

LONDON: RELIEF SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE BLOCKADE COMMITTEE

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February 14, 1944

War Refugee Board,

Attention: Mr. Lesser

Re: London's Despatch No. 13659,
transmitting minutes of the
meeting of the Sub-committee
on relief, held at MEW on
January 20.

Although the War Refugee Board may have received
the attached document through other channels, I am
forwarding a copy to you in order to insure that there
will be no delay.

Paragraph four of the enclosure is of particular
interest.

William I. Riegelman

*Rec'd from Mr. Lesser's
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Subject: Transmitting minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Relief held at the Ministry of Economic Warfare on January 20, 1944. (No. 5).

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Embassy's despatch No. 13,466 of January 25, and to transmit the minutes of the meeting of the Relief Sub-Committee of the Blockade Committee held at the Ministry of Economic Warfare on January 20, 1944.

The action recorded in item 1. was reported in Embassy's telegram No. 559 of January 20; the action in item 2. reported in Embassy's telegram No. 616 of January 22; and the action in item 3. reported in Embassy's airgram A-107 of January 27.

Respectfully yours,
For the Ambassador:

Ware Adams
Second Secretary of Embassy
Economic Warfare Division

Enclosure;

Minutes of meeting of Relief Sub-Committee held at Ministry of Economic Warfare on January 20, 1944.

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Foreign Economic Administration, Washington.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON RELIEF
HELD AT THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, LONDON, ON
JANUARY 20, 1944. (No. 5.)

1. Proposed despatch of clothing for French prisoners of war: The proposed despatch of 300,000 clothing outfits from the U.S.A. for French prisoners of war (see minutes of January 4th, item (1)) was agreed.
2. Norwegian relief purchases in Switzerland: The Norwegian application to spend about one million Swiss francs on milk products in Switzerland (minuted of January 18th, item (3); also minutes of January 4th, item (5), which is apparently included in the latter proposal) was agreed, subject to conditions stated and to certain points of detail which will be discussed with the Norwegians.
3. Medical supplies for Norway: A Norwegian request to acquire certain medical supplies in the United Kingdom for despatch to Norway via Sweden, and through the usual organizations, was agreed subject to certain exclusions on blockade or supply grounds. A copy of the final approved list is being furnished to the U.S. Embassy.
4. Purchase of food in Turkey for Jews in Roumania: Note was taken of the opening of a credit for 100,000 dollars by the Joint American*Jewish Distribution Committee in favour of the International Red Cross delegate in Angora for purchase of foodstuffs in Turkey to be sent to Roumania for distribution among Jews there through the International Red Cross. This proposal was originally discussed at Washington in November with the British Embassy and agreed. MEW have since asked the British Embassy at Angora to consult the U.S. Embassy at Angora about the nature of the foodstuffs to be exported from Turkey in this way, and to recommend that they should not include goods imported or of a kind imported into Turkey through the blockade, or goods of which export from Turkey is normally prohibited. MEW regret that this suggestion was put to Angora without reference to the Committee, which however finds the suggestion reasonable.

Ministry of Economic Warfare.
January 21st, 1944

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