

Los Angeles Jewish Community Council

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JUN 21 1944

Dear Mr. Riche:

I have your letter of June 6, 1944,
inquiring as to the status of the Jewish population
in the Island of Rhodes.

No doubt, you have by now received my
letter of June 13, 1944, suggesting possible sources
for obtaining the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Aaron Riche,
Secretary,
Los Angeles Jewish
Community Council,
939 South Broadway,
Los Angeles 15, California.

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June 6, 1944

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War Refugee Board,
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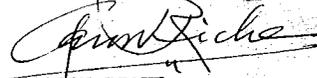
Dear Mr. Pehle:

At the suggestion of Mrs. Katherine D. Gates, Assistant Chief, Foreign War Relief, American Red Cross, I am writing to make inquiry regarding the status of the Jewish population in the Island of Rhodes which is at present Nazi-occupied territory.

Prior to the war, the Island had a Jewish population of some 4000 and since the Nazi occupation, little or nothing has been heard about these people. Inasmuch as a substantial number of members of the Sephardic organizations originate from the Island of Rhodes, they are naturally extremely anxious to learn something of the fate of their relatives and friends.

Any information you may be able to furnish us as regards to the situation in Rhodes will be very much appreciated. Thanking you, I am

Cordially,



AARON RICHE
Secretary

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JUN 13 1944

Dear Mr. Riche:

The American Red Cross has referred to me a copy of your letter of May 19, 1944, requesting information regarding the situation of the Jewish population of the Island of Rhodes.

I am sorry that the War Refugee Board is not able to furnish you with a report on this matter. However, it is suggested that the desired information may be obtainable upon appropriate inquiries directed to the following:

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

Zionist Archives,
41 East 42nd Street,
New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Aaron Riche,
Secretary,
Los Angeles Jewish Community Council,
939 South Broadway,
Los Angeles 1, California.

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May 31, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Pehle:

I am sending you herewith the exchange of correspondence between Mr. Aaron Riche, Secretary, Los Angeles Jewish Community Council, and the American Red Cross, which is self-explanatory.

You will note that we have taken the liberty of suggesting that Mr. Riche communicate directly with you. We will greatly appreciate any information you can give Mr. Riche regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine D. Gates
(Mrs.) Katherine D. Gates ✓
Assistant Chief
Foreign War Relief
Insular and Foreign Operations

Enclosure

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May 31, 1944

Mr. Aaron Riche, Secretary
Los Angeles Jewish Community Council
939 South Broadway
Los Angeles 15, California

My dear Mr. Riche:

I have your letter of May 19, in which you request information regarding the status of the Jewish population in the Island of Rhodes.

We regret that we do not have such data available. However, we have referred your inquiry to Mr. Carl Compton, Assistant Chief, Relief Section, Blockade Division, Foreign Economic Administration, Washington, D. C. We have also sent a copy of your letter to Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director, War Refugee Board, Washington 25, D. C. We have advised both Mr. Compton and Mr. Pehle that you will get in touch with them.

I am sorry that we are unable to be of more assistance to you but hope that the information you get from the Foreign Economic Administration and the War Refugee Board will be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Katherine D. Gates
Assistant Chief
Foreign War Relief
Insular and Foreign Operations

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LOS ANGELES JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

939 South Broadway

Los Angeles 15, California

May 19, 1944

American Red Cross
Foreign Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have been asked by the President of the United Sephardic Organizations of Los Angeles to make inquiries with the object of attempting to ascertain the actual status of the Jewish population in the Island of Rhodes which is at present Nazi-occupied territory.

Prior to the war, the Island had a Jewish population of some 4000 and since the Nazi occupation, little or nothing has been heard about these people. Inasmuch as a substantial number of members of the Sephardic organizations originate from the Island of Rhodes, they are naturally extremely anxious to learn something of the fate of their relatives and friends.

Any information you may be able to furnish us as regards to the situation in Rhodes will be very much appreciated. Thanking you, I am,

Cordially,

AARON RICHE
Secretary

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