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1. MATERIAL FROM MRS. WEINSTEIN'S FILES

SEE:

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THE FEDERAL COUNCIL
OF THE
CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY
297 FOURTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

August 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Bell:

This will acknowledge your letters of August 10 addressed to Bishop Tucker as President and to myself as General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

The past half-dozen years have seen many statements by the Federal Council concerning the treatment of the Jews. I judge from your letter that you are especially interested in the Hungarian situation. I therefore send you herewith copy of a statement which I released to the press on this subject last month. I believe that the statement has already been used by the OWI for short-wave broadcast, but I am not quite certain about this.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel McCrea Cavert

Samuel McCrea Cavert
General Secretary

Mr. Ulric Bell
Americans United for
World Organization
5 West 54th Street
New York 19, N. Y.

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From: The Federal Council of Churches
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Release on or after Friday, June 29

New York, N. Y., June 29 --Acting on the basis of information received by radiogram from the headquarters of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland, Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, today made a public appeal in behalf of the Hungarian Jews now facing extremes of persecution and wholesale deportation.

The dispatch from Switzerland which prompted the protest declared that trustworthy reports reaching Geneva from Hungary indicated that 12,000 Hungarian Jews are being deported daily to Upper Silesia and that the number already deported is estimated at 450,000. The message further said that travel conditions for the deportees were such that many died on the way and others were killed and cremated after arrival.

Pointing out that to be indifferent to such cruelty toward the Jews as is reported from Hungary "would leave a black stain on the record of any country which wants to be regarded as Christian," Dr. Cavert, on behalf of the Federal Council, appealed to leaders of the Christian churches in Hungary to "refuse to be silent in the presence of this crime and to do everything possible to aid and comfort the Jewish victims."

The full text of the statement follows:

"The news which reaches us today concerning the extreme persecution of the Jews in Hungary, under the instigation of the Hungarian Government, would be incredible if we did not already know so much about the similar treatment of

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Jews in other countries under Nazi control. According to radiograms received at the office of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America from the headquarters of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, nearly 450,000 Jews have already been deported from Hungary to Auschwitz in Upper Silesia and deportations are continuing at the rate of 12,000 each day. The information which comes to us indicates that the evacuation of Jews in the eastern provinces is virtually completed and that the evacuation is now proceeding in the western districts. We are told that travel conditions are such that many deportees die en route and that others are killed and cremated on arrival in Auschwitz.

"In the face of such conditions I earnestly appeal to American Christians to pray for the Hungarian Jews subjected to such inhuman treatment. Even if we see no practicable way of going to their assistance, we must at least cry out in protest and identify ourselves in sympathy with the victims of an unchristian racial policy.

"I also appeal to our Christian brethren in Hungary to refuse to be silent in the presence of this crime and to do everything possible to aid and comfort the Jewish victims. To accept the present inhumanity against the Jews without protest would be to leave a black stain on the record of any country which wants to be regarded as Christian."

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NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES
1201 SIXTEENTH STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

F. L. SCHLAGLE
PRESIDENT

WILLARD E. GIVENS
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

August 15, 1944

Mr. Ulric Bell, Director,
Americans United for World Organization, Inc.,
5 West 54th Street,
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Bell:

In answer to your letter of August 10 I am writing to state that the resolutions adopted recently by the National Education Association at Pittsburgh do not cover specifically the point of your letter, but the Association is eager to cooperate with you in the work that you are doing and some of the resolutions deal with Education's responsibility for youth of ALL nations and groups. We are therefore sending you herewith a mimeographed copy of these resolutions, which we hope may be of some assistance to you.

Incidentally, we should like to take this opportunity to call to your attention the fact that in the past some oppressors have been passed by with averted eyes, so to speak, and while we are heartily in accord with your work in the present instance, we hope that your program will be against ALL oppressors, of whatever nationality or creed.

With best wishes for success in your undertaking, I am

Most cordially yours,

Willard E. Givens

Willard E. Givens.

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Enclosure

Office of Public Relations
National Education Association
1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

July 6, 1944

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY, NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

1. THE WAR -- The National Education Association humbly acknowledged the debt of all Americans to the men and women serving in the armed forces of our nation, and above all to those who have made the supreme sacrifice in our behalf, and hereby expresses profound gratitude to those carrying the brunt of the battle. The Association pledges to those who return from the conflict an unremitting effort to understand their problems and to offer them whatever help is in our power.

The National Education Association urges all teachers, uninfluenced by any enervating belief that the war is almost won, to continue their united participation in securing a speedy and complete victory. The Association recommends that all teachers consistently present those ideals of freedom and liberty needed to perpetuate our great republic in either war or peace.

2. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE -- The National Education Association believes that enduring peace must be supported by a permanent organization of peace-loving nations. The Association, therefore, urges the President of the United States and the Congress to take immediate steps toward the calling of a council of all the United Nations for the purpose of working out plans to establish and maintain world peace; such council to be called at the earliest possible date.

3. EDUCATION AND THE WORLD PEACE -- The National Education Association is convinced that history demonstrates the power of education to shape young minds into nationalistic war patterns, and proves the necessity of an enlightened world as a basis for enduring peace. The Association, therefore, urges the immediate establishment of a United Nations council on educational policy, and recommends that the government of the United States, when the peace is made, use its influence in the creation of a permanent international agency for education as a means of promoting good will among all nations.

4. EDUCATION'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUTH -- The National Education Association, cognizant of the fact that there is vast undeveloped wealth in human life, especially in the yough of the land, recommends that:

(a) Guidance in its broad aspects--educational, ethical, civic, social, occupational--be made available to every youth, and that every teacher accept responsibility for guidance.

(b) Students in high school and college, if possible, remain until graduation.

(c) Programs suited to particular needs of youth be developed to promote the welfare of those both in school and out of school.

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(d) Scholarships for advanced and specialized training be established for young adults with meritorious capabilities.

(e) Greater emphasis be placed on the following ideals: Any socially useful work is honorable; mastery in any worthy undertaking is the minimum objective; mutual respect for the rights of individuals or groups is essential.

5. INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING -- The National Education Association believes that teachers and educational institutions of this country have a heavy responsibility for educating the youth to understand the achievements and problems of all groups, and an obligation to develop a determination to remove the causes of group conflicts.

6. CONSERVATION EDUCATION -- The National Education Association, knowing that many natural resources essential to life are being depleted at an alarming rate, urges increased emphasis upon the teaching of conservation, and recommends the immediate preparation of the appropriate materials for this purpose.

7. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE -- The National Education Association urges the adoption and strict enforcement of adequate school attendance and child labor laws.

8. FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF EDUCATION -- The National Education Association reaffirms its faith in the principle of federal aid to education without federal control, and vigorously urges that Congress enact the Ramspeck Bill, H.R.2849, or similar legislation, to the end that educational opportunity thruout the nation may be more nearly equalized, and money be made available to increase substandard salaries of teachers.

9. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS -- The National Education Association commends those school authorities who have provided salary adjustments to meet the increased cost of living. The Association strongly urges further increases thru the establishment and maintenance of adequate salary schedules which are needed to secure and retain capable teachers.

10. FEDERAL TAX LIMITATION -- The National Education Association opposes any amendment to the United States Constitution which provides for a limitation on federal income, inheritance, and gift taxes and recommends to state education associations their vigorous opposition to such amendment.

11. THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX -- The National Education Association recommends that the federal income tax law be amended, first, to exempt from federal taxation the retirement allowances of all persons who are or may be retired under local and state retirement systems, as is done in the case of certain other retirement systems; and, second, to provide that teachers and others paid in fewer than twelve installments be not penalized.

12. CUMULATIVE SICK LEAVE -- In order that the highest efficiency be maintained in the classroom, the National Education Association recommends that the states provide cumulative sick leave for all teachers.

13. RECRUITMENT OF TEACHERS -- The National Education Association recognizes that effective teaching, a prerequisite to learning, demands recruitment of individuals with the best personal and scholastic abilities. Therefore, the Association recommends that high schools and institutions of higher learning exert their influence to interest outstanding youth in entering the teaching profession.

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14. EQUAL RIGHTS — That the National Education Association endorse an amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing equal rights for men and women in the United States.

15. APPRECIATION — The National Education Association expresses appreciation for the courteous hospitality extended by the many organizations and persons of the city of Pittsburgh and the state of Pennsylvania who have contributed to the success of its eighty-second annual convention. The Association acknowledges with gratitude the friendly interpretation of the spirit of the convention by the press and radio.

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War Refugee Board
Mr. Weinstein

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
28 NEWBURY STREET
BOSTON

Aug. 19. 1944.

Dear Mr. Bell:

Your letter of Aug 10 requesting a statement about the work of Americans United for World Organization reached me here after slight delay.

I regret to say that it is an established policy of the Academy to avoid any participation in any political affairs of any description.

Sincerely yours.

Alvin Johnson Usher

W. W. GRANT
Colorado Chairman
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Denver Chairman

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August 18, 1944.

Mr. Ulric Bell,
Chairman, AMERICANS UNITED,
5 West 54th Street,
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Bell,

The Executive Committee of the Colorado Branch of Citizens for Victory is absolutely in accord with the stand of Americans United. The atrocities the Nazis are perpetrating against the Jews and other helpless people who are in their power are contrary to every principle for which we stand.

We wish to express most emphatically our horror at these wanton murders, now being committed by Germany, Hungary and the other satellite countries. Such barbarity outrages every instinct of civilization. We believe the citizens of Colorado of every shade of political and religious belief are united in condemning them and will insist that those who are guilty of them be brought to justice.

We strongly urge that every possible means be taken to prevent the Nazis from carrying out their threat to plunge all Europe into a blood bath.

We are sending a copy of this resolution to other groups, hoping they will take similar action.

Sincerely yours,

CITIZENS FOR VICTORY

per

Mrs. L. Allen Beck,
Executive Secretary.

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STATEMENT OF NAZI ATROCITIES
By
A. F. Whitney, President
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen

The American people are determined to punish all Germans and others responsible for atrocities committed against the oppressed peoples of Europe during the present war. We are particularly horrified by the barbaric annihilation of the Jews, who have met death by bullet, bayonet, asphyxiation in gas chambers, and starvation.

It is important for the Nazis and their satellites to recall the statement on atrocities signed by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin, which reads, in part, as follows:

> ". . . Germans who take part in wholesale shooting of Polish officers or in the execution of French, Dutch, Belgian or Norwegian hostages or of Cretan peasants, or who have shared in slaughters inflicted on the people of Poland or in territories of the Soviet Union which are now being swept clear of the enemy, will know they will be brought back to the scene of their crimes and judged on the spot by the peoples whom they have outraged.
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> "Let those who have hitherto not imbued their hands with innocent blood beware lest they join the ranks of the guilty, for most assuredly the three Allied powers will pursue them to the uttermost ends of the earth and will deliver them to their accusers in order that justice may be done."

Victory for allied armies is inevitable. In its wake will come suitable punishment for those criminally responsible for the atrocities committed against helpless peoples. On this score there will be no compromise.

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DETROIT FREE WORLD ASSOCIATION
2411 FOURTEENTH ST.
Detroit 16, Michigan

August 22, 1944

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE DETROIT FREE WORLD ASSOCIATION.

TO THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE UNITED NATIONS ARMED FORCES.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED ORGANIZATION OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CONDEM VIGOROUSLY THE ATROCITIES OF THE GERMAN NAZIS GOVERNMENT AND ITS SATELLITES DIRECTED AGAINST PEOPLES OF OCCUPIED LANDS. WE FEEL PROFOUNDLY ANGERED AT THE LIQUIDATION OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THOSE NOW IN HUNGARY.

WE CALL ON THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES TO SEEK OUT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE WANTON AND BARBARIC ACTIONS, MOREOVER WHEN FOUND WE DEMAND THEIR JUST PUNISHMENT. LET THE NAZIS AND QUISLING OPPRESSORS BE WARNED THAT THE RISING TEMPER OF THE PEOPLES OF DEMOCRATIC LANDS CAN BEST BE ALLAYED BY THE IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF THESE ATROCITIES.

DETROIT FREE WORLD ASSOCIATION
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FOR WORLD ORGANIZATION, INC.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN INC.
1819 Broadway New York 23, N.Y.

STATEMENT

The National Council of Jewish Women, an organization of sicty-five thousand American women, with local sections in two hundred and fifteen communities in the United States and affiliated councils in Canada, Australia and South Africa, calls upon the people of Germany and its satellite countries to stop the merciless slaughter of Jews and other minority peoples.

Every individual in Nazi Europe responsible in any way for the hundreds of thousands of deaths and for the innumerable acts of horror and brutality practiced upon the minority people is guilty of the most treerible crime in history before God and mankind. Heavy and just punishment for this crime is inescapable.

We are women of America, but many of our ancestors came from your countries and many of our European kinsfolk are threatened by death at the hands of the Nazi Government. Further acts of brutality and murder in Hungary or other countries where the minority peoples are still in peril will but place an augmented weight of guilt upon the people of Germany and its satellite countries. Such acts will also bring upon them a heavier and more immediate punishment.

Every citizen of Germany and Hungary or of the other satellite countries can make some atonement for the national guilt by doing all in his power now to prevent continued slaughter of his innocent fellowmen. We beseech you to consider the consequences of participating in the degradation of your nation and in eventual self-destruction.

(signed) Mildred G. Welt

Mrs. Joseph M. Welt
National President

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Please forward your resolution or statement to this office.

Very sincerely yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director