00			696,960.00
Peoples Relief Committee.....				
Administration, Information and Community Service, etc. - New York Executive Office.....	3,020,016.77	361,204.26	427,584.22	3,808,805.25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>112,070,233.42</b>	<b>49,379,615.23</b>	<b>820,011,670.59</b>	<b>161,279,519.24 (D)</b>

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1944

Dear Mr. Baerwald:

I am glad to have this opportunity to extend my warmest greetings to you and the members of the thirtieth anniversary of your service to the stricken and oppressed:

Through three decades your committee has been the constant and unfailing source of help and hope to the victims of persecution and disaster. Your great humanitarian activities have been especially marked throughout these tragic and trying war years. Through you our American citizens of the Jewish faith have been able to extend tangible proof of their sympathy for their suffering brethren.

Let us with hope look forward to a time when the hatred and havoc of war must give way to good will and cooperation in a democratic world of peace, plenty and security for all.

Very sincerely yours,

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Mr. Paul Baerwald,  
Chairman,  
The American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee, Inc.,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

...the rapid... have already liberated millions of people and we have every right to believe that in the very near future the rest of the enslaved populations of Europe will again be free. The tasks that lie ahead of the Joint Distribution Committee in the reconstruction of Jewish life in Europe are truly gigantic. I am convinced that your organization will undertake these tasks with the same energy, devotion and skill that it has shown in the work of rescue and relief. I am convinced that your supporters will continue as in the past to give generously of their means for the great humanitarian work of the Committee.

Very truly yours,  
*J. W. Peltz*  
J. W. Peltz  
Executive Director

...time it is making a valuable contribution to the work of UNRRA. We especially appreciate the experienced personnel which J.D.C. along with other voluntary agencies has made available to UNRRA. With the richness of its experience over the past thirty years the J.D.C. and its supporters throughout the country will, I am sure, render the same epic service in the future as it has in the past; moving forward in its historic role as an agency of reconstruction.

I know that Dr. Schwartz is in this country on a short furlough for no worker in the overseas service of the J.D.C. can long stay away from the battlefield of human needs. The demands for assistance are too great, the calls for help too many.

May I take this occasion to extend my personal greetings to him, to you and to your fellow officers.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Herbert H. Lehman*  
Herbert H. Lehman

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# The New York Times

JUL 29 1945

## JEW IN AUSTRIA GET ASSISTANCE

### Relief Is Organized by Joint Distribution Committee— 3,000 Sent to Italy

Through efforts of the Joint Distribution Committee, approximately 3,000 Jews have been transferred from Austria to various cities in Italy, and will be helped to emigrate to Palestine, it was revealed in a first-hand report on conditions of Jewish people in the Allied zone of occupation in Austria, made public yesterday at the committee headquarters, 270 Madison Avenue.

The report from the Rome representative, Reuben Resnik, to Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice chairman of the committee, said 5,000 Jews are living in and outside Austria's liberated concentration camps in American, British and French zones.

A majority of the Jews, Mr. Resnik said, are living in Linz, Salzburg, Innsbruck and Hochst, with their number in Austria constantly changing, owing to the movement, both organized and unorganized, of masses of people migrating through the country.

#### 2,000 Go to Hungary

"On July 12," he cabled, "2,000 Hungarian Jews left Wels on their way to Hungary, a few days before, hundreds of Jews, especially from upper Austria, moved toward Italy, many of them destined for refugee camps set up by the UNRRA."

Mr. Resnik's cable said that "many hundreds of Jews were heading for Italy." They were reported moving in from Bavaria,

Northern Germany, Hungary and other eastern areas. The cable emphasized that although the basic essentials are being provided for the refugees in the Austrian camps, supplementary foodstuffs and medicals are urgently needed. It said that supplies sent from Switzerland by the committee have been gratefully received by the Jews in Austria.

"One cannot describe these poverty-stricken, stunned, half-clad people as displaced persons or even refugees," Mr. Resnik said. "They are a pitiful lot who have for five years, and in some cases even longer, half lived and half hoped in the foul camps. It will take a great deal of courage, understanding and hard work to bring these people back to themselves."

#### Two Offices in Austria

The cable revealed that the committee had established offices in Linz and Salzburg in Austria and, as soon as military authorities move into Vienna, one will be opened there. A supplementary feeding program for those in need of special treatment, was set up in the Austrian camps, and steps taken to distribute clothing, establish a vocational retraining program and a location service, so that war-dispersed families might be reunited.

Arrangements for shipping additional food, clothing and medicals into Austria from Switzerland have been made, Mr. Resnik reported, and these supplies should be coming through very soon.

Headquarters of the Joint Distribution Committee here disclosed that to meet the increased costs of relief operations in Italy, it has increased the allocation for that country from \$70,000 in July to \$95,000 for August and September. In addition, a special one-time grant of \$75,000 was made for needy persons in Austria.

The committee receives its income from the campaign collections of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine.

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*JDC - Ryple*

JUL 28 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter which the War Refugee Board recently received from Mr. Max Huber, Acting President of the International Committee of the Red Cross. I believe you will find the reference made to Mr. Katzki of particular interest.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt  
American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee  
270 Madison Avenue  
New York 16, New York

Enclosure

*EBT* EBT:inp 7/28/45 *JH*

*Enclosure mentioned in a  
file copy with letter  
attached - JHC - Ret  
dated 5/31/45  
by Max Huber*

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JUL 14 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. E. M. Bernstein  
FROM: William O'Dwyer

We have advised the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee of your success in getting the Swiss to agree to eliminate their charge of 4% in charitable remittances to Switzerland. Of course, the JDC was delighted to get this news and they paid great tribute to you for your efforts in this matter.

In this connection, I should like to express to you the appreciation of the War Refugee Board for all the work you have done in facilitating remittances to Switzerland for the programs which were such an important phase of our activities. As you know, these transfers to Switzerland were crucial to our life saving programs and your help has been very important. In a very real sense you share in our accomplishments and the saving of many lives.

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

FH:hd 7/2/45

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JUN 26 1945

Dear Sirs:

For your information and that of other interested persons, this is to advise you that, in view of the early termination of the War Refugee Board, over-all responsibility for the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, has been transferred from the War Refugee Board to the Department of the Interior.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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June 12, 1945.

Miss Florence Hodel  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

Would you kindly have the enclosed cable sent through the facilities of the War Refugee Board and send us confirmation copy in due course.

Sincerely yours,  
*M. A. Leavitt*  
Moses A. Leavitt

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### 3 REFUGEE GROUPS SETTLE DISPUTE

Organizations That Operated Under United Jewish Appeal Said to Have Reached Accord

Final agreement is expected today on a compromise plan under which the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service again will pool their national fund-raising activities under the United Jewish Appeal.

The nations campaign organization had served the three member groups successfully for six years, but was broken up in February when the JDC and the UPA disagreed over the division of funds to be collected for 1945. At the time, a \$75,000,000 goal had been set tentatively for 1945.

All efforts to mediate or arbitrate the differences failed until the President's War Relief Board is understood to have brought the accord. The reported settlement provides that, after the NRS has received approximately \$1,500,000 it needs to aid refugees in this country for the coming year, the balance of funds collected will be divided on a 57-43 per cent basis between the other groups, with JDC receiving the larger share.

No official confirmation could be secured from representatives of either of the disputant groups on terms of the rapprochement, but it is further understood that the Jewish National Fund, which conducts a separate campaign, will be permitted to make contributions to the UPA while the JDC will be aided by "Jansman shafter" groups resident in this country who came from Europe.

It was learned authoritatively that the compromise had been presented to representatives of the UPA and JDC for initialing on Friday, but that this was put off until today because of slight differences.

While willing to confirm that negotiations leading to a compromise settlement have been taking place, Joseph Hymán, executive vice president of the JDC, said no announcement could be expected until final details were worked out and contracts signed. Other representatives of both JDC and UPA took a like position.

It was emphasized that the fail-

ure of the two groups to reach early agreement this year in a United Jewish Appeal had not hindered solicitation of funds in the different Jewish communities throughout the United States.

Jewish communities throughout the nation, it was said, have continued to operate under united local appeals. In this city the work has been undertaken by the Greater New York United Jewish Appeal.

The dispute essentially was over the funds after they had been raised. It stemmed principally from the belief upon the part of the Palestine group that, with the war in Europe over, emphasis should be placed upon developing the Jewish homeland in the Middle East to solve the problems of the homeless refugees. The Distribution Committee, meanwhile, insisted that Jewish problems in Europe demanded that it receive 60 per cent of the funds collected for the cause which it administers.

To many prominent Jewish leaders, news of the imminent settlement came as a surprise. General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein declared: "If this is true, as I hope it is, it is the answer to a prayer."

Isidore Sobeloff, president of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare, apparently had learned of the impending compromise for, in addressing the opening session of a three-day conference of his organization, he praised the agreement to conduct a united campaign throughout the country in 1945 and 1946.

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May 28, 1945.

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Dear Miss Hodel:

Would you kindly have the enclosed cables sent through the channels  
of the War Refugee Board and send us confirmation copies in due course.

Sincerely yours,

*Moses A. Leavitt*  
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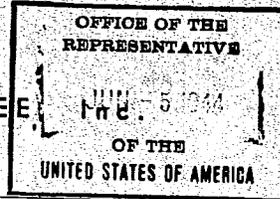
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

It was good of you to write to me under date of May 11th that you recall our conversation in the State Department with respect to our sending a representative to Southern Italy to deal with many of the Jewish refugees there. We are glad to know that such approval has been given and we understand that Mr. Max Perlman will probably proceed there from Algiers in the near future. I expect Dr. Schwartz to pass through Algiers in the next few weeks and he undoubtedly will be in touch with you.

I hope that you stay well.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Moses A. Leavitt*  
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My dear General:

With the thought that you may wish to incorporate some facts and figures on the programs and needs of the Joint Distribution Committee in the address which you are preparing for Los Angeles, I am sending you the enclosed material.

I understand that Los Angeles has been in touch with you directly, and given you full information as to the time and the place of the meetings which you have been good enough to agree to address for the Los Angeles United Jewish Welfare Fund. I further understand that a reservation has been made for you at the Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles.

However, should there be any details which have not been taken care of, or should you wish any further information in connection with these meetings, please do not hesitate to call on me.

I wish to take this opportunity to express to you the deep appreciation of the JDC Campaign for your most valued cooperation.

Respectfully yours,

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MURDER'S SURVIVING JEWS LOOK FOR AID TO J.D

Liberation of the conquered countries of Europe has disclosed a picture so pitiful that it is difficult for Americans to comprehend the ravages that the Nazis have wrought on the defenseless Jews of Europe.

Only a few short years ago there were 6,500,000 Jews in continental Europe exclusive of the Soviet Union. It is estimated that only about 3,000,000 are alive today -- 1,500,000 in liberated and enemy countries of Europe and of the other 1,500,000 about 350,000 are believed to be in Asiatic Russia, about 350,000 managed to escape to Palestine, 250,000 came to the United States, 120,000 emigrated to Central and South American countries and the rest are scattered throughout England, Canada, North and South Africa, Australia and other parts of the globe. Of the 1,500,000 Jews estimated to be still alive in continental Europe about 1,000,000 have been freed by the Allied conquering armies; 500,000 are still in concentration camps or in enemy lands.

The Joint Distribution Committee is dedicated to the task of saving lives and speeding rescue for as many of these tortured people as is possible. Even in concentration camps, food parcels purchased by JDC are distributed by the International Red Cross.

UNRRA Cannot Do the Job Alone

Many people assume that Governmental agencies, such as UNRRA, will do the job, and that there is no need for the JDC to become alarmed over the condition of the Jewish people of Europe. I believe this is a false hope, for in many sections of Europe the surviving Jews are the responsibility of the JDC alone.

By its very charter, UNRRA is restrained from relief activity in enemy or former enemy countries; so it is barred from activity of any consequence in Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Austria, Germany and Italy. There is a slight exception to this. At the Montreal Conference held last September, UNRRA was authorized to spend comparatively small sums of money to take care of the emergency needs in enemy countries or former enemy countries after liberation of special groups, such as nursing mothers, pre-natal mothers, infant children and the medical needs of displaced peoples. This means that in Italy today a very fractional percentage of the Jews that need help can get some UNRRA help. But it is infinitesimal.

By charter, the UNRRA is prohibited from operation in any neutral country. Therefore, all of the needs of Jewish refugees in such countries as Switzerland, Portugal, Spain and Sweden must be met by private agencies.

By its very charter, UNRRA is prohibited from operating in countries without the consent of the government of the country itself, and the countries of France, Belgium, Holland and Norway have indicated that they do not require UNRRA help. There is a good reason for this. These governments are strong enough and are financially able through their own treasuries and through lend-lease to take care of the needs of their own nationals on a relief basis.

In addition, there is another very important point. UNRRA will deal impartially with all within a country who are eligible for relief - Jews and non-Jews alike. Now, everyone knows that the Jews have suffered more severely through Nazi laws and regulations than other groups within a country, and they will need added assistance to raise them to the level of the rest of the population. We must remember that they were Hitler's first victims, and many of them have lived through twelve years of terror and destitution.

#### Europe Needs Your Help

For the million who have already been liberated, there still remains the ever-present menace of starvation and epidemic. They have come out of concentration camps or out of the caves and forests in which they have been hiding, broken in body and spirit.

They want to be reunited with their families--and their families, if still living, are scattered to the four corners of the earth. They long to go back to the homes which once were theirs - or they want to emigrate to new ones in Palestine or other countries. They want to work and get back on their feet-- and many are at this time too ill, too undernourished to hold any type of job. Separated from their families, without homes, food, a job or decent clothing, they apply to the JDC for help.

These survivors will be the main beneficiaries of the \$46,570,000 campaign fund - the minimum amount which must be raised throughout the United States in 1945, if the remnant of the Jews in continental Europe is to be saved from extermination. The sum is larger than the JDC has ever sought in its thirty-year-old existence, but the increase in goal is inadequate when contrasted with the vastly stepped-up demands for relief which pour into the JDC office from representatives overseas who are on-the-spot observers

of actual needs.

The JDC is bringing relief at the present moment to sixteen countries in Europe - twenty-five throughout the world. This relief in many cases represents the difference between life and death.

Then, there are the children. Thousands upon thousands have been found in France, Holland and Belgium alone. How they survived the Gestapo, the bombings and the fighting in these countries we do not know, but we do know that these little ones are in desperate need of help. They have been hidden away in all sorts of places. Many of them have seen their parents dragged away before their very eyes. All of them have known acute hunger. Today, they are homeless and the JDC is caring for them in Jewish orphan homes which the organization supports.

I am giving you the highlights of known conditions. What needs will be revealed when Germany and Austria capitulate is still a mystery. We do not know how many Jews have survived, but we do know that those who are still living will be the most pitiable of all. When the concentration camps are opened, and these unfortunates march out to freedom, we are likely to find them broken in body, ill, hopeless, desperate. It will take long-term relief and help before they can become useful citizens, able to take their places in any community.

Rescue

It should not be forgotten that Hitler has promised that when he leaves the scene of history, not a Jew will be left in all "Nazi-land". Well, our victorious armies are hastening the day of Hitler's final exit, and we must see to it that he is thwarted in his last ambition. As many of these innocent victims as is possible must be snatched from his hands and transported to havens of safety. This is the type of rescue work that the JDC has been doing wherever possible. Now, in the final hour, it is more necessary than ever.

You who are working in this campaign have a great responsibility and a great opportunity. For the amount of money raised in this campaign and similar campaigns throughout the country will determine how many of the Jews of Europe will live to enjoy victory. Very little can be done for these stricken people unless communities in America respond



to their plans. If we neglect their needs, we are giving tacit assent to Hitler's extermination program. They have a first call upon us, the best-favored nation in the world, and we dare not close our hearts to them. The decision is yours. Shall it be life or death for the surviving Jews of Europe?

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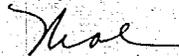
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March 5th, 1945.

Miss Florence Hodel  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Florence:

Would you kindly have the attached six cables sent through the channels of the War Refugee Board and send us confirmation copies in due course.

Sincerely yours,

*Mose*  
Moses A. Leavitt

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**\$46,570,000 Goal Set  
For Jewish Distribution**

**Fund Will Aid 1,000,000 War  
Victims in Europe**

A goal of \$46,570,000 was set yesterday for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's 1945 country-wide drive at a meeting of the society's campaign organization committee at the Hotel Biltmore.

In New York the distribution committee will receive its funds as a beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. Throughout the rest of the country the committee will receive grants from various local Jewish welfare groups.

Rabbi Jehah B. Wise, national chairman of the relief organization's campaign, said if the greatest possible number of nearly a million destitute Jews in liberated Europe is to be aided and saved every effort must be made to meet the campaign's goal.

Campaign officers and directors to assist Rabbi Wise were elected

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MAR 2 - 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

I am enclosing herewith three letters and various documents which were received for you through the United States Embassy in London.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Moses Leavitt,  
American Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

Enclosures.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodal

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March 1, 1945.

Miss Florence Hodel,  
War Refugee Board,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

We would appreciate having your opinion in the following matter:

Our New York City Campaign office has asked us to clarify a number of questions that come to them from time to time with respect to the licensing of charitable organizations engaged in overseas activities.

Among the questions raised is one that affects income tax exemption received from the Treasury Department. We have been asked whether a letter from the U.S. Treasury Department certifying that an organization was established as "charitable" and contributions to it were exempt from income tax, still be valid if such letter was dated prior to the regulations of the President's War Relief Control Board with respect to licensing. I would assume that a letter from the Treasury Department exempting an organization from taxation would have no bearing on registration or licensing by the President's War Relief Control Board. Even if a charitable organization has received exemption from taxation, it would still fall within the regulations of the Board, in connection with raising funds in this country.

Would you let me know whether that assumption is correct.

Yours sincerely,

Evelyn M. Morrissey  
Assistant Treasurer

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## Linder to Aid Refugees

Harold F. Linder, vice chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, has arrived in London where he will assist in the committee's program of rescue, relief and rehabilitation, it was announced here yesterday by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice chairman of the committee. Mr. Linder, a commander in the Naval Reserve now inactive, will have headquarters in London. His immediate responsibilities will include continued cooperation of the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee with the Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation, the major British Jewish organization in England.

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February 23rd, 1945.

Miss Florence Hodel  
War Refugee Board  
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Dear Florence:

Would you kindly have the attached cables sent through the channels of the War Refugee Board and send us confirmation copies in due course.

Sincerely yours,

*M.A.L.*  
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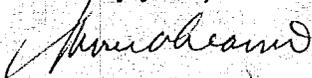
February 19, 1945.

Miss Florence Hodel, Asst. Executive Director,  
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

Would you kindly have the attached cables sent through the channels of the War Refugee Board to Dr. J. J. Schwartz in Paris. (6)

Please send us your confirmation copies of these in due course.

Sincerely yours,  
  
Moses A. Leavitt ✓  
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FEB 14 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

I am enclosing herewith several letters which were received for you from Mr. J. Jeffrey through the United States Embassy in Paris.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,  
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To: Mr. Moses A. LEAVITT,  
AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE,

Dear Mr. Leavitt,

Re: <sup>✓</sup>Tonia SPIRA, Beaurépaire

We have duly received cable, as follows:

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and immediately made the necessary arrangements, in compliance with your request. The total sum allocated to Mr. Spira thus amounts to 10,000 Francs.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ J. Jefroykin  
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To: Mr. Moses A. LEAVITT  
AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE,

Dear Mr. Leavitt,

Re: Hanni SALZBERGER

We have been approached twice by Mr. Ludwig JACOB,  
c/o Mr. Julius Riedler, 1170, Broadway, New York, with a  
view to locating his daughter, Mrs. Hanni SALZBERGER.

We interviewed Mademoiselle Genevieve Delapierre,  
friend of the above mentioned, whose address had been given  
to us by Mr. Jacob. Miss Delapierre seems to have been in a  
rather close contact with Mrs. Salzberger until to July 1944.  
She stated that Mrs. Salzberger had left Lyons in 1943 and  
accepted a job in Northern France. After a several months'  
stay in the North, she came back to the Paris area where she  
worked until to the end of July 1944. After that time, how-  
ever, Miss Delapierre lost sight of her and this seems the  
more surprising as she had and still holds some clothing  
which belongs to Mrs. Salzberger and which the latter would  
have certainly taken back had she remained in Paris.

On the other hand, our locating Service was not able  
as yet to trace Mrs. Salzberger.

Will you kindly inform Mr. Jacob accordingly, as well  
as Mrs. Johanna Oppenheimer, cousin of Mrs. Salzberger's, who  
according to a note she addressed to Dr. Schwartz on October  
30th, is also interested in her cousin's fate.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Jefroykin  
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To: Mr. Moses A. LEAVITT,  
AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE,

Dear Mr. Leavitt,

Re: Inheritance Mrs. Stella MEISS-HIRSCH

I have been approached by Mrs. Sylvian THEODORE, 6, Place de la Liberte, Riberae (Dordogne), concerning the inheritance of the late Mrs. Stella MEISS-HIRSCH, cousin of her husband's.

Mrs. Stella Meiss-Hirsch died in the United States in 1942 without leaving a will and Mrs. Theodore was asked, by our medium, to give to an American lawyer, Mr. Sidney Kusworm, Dayton (Ohio) some information, especially as to her relationship with Mrs. Meiss-Hirsch.

Mrs. Theodore whose present situation, both physical and financial, is desperate, is anxious to know what is the result of her steps undertaken by the lawyer and to what share of the assets she is entitled.

I should be grateful if you would kindly contact the lawyer and let me have at your earliest convenience all information you are able to obtain concerning this case.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Jefroykin  
J. JEFROYKIN

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Paris, January 12th 1945

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Mr. Moses A. LEAVITT  
American Joint Distribution Committee

Dear Mr. LEAVITT,

Mr. Israel ICIKSON, wife Elisabeth and  
2 daughters Lia and Mia

Following Mr. Isalah M. Minkoff's memorandum of October 6th 1944 to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, concerning the above family, which has been transmitted to us, we proceeded to an investigation and are now in a position to give you the following information.

Mr. and Mrs. ICIKSON were first interned at the camp of Merignac near Bordeaux and then deported.

As to the daughters Lia and Mia, they found shelter under false names, at the Preventorium d'Arbonne, where they still live.

If their aunt, Mrs. ATRAN, 65 Central Park West, New York City, wishes to write them, she should address her letter to Madame la Directrice du Preventorium d'Arbonne, pres Bayonne (Basses Pyrenees).

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Jefroykin  
J. JEFROYKIN

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To: Mr. Moses A. LEAVITT,  
AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE,

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

Re: Carmen GROSSINGER and children

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We have been approached by Mr. Sol Time, 7816, Holmes Street, Dallas 15, Texas, who is anxious to hear from his daughter, Mrs. Grossinger, and his two grand-children.

We sent a member of our staff to Mrs. Grossinger's home, 18, rue des Tournelles, Paris 4<sup>o</sup>. Our employee was told by a neighbour, Mrs. Raby, that unfortunately Mrs. Grossinger had been deported. She was able to write once; her letter came from Hannover.

As for her husband who is a war prisoner, he used to write regularly during the German occupation.

The children are brought up on two French families in a small village. According to the statement which was made by Mrs. Raby, these families do not accept any money whatsoever for the children and they even laid aside the money the children's father sent them from time to time from Germany so as to facilitate his new start after the war.

We also contacted Mr. Grossinger's brother, Elie Grossinger, who resides 7, rue des Blancs-Manteaux, Paris. He stated that he had looked after the children for a certain time but was not able to keep doing it as later on he joined the Resistance Movement. Mr. Elie Grossinger intended to call at our offices in order to give us more particulars, but so far did not call.

Will you kindly transmit this information to Mr. Time and believe us, with thanks,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Jefroykin  
J. HEFROYKIN

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February 7, 1945

Miss Florence Hodel,  
Assistant Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

Thank you for sending on to us the lists of Jewish refugees in  
Switzerland which were received by the War Refugee Board from our  
Dr. Schwartz through the United States Legation in Bern.

With appreciation of your cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

*Henrietta K. Buchman*  
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## Jews Ask World Bill of Rights

An international bill of rights "embodying the principles of human rights, fundamental freedoms, religious liberty and racial equality" was urged yesterday in a resolution adopted by the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee at its 38th annual meeting in the Waldorf.

The resolution was offered by a 47-member special committee on peace problems headed by Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee.

The committee's recommendations called also for outlawing by the United Nations of "public or organized incitement against religious, ethnic and racial groups."

The committee reaffirmed its Palestine program, requesting "an international trusteeship responsible to the United Nations."

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NEW YORK TIMES

February 3, 1945

**Fishzohn in Overseas Post**  
Arthur Fishzohn has been added to the overseas staff of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and has been assigned to the Istanbul office, it was announced yesterday by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice chairman. Mr. Fishzohn had been a member of the field staff of the United Jewish Appeal, West Coast representative for the National Refugee Service and a practicing attorney in New York.

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FEB 3 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

I am pleased to enclose herewith two envelopes  
which were received for you through the United States  
Embassy in London.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Moses Leavitt,  
American Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

Enclosures.

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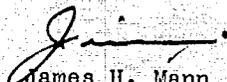
Embassy of the United States  
London, January 20, 1945

Mr. John W. Pehle,  
Executive Director,  
War Refugee Board,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear John:

It will be appreciated if you will have the  
enclosed envelopes delivered to Mr. Moses Leavitt  
of the American Joint Distribution Committee.

Very truly yours,

  
James H. Mann,  
Special Representative,  
War Refugee Board.

Enclosures.

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FEB 3 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

I am enclosing with this letter the final three lists of Jewish refugees in Switzerland ("Nachtragen" 13, 14, and an unnumbered list) which were received for you from Dr. Schwartz through the United States Legation in Bern.

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Enclosures.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AIR MAIL

Bern, January 16, 1945.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Please find attached hereto the final three lists of Jewish refugees in Switzerland which Dr. Schwartz was anxious to have forwarded to the Joint Distribution Committee in New York. They are "Nachtragen" 13 and 14, and an unnumbered list. I trust that in the meantime the other two sets of similar lists which I forwarded have safely reached the J.D.C.

Very sincerely yours,

*Roswell D. McClelland*

Roswell D. McClelland  
Special Assistant to  
the American Minister.

Enclosures: 3 lists for the J.D.C.

John W. Pehle, Esquire.

Executive Director,

War Refugee Board,

Washington 25, D. C.

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February 2, 1945.

Mr. John W. Pehle,  
Director of Procurement,  
Treasury Department,  
7th and D, S. W.,  
Room 7048,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am deeply grateful for your letter of January 29th, and I thank you on behalf of my colleagues and myself for your very gracious expression of appreciation for the cooperation which the Joint Distribution Committee was able to give you in the difficult work of the War Refugee Board.

We on our part will never forget the energy and wisdom with which you conducted the affairs of the War Refugee Board, the deep human interest which characterized your attitude in the many problems before you and the great accomplishments which the Board under your direction has to its credit. Our personal relationship with you has been a pleasure and a source of deep satisfaction for all of us. We shall always gratefully remember our association with you in this work which constitutes a unique chapter in the history of the Joint Distribution Committee.

With every good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ PAUL BAERWALD

Paul Baerwald

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*Mr. Pehle kept original  
of this letter  
in his file*

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JAN 29 1945

Dear Mr. Baerwald:

I cannot leave the War Refugee Board without expressing to you personally my very deep appreciation for all that you and the Joint Distribution Committee have meant in the work of the Board and in the discharge of my duties as its Executive Director.

For much of the success it has known, I feel that the Board is indebted to the Joint Distribution Committee, not only by reason of its most generous financial participation in rescue and relief projects and its fertile contributions to the solution of many problems, but also for the unfaltering cooperation which you have at all times given us. It has been a unique and a memorable experience to serve as Executive Director of the Board, and not least among the things which have made it so are the faith, the diligence, and the efficiency of the JDC, and the very pleasant personal relationships which we have enjoyed.

I am confident that General O'Dwyer can have no greater advantage in the work which remains for the Board to do than the continued support and cooperation which I am sure the JDC will give him.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Assistant to the Secretary

Mr. Paul Baerwald,  
Chairman,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
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January 24, 1945

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We have for acknowledgment your letter of January 18th enclosing lists which you received through the United States Legation in Bern. Thank you for forwarding them to us.

Sincerely yours,

*Henrietta K. Buchman*  
Henrietta K. Buchman  
Executive Assistant

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515 - London  
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JAN 18 1945

TO: Mr. Warren

FROM: Mr. Pehle

Reference is made to cable No. 515 from London of January 15, 1945, copy of which is attached.

The War Refugee Board supports the request of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for validation of the passport of Miss Laura Margolis for France and Belgium. It will be appreciated if the State Department will expedite this matter.

(Signed) J. B. Pehle

Attachment.

*M* Cleared with Mr. Pehle  
PH:hd 1/17/45

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DEPARTMENT  
OF  
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INCOMING  
TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF  
CENTRAL SERVICES  
TELEGRAPH SECTION

DSH-942

PLAIN

London

Dated: January 15, 1945

Rec'd 10:10 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

515, Fifteenth  
TO PEHLE FROM MANN

Please deliver the following message from Joseph  
Schwartz to Moses Leavitt of the JDC:

"Passman and Trobe finally left yesterday. My  
own departure still being held up because weather  
conditions. Deeply regret refusal validate passport  
Laura Margolis France, Belgium which particularly  
difficult understand since military authorities ready  
furnish transportation. Believe this holding up of  
validation will delay necessary relief program which  
Belgian Government has urged us undertake. Would ask  
you again intervene send at least French validation  
to London."

FOR WRE. If Board perceives no objection I would  
appreciate Board's supporting request for validation.

WINANT

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*Wants  
to  
approve*

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JAN 18 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Miss Laura Margolis which was received for you through the American Legation in Stockholm.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

Enclosure.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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AMERICAN LEGATION  
Stockholm, Sweden  
December 18, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Miss Laura Margolis of the American Joint Distribution  
Committee has requested that the enclosed letter be deliver-  
ed Mr. M. A. Leavitt, New York. Your cooperation will be  
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary Elizabeth Thompson*

Mary Elizabeth Thompson  
For: Iver C. Olsen  
Special Attaché for  
War Refugee Board

Enclosure - 1

*Mr. Olsen when  
received in file  
12-22*

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JAN 18 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

Enclosed herewith is a series of documents,  
(Nachtrag No's 7 through 12) which was received for you  
through the United States Legation in Bern.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. H. A. Leavitt,  
Secretary,  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

Enclosure.

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LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AIR MAIL

~~REGISTERED~~

Bern, January 3, 1945.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am sending to the Board enclosed herewith a series of documents (Nachtrag No's 7 through 12) comprising a list of Jewish refugees who have reached Switzerland since August 1942 with the request that they be kindly forwarded to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in New York. The first series of these lists was forwarded by pouch last week, under cover of a letter of December 26. The final series for the "Joint" will go forward next week.

Very sincerely yours,

*Roswell D. McClelland*

Roswell D. McClelland  
Special Assistant to  
the American Minister.

Enclosures: 6 lists for the A.J.D.C.

John W. Pehle, Esquire

Executive Director

War Refugee Board,

Washington 25, D. C.

*The enclosed lists  
forwarded in file  
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JAN 15 1945

**European Jews Need  
46 Millions This Year**

ATLANTA, Jan. 14 (U.P.). Representative Rabin, (D.), of New York, today warned American Jews that they must "act quickly to insure the survival of hundreds of thousands of Jews in Europe." Rabin addressed a meeting of members of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Representatives from several southeastern States were told that Jewish organizations in Europe estimate that \$46,570,000 will be needed in 1945 to provide relief for Jews in neutral, occupied and liberated countries.

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New York ~~World~~ Telegram

JAN 15 1945

Speedy Aid Urged For Europe's Jews

Special to the World-Telegram

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 15.—American Jews must act quickly to insure survival of hundreds of thousands of Jews in Europe, Rep. Benjamin J. Rabin of the 24th Congressional District of New York, warned a meeting of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee yesterday.

Mr. Rabin pointed out the \$46,510,000 sought by the committee for its work during 1945 is the largest sum ever asked in the 30 years of JDC activity, but he emphasized that the organization was faced with unprecedented needs. The JDC is the major American agency for the relief of distressed Jews overseas.

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## SIX MILLIONS LENT JEWS BY FRENCH

Joint Distribution Committee  
Repaying Loans Made for  
Support and Hiding

By DANA ADAMS SCHMIDT

By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES

PARIS, Jan. 10.—The American Joint Distribution Committee is now paying back almost \$8,000,000 lent by Frenchmen for the support and hiding of Jews during the German occupation, Arthur Greenleigh, Paris director of the committee, said today.

He said that the committee was also organizing the rehabilitation of the 170,000 of France's pre-armistice 350,000 Jews who survived the German scourge.

Since money could not be sent from the United States to occupied France, Jewish organizations dependent on the committee were allowed to borrow in its name. Some Frenchmen were so eager to find a safe place for their money that they asked no interest or even offered a premium to have the Jews take it.

There is scarcely a Jew alive in France today who has not at some time benefited from these borrowed funds, averaging \$150,000 a month during the past two years. More than eight thousand children were farmed out to Christian foster-homes. Many more families mixed Jewish children with their own to hide them from the German authorities and received about \$20 a month for their support. The Germans at first offered \$100 for every Jew turned in but later reduced the price to \$30.

About 25,000 of the Jews who have come home to Paris since the liberation have found that their furniture was shipped to Germany and their premises have been occupied. Very few have been able to reoccupy them—even though they are entitled to do so by law—because many of the occupants are refugees, families of war prisoners or members of similar categories enjoying special protection.

Before the war, 200,000 Jews lived in Paris. Today there are only 80,000, half of whom have recently returned. The Joint Distribution Committee is supporting three homes for several hundred of the neediest and is feeding almost 4,000 at canteens daily.

For others it has set up an employment service or is helping them to buy tools or to set up in business again. Several thousand who were in concentration camps are recovering in convalescent camps in southern France.

After having cross-checked the information of a half-dozen French Jewish organizations, Mr. Greenleigh estimated that 10,000 Jews had been shot or had died in concentration camps in France during the occupation. One hundred and twenty-seven thousand were deported and most of these, it is feared, died in Polish extermination camps and elsewhere. Two-thirds of those deported were refugees from Germany before the war or came from Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg after their occupation.

While some went into hiding, about 50,000 other Jews escaped the Germans by emigrating from France, legally or illegally, to North and South America, Africa, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland. Fifteen thousand, including large numbers of children, reached Switzerland.

Mr. Greenleigh's assistant, Jules Jefroykin, emphasized that the Jews' role in France was not merely that of fugitives. On the contrary, he maintained, they performed services out of proportion to their numbers in the French Forces of the Interior.

M. Jefroykin, who was one of the Jewish resistance leaders, declared that, besides those scattered among resistance groups throughout the country, there were some purely Jewish units forming part of the Organisation Juive de Combat. Some in the vicinity of Toulouse, he said, received Royal Air Force parachute supplies, were responsible for the liberation of Castres and Albi and helped to smuggle thousands across the Spanish frontier.

JAN 5 1945

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

There are enclosed three series of documents which were received for you from Dr. Schwartz through the United States Legation in Bern.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt  
Secretary  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
270 Madison Avenue  
New York 16, New York

Enclosures

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LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AIR MAIL

~~RESTRICTED~~

Bern, December 26, 1944.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I take the liberty of forwarding to the Board for transmission to the American Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, three series of documents which Dr. Schwartz is anxious to get to them. They include a list of the names of 1366 Hungarians who recently arrived in Switzerland from Bergen-Belsen, material supplied by the International Red Cross concerning the present status of relief work for Jews in various occupied and formerly occupied areas and the first part of a general list of Jewish refugees who have arrived in Switzerland since August 1942.

Very sincerely yours,

*Roswell D. McClelland*  
Roswell D. McClelland,  
Special Assistant to  
the American Minister.

Enclosures: 3 series of documents for the A.J.D.C.

John W. Pehle, Esquire  
Executive Director,  
War Refugee Board,  
Washington 25, D. C.

*no enclosures when  
revised in file  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIVISION OF  
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*Wm K. B. /  
Huddle*

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Bern

COMMUNICATIONS  
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(LONDON)

Dated December 28, 1944

Rec'd 3:48 p.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

8400, Twenty-Eighth.

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.

Joseph Schwartz left Geneva for Paris December  
25 advisable therefore send future messages from  
JDC for him to Amembassy Paris.

HUDDLE

MRM

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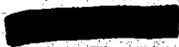
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FROM: AMLEGATION, Stockholm  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: December 18, 1944  
NUMBER: 5153

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Repeated to London as my 1670, December 18, 1944

In response to the direction of the Chairman of the European Executive Council of American Joint Distribution Committee, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, the overseas representative of the Committee, Miss Laura L. Margolis, who has been stationed for the past three months in Sweden, requests validation for travel in Belgium and France. It is the plan of Miss Margolis to go to the United Kingdom in early January and she asks that we forward the American Embassy in London the answer to her request.

JOHNSON

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72  
By E. H. Parks Date **SEP 1 1972**

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DEC 8 1944

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

I am happy to be able to report to you that we have just been advised that approximately 1,355 Hungarian Jews have arrived in Switzerland from Camp Bergenbelsen. They arrived during the night of December 6th to 7th and are temporarily housed near St. Gall.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. M. A. Leavitt,  
American Jewish Joint  
Distribution Committee,  
270 Madison Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

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REPORT OF  
THE SECRETARY

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Moses A. Leavitt

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To the Annual Meeting of the  
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE  
December 10, 1944

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The year 1944 now coming to an end has been one of the most fateful years in history. The year witnessed the greatest military achievement the world has ever known in the Allied invasion of the continent of Europe from the West, and the liberation of most of Western Europe. During the year, France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Greece, parts of Holland, Italy, Poland, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia were freed. Russia drove the invaders from its soil, and Bulgaria and Rumania capitulated and entered the war on the side of the United Nations. The year, however, also witnessed a dreadful climax in the German policy of annihilation of the Jews of Europe when Hungary was taken over by the Gestapo and 800,000 helpless Jews became exposed to the fiendish brutality of the Germans. Hundreds of thousands were deported and murdered, or placed in slave labor battalions, and as this report is written, the fate of the last 250,000 Hungarian Jews hangs in a precarious balance.

With the liberation of vast areas in Europe, the extent of the tragedy that befell the Jews becomes appallingly clear. Millions of Jews have been exterminated, over 80% of those who survive have been uprooted from their homes and have been completely expropriated and dispossessed. As the European Jews literally crawl out from their hiding places to breathe once again the air of freedom, they find their homes and furnishings gone or occupied by strangers; their businesses vanished or aryanized; their children and the members of their families dead or dispersed. The need for the basic essentials of life, food, shelter, clothing, medicines, is a paramount one. Instinctively, the Jews of Europe turned to the Joint Distribution Committee for their first aid. Tens of thousands of them had been protected and maintained by J.D.C. funds during the entire period of occupation and it was natural for them to expect a continuation of this aid now that liberation had come. It is unnecessary to describe in detail the operational difficulties involved in bringing help quickly in the immediate wake of the advancing Allied armies. Military regulations, war priorities, currency restrictions, disrupted communications, all had to be taken into account in order that J.D.C. assistance be made readily available.

The huge burdens which the J.D.C. had to assume in 1944 are reflected in the appropriations of over \$20,400,000 thus far made to the end of the year, but without taking into account new emergencies that may arise in December. This sum is unprecedented in the history of the J.D.C. and rarely equalled in the annals of private philanthropic endeavor. Unfortunately, the J.D.C. cannot assert that every vital need was met. Thousands of Jews had to be satisfied with one or two meals a day, with inadequate clothing and shelter. In only one field did the J.D.C. meet every call that came to it, and that was in

the rescue of Jews from occupied countries. No feasible project or proposal was permitted to go by default because of lack of funds.

Rescue Activities:

The establishment of the War Refugee Board by President Roosevelt in January 1944 to facilitate the rescue of the victims of Nazi persecution, opened up channels of aid to the Jews of occupied Europe which hitherto had been closed. Three Cabinet officers, the Secretaries of State, War and Treasury composed the Board, with an Executive Director, Mr. John W. Pehle, in charge of the day to day work. The closest contact was maintained by the J.D.C. with the Executive Director and the members of his staff. Thousands of Jews are today alive because of the activities of the Board, and because of the facilities made available by the Board to the J.D.C. and other private agencies. \$9,894,000 was allotted by the J.D.C. in rescue work in cooperation with the War Refugee Board.

Outstanding among the many rescue projects undertaken was the evacuation of Jews from the Balkans to Palestine, for which a grant of \$3,000,000 was made by the J.D.C. In conjunction with the Jewish Agency for Palestine, small boats were chartered to make the perilous crossing from Constanza to Istanbul. These boats did not receive safe conduct from the Germans and in one tragic case, a boat, the Mefkure, was sunk by the gunfire of a German submarine with the loss of about 300 Jewish refugees. Jews were likewise brought overland from Bulgaria and Rumania to Istanbul and from Greece in small caiques. The J.D.C. undertook to pay 80% of the cost of the sea voyages to Istanbul, 100% of the cost of maintenance in Istanbul, and 100% of the cost of railroad transportation from Istanbul to Palestine. Altogether about 6000 Jews were rescued through Turkey. Without the aid of the American Ambassador to Turkey, and the representative of the War Refugee Board stationed in Ankara, this large number of Jews could not have been saved.

Emphasis was placed on the rescue of children from occupied France during the first half of the year. Close to 700 children, as well as adults, were brought over the border to Switzerland and Spain mainly with funds provided by the J.D.C. Unknown hundreds from Poland and Eastern Europe were helped to cross the borders into Slovakia, into Hungary and into Rumania. Many of them were tragically caught again when the Germans occupied Hungary.

In addition, the J.D.C. maintained tens of thousands of children and adults in hiding in the occupied territories. In France alone between 7,000 and 8,000 children were thus maintained, and in Belgium 7,000 persons, including 2,900 children, were cared for in part with J.D.C. funds. Relief was sent to all the occupied zones, whether in supplies or funds, to keep alive Jews in concentration camps, in ghettos, and in the forced labor battalions. To the camp in Theresienstadt alone, 18,000 parcels monthly were dispatched from Portugal and Switzerland. The invaluable aid of the International Committee of the Red Cross was enlisted in the distribution of food and medicines in many of the camps.

It is important to state that all J.D.C. activities in the occupied regions were carried on with the full knowledge and approval of United States Governmental authorities.

Emigration Activities:

The Emigration of Jews from places of temporary asylums to countries of final destination was continued during the year. In January, the S.S. Nyassa, a Portuguese boat under charter by the J.D.C., made an historic voyage to Palestine bringing some 750 immigrants from Spain and Portugal. This voyage was the first sailing of a neutral ship through the Mediterranean since June of 1940 when Italy entered the war. A second voyage was arranged by the J.D.C. later in the year when the S.S. Guine carried 434 certificate holders from Spain, Portugal and Tangiers to Palestine. Canada offered asylum for the duration to qualified family units comprising some 500 refugees from the Iberian Peninsula and Tangiers. The J.D.C. was helpful in the selection of these families and paid for their transportation. Yemenite Jews, stranded in Aden, were helped to come to Palestine. About 1,000 Tripolitanian Jews were repatriated from Tunis and Algeria to Tripoli. Although immigration to the United States and Latin America was sharply curtailed, the Hicem aided all who held visas and needed transportation to emigrate. The J.D.C. appropriated \$280,000 to the Hicem for such transportation needs and in addition, provided \$360,000 for the special immigration projects described above.

Aid to Refugees in Neutral Countries:

Switzerland:

Foremost among neutral countries in terms of relief needs is Switzerland, which has granted asylum to close to 80,000 refugees of all nationalities, of whom over 25,000 are Jews. Some 6,000 to 7,000 of the Jewish refugees entered Switzerland prior to August 1942, and all those who are in need are taken care of by the J.D.C. The bulk of the Jewish refugees, however, came into Switzerland after August 1942 when the large-scale deportation from France was started by the Germans. Thereafter Jews from Italy, from Yugoslavia, from Holland and from Hungary arrived in Switzerland. All the Jewish as well as non-Jewish refugees were placed in special camps and their basic needs of food and shelter provided by the Swiss Government. Many of the Jews came in penniless and without clothing, and the J.D.C. undertook to provide them with modest supplementary assistance which amounted to about 16 cents a day for some 15,000 refugees. The J.D.C. also subventions the International Student Service in Geneva, a highly regarded organization which concerns itself solely with aid to refugee students. Several hundred Jewish students in Switzerland are helped to complete their university training and they receive other educational benefits from this organization. The J.D.C. continues to provide for the local welfare requirements of the Swiss Jewish Community and the funds raised by Swiss Jews are utilized by them to aid Jews in the occupied territories. During 1944 the J.D.C. will have spent for all programs of relief in Switzerland \$1,913,000.

Spain:

The cost of maintenance of refugees in Spain remains extremely high due to the abnormally high cost of living in the country. A minimum of 2,000 refugees have been fully maintained, and although during the year hundreds of refugees were evacuated from Spain, many others came into the country and

those who exhausted their own resources were forced to appeal to the J.D.C. for aid. Approximately 600 Sephardic Jews were permitted to enter Spain from German-occupied countries on the guarantee of the J.D.C. to the Spanish Government that they would not become public charges. The bulk of these were later transported to a camp near Casablanca operated by UNRRA. In Spain, as in other neutral and liberated areas, it is the policy of the J.D.C. to secure the support of the respective Allied Government for those refugees who can establish their Allied nationality. Thus Polish, Dutch, Belgian, Czechoslovak and Yugoslavian refugees who are recognized as such by their Governments are referred for aid to the Allied Government mission in the country. The German, Austrian and stateless refugees, former Poles, Russians, Rumanians, Lithuanians and others who had lost their nationality, remain the full responsibility of the J.D.C., and these represent the bulk of the refugees in Spain.

The amount spent in 1944 for relief in Spain will total \$1,300,000.

Portugal:

There are still some 600 to 700 refugees in Portugal who require aid. Many of these consist of individuals. The other members of their families are either dead or dispersed over Europe. Every effort is being made to arrange for their emigration to countries of permanent asylum since they are not permitted to work or settle in the country. The J.D.C. has also taken over the cost of maintenance of local Portuguese Jewish institutions with the understanding that the funds raised by the Portuguese Jews for their welfare activities will be used to aid Jews in occupied zones. The total that will thus be spent in Portugal during 1944 will amount to \$449,000.

Sweden:

Aid to refugees in Sweden is given to the German, Austrian and Czechoslovakian Jews who arrived prior to the war, to refugees from Finland, and to over 5,000 refugees from Denmark. In the case of the latter group, only supplementary assistance is given since basic relief requirements for the Danish refugees are provided from Governmental sources. The total budget which includes a guarantee of maintenance of \$70,000 should an additional 500 Finnish Jews enter Sweden will be \$122,500.

Turkey:

In Turkey the J.D.C. carried on a four-fold program, brought about by the geographic location of the country, as follows: (1) assistance to refugees from the Balkans in transit to Palestine; (2) purchase and shipments of supplies from Turkey to occupied Rumania and Czechoslovakia for distribution by the International Red Cross; (3) relief to Turkish nationals who were repatriated from France; and (4) aid to the local Jewish communities who were practically ruined by the discriminatory levy on minority groups. The local hospitals, orphan asylums and other welfare agencies were faced with closure and expropriation unless J.D.C. aid were forthcoming. For the last two programs of relief in Turkey on behalf of Turkish nationals, the J.D.C. will spend in 1944 the sum of \$196,000.

Middle East:

In Palestine the J.D.C. carried on a program of aid to needy refugees rabbis and scholars and to about 70 educational and cultural institutions of higher learning accommodating 25,000 students. A special grant of \$50,000 was made to the yeshivoh for special feeding of undernourished students, after a survey had been made of their nutritional needs.

Aden harbored about 2,000 Yemenite refugees who escaped from Yemen and who found themselves in dire need. Early in the year a typhus epidemic broke out and the J.D.C. rushed a medical unit from Palestine of a physician and nurses who succeeded in halting the epidemic. Relief was given to many of the refugees and about half were transported to Palestine. It is hoped that the balance will be leaving for Palestine in the near future.

In Iran, a small subvention is granted to the Alliance Israelite Universelle Schools.

The total spent for relief in Aden and Iran will amount to \$20,000. Relief expenditures in Palestine are included in grants made by the Cultural Committee.

Central and South America:

The J.D.C. continued its relief and rehabilitation program in Latin America. The major relief problems are in Bolivia, Uruguay, Cuba and the Dominican Republic. In these countries the relatively small size of the established local Jewish community to the refugee population makes it imperative that the J.D.C. continue to carry the main burden of relief. In Bolivia where there are some 5,000 refugees, 1,000 persons receive aid. Many of the refugees are older people and due to the high altitude of the cities in which they live, medical care becomes one of the largest items of relief. Similarly in the Dominican Republic where there are over 1,000 refugees, their integration in the economic life of the country is a difficult and slow process. In the other Central and South American countries which have sizeable established Jewish communities, the J.D.C. continues to stimulate local Jewish responsibility. Many of them are gradually taking over the task of caring for the needy in their midst, and the J.D.C. grants have been on a constantly decreasing scale. Many of the communities in fact are collecting funds for overseas relief. The sum of \$185,000 was granted to the Agro-Joint for the budgetary needs of the two settlement projects carried on by the Agro-Joint in the Dominican Republic and in Bolivia.

The total grants for Latin American countries in 1944, exclusive of the Agro-Joint, will amount to \$469,000.

Liberated Countries:North Africa:

In Algiers, Morocco, Tunisia and Tripolitania, the J.D.C. continued to care for the refugees and to provide aid to needy children of the local population and those who were bombed out of their homes. Special grants were made

to The Alliance Israelite Universelle Schools in Morocco and Tunisia so that a hot noon meal could be served to the children and to help defray the salaries of teachers who were greatly underpaid. Some 16,000 children attend the schools in North Africa outside of Algiers. In Algiers special local institutions were aided, sanatoria, clinics and a children's camp where 800 children spend their summer vacations. About 1,000 refugees in North Africa are dependent on J.D.C., although many others have been able to make an economic adjustment. This number includes the refugees in Tangiers, which although not a liberated area, is listed as part of North Africa. The sum of \$437,000 will be spent in North Africa during 1944.

Italy:

In the areas of Italy thus far liberated, there are about 4500 refugees and 12,000 Italian Jews. Emergency aid was granted to the needy in both groups. In the refugee camps, supplementary assistance is being given in the form of monetary aid and in clothing purchased and shipped from Palestine by the J.D.C. Vocational and retraining programs have been established in the camps and aid is given in the emigration of refugees to countries of permanent asylum. The local Jewish community is being helped to organize itself and to reopen welfare institutions such as hospitals, synagogues, and religious schools. The representatives of the J.D.C. in Italy operate under the sponsorship of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, with whom there is a close working arrangement. The experience of the J.D.C. in Italy has demonstrated that the local Jewish population can begin to take care of their own needs much more quickly if the J.D.C. can function immediately after liberation has been accomplished.

During 1944, the J.D.C. will spend in Italy \$390,000.

France:

The liberation of France rescued about 160,000 Jews who survived the German occupation. About a quarter are in the Paris area and the balance in the South of France. First estimates place the number of French Jews at about 40% of the Jewish population. Approximately 100,000 are known to have been deported eastward and nothing has been heard from them. The Jews in France have lost their jobs, their businesses, in many instances their homes and all of their belongings. About 35,000 are in need of emergency aid and this number is expected to rise shortly to 60,000. Fortunately, the Jewish committees subventioned by the J.D.C., which had gone underground during the occupation, were able immediately to re-establish themselves and carry on without a break. The offices of the J.D.C. in Paris were quickly reopened and six kitchens began feeding 10,000 Jews one meal a day. The September budget for the Paris region alone was 5,500,000 francs, which at current rates of exchange amounts to \$110,000. Between 7,000 and 8,000 children had been placed in homes, monasteries and convents and these children, most of them orphans, are now being collected, reunited with their families or cared for by the various Jewish organizations in children's homes. Direct remittance to France from New York of \$200,000 was authorized in the latter part of 1944. Until full accountings are received from France and Switzerland, giving details of the borrowings and other financial transactions carried on from Switzerland, it will not be possible to state how much was expended in France in 1944. The first reports of

borrowings in France from the time of our entry in the war to April 1944 indicate that a total of \$2,500,000 was borrowed locally. Word has just been received that one of our staff representatives who had been stationed in Italy has arrived in Paris. Dr. Schwartz's arrival is expected daily, and fuller reports of the needs and budgetary requirements will soon be available.

Belgium:

The surviving Jewish population in Belgium is estimated at 18,000 to 20,000 of whom 65% are estimated to be non-Belgian nationals. Jewish underground committees hid and maintained 7,000 - 8,000 persons, including 2,900 children. Through Switzerland and through the Belgian Government, the J.D.C. was able to make assistance available to the Jews during the occupation. Practically all of the survivors are in need. The Belgian Government provides 35 francs daily (80 cents) to all unemployed persons regardless of their nationality, but this amount is completely inadequate in the case of the Jews who lost their homes, their possessions, and all their resources. An appeal for \$2,100,000. for a three month period for emergency relief, reestablishment in homes, and initial rehabilitation was received soon after the liberation of Belgium. An emergency grant of \$150,000. was made pending a survey of the situation which Dr. Schwartz plans to make in the near future.

Rumania:

The economic situation of the 290,000 Jews in Rumania is most tragic. According to a report from Dr. William Filderman, well known Jewish leader in Rumania, 150,000 Jews are totally destitute and many others require supplementary aid. There are 15,000 refugees who had been evacuated from Transnistria, 20,000 who had been evacuated from the small towns and villages to the larger cities and 30,000 returned from forced labor camps. All need the basic essentials to maintain life. The last group of forced laborers with their families aggregate 90,000 souls. Some 30,000 Jews in Jassy have no homes due to bombardment. Dr. Filderman urgently requested \$1,500,000. for emergency relief, pointing out that if this sum was not forthcoming immediately, twice the amount would be required. A special grant of \$500,000. was quickly made available and an additional sum of \$250,000. placed at the disposal of Dr. Schwartz for aid in Rumania. There is every reason to hope that a J.D.C. representative will soon be in Rumania helping to start the rehabilitation of the Jews in that country. It is of interest to point out that hundreds of thousands of dollars had been borrowed locally on J.D.C. credit prior to the collapse of Rumania and repayments are being made to Rumanian Jews who arrived in Palestine. Full accounts of these borrowings are awaited.

Poland:

No other Jewish community has suffered so grievously as has that of the Jews of Poland. The full fury of the murderous attacks of Hitler and his Gestapo seem to have been directed against Polish Jews. How many Jews still remain alive in the occupied part of Poland is unknown although estimates by the Jewish underground committees place the figure at 200,000 as of May 1944. In the liberated areas the first estimates record only 40,000 Jews as surviving in Poland and about 300,000 Polish Jews in the Soviet Union. This would mean that about 2,500,000 Polish Jews were murdered or died as a result of

starvation and illness in the concentration camps and were therefore as truly murdered as were those who died in the gas chambers of Oswiecim, Birkenau, and Tremblinka. The condition of the 40,000 survivors in Poland is indescribably tragic. In response to urgent appeals from Dr. Emil Somerstein, head of the Lublin Jewish Relief Committee and an old co-worker of the J.D.C. after the last war, the J.D.C. instructed its Teheran office to ship 50 tons of food, clothing and medicine to Lublin from its store of supplies in Iran. In addition the J.D.C. appropriated \$250,000. for the purchase of supplies in this country for shipment to Dr. Somerstein.

To the Polish refugees in the Soviet Union, the J.D.C. has been sending food and clothing parcels from Teheran. The names and addresses of some 30,000 families are known to our offices in Jerusalem and Teheran and every three months a 5 kg. parcel is dispatched. The average cost of such a parcel is \$25.00 including duty and transportation. It became possible to send regularly 10,000 parcels a month when the J.D.C. was able to purchase 250 tons of Lend-Lease supplies lying in Teheran at a cost of \$480,000. The total appropriation for the parcel service in 1944 is \$1,200,000. Without the full and sympathetic cooperation of the Soviet authorities, it would not have been possible to expand the parcel service to such an extent.

#### Greece:

The liberation of Greece has disclosed that only 15,000 Greek Jews remain alive out of a pre-war population of 70,000. All are in dire need. Appeals have come to the J.D.C. from the newly appointed heads of the Jewish communities of Athens and Saloniki and from the leaders of Egyptian Jews who state that \$400,000. are urgently needed for immediate relief pending the time when UNRRA will begin to function in Greece. Egyptian Jews are prepared to provide \$40,000. Dr. Schwartz was authorized to provide \$360,000. for emergency needs.

#### Bulgaria:

About 35,000 to 40,000 Jews remain in Bulgaria and most of them are going back to Sofia from which they had been exiled. They find their homes have been taken over by others and they experience great difficulties in attempting to reoccupy their apartments. Dispossessed and penniless, the Jews in Bulgaria will require a large measure of aid.

#### Yugoslavia:

Estimates of the number of Jews alive in Yugoslavia range from 3,500 to 10,000. Here again the picture is one of complete destitution. A special grant of \$10,000. was made for a group of 1,400 refugees now in liberated Yugoslavia who at one time had been interned on the Island of Rab. Our representative in Italy advises us that some food and clothing have recently been flown to the group by British Military authorities.

#### Occupied Countries:

As of the end of 1944, substantial areas in Hungary, Poland, Italy, Czechoslovakia and Holland are still occupied by the enemy and an estimated

500,000 to 600,000 Jews trapped in those areas are in mortal danger of extermination. During the period under review, aid was brought to Jews in occupied territories by a variety of methods. One was by borrowing locally on J.D.C. credit against repayment after the war. That many committees were able to do so in substantial amounts was disclosed when France, parts of Italy and Rumania were liberated. A second method was the actual remittance of local currencies through underground channels, under special Treasury licenses. Large sums were expended in the purchase of such currencies from reliable sources in order that no benefit would accrue to the enemy. A third method was the shipment of food and medicine either in the form of individually addressed parcels to internees in camps or in bulk shipments distributed by the International Red Cross. Expenditures for rescue and relief in occupied countries during the year 1944 totalled \$9,894,000 exclusive of funds borrowed on J.D.C. credit.

With the complete occupation of Hungary by the Germans in March of this year, the martyrdom of the Hungarian Jews started. The process of expropriation and concentration in camps and ghettos was carried through with incredible speed and then came the deportations to the gas chambers in Poland. Some 360,000 Jews were so deported and an additional 160,000 able bodied men were sent to slave labor camps in upper Silesia. The protests of a horrified world finally reached the ears of the Regent Horthy and in July 1944, he promised the International Committee of the Red Cross that no more deportations would take place, that children under 10 would be permitted to leave the country, and all holders of visas would likewise be given exit permits. Thus far only a few hundred Hungarian Jews reached Switzerland. It was estimated that there remained in Hungary at that time 200,000 to 250,000 Jews. In the last weeks, deportations started on a large scale and the gravest fears are held as to the fate of this last remnant of Hungarian Jews.

Some 20,000 Jews were estimated to be alive in Slovakia in addition to 35,000 Jews known to be in Theresienstadt. Deportation of the Jews in Bratislava in recent weeks have reduced the number of Jews in Slovakia to about 10,000 - 13,000 who it is believed are hidden in territory controlled by Slovakian patriots.

Small groups of Jews are hidden in northern Italy and occupied Holland and liberation must come quickly if they are to survive the relentless hunt of the Gestapo. Many Jews owe their lives to the heroic partisan groups who befriend them. Many thousands of young Jews have joined the partisans and are bravely fighting side by side with their non-Jewish neighbors to achieve the liberation of their countries.

#### Cultural and Educational Assistance:

Throughout its history, the J.D.C. has helped to sustain the religious, cultural and educational life of the Jews in Europe. Keenly aware of the high place that religion and education occupy in the daily life of Jews, the J.D.C. has supported the institutions of higher learning which have kept alive Jewish culture and trained religious leaders for their communities. Although many of the famous yeshivoh of Poland and Lithuania were destroyed, many were reestablished in other countries and in Palestine particularly. Through the Cultural Committees regular grants are made to these institutions, aid is given

to newly founded institutions in South America, ritual articles made available as far as possible and matzos provided for Passover wherever transportation can be secured. In 1944, the J.D.C. will have spent on cultural, religious and educational activities the sum of \$460,000.

Inter-Governmental Agencies:

Close contact was maintained during the year with UNRRA and the Intergovernmental Committee. Early in 1944, UNRRA initiated a program of utilizing the services of private agency personnel. The J.D.C. assigned to the UNRRA a unit of ten workers, one physician and nine trained social workers for service in the Balkans. Six of them are already stationed in the Near East. Another J.D.C. staff member has been assigned by UNRRA to a Polish mission which it is expected will leave for Poland shortly. Although these workers operate as part of the UNRRA staff, they are free to report to the J.D.C. on all matters pertaining to Jewish relief and rehabilitation problems and thus form a valuable link between UNRRA and the J.D.C. UNRRA's operations in 1944 were mainly concerned with a number of refugees' camps in the Middle East and with planning for the future. A mission has just entered Italy to carry on a relief program in accordance with the decisions taken at the Montreal Conference in September of 1944. At this conference certain enabling resolutions were passed which permit UNRRA to enter enemy or ex-enemy territories to aid displaced nationals of the United Nations or such displaced enemy nationals as have been persecuted by reason of their race, religion or activities on behalf of the United Nations. It is hoped that as a result of these enabling resolutions, UNRRA will extend its relief and rehabilitation services to many Jews in enemy or ex-enemy territories where the needs are overwhelming.

Close cooperation in the functional field with the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees was worked out in 1944. This Agency, of which Sir Herbert Emerson is the Director, is primarily concerned with the non-repatriable refugee population, whose resettlement will require long range planning. We are happy to report that there is a friendly and intimate relationship between the Committee and the J.D.C. which augurs well for the future when the baffling problems of the stateless refugees must be wrestled with and solved.

Cooperation with Jewish Communities Abroad:

The year under review saw a quickening of cooperative efforts with free Jewish communities throughout the world. For many years the Jews in Canada have been an integral part of the J.D.C. Funds raised in Canada are expended by the J.D.C. as part of its over-all program. Thus the Jews in Canada have participated in every aspect of J.D.C. work and it is expected that in the future Canada will provide even more valuable resources in the form of commodities for relief programs overseas.

Jewish communities in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, in Switzerland, in Egypt and England, have been in close touch with us so as to coordinate their relief efforts with those of the J.D.C. In most instances expenditure of their funds is made by the overseas staffs of the J.D.C. and represent in all cases additional aid to Jews in Europe rather than any substitution of J.D.C. help. The largest measure of such assistance has thus far

come from the Jewish Communities of South Africa and Australia. From the Argentine, from Chile, Ecuador, Venezuela, Peru, Uruguay, Colombia, and Mexico, funds have been made available for overseas aid. Although these amounts have so far been small, they represent the earnest desire of Latin American Jews to participate in the relief of Jews overseas. The J.D.C. welcomes whole-heartedly the cooperation of Jews throughout the world in the immense tasks of reconstruction of Jewish life in the post-war period. It will exert every effort to make this cooperation more and more fruitful so that the maximum of assistance can be rendered to our stricken Jewish brethren in Europe.

Miscellaneous:

The overseas staff of the J.D.C. was enlarged during the year 1944. Under the direction of Dr. Joseph Schwartz, staff members are now stationed in Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Sweden, Turkey, Iran, Argentine, Uruguay and Cuba. A Swiss national represents the J.D.C. in Switzerland. He has carried on magnificently one of the most difficult and important tasks that has ever befallen a representative of the J.D.C.

In order to secure the advice and counsel of European emigre leaders in this country, the J.D.C. sponsored the organization of the Advisory and Consultative Group of European Representatives. The group consists of one representative and one alternate of each of the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Luxemburg, Poland, Rumania, Switzerland and Yugoslavia. In turn small auxiliary national groups have been organized by the representative of each country, and much valuable aid is being received from the regular discussions and planning of the various groups.

The J.D.C. took the initiative in the formation of the Central Location Index Inc. a cooperative venture on the part of seven national agencies concerned with the problem of serving inquirers who wish to locate the whereabouts of their relatives and friends overseas. The agencies are the American Friends Service Committee, the American Christian Committee for Refugees, the Hias, the International Migration Service, the National Council of Jewish Women, the National Refugee Service and the Joint Distribution Committee. The Index acts as a central clearing body for all inquiries originating with the member agencies, thereby eliminating duplication, and also cooperates with the International Red Cross and other overseas agencies in a centralized effort to locate displaced persons.

A Medical Committee, consisting of distinguished American physicians and allied experts has been formed to advise the J.D.C. in all medical and public health problems that will face the J.D.C. in Europe. Dr. Jack Golub, who took the initiative in the formation of the Committee, is Chairman. His experience as a J.D.C. representative after the last war and his large experience in this country in hospital and public health administration will be invaluable.

The J.D.C. took an active interest in the work of The American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service of which we are a member. The Council serves as a clearing house for agencies engaged in overseas assistance and seeks to coordinate programs in order to eliminate duplication.

A Research Department has been established to collate and analyze all the facts bearing on J.D.C. activities and conditions of Jewish life abroad. The gathering of all information and its presentation in systematic form has been found to be most helpful in all current and future planning of the J.D.C. programs.

In order to keep Jewish communities informed of the current activities of the J.D.C. and the problems of rehabilitation and reconstruction in the post-war period, the Department of Community Service and Information has enlarged its scope. Mr. Albert Lieberman, Chairman of the National Council of the J.D.C. will report in greater detail to the Annual Meeting on this aspect of our work.

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The greatly enlarged range and scope of our activities in 1944 placed a heavy burden on the Emergency Administration Committee and on the Executive Committee. The Emergency Administration Committee met weekly in addition to special meetings called on a few hours notice to meet extraordinary emergencies. Regular monthly meetings of the Executive Committee were held throughout the year.

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The year 1944 completes thirty years of J.D.C. service to destitute and needy Jews in all parts of the world. Vast as have been the funds made available by American Jews in these thirty years to succor and rebuild the broken lives of their less fortunate Jewish brethren overseas, the tasks of the future will call for even larger sums. The catastrophe inflicted on the world by Hitler and his Nazi hordes has profoundly affected the lives of all peoples on all continents. No single group has suffered as much as have the Jews of Europe. The fullest measure of aid must be forthcoming from governmental and intergovernmental sources since no private agency or agencies can meet the overwhelming needs of the Jews for emergency relief and rehabilitation. To rebuild shattered bodies, to restore morale and regenerate the spirit, to return the dignity of the human person to the enslaved and humiliated, are tasks that require all the sympathy, understanding, skill and material resources that can be made available. To these tasks the Joint Distribution Committee rededicates itself, supremely confident that the Jews of America will uphold its hands in the future as it has in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Moses A. Leavitt  
Secretary.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1944

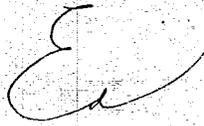
Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of December 4th in which you enclosed a memorandum prepared by Mr. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. I shall see that it is carefully considered.

I hope that I shall have at least a progress report for you by the end of the week.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Mr. John Pehle  
Director

War Refugee Board

DEC 4 1944

Dear Ed:

In view of our recent discussions on the question of how this Government should approach the refugee problem in the near future, I am sending you a copy of a memorandum recently prepared by Moses A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. It strikes me as a most suggestive statement and worthy of careful consideration.

Sincerely,

*B/ John*

Honorable Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.,  
Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM ON DISPLACED PERSONS

As the war in Europe draws to a close, it becomes more and more evident how vast has been the uprooting of people from their homes and from their countries. Estimates range up to and in some instances exceed the figure of 20,000,000 individuals who will have to be repatriated or returned to their homes when the war is over. This problem of the displaced has been roughly divided into two main categories: (a) those who can readily be repatriated, that is, the "temporarily" displaced; and (b) those who will not be able to or will not wish to return to their former residences and are therefore considered "permanently" displaced. The first category includes the United Nations nationals who are prisoners of war, forced laborers, refugees in other lands, and who represent the great bulk of the displaced population. It is believed that within a period of perhaps a year after hostilities cease in Europe, most of them will be returned to their homes.

The second category includes the so-called "stateless" refugees, or those who may become stateless as a result of changes of national boundaries that will follow the end of the war. Such permanently displaced persons will require long-range programs for their rehabilitation and resettlement. Estimates of the number of such persons vary from one million to over two million, although no reliable data are available to support either the lower or higher figures. It is, however, generally believed that a hard core of many hundreds of thousands of displaced persons will remain to trouble the humanitarian instincts of the world unless a planned program for their resettlement is undertaken.

This memorandum proposes to deal mainly with the problems of the permanently displaced group.

In 1938, President Roosevelt took the initiative in calling the Evian Conference to consider the orderly emigration from Germany of persons who were

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persecuted because of their race, religion or political beliefs. The Evian Conference resulted in the creation of an Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, composed of representatives of 32 countries. The outbreak of the war in 1939 greatly narrowed the scope of activities of the Committee and it was only after the Bermuda Conference held by the United States and Great Britain in 1943, that the terms of reference of the Committee were enlarged; additional countries were invited and accepted membership, and the Committee began to plan for the future of the permanently displaced refugee population.

In November 1942, President Roosevelt announced the establishment in the Department of State of the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations, the forerunner of UNRRA, in the creation of which the United States played a leading and commanding role.

In January 1944, President Roosevelt again took the initiative in establishing the War Refugee Board, consisting of the Secretaries of State, War and Treasury, to take action for the immediate rescue from enemy-occupied countries of the persecuted minorities of Europe who were threatened with death by the Germans. In establishing the Board, President Roosevelt indicated that it was part of the national policy of the United States to render all help, consistent with the successful prosecution of the war, to these unfortunate victims of German terror and brutality.

It is believed that the time is now opportune for another forward-looking step on the part of the United States in behalf of the uprooted, the homeless and the dispossessed. Specifically, the following is proposed:

That there be established within the Department of State a new Division to concern itself with the problems of displaced persons in general, and more particularly with the problems of the permanently displaced. The Division should

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be headed by a man of stature, who, when he travels abroad should have the rank of Ambassador. The staff of the Division, though small, should consist of persons specially selected because of their knowledge, experience and skill in dealing with the complex problems of human rehabilitation. The establishment of the new Division should be accompanied by a public statement recording the profound humanitarian interest of the people of the United States in the problem and indicating that it is part of the national policy of the United States to cooperate with other United Nations, with intergovernmental bodies and voluntary agencies in working out plans for the restoration to normal life and living of these helpless and hapless people.

The new Division should not carry on any functional or operating programs. Both the UNRRA and the Intergovernmental Committee are or can be fully empowered to perform all functions of relief, rehabilitation and resettlement that may be found necessary and desirable. The Division will have the following objectives:

1. To gather, collate and analyze all facts relating to the problems of the permanently displaced. It is assumed that the Civil Affairs Branches of the Allied Armies and the foreign missions of the United States, among others, would be fruitful sources from which information can be secured;
2. To examine the feasibility and practicability of all projects, plans and proposals that may originate within the Division itself or which may be brought to it from the outside, and to recommend approved plans to the bodies competent to carry them out;
3. To maintain close liaison with the military authorities, the United Nations, UNRRA, the Intergovernmental Committee, and private voluntary agencies, so that a maximum of coordination can be achieved.



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2. Rehabilitation and Resettlement. In planning the resettlement of hundreds of thousands of persons, many complex problems, - social, legal and economic - will have to be faced and resolved. A considerable proportion of the permanently displaced are stateless or will no doubt become stateless because of inability or unwillingness to return to their countries of birth or of adopted nationality. Many of the displaced have no documents of identity, and a long and tedious process of establishing nationality will have to be undertaken in order that the ranks of the stateless should not be swelled. There is at present nobody to whom a stateless person can turn for legal protection, as can an American citizen to his consul. Some provision will have to be made to remedy this need, at least in part, and some document of identity will have to be devised to enable the stateless to reside temporarily where he is and to travel.

It will be necessary to train or retrain many of the younger elements in vocational pursuits. The choice of vocations will be conditioned by the needs of the countries in which they will ultimately be settled. Such a program requires a careful case by case study of each individual by competent skilled workers. Vocational training facilities may have to be established if not locally available. Many children have been deprived of normal schooling for years, and special educational methods and facilities must be devised to deal with this problem.

There is every reason to believe that many of these uprooted people will find it possible to remain in the country in which they happen to be, to take root therein and to make places for themselves in the economic life of the country. For such, every effort should be made to facilitate their naturalization so that they can become, as quickly as the laws of the country permit, free and equal citizens. With the need for manpower that will undoubtedly arise in Europe to rebuild the areas devastated by the enemy and by military operations, one may hope that many countries will permit the foreign nationals to remain to aid in this restoration. The extent to which this will be possible will depend in great measure

on the sympathetic understanding and cooperation that the countries in Europe will display. Much undoubtedly can be done to convince various governments of the desirability of this course, and the intelligent preparation of the displaced to enable them to develop into useful, productive workers will go far in this direction.

Many will have to be resettled in other countries of Europe or migrate to overseas lands. This perhaps represents the most difficult of all the problems affecting the displaced. To some extent the migration of individuals to rejoin members of families will undoubtedly take place, and many countries, as a matter of simple humanity and perhaps self-interest, will permit such immigration. Certain undeveloped and sparsely populated countries will welcome specially trained persons. This activity will have to be thoroughly studied, planned, organized and encouraged. Mass colonization, whether agricultural or industrial, requires such vast sums of money, such expert planning and administration, that only governmental authorities will be able to undertake such activities successfully.

Finally, it must be recognized that there will remain old and disabled persons, so broken in body and spirit by the horrors and privations they have gone through, that it will not be possible to make them completely self-supporting, and provisions will have to be made to enable them to live out the rest of their lives in special homes.

In conclusion, it should be pointed out that private voluntary agencies in this country and abroad have a wealth of experience and expert personnel trained to deal with the types of problems presented by the displaced person. If wisely used, the private agencies can make a significant contribution in the amelioration of this great human tragedy.

Moses A. Leavitt

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December 1st, 1944.

Miss Florence Hodel  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Florence:

I enclose a draft of a memorandum which I would like you, Joe and Jim to read. Would you call me on Monday and give me your suggestions and comments so that I can incorporate them in the memorandum and send it on immediately to John.

Sincerely yours,

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MEMORANDUM ON DISPLACED PERSONS

As the war in Europe draws to a close, it becomes more and more evident how vast has been the uprooting of people from their homes and from their countries. Estimates range up to and in some instances exceed the figure of 20,000,000 individuals who will have to be repatriated or returned to their homes when the war is over. This problem of the displaced has been roughly divided into two main categories: (a) those who can readily be repatriated, that is, the "temporarily" displaced; and (b) those who will not be able to or will not wish to return to their former residences and are therefore considered "permanently" displaced. The first category includes the United Nations nationals who are prisoners of war, forced laborers, refugees in other lands, and who represent the great bulk of the displaced population. It is believed that within a period of perhaps a year after hostilities cease in Europe, most of them will be returned to their homes.

The second category includes the so-called "stateless" refugees, or those who may become stateless as a result of changes of national boundaries that will follow the end of the war. Such permanently displaced persons will require long-range programs for their rehabilitation and resettlement. Estimates of the number of such persons vary from one million to over two million, although no reliable data <sup>are</sup> available to support either the lower or higher figure. It is, however, generally believed that a hard <sup>core</sup> ~~case~~ of many hundreds of thousands of displaced persons will remain to trouble the humanitarian instincts of the world unless a planned program for their resettlement is undertaken.

This memorandum proposes to deal mainly with the problems of the permanently displaced group.

In 1938, President Roosevelt took the initiative in calling the Evian Conference to consider the orderly emigration from Germany of persons who were

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persecuted because of their race, religion or political beliefs. The Evian Conference resulted in the creation of an Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, composed of representatives of 32 countries. The outbreak of the war in 1939 greatly narrowed the scope of activities of the Committee and it was only after the Bermuda Conference held by the United States and Great Britain in 1943, that the terms of reference of the Committee were enlarged; additional countries were invited and accepted membership, and the Committee began to plan for the future of the permanently displaced refugee population.

In November 1942, President Roosevelt announced the establishment in the Department of State of the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations, the forerunner of UNRRA, in the creation of which the United States played a leading and commanding role.

In January 1944, President Roosevelt again took the initiative in establishing the War Refugee Board, consisting of the Secretaries of State, War and Treasury, to take action for the immediate rescue from enemy-occupied countries of the persecuted minorities of Europe who were threatened with death by the Germans. In establishing the Board, President Roosevelt indicated that it was part of the national policy of the United States to render all help, consistent with the successful prosecution of the war, to these unfortunate victims of German terror and brutality.

It is believed that the time is now opportune for another ~~great, constructive~~ ~~and~~ forward-looking step on the part of the United States in behalf of the uprooted, the homeless and the dispossessed. Specifically, the following is proposed:

That there be established within the Department of State a new Division to concern itself with the problems of displaced persons in general, and more particularly with the problems of the permanently displaced. The Division should



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- 4. To stimulate and activate the operating agencies, and consistent with the laws of the United States, to facilitate so far as possible the successful execution of approved projects.

The United States has official representation in the Council of the UNRRA and in the Intergovernmental Committee. It is of ~~the~~ essence that the closest possible relationship be developed between the Division and the American representatives to these two bodies. Ideally, if one may venture to suggest, the head of the Division should be part of the official representation of the United States to UNRRA and I.C.G. The desirability of this needs no elaboration.

No detailed blueprint of activities can now be devised. Too many vital facts and factors are unknown, or at best can only be conjectured. However, the broad lines of an approach to the problem can be sketched.

1. Emergency Relief. Clearly the first step is to maintain the lives of these people by providing them with the basic essentials of food, clothing, shelter and medical aid. In the main, this should be a responsibility of UNRRA, and of the local government authorities. The scope of UNRRA operations in Allied countries will vary from country <sup>to country.</sup> It is not yet clear what the procedures will be in the administration by UNRRA of relief to displaced persons. The operations of UNRRA in enemy or ex-enemy countries have been greatly extended by the enabling resolutions passed at the Montreal conference in September of this year, particularly in behalf of displaced persons. Much remains to be done on the administrative level to interpret and carry out the intent of these resolutions. It is submitted that the proposed new Division can make a valuable contribution in clarifying many puzzling problems that are involved in the emergency period of relief administration by UNRRA.

2. Rehabilitation and Resettlement. In planning the resettlement of hundreds of thousands of persons, many complex problems, - social, legal and economic - will have to be faced and resolved. A considerable proportion of the permanently displaced are stateless or will no doubt become stateless because of inability or unwillingness to return to their countries of birth or of adopted nationality. Many of the displaced have no documents of identity, and a long and tedious process of establishing nationality will have to be undertaken in order that the ranks of the stateless should not be swelled. There is at present nobody to whom a stateless person can turn for legal protection, as can an American citizen to his consul. Some provision will have to be made to remedy this need, at least in part, and some document of identity will have to be devised to enable the stateless to reside temporarily where he is and to travel.

It will be necessary to train or retrain many of the younger elements in vocational pursuits. The choice of vocations will be conditioned by the needs of the countries in which they will ultimately be settled. Such a program requires a careful case by case study of each individual by competent skilled workers. Vocational training facilities may have to be established if not locally available. Many children have been deprived of normal schooling for years, and special educational methods and facilities must be devised to deal with this problem.

There is every reason to believe that many of these uprooted people will find it possible to remain in the country in which they happen to be, to take root therein and to make places for themselves in the economic life of the country. For such, every effort should be made to facilitate their naturalization so that they can become, as quickly as the laws of the country permit, free and equal citizens. With the need for manpower that will undoubtedly arise in Europe to rebuild the areas devastated by the enemy and by military operations, one may hope that many countries will permit the foreign nationals to remain to aid in this restoration. The extent to which this will be possible will depend in great measure

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on the sympathetic understanding and cooperation that the countries in Europe will display. Much undoubtedly can be done to convince various governments of the desirability of this course, and the intelligent preparation of the displaced to enable them to develop into useful, productive workers will go far in this direction.

Many will have to be resettled in other countries of Europe or migrate to overseas lands. This perhaps represents the most difficult of all the problems affecting the displaced. To some extent the migration of individuals to rejoin members of families will undoubtedly take place, and many countries, as a matter of simple humanity and perhaps self-interest, will permit such immigration. Certain undeveloped and sparsely populated countries will welcome specially trained persons. This activity will have to be thoroughly studied, planned, organized and encouraged. Mass colonization, whether agricultural or industrial, requires such vast sums of money, such expert planning and administration, that only governmental authorities will be able to undertake such activities successfully.

Finally, it must be recognized that there will remain old and disabled persons, so broken in body and spirit by the horrors and privations they have gone through, that it will not be possible to make them completely self-supporting, and provisions will have to be made to enable them to live out the rest of their lives in special homes.

In conclusion, it should be pointed out that private voluntary agencies in this country and abroad have a wealth of experience and expert personnel trained to deal with the types of problems presented by the displaced person. If wisely used, the private agencies can make a significant contribution in the amelioration of this great human tragedy.

Moses A. Leavitt.

November 30, 1944.

Copy for the War Refugee Board, Washington, D.

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Stockholm, Sweden  
December 4, 1944

Dr. Robert C. Dexter  
Representative, War Refugee Board  
American Embassy  
Lisbon, Portugal

Dear Dr. Dexter:

Miss Laura Margolis of the American Joint Distribution Committee, has requested that the enclosed reports be delivered to Mr. Robert Pilpel. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*m. e. j.*

Mary Elizabeth Thompson  
For: Iver C. Olsen  
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Stockholm, Sweden  
November 27, 1944

Mr. William Taylor  
Treasury Representative  
American Embassy  
London

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Not knowing the name of the War Refugee Board representative in London, I am taking the liberty of asking that you see that the enclosed report from Miss Laura Margolis is delivered to Mrs. Ray Hoffman. Your cooperation is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*M. E. T.*

Mary Elizabeth Thompson  
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Dr. Robert Dexter  
War Refugee Board Attaché  
American Embassy  
Lisbon, Portugal

Dear Dr. Dexter:

Miss Laura Margolis has asked that the enclosed report be delivered to Mr. Pilpel of J.D.C., and your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Iver C. Olsen*  
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November 17, 1944.

Miss Florence Hodel  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Florence:

I enclose herewith photostat list of refugees in Palestine who deposited lira and the repayments thus far made. You will note that the total is about £11,000, or about \$44,000. We have cabled asking why there is a discrepancy between this and the \$90,000 which apparently had been deposited by the refugees.

Sincerely yours,

*Moses A. Leavitt*  
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Dear Sir:

We refer to the letter of the 11th instant and enclose herewith a copy of the report of the hearing on the charges against you which was held on the 11th instant in the presence of the undersigned and the undersigned's counsel.

Very respectfully,  
*[Signature]*

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Adler Alfred . . . . .	2.500	2.500	-
Adler Theodor . . . . .	15.888	10.-	5.888
Alkaly Salomon . . . . .	549.-	54.000	494.100
Altaras Mente . . . . .	7.500	7.500	-
Anhang Leopold . . . . .	35.-	10.-	25.-
Antmann Hermann . . . . .	-750	-750	-
Albahari Matilda . . . . .	5.-	5.-	-
Altaras Kalmi . . . . .	138.750	13.875	124.875
Blitzer Lewek . . . . .	4.500	4.500	-
Bodek Gusti . . . . .	5.-	5.-	-
Boehm - Perl Hedwig . . . . .	1.-	1.-	-
Boim Leiser . . . . .	11.250	11.250	-
Brantwein Alfred . . . . .	1.065	1.065	-
Bramm Alexander . . . . .	10.-	10.-	-
Bramm Stefan . . . . .	6.750	6.750	-
Branner Alfred . . . . .	4.950	4.950	-
Brodi Margit . . . . .	3.500	3.500	-
Bromberger Markus . . . . .	2.500	2.500	-
Bukspan Feigla . . . . .	5.-	5.-	-
Bermann Haim . . . . .	11.975	10.-	1.975
Borgenicht Efraim . . . . .	29.375	10.-	19.375
Becker Schije . . . . .	240.-	24.-	216.-
Bernstein Bruno . . . . .	20.125	10.-	10.125
Erdiner Richard . . . . .	25.500	10.-	15.500
Bukspan Ksiel . . . . .	21.257	10.-	11.257
Berger Olga . . . . .	55.-	10.-	45.-
Brenner Fritz . . . . .	22.500	10.-	12.500
Berger Bruno . . . . .	17.500	10.-	7.500
Cukier Gerson . . . . .	31.300	10.-	21.300
Czitron Alexander . . . . .	7.500	7.500	-
Cyther Isck . . . . .	7.500	7.500	-
Danziger Siam . . . . .	12.-	10.-	2.-
Degen Gyla . . . . .	8.750	8.750	-
Dorman David . . . . .	7.375	7.375	-
Dukes Amalia . . . . .	6.625	6.625	-
Domiziti Jakob . . . . .	13.250	10.-	3.250
Domanyi Desider . . . . .	55.-	10.-	45.-
Deutsch Alfred . . . . .	86.375	86.375	777.375
Englander Samuel . . . . .	20.750	10.-	10.750
Eisner Herbert . . . . .	6.875	6.875	-
Ehrlich Alexander . . . . .	30.507	10.-	20.507
Eisen Leiser and Haber Haim . . . . .	19.-	10.-	9.-
Ehrenfeld Josef . . . . .	55.300	10.-	45.300
Farkas Gisella . . . . .	5.750	5.750	-
Fellner Stephanie . . . . .	2.125	2.125	-
Fischer Josef . . . . .	8.950	8.950	-

Name	Total	Advance	Balance
	Claim SP.	Made SP.	Due SP.
Fixler Carlo (Bezalel)	6.125	6.125	-
Fried Dragutin	4.250	4.250	-
Friedman Arpad	6.-	6.-	-
Friedman Paul	4.-	4.-	-
Friedman Schija	10.125	10.125	-
Frischmann Frieda	4.250	4.250	-
Fruet Srecko	5.-	5.-	-
Freiwirth Elze	14.275	10.-	4.275
Frostig-Adler Naftali Dr.	11.-	10.-	1.-
Figdor Lahtilde	20.900	10.-	10.900
Fertig Abraham	28.-	10.-	18.-
Fleischhacker Karoline	11.375	10.-	1.375
Gruenschlag Elias	82.500	10.-	72.500
Grossmann Samuel	12.250	10.-	2.250
Gruber Sarah	17.500	10.-	7.500
Gross Eugen	12.500	10.-	2.500
Goldfinger Meir	31.250	10.-	21.250
Goldberger Alexander	4.500	4.500	-
Gross Ludevit	1.250	1.250	-
Gross Martin	-.750	-.750	-
Gross William	4.250	4.250	-
Gruenbaum Ervin	2.250	2.250	-
Guen Kurt	3.250	3.250	-
Goldberger Emil	6.-	6.-	-
Goldstein Irene	5.-	5.-	-
Gross Alexander	20.-	10.-	10.-
Gildin-Corin Paul	37.500	10.-	27.500
Greimann Samuel	17.500	10.-	7.500
Gruber Etel	120.250	12.025	108.225
Grossmann Branko	16.-	10.-	6.-
Gubi Alexander	12.050	10.-	2.050
Gaon Josef	92.-	10.-	82.-
Gewurz Pinchas	12.500	10.-	2.500
Hahn Malvina	1.500	1.500	-
Halas Rosa	1.350	1.350	-
Hammerschlag Filip	6.750	6.750	-
Hauser Bronka	6.-	6.-	-
Hauser Jakob	10.-	10.-	-
Hepner Bendisch	5.375	5.375	-
Hirstajn Edgar	1.500	1.500	-
Hirschler Richard	5.250	5.250	-
Hirschtritt Leo	6.-	6.-	-
Hoffman Julius	8.625	8.625	-
Hoffner Martin	10.625	10.625	-
Heimler Franz	16.250	10.-	6.250
Hefner Rudolf	27.500	10.-	17.500
Hussnerl Oskar	13.250	10.-	3.250
Hirsch Feibisch	17.500	10.-	7.500
Hirschl Zvonimir	84.150	84.115	787.085
Hahn Andria	12.575	10.-	2.575
Hirschl Zdenko	11.250	10.-	1.250

Name	Total Claims	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Idelovici Otto	4.375		
Jung Josef	20.000		
Kahn Friedrich	8.875		
Karijo Albert	5.875		
Klaiber-Weiser Ludovika	7.250		
Klaubenfeld Rosa	2.500		
Klein Isaac Dr.	7.500		
Kleinberger Abraham Adolf	7.500		
Klepper Willi	7.500		
Knepper Maria	7.500		
Kohn Julius	7.500		
Kaufman Teel	18.225	10.-	8.225
Krahauser Alfred	14.250	10.-	4.250
Kohn Eliezer (Lazar)	40.-	10.-	30.-
Kohn Friedrich	21.500	10.-	11.500
Kirsch Wolf	17.500	10.-	7.500
Kohn Sagan (Jesse)	17.500	10.-	7.500
Klein Regina	114.125	11.412	102.713
Klein Maxin	77.500	10.-	67.500
Kohn Sara	42.500	10.-	32.500
Kopon Samille	74.500	10.-	64.500
Karls Djordje	12.750	10.-	2.750
Kon Rogan	24.375	10.-	14.375
Kopino Marco	52.000	10.-	42.000
Koch Jisak	48.250	10.-	38.250
Kirsch Leibush Yechielsoel	50.-	10.-	40.-
Lachmann Wilhelm	7.750	7.750	
Landau Kessler Felty	4.-	4.-	
Lassle Edmund	4.375	4.375	
Lebowitz Anton	2.500	2.500	
Leinerovic Andrej	7.250	7.250	
Lichtschein Desider	7.500	7.500	
Loew Samias	8.-	8.-	
Loewy Mattoli Sara	10.750	10.750	
Loewy Sarah	52.250	10.-	42.250
Lampert Samuel	54.375	10.-	44.375
Loewenfeld Walter Dr.	14.250	10.-	4.250
Lustermann Jakob	47.500	10.-	37.500
Liverrant Hirsch	15.-	10.-	5.-
Lustig Edmund	12.-	10.-	2.-
Lachmann Jakob	146.375	34.000	112.375
Levitus Siegmund Dr.	45.250	10.-	35.250
Lowin Hirsch	20.-	10.-	10.-
Landmann Rosa	3.750	3.750	
Malinowsky Isabella	2.500	2.500	
Moss Michael	8.875	8.875	
Motzger Jeremias	4.-	4.-	
Motyovic Herman	4.250	4.250	
Mirski Lev	29.750	10.-	19.750
Muehlbauer Salomen	26.000	10.-	16.000
Mogulam Josef Missiv	40.750	10.-	30.750
Marberger Djuro	52.338	10.-	42.338

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N A M E	Total Gains \$	Average Loss \$	Balance Due \$
Maestro Joseph	124.375	12.438	111.937
Maestro Misa	110.-	11.-	99.-
Mehlhafer Josef	271.150	27.115	244.035
Melamed Hermine	100.-	10.-	90.-
Metsger Olga	29.750	10.-	19.750
Mueller Salma	11.250	10.-	1.250
Maestro David	32.725	10.-	22.725
Morgenstern Abraham	20.-	10.-	10.-
Neumann Arthur	13.750	10.-	3.750
Neugebauer Jacob	7.500	10.-	-
Neumann Ignatz	10.-	10.-	-
Neumann Wilko	122.500	12.250	110.250
Nachmias Samuel	222.500	22.250	200.250
Nathanson Dora	15.500	10.-	5.500
Neumann Janbel	15.-	10.-	5.-
Njemrowski Makso	18.-	10.-	8.-
Neumann Frantisek	13.750	10.-	3.750
Nelkenbaum Mosko Michael	56.500	10.-	46.500
Njemrowski Boris	22.425	10.-	12.425
Neumann Ernst	23.450	10.-	13.450
Njemrowski Pava	20.500	10.-	10.500
Osso Movic	35.-	10.-	25.-
Papo Isak	30.625	10.-	20.625
Perl Sigmund	1.750	1.750	-
Ristreich Oskar	8.500	8.500	-
Polifka Otto	5.-	5.-	-
Preiss Walter	1.500	1.500	-
Pepera Moise	17.500	10.-	7.500
Perloth Albert	12.750	10.-	2.750
Prisant Salomon	28.-	10.-	18.-
Pressburger Janka	30.-	10.-	20.-
Pollak Otto	21.750	10.-	11.750
Polio Branko	27.875	10.-	17.875
Papo Albert	327.500	32.750	294.750
Papo Abraham	42.500	10.-	32.500
Perl Alexander	24.500	10.-	14.500
Papo Daniel	12.500	10.-	2.500
Ring Herman	14.-	10.-	4.-
Roth Alexander	28.750	10.-	18.750
Rebhuhn Markus	15.-	10.-	5.-
Reich Lazar	5.500	5.500	-
Reich Roman	4.825	4.825	-
Reichenthal Edith	2.-	2.-	-
Ring-Eibuschitz Elly	6.250	6.250	-
Rawisorsky Samuel	19.500	10.-	9.500
Rittermann Mindel	1.250	1.250	-
Rittermann Wilhelm	3.500	3.500	-
Rosenbaum Alzbeta	2.250	2.250	-
Rosenbaum Nikola	6.-	6.-	-
Rosenberg Leo (a)	1.500	1.500	-
" (b)	6.750	6.750	-
Rothmann Hsiek	10.-	10.-	-
Rozemwald Isak	8.750	8.750	-
Rothmueller Mirko	72.500	10.-	62.500
Pado Andria	21.-	10.-	11.-
Rubinfeld Leib	20.-	10.-	10.-

	Total Claims \$	Advance Money \$	Balance \$
Seinwell Adolf . . . . .	16.-	10.-	6.-
Schwarze Jakob . . . . .	20.-	10.-	10.-
Sachsenhaus Rafael . . . . .	1.800	1.800	-
Schaechter Isak Baruch . . . . .	10.875	10.875	-
Schiller Haskel . . . . .	4.000	4.000	-
Schische Krich . . . . .	3.750	3.750	-
Schneider Kurt . . . . .	1.-	1.-	-
Singer Isak . . . . .	8.-	8.-	-
Skopal Ernst Dr. . . . .	8.250	8.250	-
Sonnenfeld Desider . . . . .	8.875	8.875	-
Spiegel Moric . . . . .	4.125	4.125	-
Spitzer Alfred Ing. . . . .	754.750	75.475	679.275
Spitzer Olga . . . . .	4.875	4.875	-
Spiegel Alexander . . . . .	21.875	10.-	11.875
Steiner Siegmund . . . . .	14.875	10.-	4.875
Stinkowic Moses . . . . .	10.-	9.500	500.-
Schwartz Ernst . . . . .	17.325	10.-	7.325
Sorger Herman . . . . .	98.750	10.-	88.750
Seinwell Leopold . . . . .	14.800	10.-	4.800
Seinwell Ignatz . . . . .	12.927	10.-	2.927
Schlesinger Leopold . . . . .	9.750	9.750	-
Sehalk Tibor . . . . .	12.-	10.-	2.-
Sternfeld Vitomir . . . . .	76.000	10.-	66.000
Teichmann Markus . . . . .	8.-	8.-	-
Tobolsky Maria . . . . .	750.425	76.042	674.383
Trichter David Dr. . . . .	15.875	10.-	5.875
Tramer Hugo . . . . .	20.800	10.-	10.800
Vulkan Jakob . . . . .	10.-	10.-	-
Vulkan Walter . . . . .	24.950	10.-	14.950
Wachsberger Bruno . . . . .	5.575	5.575	-
Wald Herman . . . . .	7.-	7.-	-
Weinberger Emilia . . . . .	3.425	3.425	-
Weiser Salomon . . . . .	5.-	5.-	-
Weiss Isabella . . . . .	8.-	8.-	-
Weiss Weil Ruth . . . . .	2.-	2.-	-
Willinger Eugen . . . . .	3.250	3.250	-
Wittenberg Selma . . . . .	5.525	5.525	-
Weinberger Ignatz Dr. . . . .	15.200	10.-	5.200
Weiss Ewald . . . . .	17.-	10.-	7.-
Weiss Max . . . . .	17.875	10.-	7.875
Werner Bernhard . . . . .	16.250	10.-	6.250
Wenzel Oskar . . . . .	20.-	10.-	10.-
Winkler Ludwig . . . . .	25.500	10.-	15.500
Weinberg Hans . . . . .	150.-	15.500	135.500
Wosner Ervin . . . . .	10.-	10.-	-
Zylberberg Jankel . . . . .	10.-	10.-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5248.245</b>	<b>5248.456</b>	<b>7706.567</b>