Dear Mr. Segal:

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

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Nodel

Florence Nodel
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Louis Segal,
General Secretary,
Jewish National Workers' Alliance,
45 East 17th Street,
May 21, 1945

Hon. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. O'Dwyer,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 19th, in reply to my letter of May 11th, 1945, which was a source of great encouragement to me.

Please be good enough to keep me informed as to any further developments in connection with the refugees at the Shelter at Oswego, New York.

Thanking you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Louis Segal
General Secretary

LS: PMK
AFOE
Dear Mr. Pahle,

Thank you very much for your letter of November 28th, 1944, in reply to my letter of November 21st, referring me to the UNRRA and Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees for the information requested from you in my said letter.

Thank you, also, for the enclosure of the report of your Board on the German Extermination Camps - Auschwitz and Birkenau.

Looking forward to hearing from you from time to time in connection with future activities of your Board, and thanking you again for your kind cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Louis Segal
General Secretary

LS: FNXK
AFOE
Dear Mr. Segal:

Reference is made to your letter of November 21, 1944, enclosing a news item which appeared in the New York Times of November 20, 1944.

As you are no doubt aware, the War Refugee Board was established to undertake the emergency task of rescuing as many as possible of the victims of enemy oppression from enemy and enemy-occupied areas. The problems referred to in the news clipping relate to matters which are outside the jurisdiction of the Board. Accordingly, I suggest that you refer your inquiry to UNRRA or to the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, which organizations are concerned with the problems mentioned.

With respect to the sending of food to interned civilians in German-occupied Europe, I am pleased to advise you that several feeding programs are now under way which will bring assistance to some of these people. However, we have no information concerning the delivery by the International Red Cross of food packages to persons in German-occupied Poland.

Your interest is greatly appreciated and I assure you the Board will continue to do everything in its power to carry out the great humanitarian task it has been assigned.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Louis Segal,
General Secretary,
'Jewish National Workers' Alliance,
45 East 17th Street,
New York, N. Y.
November 21, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle,

I am enclosing herewith a news item which appeared in the New York Times of Monday, November 20th, 1944, in which Mr. James G. McDonald, Chairman of the President's Committee on Political Refugees, discusses the problems of utmost importance in connection with the rescuing of the unfortunate Jewish people in Europe, and the role that Palestine is to play in such rescue activities.

I would highly appreciate it and be very thankful to you if you would give me information for the benefit of the membership of the Alliance as to your observations in regard to Mr. McDonald's statement, and that the outlook is that rescue activities should be conducted on a larger scale, and also, what the possibilities are to send food to the unfortunate Jewish sufferers in the Ghettos of the Nazi-occupied portions of Poland, under the supervision of the International Red Cross.

I am constantly receiving inquiries from the members of our organization from different parts of the country with regard to these problems.

Your information concerning these vital matters will be deeply appreciated.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

LOUIS SEGAL  
General Secretary

LG: PMK

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VOTES PLAN TO AID JEWISH REFUGEES

Parley on Palestine in Chicago Adopts 8-Point Program to Ease Problem

From The New York Times

CHICAGO, Nov. 19—The National Conference on Palestine closed its two-day session tonight by adopting an eight-point program for Palestine and Jewish refugee problems.

The action came after James G. McDonald, chairman of the President's Committee on Political Refugees, condemned what he called half-way measures undertaken by both the League of Nations and the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees.

He said that the leading Governments represented in the League and on the committee never made the solution of the refugee problem a major objective and that "they have yet to demonstrate that they are seriously determined to use the committee to carry out a comprehensive program."

Mr. McDonald declared that he had come to the "inexpressible conclusion" that "on the record Palestine offers incontestably the primary hope for the solution of the problem of Jewish refugees" because only in Palestine "will most of them feel that they have returned home."

"President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, Marshal Stalin and General de Gaulle, if he should also be present, should be urged to place the future of Palestine on the agenda of their projected forthcoming meeting," he said. "Nothing less than an agreement among the four great powers interested in the Middle East can lay the basis for a real Palestine settlement."

"Assuring that the great powers must be made to understand that the tragedy of the refugees constitutes a major problem in the planning and preparation for permanent peace, Mr. McDonald urged that the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees be strengthened and provided with the necessary funds to carry on its task of aiding the resettlement overseas of the hundreds of thousands of refugees who cannot return home."

Palestine, including Transjordan, should be opened to Jewish immigration "limited only by the absorptive capacity of the area," he stated.

The eight-point program, as adopted by the conference, was as follows:

Unrestricted Jewish immigration to Palestine.

The right of Jews to buy land in Palestine on the same basis as all other residents.

The transplanting of hundreds of thousands of Jews who will desire and need to go to Palestine must have the full support of governments of the world.

Abandonment of the 1939 White Paper, which "ultimately every effort to build the Jewish homeland on stable foundations."

Recognition of the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

Establishment of United Nations funds for resettlement of Jewish refugees.

Making available necessary aid by the United States for that resettlement.

Rating by American Jews of 80,000,000 in 1945 for basic development in Palestine.

Dr. Bernard Joseph, legal advice for the Jewish (land purchasing)
November 6, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle,

I wish to thank you very much for advising us through Mr. Laurence Lesser, that you were unable to answer our letter of October 20th, 1944, and furnish us with a report of what the War Refugee Board is doing in connection with the tragic situation of the Jews in Hungary, because same was too lengthy and bulky for correspondence.

Since the next meeting of the General Executive Committee of the Alliance will be held on Wednesday evening, November 15th, 1944, I would highly appreciate it if your representative would be kind enough to attend the said meeting and give our Executive Committee a full and confidential report of the Jewish situation in Hungary.

Our General Executive Committee is composed of twenty-one members, and I wish to assure you that the information given at the meeting will be held strictly confidential.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

L. S.: PMK
AFOE
October 23, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of
October 20th, 1944, addressed to our Mr. Louis Segal,
who is at present out of town, containing an important
message from Mr. M. Neustadt of Tel Aviv, Palestine.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Pauline M. Kaplan
Secretary

to Mr. Louis Segal

SS: PMK
AFOE
October 20, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle,

At the last meeting of the General Executive Committee of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance, the following news item which appeared in the Metropolitan press of October 18th, was considered with grief and anxiety:

"About 200,000 refugees in Hungary, nearly all Jews, may not live through the next few weeks. John W. Pehle, executive secretary of the War Refugee Board, said today.

The present confused military and political situation in Hungary, where German troops have taken over the reins of government, endangers the lives of these refugees — about a fourth of those originally in the country, he said."

The Executive Committee of the Alliance has instructed me to communicate with you and determine what steps the War Refugee Board has already taken, or is about to take, in connection with this tragic situation. The Executive Committee has also instructed me to seek information from you concerning the direction in which the War Refugee Board will continue its activities in the way of rescuing those who can still be rescued from the hands of the Nazi murderers.

Expecting to hear from you and thanking you for your kind cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

General Secretary

Enc. P.S. Enclosed herewith please find a copy of a letter we have recently received from our beloved President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
My dear Mr. Segal:

I am cheered by your splendid letter of September twenty-fifth, advising me of the action of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance in adopting that resolution at their annual conference, in support of my Administration. It is a source of real strength and encouragement in this hour of crisis in world affairs to know that I have the confidence of your steadfast and patriotic group. In return I give my solemn pledge to carry on to victory and a lasting peace.

Please express my deep appreciation and thanks to your fellow members as I want them to know how grateful I am to them, individually and collectively, for their loyalty.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mr. Louis Segal,
General Secretary,
Jewish National Workers' Alliance,
45 East 17th Street,
New York 3, N. Y.
Dear Mr. Segal:

Thank you for your letter of March 2, 1944, and its enclosure.

Dr. Margoshes' article in The Day for March 1, 1944, obviously is based on the report of a purported conversation between representatives of an anonymous organization and myself which appeared in The Forward for February 26, 1944. Since no such conversation ever took place, there is no occasion for me to comment on the inferences, deductions and arguments that Dr. Margoshes makes on the wholly erroneous assumption that it did. I might add that neither Dr. Margoshes nor any other representative of the Jewish press has made any effort to check with me the authenticity of the conversation which I am alleged to have had with persons, who for reasons that must appear clear to all, remain unnamed.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Louis Segal, General Secretary
Jewish National Workers' Alliance
47 East 17th Street
New York 3, N. Y.
March 11, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle,

I wish to refer you to my letter of March 2nd, in which I enclosed a column written by Dr. S. Margoshes in connection with the availability of funds to the War Refugee Board for rescue activities.

Your comment on same will be highly appreciated.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

LOUIS SEGAL
General Secretary

LS:PMK
AFOE
March 2, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle,

I am enclosing herewith a column written by Dr. Samuel Margoshes, which appeared in the New York Jewish Day on March 1st, discussing the possibility of the War Refugee Board to finance the rescue work of the Board.

Since the questions raised by Dr. Margoshes are of great importance, I would highly appreciate receiving your comment on the subject matter.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

LOUIS SABAL
General Secretary

CC: Chauncey (for Secy.), Paul, White, Luxford, DuBois, Hodel, Lesser, Friedman, Stewart, Bernstein, Gaston, Pollak
The President's Refugee Board
The Plan of Poverty
The Fount of Futility
Making Washington See

By Dr. S. Margoshes

In the case of the President's War
Rescue Board, when, when in-terviewed by a number of Jewish
organizations about the failure to
act quickly in the rescue of Jews
of Europe, has pleaded poverty
and inability to get on, funds,
and particularly the large fund
that are required for the long
task, unless these funds are sup-
plied by the Jewish organizations
themselves. To me this is a
more than an alibi.

I don't care to keep on saying
"I told you so" while quoting my
own remarks. I cannot help
seeing that when everybody was rejoicing over the
President's Refugee Board, I
asked for some kind of guaranty
that the Board would be more active
or wise or interested than
the Inter-Governmental
Committee in London of the
Bermuda or other conferences that were
similarly half-hearted and that brought
no results. I am a prophet, but only an
analyst of events, and a Jew.

I predicted that the Board would
not turn out to be another Inter-
Governmental Committee sup-
ported with more power and
money by all the countries and
with a real desire to save
Jews, no matter how great the
hurdles and how many the cost.

It was, I pointed out, the
President's Refugee Board,
the Treasury at its
Treasury, and the
President's
Committee at its
Committee.

We are standing at the water's edge,
watching men drown, and whis-
tering as to who will pay the
bills.
In reply please refer to: 193

Dear Mr. Segal:

Thank you for your letters of February 10 and February 19, 1944, in response to my recent request for advice and suggestions to aid the Board in formulating its rescue programs.

The proposals to be submitted by the American Jewish Conference will be carefully studied and, in accordance with your letter of February 19, 1944, will be regarded as representing the views of your organization.

I shall, of course, be pleased to receive any supplemental suggestions which you may wish to offer, as our programs take shape.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Louis Segal,
General Secretary,
Jewish National Workers' Alliance,
48 East 17th Street,
February 19, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle, Acting Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Office of the Executive Director
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle,

In further reference to your letters of February 8th, and our reply of February 10th, I am pleased to inform you that the proposals and plans for the consideration of the War Refugee Board are being submitted by the Jewish National Workers' Alliance to the Rescue Commission of the American Jewish Conference, of which our organization is a part.

The American Jewish Conference, representing the great majority of organized Jewry in the United States, is authorized to speak and act in behalf of our organization and all the other organizations represented in said Conference on all matters pertaining to the rescue of the unfortunate Jewish victims under Nazi rule.

We are informed that the Rescue Commission of the American Jewish Conference is doing everything possible to gather the necessary material and ascertain all the facts in connection with the possibility of an extensive program of rescue activities. We are sure that the Rescue Commission of the Conference is in constant contact with you and your Board and are cooperating in every possible way to achieve the highly human objectives of your Board.

Please be assured of our readiness to cooperate with you in every possible direction.

I am,

Most sincerely yours,

[Signature]

LOUIS SEGAL
General Secretary
Mr. J. W. Pehle, Acting Executive Director
Office of Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle,

Many thanks for your letter of February 8th, 1944 and for the enclosure reciting the Executive Order #9417, issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on January 22nd, 1944, setting up the War Refugee Board to take action for the immediate rescue from the Nazis of as many as possible of the persecuted minorities of Europe, etc.

Your letter will be brought to the attention of the General Executive Committee of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance, which will meet within the next two weeks. We shall communicate with you further in reference to the matters suggested in your letter immediately after the meeting of the General Executive Committee.

Assuring you of our fullest cooperation in every way possible, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

LOUIS SEGAL
General Secretary

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