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July 7, 1944

Hon. John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Bldg., Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The enclosed material, which is a result of a conference held under our auspices of Christian clergy and representatives of the large American Hungarian organizations, I think will be of great interest to you in your psychological warfare against the Hungarian government.

Among those participating in the conference were:

Louis Toth, professor, Cornell University, Chairman, Hungarian American Victory Council, New York City
John Pelensky, former Hungarian Minister in Washington, professor Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.
Antony Balsay, former counsellor, Hungarian Embassy, Washington, at the present Librarian of the Congress in Washington
Rev. Dr. Charles Vines, President, American Hungarian Ministerial Protestant Assn.
Rev. Gosta Takaro, First Hungarian Reformed Church
Rev. Raymond De Dobey, Hung. Evangelical and Reformed Church, Milwaukee, Wis.
Rev. Lelias Nagy, St. Stephen of Hungary Church, Allentown, Pa., Szabadonga, largest Hung. daily, Cleveland, Ohio
Rev. Barnabas Dienes, Hungarian Reformed Church, Chicago, Vice Chairman Evangelical and Reformed Church Assn.
Rev. Victor Kovallinsky Holy Cross Church, New York City
Rev. Antal Szabo, Perth Amboy, N.J.
Rev. Sigismund Luky, Trenton, N.J.
Rev. Joseph Urban, New York City
Rev. Lodis Egry, Woodbridge, N.J.
American Federation of Democratic Hungarians

The message to the Christian Ministers of Hungary is sent to you together with the text in Hungarian. The importance of the signers,

Secretary Harold L. Ickes, in a message of January 26th to the Emergency Committee, stated: "I now that the War Refugee Board is in evidence the Committee will endeavor direct its efforts to assist the Government in every possible way in the accomplishment of the task and to keep alive the hope of rescue in the hearts of Jewish people of Hungary."
Mr. John W. Pehle

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I believe, is matched by the importance of the messages and texts, which are enclosed.

You will note that there is a long answer to Premier Sztojay of Hungary who broadcast an appeal to Americans of Hungarian descent asking them to support Hungary against the United Nations. I hope that this material will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Gabriel A. Wechsler
National Secretary

Enc.
Hungary's Quisling Premier, Doeme Sztojay, has addressed the Americans of Hungarian descent over the shortwave radio "not to look upon him with foreign eyes."

We feel in duty bound to give him an answer through our United States government and people. We do not listen to traitors and to the enemies of men. We, the undersigned, are Christian Americans who are anxious to practice Christianity. What the Hungarian Quisling government is doing is the most un-Christian act. It is the work of the anti-Christ.

Yes, we are judging the Hungarian Nazi brood harshly. It is the enemy of the United States and all we stand for. We condemn their clique because they are enemies not merely of enlightened American ideas but also of enlightened Hungarian ideas of the past, such as were expressed on our American soil by the great Hungarian liberal, Louis Kossuth, who told his countrymen: "Either Hungary will follow America's democratic ideals or Hungary will be no more."

We believe that the Quisling is Hungary's worst enemy. We believe that if he persists in turning innocent people — whether Jews or Christians — over to Nazi or his own hangmen, he will forfeit his nation's right to have its case judged leniently.

On all fronts our victorious armies are on the march. Soon United Nations troops may cross the range of mountains separating Quisling Hungary from the decent world.

The Budapest traitor should be warned by the government and public opinion of America that his crimes are not overlooked. The brazen agent of Nazi terror should be told by our American countrymen that the day of reckoning is near. He and his henchmen will be called to account for all the blood they are shedding. They bear full responsibility for these hideous crimes in the eyes of God and men.
In Hungary, too, life has become hell, in which Jews have been thrust into the lowest pit. They are the ones to suffer most. But God will not forsake you, our brethren in the Christian ministry, nor those who gave us our Master, his disciples and the greatest work of world literature, the Holy Script. It is the foundation and regulator of our religion, the topic of our teachings. Can we forsake the sons and daughters, infants and aged of this people, whom the wicked scourge, pilage and exterminate with diabolic passion?

We hold that Jesus Christ not merely suffered and died for us, but that he also "descended to hell." Yes, he descended to the tortured, so as to reveal his mercy and liberating love to those who were consigned to that place of horror. We also hold that the church is Christ's body and we are its members. He is bent on using you and us in this liberating work. It is in deeds that we must reveal our attachment to Christ and our faith. Well do we know that danger awaits those of you who sympathize with the persecuted and those who are marked for death. But is the danger not greater for indolence?

We, America's Christian ministers of all faiths, beseech you, Hungary's Christian ministers of all faiths, to exhort your congregations in your pulpits and everywhere else to stand by the marked in these days of Hungary's greatest trial. Stand by one another and help to overthrow the despots' might. If you believe in Hungary's resurrection and are determined to bring it about, you have no moment to lose. Help to remove the shame with which traitors besmirched the Hungarian name by persecuting the Jew! Help to redeem Hungary's honor, for only an honorable Hungarian nation may arise. Its millennial past is free of filthy and so must also be its future.

Right Reverend Msgr. Elmer Oordogh
Rev. Charles Vinoze, President American Hungarian Ministerial Assn.
Father Victor Kovalicsky
Rev. Gesz Takaro
Rev. Raymond de Dobay
Rev. Ladislas Nagy
Rev. Barnabas Bleenes
Rev. Anthony Szabo

Rev. Sigismund Laky
Rev. Joseph Urban
Rev. Ladis Egry
Uzenet a magyar keresztény papágához

Magyarországon is pokolá vált az élet. Ebben a pokolban a legmélyebbre a szülök jutottak, s ez szenevőnek legutóbbét. De ilyen nem hagy el Titoket, magyar keresztény lelkésztestvéreink, sem azokat, akiknek nemzet ségből származott Magyarok és az ő tanítványai és ahol nemzet ségtől született a világirodalom legmélyebb művét, a Szentirást. Ez a mi hitünk funda menta, vallásonk szabályozása, prédikálásunk tárgya magukra hagyniuk- tehát ennek a népnek fiait és lányait, gyermeket és öreget, akikor a gondozás démoni szennedélyilel tiporja, feltegtetés, irtja őket?

Jézus Krisztusról azt valljuk, hogy nemek szonvedett és meghalt érettünk, de azt ő, hogy "szálla alá poklokrá." Igen, a gyürrjemeek legmélyére lelassított, hogy igalmat és szabadidő szeretetét azoknak is megmutassak, akik odaig kergettők. Az egyház Krisztus teata, ezt is valljuk és mi vagyunk a tagjai. Bánnunk, Titoket és minket akar most felhasználni a szabadításában. Krisztussal való ⓘ kapcsolatunkat, hitünként most csatlakozunk káli megerősítetni, Jól tudjuk, hogy az üldözőttekkel és halátra gyöntörtékek való együttérzés legkisebb jelé is veszélyben hozzá számotokra. De nincs- e nagyobb veszélyben a télisményben?

Kérünk Titoket, Magyarország keresztény papjainak, bármilyen felekezethez tartoztak, kérünk Titoket a,b, Amerika magyar keresztény lelkésztestorai minden felekezethiből szükségéről és minden más módon bűnöségeiből hívei teret az üldözőttek segítésére a magyar nép e legmélyebbség magyarságban, Segítésük egyéb és együttes segítésével megszenvedni a szarok bántalmát. Ha nemcsak hisztek Magyarország fritartaláiban, de azt igazán akarjátok is, akkor nincs veszélyen való pillanat. Segítésük lemosni a magyar név vel azt a gyalázatot, amit a zsidőkölcsönssel fracsosszottά az árulás! Segítésük megmenteni a magyar nemzet bocsátatást, mert csak egy bocsátatás magyar nemzet támadhat fel! Szeréves múltja tiszta a mosolytól, jövője is csak ilyen lehet!

Az Egyesült Államok magyar keresztény papágáinak nevében

Zsedigh Elemér, pápai prélátus, Toledo, Ohió, Szent István-templom,
dr. Vincze Edealy, református lelkész, az Amerikai Magyar Lelkészekegyesület elnöke,
dr. Takács Géza, newyorki reformatív lelkész,
Dray Raymond, a milwauekei reformatív egyház lelkész,
Nagy László plébános, az allentowni Szent István- templom lelkész,
Kovalczyk Viktor plébános, a newyorki Szentkeresztemplom lelkész,
Bienes Barnabás, a csikófői magyar reformatív templom lelkész,
Szabó Antal, a Perth amboyi reformatív templom lelkész,
Laky Zsigmond, a trenton reformatív templom lelkész,
Urban József, a bronx független reformatív egyház lelkész,
Egyes László, a woodbridgei evangélikus egyház lelkész.
We have received your appeal to us, Americans of Hungarian birth. Some of us, individually or in groups, have already answered you. This is the answer of Christian Hungarian Americans gathered in a meeting to express our sympathy with the Jewish citizens of our motherland.

Much of your appeal to us is a repetition of familiar Nazi propaganda. That part of your message is too old and worn-out to require a reply. But we must point out to you certain basic facts which you do not seem to understand.

We came to the United States of our own free will, in search of a better land in which to make our homes and raise our children. Your assertion that we had to leave Hungary because of the Jews is too childish to deserve an answer. We know the reason for our leaving our motherland better than you do. And we can tell you that we did not leave because of the Jews.

We had asked to be accepted as citizens of this country, of our own free will and we had deeply appreciated the privilege when we had been given the opportunity to take an oath, without any mental reservation, that we would uphold and defend the Constitution of these United States. We shall be always true to that oath.

Our sons are fighting and dying in Italy and in Normandy. They are fighting and dying for our safety, and for the future of our country which - you should always remember - is their mother country.

And you should always remember that every soldier you send against our Allies releases a German soldier to fight against our sons. And our sons are our first concern; we want them to come back to us, to their young wives, to their little children, to their motherland, safe and sound. Anyone who fights against them, and anyone who helps those who fight against them, is our mortal enemy and we shall not stop this war until all our enemies will suffer utter and crushing defeat.

You should also bear in mind that we became citizens of these United States because with all our hearts and souls we believe in the principles on which this country of ours was founded, principles which were expressed in these immortal words:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they
are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

We, God-fearing Christian citizens of this great democracy believe that all men, Christians and Jews alike, are created equal and that the Jews of Hungary are endowed by their Creator with the rights to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. And we, as Christians, firmly believe that when mere man robs his fellow man of the rights given him by his Creator, he commits a crime that brands him a pagan and a barbarian.

We particularly resent that part of your message in which you told us that you are exterminating the Jews of Hungary in order to have enough room for us when we return to our motherland.

We are not returning to our motherland because we found a better land, a better home, a freer country here, where people are not being robbed and murdered because of their race or religion. We are not coming back to homes, farms, factories, and mines spattered with the blood of the Jewish friends we left behind when we departed from Hungary. The horrible thought that any civilized American would return to take a place made for him by robbery and murder, could have been born only in the depraved mind of a Nazi mania.

And we are not coming back to a country dominated by friends like you who do not hesitate to take property and human life on any flimsy pretext. Today you are robbing and murdering people because they are Jews; tomorrow you may decide to rob and murder people because at one time they emigrated to America. No, when you are dealing with the Hungarians of America, you are not dealing with fools.

We want you to know, and we want the people of Hungary to know, that we shall always have a deep affection for our motherland and for its people, but at the same time we want you to remember that we are loyal citizens of a country that gave us prosperity, freedom, and a happy home, a country which is the motherland of our children.
And we want you to know, and we want the people of Hungary to know, that there is no danger that the spiritual ties between us and the honest and traditionally liberal people of Hungary will ever break. But at the same time we want you to know, and we want the people of Hungary to know, that there never was and there never can be any spiritual or any other ties between us and traitors like you and your government who have betrayed every Hungarian tradition, who are trying to corrupt and to sell the soul of the people of Hungary, and who are now standing before the public opinion of the Hungarians of America, and before the public opinion of all the civilized world, as the most repulsive examples of robbers, murderers, and pagan barbarians.

And, finally, we want you to know, and we want the people of Hungary to know, that we, God-fearing, Christian Hungarian Americans, are praying to our Almighty Father for the deliverance of our Jewish brethren from your bloody hands.
AN APPEAL TO POPE PIUS XII
CABLED TO THE VATICAN JULY 6, 1944

We, representatives of Christian Americans of Hungarian descent, assembled in a national conference in New York to express our sympathy with the persecuted Jews of our motherland, most respectfully entreat Your Holiness to use the weight and authority of Your exalted position to convey and emphasize to the Hungarian Government our sentiments in condemning and deeply resenting the action of that Government and of all those who are now torturing and murdering the Jewish people. We most humbly implore Your Holiness to authorize and advise the active cooperation of all pious Catholics in Hungary in the work of rescuing the Jewish people from the hands of their persecutors and in aiding them to reach places of safety.

Profoundly impressed by and grateful for the expression of Your Holiness' grief and condemnation of Nazi mass murder the undersigned appeal to Your Holiness on behalf of the members of the above-mentioned conference joining their prayers with Your's.

Prof. Louis Toth, Cornell University, Chairman
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Elmer G. Bordogho, St. Stephen's Rectory, Toledo, Ohio (Papal Prelate
John Benes, Chairman, Verhovay Fraternal Association, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Father Victor Kovalicszky, Holy Cross Church, New York City
Rev. G. Takaros, First Magyar Reformed Church, New York City
Rev. Ladislas Nagy, St. Stephen of Hungary Church, Allentown, Pa.
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Rev. Ladis Egry, Woodbridge, N.J.
Rev. Barnabas Dienes, Hungarian Reformed Church, Chicago, Vice-Chairman of the Magyar Synod, Evangelical and Ref. Church
Mr. Joseph C. Hyman
Executive Vice-Chairman
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.
270 Madison Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

June 26, 1944

Your letter of the fifteenth was sent on to me in New York and I hasten to call your attention to the one point in our discussion about which we seem to have different recollections.

In the course of the general discussion regarding the need for cooperation between the Joint Distribution Committee and the Emergency Committee, Mr. Bergson mentioned the fact that Mr. Erich Jabotinsky, one of our representatives in Turkey, has cabled us that it is possible to take immediate action on one project involving the rescue of several thousand Jews. This project has been discussed with Mr. Reuben Resnik, your representative in Turkey, both by Mr. Jabotinsky and by representatives of the Vaad Hatzalah, the rescue committee of orthodox rabbis.

Mr. Bergson pointed out that Mr. Jabotinsky's approval of the project indicated that it was both possible and practical, that Mr. Jabotinsky had been one of the men instrumental in transporting over 30,000 Jews into Palestine in the three years before the war and that his experience in underground methods of emigration and immigration justified our belief that his approval of this particular project made it a feasible undertaking and that his estimate of $200,000 needed for carrying out this project, was a reasonable approximation of the necessary sum.

Mr. Bergson further pointed out that while the War Refugee Board can take charge of these refugees as soon as they reach Turkish territorial waters, it was in no position, as a government agency, to authorize underground methods of emigration. It was in connection with this statement that you declared that you felt it necessary to have the recommendation of the War Refugee Board before you would be ready to consider financial participation in any project.

I stress these facts because we are determined to find the funds for the project organized by Mr. Jabotinsky and I want to make sure that I do not misunderstand the grounds for your refusal to consider this project. It is not our province to question your decision to operate within the limits of the measures which are officially authorized by the War Refugee Board. Nevertheless, I wish to remind you that we explained that although this particular project could
Mr. Joseph C. Hyman

June 26, 1944

not be officially authorized by the Board, it was known to and approved by Mr. Pehle. May I also point out that once before a similar project, involving the S.S. Rakaria, undertaken by Mr. Jabotinsky was turned down by the Joint Distribution Committee as impractical and that despite this lack of support Mr. Jabotinsky was able to transport 2,400 Jews to Palestine in the same "unofficial" manner?

We fervently hope that we can still gain your cooperation in this specific instance as well as in other undertakings, but this cooperation must be based on the understanding that we plan to use every possible means to expand rescue activities, aiding the War Refugee Board wherever we can and supplementing its activities whenever we find the means to do so.

Sincerely yours,

(rgd) Johan J. Smertenko
Executive Vice-Chairman
TO
All War Refugee Board Personnel

FROM
David White

The attached letter is self-explanatory.

If you wish tickets to attend, please call this office Extension 5666 - 5669 and place your order with Miss Myers.
WASHINGTON

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Initiated by the Emergency Conference held in New York—July 20-25, 1943

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Request the pleasure of your presence

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At the Department of Interior Auditorium, C Street entrance

On Wednesday eve. June 21, 1944

at 8:45 P. M.

Mr. Fowler Harper, Solicitor, Dept. of Interior will preside.
Dear Mr. Alfange:

Your telegram of May 13, 1944, to President Roosevelt, concerning the establishment of temporary havens for refugees, has been referred to me.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Dean Alfange
Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe
One East 44th Street,
New York, New York

MAY 29 1944
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May 15, 1944

Respectfully referred to
the Executive Director of the
War Refugee Board for attention
and appropriate acknowledgment.

[Signature]

WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President
NEW YORK NY MAY 13 1944 125P

HON. FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON DC

IN HUNGARY AND IN THE BALKANS THE GERMAN MURDER SQUADS AND GAS CHAMBERS AGAIN SHOW THE EFFICIENCY THEY DEMONSTRATED IN POLAND. AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES YOU TOOK THE LEADERSHIP IN THE BATTLE OF HUMANITY WHEN YOU ENUNCIATED THE OFFICIAL POLICY OF THIS COUNTRY, "TO TAKE ALL MEASURES WITHIN ITS POWER TO RESCUE THE VICTIMS OF ENEMY OPPRESSION WHO ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER OF DEATH."

THE WAR REFUGEES BOARD SET UP BY YOUR EXECUTIVE ORDER IS DOING A SPLENDID JOB UNDER SERIOUS HANDICAPS. ONE OF THE
GREATEST OF THESE HANICAPS IS TO FIND PLACES OF REFUGE FOR THOSE WHO CAN ESCAPE IF A WELCOME WAITS THEM ON ALLIED GROUND.

WE URGE YOU TO AGAIN TAKE ACTION AND PROVIDE A PLACE OF REFUGE BY ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY RESCUE CAMPS IN THE UNITED STATES. THESE FREE PORTS SHOULD ALSO BE ESTABLISHED BY OUR ALLIES IN PALESTINE, NORTH AFRICA AND THROUGHOUT THE FREE WORLD. THIS WOULD GIVE TO HELPLESS VICTIMS OF NAZI FRIGHTFULNESS SOME CHANCE OF SURVIVAL EVEN THOUGH IN EFFECT IT IS ONLY WHAT WE ADVANCE TO NAZI PRISONERS OF WAR WE NOW HOLD.
OUT OF ALL THE TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND BY FRIENDLY NEUTRALS A TOTAL OF TWENTY-FIVE SQUARE MILES ALLOCATED FOR THIS PURPOSE WOULD PROVIDE SAFETY FOR COUNTLESS THOUSANDS CONDEMNED JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE.

POST WAR STATUS OF PEOPLE IN CAMPS CAN BE SETTLED THEN AND ASSURANCE GIVEN THAT NO IMMIGRATION LAWS WILL BE VIOLATED.

ONCE AGAIN THE EYES OF THE WORLD'S MOST OPPRESSED PEOPLE ARE FOCUSED UPON YOU. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEIR HOPES WILL BE REALIZED. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF OUR UNENDING SUPPORT OF YOUR ENDEAVORS TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE DEAN ALFANGE WILL ROGERS JR PETER H BERGSON SIGRID UNDSET LOUIS BROMFIELD MAURICE WILLIAM BEN HECHT LI YU YING CO-CHAIRMEN.
Translation of an extract from "Mitteilungsblatt, Alija Chadascha, Tel-Aviv, 26 Mai 1944."

No Jew sometimes (think of ourselves sufficiently high) to consider critically events occurring among other peoples and to express our condemnation of them without realizing that all peoples appear to be subject to the same "laws of nature," our own people included. In our midst, too, the most bizarre things go on against which we seem to be powerless, since they have arisen from conditions which we eyed blindly and since we did not consider our own thoughts and deeds in a sufficiently critical light.

There are movements now spreading in our lives in this country, which cause all of us deep concern. After a pause of a few weeks the terror has again broken out. Last week we lived through the crazy adventure in Ramalla, in which all participants have unfortunately escaped. There are again threatening letters and "death sentences" which are publicly posted in Tel-Aviv at all street corners. The "fighters for Israel's freedom" boast publicly of the murder of two Jewish policemen. The "Haaretz" has justly complained a few days ago that there seem still to exist people in this country who protect the terrorists and such others who let themselves be blackmailed for money, since it is apparent that such things require money. Something else, though, should be added in this connection. It is quite possible that these people get money from abroad as well. True, in the case of such secret groups there are no clearly discernible organizational boundaries, but just this week it became known how strange groups abroad, spiritually related to the terrorists, do their work. Special
attention has been attracted by a letter of the Dutch-American journalist, Pierre Van Paasen, a man who has been radically pro-Zionist for years, but who is apparently naive and never well informed about the real situation; like many other well-intentioned and ignorant people, he let himself be misused for all sorts of propaganda and in recent years gave his support to the revisionist committees in America which appear under different names. These committees which attempted to exploit in their own political interests the sympathy for the European Jewish catastrophe existing in liberal circles, apparently have received a lot of money, otherwise they could not have permitted themselves the luxury of gigantic advertisements in the large American newspapers. Van Paasen writes now in an open letter that he has found out that these revisionist committees are nothing else than exponents of that notorious "Irgun Zmi Leumi" in Palestine which distinguishes itself by acts of terror, and that they have made use of the internal political situation in America to receive the help of certain reactionary Senators. Thereupon Van Paasen resigned the chairmanship of the "Committee for the Jewish Army," identical with this committee is the so-called "Emergency Committee for the Rescue of the Jews of Europe." The very name of this committee shows to what extent the Jewish need is being abused.

The matter is getting murkier still; a representative of this committee, the young Eli Jabotinsky, came one of these days by airplane to Palestine and is on his way to Turkey on an official mission
of the American Government. If one knows how difficult it is today to get a seat on an airplane and how many important trips have to be omitted, one holds one's head and one asks oneself what is it all about. In a "press conference" which the young man has held in Palestine he declared that he is going to Turkey as delegate of the American War Refugee Board, an institution which is connected with the American Treasury, headed by Morgenthau. Jabotinsky said that the creation of this Board is due to the propaganda of the so-called "Committee for the Rescue of the Jews of Europe," which has been founded by a few young Palestinians in America and which has addressed itself to the American Congress and the Senate. They are the same young men whom Van Paassen names as the representatives of the Irgun Zvai Leumi. Normal Palestinians who suffered under the terror of the Irgun Zvai Leumi will not understand how come that agencies of the American Government should get the idea to deal precisely with this group.

Since we have reached this chapter, we must state that our assessment of the indirect and often direct furthering of these groups goes still further. In these days when, because of the war regulations, it is very difficult for most people to leave this country, people who stand very near to the above mentioned organizations travel abroad, even for purposes of propaganda trips and fund raising campaigns. At the present time, for instance, the Jewish public opinion of South Africa is being agitated by such a Palestinian delegate. That such
actions are possible, appears to many as a paradoxical sign of
indirect furtherance of a subversive group, confusing and irritating
for all those who consider the furtherance and financing of such
groups to be undesirable and who should be entitled to believe that
all responsible elements share this opinion.

The comedy in America has borne even stranger fruits this week.
A "Jewish Committee for National Liberation" (the name is chosen in
imitation of the French Committee in Algiers) has announced that it
has purchased the building of the former Iranian Legation in Washing-
ton for $65,000, in order to equip it as the future legation of the
Jewish state. Where these people got the money is not revealed.
All the responsible Zionist groups in America have turned away from
this committee. The Jewish people and Zionism are becoming ridiculous
in the eyes of the American public. This whole story could have
become the subject of an adventure film relating how seven young men
led all of America by the nose.

The matter only becomes difficult to understand if one hears that
a member of this committee functions as official American delegate in
the Near East. One must fear that this sort of thing heightens the
prestige of these adolescents in the eyes of inexperienced people and
that it renders difficult the work of enlightenment of those who try
to turn the youth away from the ways of the Irgun Zmali Leumi and of
related tendencies.
May 16, 1944

Dear Miss Cohen:

Mr. Pahl has asked me to thank you for sending him a copy of the Emergency Committee's advertisement in the New York Post of May 16.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Virginia M. Hannon
Public Relations Division

Miss Lena Cohen
Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, Inc.
26 West 45th Street
New York 19, New York
Secretary Harold L. Ickes, on January 26th in the Emergency Committee, stated: "...Now that the War Refugee Board has been established the Committee will devote all its efforts to assure every possible in the accomplishment of the task of rescue..." With this hope of rescue in the hearts of Jewish people of Europe.

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE, INC.
25 W. 45th St., New York 19, N. Y. 

May 15, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Enclosed please find copy of our ad in the New York Post of today which Mr. Merlin has asked me to send on to you.

Sincerely yours,

Lena Cohen
Secretary to S. Merlin

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NEW YORK POST, MONDAY, MAY 15, 1944
The United States Must Show the Way

Palestine, Turkey, and North Africa are geographically nearest—that is a visible fact. But just as important as geography is the role which the United States must play—just because dating back to the settlement of New England, this country is the recognized leader in every fight against tyranny and oppression.

The establishment of a few rescue camps in America has nothing to do with immigration laws, because the people who would be brought into such a camp would not be immigrants, nor even visitors. They would be detained there only until some final destination would be found for them. The decision which would be found in due time, whether it be the lands whence they came, or some new and definite settlement which would be arrived at by the victorious powers. Since such a rescue camp would in no way touch upon existing immigration laws, there is no need for any legislation. Nothing stands in the way except the all important element of time.

We know that it will not be practical to save the Jewish people of Europe in tens and hundreds of thousands by transporting them to rescue camps in the United States. We know that first and foremost they will have to be evacuated to territories close to the Balkans—principalily Palestine, but also Turkey, Cyprus, and North Africa.

In order to bring pressure effectively upon all other allied and neutral countries to offer such havens, it is vital that the government of the United States must show with clear conscience that we have done more than our share—that our country has shown the way and created the pattern. A rescue camp established in the United States will be a compelling precedent for all the members of the United Nations and the neutral countries involved.

This then is our formula—temporary rescue camps—so called "Free Ports" where "human cargo" can rest a brief interval until these unfortunate people can resume their journey to an ultimate destination.

The President's War Refugee Board should endorse the objective of this formula fully, for it is clear now that without such rescue camps established to receive those who escape Europe's hell, the very objective of the President's merciful move, no matter how heroically this Board works, must inevitably fail.

The people of America have already expressed in country-wide approval this life-saving formula. It needs only the great vocal demand of the rank and file. You and your neighbors and all the decent people of this country can make a great work of salvation an immediate fact.

A Race Against Death
It is not in the tradition of our great country to talk and not act—swiftly. The Congress and the President will move—they are in sympathy. The world is agreed and will follow their leadership. Inform them by the flood of your expressed feeling—write—telegraph, so that they count your approval. It is a race against death, and minutes count.

How You Can Help Effectively
You can help to mobilize public opinion from coast to coast. You can help spread our appeal among many more millions of Americans in order to assure them of their responsibilities. It is imperative that we place this message in hundreds of newspapers throughout the country and through national bookings. For each day dozen thousands that might otherwise be saved.

This Committee asks the American people for substantial financial support to enable it to carry on its work for the rescue of millions of uprooted human beings.

We need your financial help immediately. NOW! You can sign your name below and enclose your contribution to speed the effectiveness of our fight to save the Jewish people of Europe.

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE
25 West 45th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

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(On a letter or the Treasury Department, authorization to the Committee is not needed)

Please make checks payable to: EMERGENCY COMMITTEE.
25 SQUARE MILES—

Which Shall It Be?

Since this advertisement was written, the news report was about Hungary appeared.
Read it. It is not a story of the two or three million already dead. It is the dreadful challenge that plans are under way to slaughter a million more human beings—right under your very eyes. Will you keep silent—when a way has been found to save some or maybe all of them, or will you raise your voice so that the men who can do something stop twiddling
their thumbs—and do it now?

A Practical Plan

These camps—or "Free Ports," as they have elsewhere been called—would be as temporary as our war prison camps were.

They can be supervised and guarded by the military establishments of the several countries in which they are created.

They can be administered and financed by funds and the contributions of those who, of goodwill, who, inevitably, dedicate themselves to the task of human salvation.

They can be operated from within, by the willing and grateful men, women, and children in whose behalf they are established.

They would be temporary—for God will
out this mission executed. The present number of Jews in Hungary is in part due to the fact that many refugees, escaping from Poland and the other countries in which they are treated,

... countries in which they are treated.

They can be administered and financed by funds and the contributions of those of goodwill who inevitably dedicate themselves to the task of human salvation. As the famous reports from the so-called gas baths of Poland, a common Nazi practice was to herd the innocent victims into sanitary baths as they came on the cattle trains in Poland, on the pretext of cleansing them before their transshipment to the Ukraine for "sterilization." Actually, these "sanitary" baths were lethal chambers from which no one came out alive.

A neutral diplomat, writing in official press dispatches, condemns the present Hungarian government saying, "Here, I ask how to witness to my own eyes. I would never have believed that Nazis were capable of perpetrating such inhuman acts against human beings that nothing exists, whose only aim is that they are members of the faith which is the mother of Christianity. Never in my career was I so eager to believe in my own soul as I imagine the cruelty of the Government is beyond my comprehension, and I am filled with horror. I would not have left any word unsaid or any act omitted for the betterment of the country."
Secretary Harold L. Ickes, in a message of January 26th to the Emergency Committee, stated: "... Now that the War Refugee Board is in existence the Committee will distribute direct its efforts to assist the Government in every way possible in the accomplishment of the task and to keep alive the hope of rescue in the hearts of Jewish people of Europe."

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TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE, INC.
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May 15, 1944

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War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

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TEL AVIV, PALESTINE
Dear Mr. Berend:

Thank you for your memorandum concerning the work of the War Refugee Board, which was signed at a conference held on April 2, 1944, in New York City, under the auspices of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe.

Your offer of support of your organization is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Feible
Executive Director

Mr. Paul Berend,
Emergency Committee to Save the
Jewish People of Europe,
1 East 46th Street,
New York, New York.
MEMORANDUM TO:

Mr. John W. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board

WHEREAS at the conference held on April 2 in New York City, under the auspices of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, eight hundred delegates, representing over one hundred fifty thousand American citizens of Jewish origin, met to consider the plight of their relatives and friends in Hungary; and

WHEREAS this conference determined that extraordinary measures are urgently necessary to safeguard the lives of the surviving Jewish people in Hungary; and

WHEREAS the War Refugee Board has been appointed by the President of the United States with explicit directives to "rescue the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death" and to "include without limitation the development of plans and programs and the inauguration of effective measures for (a) the rescue, transportation, maintenance and relief of the victims of enemy oppression, and (b) the establishment of havens of temporary refuge for such victims."

WE, the delegates of the Conference of Hungarian Jews of America, held on April 2 in New York City, under the auspices of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe and attended by eight hundred representatives of one hundred fifty thousand American citizens of Jewish descent, call upon
the War Refugee Board to intensify its efforts in connection with the following specific measures:

1. To open the doors of Palestine. We respectfully submit that this is a demand based on practical and humanitarian reasons without any political implications. In this hour of tragedy and crisis no political considerations can stand in the way of making available to hundreds of thousands of innocent human beings a haven of refuge that is so easily accessible and so ready to receive the victims of the Nazi policy of extermination.

2. To establish temporary camps in all neutral and United Nations territories where these victims may be placed during the emergency. An official guarantee shall be given to the nations that these refugees will be returned to their native lands at the end of the war.

3. To provide food and medicine sufficient to sustain life. Utilizing the services of the International Red Cross, based on the precedent established in the relief of Greek and Lithuanian civilians, concentrated foods, vitamins, and medicines can be sent to provide the means of sustenance to these people who are now being starved in the Balkan countries because they are allowed only twenty-five per cent of the rations permitted to the rest of the population in these countries.

4. To emphasize the intention of the United Nations to punish at the end of this war all those guilty of having aided or abetted this bestial crime of exterminating an entire people.
WE further pledge ourselves to aid the War Refugee Board by all means in our power to carry out these measures in co-operation with the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe.

Paul Berend
PETER GREEN
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Tel-Aviv Government
Detains Ben-Eliezer

Ariel Ben-Eliezer, of the Executive
Board of the Emergency Committee
to Save the Jewish People of Europe,
has been "detained in Tel-Aviv under
the emergency regulations of the
Palestine Government," it was learned
today.

He was bearing credentials and mes-
sages from Mayor LaGuardia, leading
senators and congressmen and other
He had been received by the Chief
Secretary of the Palestine Government
with whom he had discussed rescue
problems. He also was in contact with
the American consulate and some of
the Governments-in-Exile. Delegates
of the Emergency Committee in Tur-
key worked under him.

Mr. Ben-Eliezer was about to leave
for Turkey to help rescue Jews from
the Balkans. Reason for his detention
is not known. Regulations give the
Palestine Government the right to re-
quire anyone without the necessity of
accusation.
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April 21, 1944

Dear Friend:

Under separate cover, we have sent you the program from the "Show of Shows." We are sure it will interest you particularly. (See pages 31, 32-3.)

In it is contained a record of the work of the Emergency Committee and many other matters of interest and importance.

Sincerely yours,

S. Merlin
Executive Director

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Dear Mr. Merlin:

Thank you for your letter of April 16, 1944, enclosing a number of newspaper advertisements recently published by your Committee.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pahle

J. W. Pahle
Executive Director

Mr. S. Merlin,
Executive Director,
Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, Inc.,
1 East 46th Street,
New York 17, New York.
Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a number of a series of ads that we have published in the newspapers in the past few weeks. In these ads, the public's attention is drawn to the most important work your Board is doing.

Yours truly,

S. Merlin
Executive Director
In reply please refer to: 458

APR 15 1944

Dear Mr. Wechsler:

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter of April 6, 1944, transmitting various resolutions concerning the fate of the Jewish people of Europe, passed by a conference of 1,000 representative Americans of Hungarian descent, in New York on April 2, 1944.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. V. Pehle

J. V. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Gabriel A. Wechsler,
National Secretary,
Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, Inc.,
2 East 44th Street,
New York 17, New York.

[Signature]

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Executive Director
Hon. John W. Peble

War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Peble:

It is my sincere pleasure to transmit to you

the enclosed resolutions passed by a conference of

1,000 representative Americans of Hungarian descent,

which met at the Hotel Astor, New York City on Sunday,

April 2nd, in an extraordinary session to discuss the

plight of the Jewish people of Hungary.

Respectfully yours,

Gabriel A. Weinberger

National Secretary

Enc.

Other Committee Offices:

155 WASHINGTON STREET
Washington, D.C.

711 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
Los Angeles, Calif.

12 EAST 44TH STREET
New York, N.Y.
WHEREAS, The President of the United States has appointed a War Refugee Board composed of the Secretaries of State, War and Treasury and charged it with the grave responsibility of saving the Jewish People of Europe, and

WHEREAS, The President has appointed Mr. John W. Pehle as Executive Director of this Board, and

WHEREAS, The War Refugee Board and its Executive Director have already begun this vital and humanitarian work,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Conference of Americans of Hungarian descent, held in New York, April 2, 1944, call upon the entire American people to place their full support behind the War Refugee Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Conference call upon the governments of the United Nations to form similar boards of rescue to the end that the Jewish people of Europe may face the future with hope and share in the peace and freedom to come.
WHEREAS, The slaughter of the Jewish people of Europe is the official policy of the German Government, and
WHEREAS, The Nazi hordes have just marched into the lands of Hungary and the Balkans, and,
WHEREAS, This latest act of aggression signs the death warrant of the surviving Jews of Europe unless immediate action is taken,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this conference of Americans of Hungarian descent meeting at the Hotel Astor in New York on this 2nd day of April, 1944, earnestly petitions the governments of the United Nations to take such action through direct means, by warnings and by propaganda as will alleviate the plight of Hitler's latest Jewish victims.
WHEREAS, The remaining Jewish people of Europe are marked for complete annihilation at the hands of the German murderers and their Quisling stooges in Hungary and the Balkans, and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has warned the Germans and their satellite hangmen that all will be held accountable for their crimes, and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has appointed a War Refugee Board charged with the responsibility of saving the Jewish people of Europe,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Emergency Conference of Americans of Hungarian descent express its thanks to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States, for these humanitarian actions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this conference express its confidence that the President of the United States will take such further steps as may be necessary to save the Jewish people from the hell of Nazi Europe.
WHEREAS, It is the official policy of the German government to annihilate every Jewish person in Europe, and

WHEREAS, A lock exists on the door of rescue, bolted by the United Nations, and

WHEREAS, Palestine is the nearest, most logical and legal place of refuge for those who can escape the Nazi executioner, and

WHEREAS, The population of Palestine is waiting with open arms to rescue their brothers, and

WHEREAS, The doors of Palestine have been officially closed to Jews in violation of the Mandate of the League of Nations and of the United States-Great Britain Convention,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Conference of Americans of Hungarian descent, meeting at the Hotel Astor on this 2nd day of April, 1944, make known to the Prime Minister of Great Britain, its opposition to the closing of the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Conference make known this resolution to the President and Secretary of State of the United States.
April 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Dubois,

May I thank you for the Committee for attending our meeting last night.

I am glad you came, as I believe the Committee is not only a fine and sincere one, but one that can be extremely helpful in this difficult task that you and the War Refugee Board are so sincerely devoting yourselves to.

Please be assured that we will try to be as helpful as we possibly can.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

ROSE KANE
Executive Secretary

Mr. Josiah E. Dubois
General Counsel
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington 25, D.C.
WASHINGTON

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE

Initiated by the Emergency Conference held in New York—July 20-26, 1943

2317 15th STREET, N. W.

April 11, 1944

Mr. Josiah E. Dubois
War Refugee Board
The Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dubois,

The meeting of the Washington branch of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe will be held on Thursday evening April 13th at 8:15 P.M. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Appleby, 3316 Rittenhouse Street N.W.

At the time I spoke to you, you were kind enough to say that some member of the Board would attend the meeting and speak to the Committee for a few minutes. As I explained to you, this is not a public meeting.

I do wish that you could be the one to speak to us that evening. We are planning to place the speaker first on the agenda so that it will not be necessary for him to stay throughout the entire meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Rose Keane
Executive Secretary

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APR 11 Arch
On March 24, the President reaffirmed this Government's deep concern for the lives of the Jewish people trapped in Hungary by Hitler's invading army. In line with the President's statement, the War Refugee Board is using all the resources at its command and every instrumentality it can reach to prevent the killing of Jews and to effect the rescue of as many of those stricken people as is humanly possible.

J. W. Fehl
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
April 1, 1944

The following was dictated by Mr. Weinstein from New York to Miss Rhea:

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J. W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board

The above is a telegram to be sent to the National Jewish Council of the Emergency Committee to Help Save the Jewish People of Europe, Hotel, New York City. This message should be sent in time for a meeting to be held tomorrow, April 2, at 2:00 p.m.
March 30, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES.

I spoke to Mr. Jabotinsky of the Emergency Committee about the attached letter a few days after its receipt. I told him that we were working on points (1) and (2), but that with respect to point (3) the War Refugee Board was in no position at this time to support the action recommended.

J.B.D.
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J. R. D.
Mr. Josiah E. DuBois
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. DuBois:

I am enclosing a memorandum on our suggestions to the International Red Cross. This memo has not been transmitted to them, but was written after Mr. Bergson's conversation with Mr. Peters, who is their Chief Delegate.

Mr. Peters was not favorably disposed towards our suggestions, but there are several other personalities in the International Red Cross who would like to do something. Our Washington Chairman, Mr. George Maurice Norris, suggested that the way to approach the International Red Cross would be through the American Red Cross. This morning Mr. Norris talked to Mr. Philip E. Ryan of the American Red Cross, and interested him in the matter. Before proceeding any further, however, Mr. Ryan wants to have the opinion of the War Refugee Board on the advisability of the suggestions submitted by us. He said that if he would get a call from you giving him "the green light," he'd go ahead on it. His phone number is Republic 8300, extension 230 - it is an office in the American Red Cross Building.

It is our feeling that the International Red Cross will probably not consider taking over the representation of Jewish interests, but that it can be prevailed upon to accept our two other
suggestions, namely that of attempting to supervising the conditions in German concentration camps, and that of sponsoring the expedition of a mercy ship to Rumania.

Please let me know whether or not you have contacted Mr. Ryan, so that we might proceed in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Eli Jabotinsky

Eli Jabotinsky
MEMORANDUM ON THE FUNCTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS IN THE SAVING OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE

Draft No. 1
EI, 3/7/44

The Red Cross is hampered in its efforts on behalf of the Jews in Europe by the fact that the Jews do not fall under any known category of persons whom the Red Cross is chartered to aid. The Jews in the concentration camps are not prisoners of war, and what makes it still more difficult—the Germans may always plead that their treatment of the Jews is a purely internal matter and has nothing to do with international problems.

As a matter of fact, this is not so, because the Germans have declared that they propose to annihilate all the Jews, the world over, whatever their present nationality may be. This is surely equivalent to the recognition of the existence of a specific Jewish people and an official declaration of war upon this people. In fact, it is a declaration of total war, the like of which has never been waged by any other nation.

On the other hand, the Jews as such have been recognized as a political and national entity by the Allies, too. The League of Nations mandate for Palestine mentions the "Jewish National Home," and the treaties of Poland and Lithuania specifically mention the Jews as a "national minority." Thus it seems that the difficulty does not so much in the fact that the Jews in German-occupied territories are not "civilians of enemy nationality in a belligerent country." Indeed,
even leaving aside the question of the Jewish nationality created by the Germans, most of these Jews are of "enemy nationality", for before being deprived of it they were French, Dutch, Belgian or Polish nationals. The main difficulty is in the fact that the Jews have no recognized representation.

It is suggested that the Red Cross undertake the following steps:

1. The International Red Cross takes upon itself to become the representative of the otherwise unrepresented Jews of Europe in all matters concerning their physical welfare.

2. The International Red Cross undertakes a survey of the concentration camps and of the extermination camps established for Jews in German-occupied territories with a view of bringing the conditions in these camps to a civilized level.

3. The International Red Cross shall sponsor the sending of a "ship of mercy", with food and medical supplies, to Constantza, Rumania, for distribution among the parts of the European population which have been accorded partial rations only. (The Jews in Europe have been receiving for almost two years only 25 to 50 percent of the rations allotted to their gentile neighbors.

It should be pointed out that it is the policy of the War Refugee Board established by the President of the United States in order to save from annihilation the remnants of the Jewish people of Europe, to create in Germany and in German satellite territories the impression that the civilized world is taking an interest in
the fate of the Jews. It is possible that the International Red Cross will not be able to secure permission from Germany to carry out the above proposals, or at least some of them. However, the mere fact of trying to investigate the concentration camps, for instance, will have the most beneficial effect upon the treatment of the inmates of those camps. It is also very probable that even if Germany does not grant the necessary facilities, the Red Cross, some of the German satellites might do so. Thus Hungary, and even more so Rumania and Bulgaria, might be willing to give the Red Cross the opportunity to control and supervise the Jewish problem in order to provide for themselves an alibi in the case of a United Nations victory, by shifting the whole blame on the Germans. And again, whether successful or not, the mere fact of such a request coming from the International Red Cross will make these countries sit up and reconsider their Jewish policy.

It should, moreover, be stressed that the above suggestions are completely in the spirit of the draft of the Convention drawn up in Tokyo in 1934, which the International Red Cross has been trying to have approved and signed by the nations of the world. The Convention would have provided for the very things which are suggested above.

It is also the policy of the Red Cross to apply meanwhile to the interned civilians the terms of the Convention signed at Geneva in 1929 regarding the treatment of prisoners of war.

For all these reasons, it seems that the above suggestions conform to the general tradition and policy of the International Red Cross.
Whatever the legal aspects of the matter from the humanitarian point of view, it is an indisputable fact that the treatment of the Jews of Europe by the Germans constitutes one of the darkest pages of the history of civilization, and that for this reason this problem falls under the jurisdiction of the International Red Cross. As stated in a Yearbook published by the International Red Cross, "On more than one occasion the committee (of the International Red Cross) has anticipated in practice what future amendments of the accords confirm in law."
TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

MR. ALEX WALD
EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE THE
JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE
716 WALNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

I RESPECT THAT I AM UNABLE TO BE WITH YOU TOGETHER TO HONOR THE SPONSORS OF THE
GILLETTE-ROGERS RESCUE RESOLUTION.

I SEND OUR BEST WISHES THAT NOTHING WILL BE LEFT UNDONE TO FINISH WITH ALL SPEED THE
GREAT HUMANITARIAN TASK OF RESCUING THE DESPERATELY VICTIMS OF NAZI PERSECUTION.

(Signed) John W. Pehle
JOHN W. PEHLE
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
WAR HOUSING BOARD

JWP
Philadelphia

I regret that I am unable to be with you tonight to honor the sponsors of the Gillette-Rogers Rescue Resolution.

I send our pledge that nothing will be left undone to finish with all speed the great humanitarian task of rescuing the defenseless victims of Nazi persecution.
Philadelphia

I regret that I am unable to be with you tonight to honor the sponsors of the Gillette-Rogers Rescue Resolution.

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March 8, 1944.

Mr. J. W. Pehle
Executive Director
Wash Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am in receipt of your very kind letter of March 6th and wish to state that I can well understand your position at this time.

Our Committee would welcome a message from you to be read at this Testimonial Dinner. (Mar. 16th)

With the deepest conviction that your work will be successful, our Committee will continue to dedicate its efforts towards the rescue of the Jews of Europe, and we hope and pray that the time will be soon.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Alex Wilf

March 15, 1944

Mr. Dear Alton,
O/O Emergency Committee to Save Jewish People of Europe,
535 Fifth Ave.,
New York, New York.

I regret that you cannot be with you tonight, but the urgency of the task in which you are so whole-heartedly cooperating demands that we stand by in Washington.

The key to our success lies in what we can accomplish. You will be heartened to know that some of our efforts already have met with success. Things are being done. They will continue to be done. Every day, every hour, Jewish lives are being saved.

Reshuffling defenses or even with a mad Rush's proof is a delicate and complex task. Obstacles must be removed. I am glad to tell you that there is one obstacle which has now been placed in our path. Reports have circulated that the War Refugees Board is being impeded in its activities for lack of funds. I want to tell you, unequivocally, that no project of the War Refugees Board has failed to go forward for lack of funds. The
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(initial) J. W. R.

JOHN W. PAGES
ACTING REGISTRAR-DEPUTY
WAR RESERVOIRS BOARD
Emergency Fund for the President,
National Defense, 1942-1944, Allot-
ment to the War Refugee Board, from the
Emergency Fund.

March 13, 1944

MR. BERN ALFARDE,
C/O EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE
JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE,
535 FIFTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

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WHETHER FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCES.

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IMPATIENT TO BE ON WITH THE Job.

/1/ J.M.P.

JOHN M. PECKLE
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
WAR REFUGEES BOARD

WM:fw
Dear Mr. Merlin:

Thank you for your letter of February 26, 1944, concerning the War Refugee Board, and a proposal that a committee of experts be formed to work with your organisation and the Board.

While the Board desires to utilize the facilities of established private organizations engaged in relief and refugee work and, as you know, is soliciting the cooperation and assistance of such organizations, it is not encouraging or prompting the formation of special groups for this purpose. I am, of course, grateful for the interest and proffered assistance of the persons to whom you refer.

I am glad to have had the opportunity of making your acquaintance and am confident that the support and enthusiasm of you and your associates and the leaders of other organizations interested in our task will do much to speed the realization of our aims.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. S. Merlin,
Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe,
1 East 44th Street,
New York 17, New York.
February 26, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Some personalities of very high standing, who are experts on matters pertaining to the many aspects of rescue and transportation, are willing to form a small but effective board of experts with our committee in order to cooperate with the War Refugee Board in the sense of formulating and elaborating practical plans and ideas.

But before we make any decision, I would like to know your opinion as to whether you will welcome such an initiative.

I personally think that it is definitely worthwhile trying because these men who would participate in the projected board of experts have not only a deep interest in the cause but some very interesting and impressive plans which are a result of their personal knowledge and experience.

I will, therefore, appreciate very much your early reply.

I take this opportunity to express my great pleasure in having you personally at the dinner, tendered in your honor by Mr. Bergson, the other day in Washington. Your speech was an assurance of the War Refugee Board's determination to achieve the maximum results in the shortest possible time.

Very sincerely yours,

S. Merin.

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Dear Mr. Wilf:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your telegram of February 26, 1944.

I sincerely regret that, due to the urgency of the work in which we are now engaged, I am unable at this time to undertake any speaking engagements outside of Washington. I appreciate your invitation and hope that at some later date it may be possible for me to see you and your people in Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Alex Wilf,
Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe,
716 Walnut Street,
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JOHN W PEHLE, EXE DIR WAR REFUGEE BOARD

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

PHILADELPHIA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE IS TENDERING A TESTIMONIAL DINNER ON MARCH SIXTEENTH TO THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES WHO SPONSORED THE ROGERS-GILLETTE RESCUE RESOLUTION IN CONGRESS WE WHO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THE BATTLE OF RESCUE AND THE CONGRESSMEN WHO BROUGHT THE PROBLEM TO THE HALLS OF CONGRESS HAIL THE FORMATION OF THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD AND WE HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP AS ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE GREAT HUMANITARIAN TASK ASSIGNED TO THE BOARD WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED WE DEEM IT FITTING AND PROPER THAT YOU HONOR US WITH YOUR PRESENCE AT THIS OCCASION AS THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR ACCEPTANCE

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE

ALEX WILF 716 WALNUT STREET

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MEMORANDUM

February 17, 1944

TO: Mr. John Fehle, Acting Director, War Refugee Board

FROM: Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe

SUBJECT: Psychological Warfare

As an element in the psychological warfare to stop the massacre of Jews within German-occupied Europe, it is respectfully suggested that the Red Cross proceed to set up lists of the individual names and addresses (or former addresses) of all Jews who are now in Axis-occupied territory or have lived there before and have disappeared through imprisonment, execution or deportation.

It is felt that the mere fact that such lists are being compiled will have a very startling effect upon the nerves and the methods of reasoning of the Axis public and authorities. It will give them the first feeling that a serious and detailed accounting will be demanded.

The setting up of these lists is feasible. The Red Cross has the necessary machinery and experience, gained through the listing of all prisoners of war. The French paper "Pour La Victoire" has published extensive lists of people deported from France.

(Suggested to the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe by Professor Emil Langedel of New York University, author, lecturer and noted authority on European and Middle-Eastern affairs, who wrote, among others, "The Danube" (1939) and "Turkey" (1941).)

Hon. John W. Pehle
Executive Dir of War Refugee Board Care US
Treasury Dept. Wash DC

On Saturday February 12 1944. The Emergency Committee to Save
The Jewish People of Europe New England Division voted
Unanimously its high gratification upon your designation as
Executive Director of the War Refugee Board. We desire actively
and in every useful way to give our utmost support to your Board
for the rescue of all the people threatened with extermination.
We realize that in words imputed to you "The refugee job must
be done within months or there may be no job to do at all." Our
Representative New England Committee with a deep sense of
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To the appeal of the President for aid from private sources in his statement creating the W.R. Refugee Board, we therefore earnestly invite you to come to Boston and present the purposes, plans and progress of the board in a public evening address on a subject of your own choosing. We leave to you the most suitable time with the hope that it may be in the third week of March from the 20th to the 25th.

This message is sent by the Special Committee of the Executive Board for the Proposed Meeting Prof. Kirtley F. Mather Harvard University Mr. Max Hoffman Prof. C. J. Friedrich Director of the School for Overseas Administration and the undersigned.

A letter to you follows in confirmation of the foregoing and we eagerly await an affirmative reply.

Albert C. Dieffenback Chairman Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe Suite 647 33 Washington St Boston Mass.

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Hon. John W. Pehe
Executive Director of War Refugee Board

Dear Mr. Pehe:

We are writing in confirmation of our day letter inviting you to come to New England and present at a public meeting the great work of the War Refugee Board.

Our Committee is assured that you would enlist much support for rescuing the people in Europe. We are planning to broadcast the address, and otherwise to give it the most wide-spread publicity.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our day letter which conveys to you the earnestness of our desire to have you come.

Faithfully yours,

Albert C. Wefdenbach
Co-Chairman
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Albert C. Dieffenbach, Chairman
Emergency Committee to Save
The Jewish People of Europe
Suite 647, 333 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts
In reply please refer to: 99

Dear Mr. Wechsler:

Thank you for your letter of February 9, 1944, enclosing a resolution passed by the Executive Board of your organization concerning the new War Refugee Board. Your letter of the same date addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, with its enclosure, has also been referred to me.

The interest of your group in the work of the Board and the offer of its assistance and support are greatly appreciated.

I doubt, you have by now received my letter of February 9, 1944, requesting the advice and cooperation of agencies concerned with the problems of the Board. It is expected that the statement requested in that letter will be very helpful, and I shall be pleased to receive your suggestions as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Gabriel Wechsler,
National Secretary,
Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe,
1 East 44th Street,
New York 17, New York.
EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE
INITIATED BY THE EMERGENCY CONFERENCE HELD IN NEW YORK—JULY 20-28, 1943

1 EAST 44th STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have been instructed by the Executive Board of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe at a regular meeting attended by the following persons:

Sigrid Undset
Lisa Sergio
Lester Cohen
Emil Lengyel
Fletcher Pratt
Dean Alfange
Arthur Syk
Babette Deutsch
Alex Wilf
Curt Riss
Stella Adler
Maurice Rikfin
Michael Footer
Samuel Rosen
Arthur Rosenberg

I have been instructed by the Executive Board of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe at a regular meeting attended by the following persons:

To forward to you the enclosed resolution which the Board unanimously passed.

Respectfully yours,

Gabriel A. Wechsler
National Secretary
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WHEREAS the President has appointed the Secretaries of State, War and Treasury as members of this Board, and has appointed the honorable John W. Peale as Executive Director, and

WHEREAS the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe anticipates prompt and effective action by the War Refugee Board toward the rescue of the remaining Jewish people of Europe from the persecution and death which has already actually overtaken two millions of their brothers,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe through its Executive Board, meeting on this 7th day of February, 1944 in the City of New York, express to the President of the United States its sincere appreciation of this important humanitarian action, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe pledge its full and wholehearted support to the War Refugee Board in the pursuit of its all-important activities, and

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Respectfully submitted,

Gabriel A. Wechsler
National Secretary
EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE
INITIATED BY THE EMERGENCY CONFERENCE, HELD IN NEW YORK—JULY 20-24, 1943

1 EAST 44th STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Hon. John W. Peble
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Peble:

I have been instructed by the Executive Board of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe at a regular meeting attended by the following persons:

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Bishop James A. Cannon, Jr.
Judge Oscar W. Ehrhorn
Dr. Albert C. Dieffenbach
M. C. Boas (representing
Thomas J. Watson)
Dr. Baruch E. Rabinowitz
Rabbi Arthur Meyerowitz
Nathan George Horowitz
Dr. Maurice William
Dr. Fritz Kaufmann
Gabriel Wechsler
Konrad Bercovici
Isidor Lipschutz
Theodore Bennahum
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February 9, 1944

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National Secretary
TO: Mr. Travers

FROM: J. W. Pehle

It will be appreciated if you will have dispatched the attached cables to Joseph Klaiman, Pera Palace Hotel, Istanbul, and to Arvy Benlianzer, 33 Nashi Street, Tel-Aviv, from Peter Bergman, Chairman, Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, and bill the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, 2317 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for the cost of these messages and any answers thereto.

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

Attachments,

(Sent by Special Messenger)

CC - Messrs. Pehle, Luxford, DuBois, Lesser, Friedman, Miss Hodel

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JOSEPH KIARHAN
PERA PALACE HOTEL
ISTANBUL (TURKEY)

FOR EMERGENCY STOP CONTACT IHA HIRSCHMANN CARE AMERICAN EMBASSY
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PETER HERSON
CHAIRMAN, EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO
SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE
ARTHUR BERNSTEIN
33 RASHI STREET
TEL-AVIV

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PETER BERGSON
CHAIRMAN, EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO
SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE
TO

Miss Hodel

FROM

J. W. Pehle

The attached two telegrams should be despatched immediately through State Department channels for Bergson of the Emergency Committee. If the State Department has any questions we can get additional background from Bergson.

J. W. Pehle
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JOSEPH KLARMAN

FERA PALACE HOTEL

ISTANBUL (TURKEY)

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Chairman Emergency Committee
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PETER BERSON
Chairman, Emergency Crew.

\[ P. M. Z. \]
MEMORANDUM

submitted by
Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe

to the
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

As a non-partisan, non-sectarian committee, created solely for the task of mobilizing America's aid for the rescue of the Jewish people of Europe, we have long advocated the creation by our Government of a specific agency to deal with this problem. Now that such an agency - the War Refugee Board - has been created, we respectfully submit for consideration by the Board some specific measures which are elements of a program which we believe to be necessary to the attainment of the Board's objectives.

We beg to stress two general points:

(a) The German plan to exterminate all the Jews of Europe is a challenge to the basic decency of civilization and human relationship. Consequently it is a challenge to America. It is both mistaken and dangerous to create the impression that in this country only the Americans of Jewish descent are interested in a speedy and effective action. The War Refugee Board was created because the vast majority of the American people have been deeply shaken by the German massacre of the Jews. If we were to permit any other impression we would be doing so to the detriment of the Jews of Europe.

(b) Only a part of the some 4,000,000 Jews in Nazi-controlled Europe can be evacuated. The salvation of the majority of them, therefore, depends upon the successful creation inside Europe of an atmosphere which makes extermination of the Jews unprofitable, impractical and impossible. Even the Nazis at the present stage of the war cannot miss the significance of American and United Nations large-scale efforts for the rescue of the Jews of Europe.

It is reasonable to assume that the Nazi satellites, aware of approaching defeat, will adopt a new policy toward the Jews of Europe if they feel that by doing so they might curry some amount of favor with the United Nations. Indeed, some of them have already begun to do...
so. We believe, therefore, the psychological warfare and propaganda aspects are of immense practical importance in the tasks of the War Refugee Board.

Plans of Action

Steps which may be taken fall into two distinct categories:

I. Diplomatic and psychological warfare.

II. Evacuation.

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MEMORANDUM
submitted by
Washington Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe
to the
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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(final draft)

As a non-partisan, non-sectarian committee, created solely for the specific task of mobilizing America's aid for the rescue of the Jewish people of Europe, we have long advocated the creation by our Government of a specific agency to deal with this problem. Now that such an agency - the War Refugee Board - has been created, we respectfully submit for consideration by the Board some specific measures which are elements of a program which we believe to be necessary to the attainment of the Board's objectives.

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(b) Only a part of the some 4,000,000 Jews in Nazi-controlled Europe can
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It is reasonable to assume that the Nazi satellitess, aware of approaching
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

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Conference with Miss Rose Keane, Secretary of the Washington Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe

After a brief talk with Mr. Paul, Miss Keane discussed with me in some detail the work of the Emergency Committee and its hope and desire to be of assistance to the new War Refugee Board.

The Emergency Committee grew out of the Emergency Conference to Save the Jewish People of Europe, held in New York in July 1943. It is claimed that this conference was the first non-sectarian group to express itself on the question of the plight of the Jewish people of Europe. Branches of the Committee have been set up in New York, Boston, Washington, Chicago and Los Angeles. The Committee sponsored the Gillette-Rogers resolutions which aimed at getting the President to set up a separate commission to handle the job of rescuing the persecuted people of Europe.

The Emergency Committee feels that it may be of considerable help to the War Refugee Board in keeping the program of rescue before the public mind in this country as well as abroad. Their organization has specialized on the problem of publicity— in fact it has devoted all its energies to exciting the public on this matter. Miss Keane stated that the Emergency Committee has representatives abroad, particularly in Palestine, Turkey and London and that these people may be of considerable help in working out specific programs of rescue. The Emergency Committee is not a relief organization and does not have money available for relief operations but it stands ready to help on the propaganda front and on the development of specific projects.

At a meeting of the Committee held yesterday it was decided that the Committee would in some way honor the Executive Director of the Board, when appointed. This honor will probably be in the form of a banquet and rally.

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NUMBER OF MURDERED JEWS IN POLAND EXCEEDS REPORTED 2,000,000 FIGURE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Two members of the Polish underground movement who have just reached Palestine told a Jewish labor conference today that the report that 2,000,000 Jews have been annihilated by the Germans in Poland underestimates the extent of the massacres.

"When we, in the underground, learned of the announcement made in New York that 2,000,000 Jews have perished in occupied Poland, we decided to make a reliable investigation," one of the arrivals reported. "Our survey established that the number of exterminated Jews is much larger than 2,000,000, since hundreds of thousands of Jews from other countries were brought by the Germans to Poland and annihilated there."

Many of those present at the meeting wept loudly as they listened to the eyewitness reports of the underground representatives. It was announced at the meeting that the Jewish National Council of Palestine today sent a cable to U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull emphasizing that there are still possibilities of rescuing Jews from occupied territories. Similar cables were sent to Winston Churchill and to the Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov. The latter two were despatched through the Palestine Government.

The entire Jewish press here lauds President Roosevelt's establishment of the War Refugee Board, expressing the hope that the new body will not immediately to rescue the Jews of Europe.
January 25, 1944

MEMORANDUM

Points raised by Bergson:

1. Bergson emphasized the importance of the use of propaganda through short-wave broadcasting and possible leaflets to impress the German Government and the people, as well as the satellites, that this Government is prepared to do everything it can to rescue the Jews. He said that, if in addition we could show we meant business by rescuing several hundred thousand Jews, the satellites would fall in line.

2. Bergson said that the failure to recognize the problem publicly as a "Jewish" problem might not be important here but was very important in Germany and the occupied countries. He felt that the failure to mention the Jews in the Moscow Declaration on Atrocities was an act from which Germany could argue that the United Nations had no interest in the Jews.

3. He said that OR1 was already broadcasting the story of the War Refugee Board to Europe and that this had been worked out with Jim Barnes of the New York office of OR1 and James Warburg of the OR1 office here.

4. Bergson said that, while Hitler had in his New Year's Day Declaration made it again clear that the policy of the German Government was to exterminate all of the Jews, the German newspapers were not carrying stories of atrocities being committed and that short-wave such stories to Germany would have appreciable effect.

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