NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

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March 2, 1945

My dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

This is to gratefully acknowledge your letter of March 1, 1945 and enclosure.

I appreciate the suggestion to see the Apostolic Delegate before leaving and shall do so.

I hope you had an opportunity to suggest to Ed O'Connor to look me up either in Paris or Bern. His observations on the conditions would be very helpful to me.

Thanking you again, I am

Sincerely yours,

William O'Dwyer

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick A. O'Boyle
National Catholic Welfare Conference
350 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, New York

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SEP 12 1945

Dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

As you may know, the War Refugee Board will be dissolved on September 15th. Because of your deep interest in the work of the Board, I am sending you herewith for your confidential information a copy of the summary report of its activities.

It was only through the cooperation of the private agencies that it was possible for the Board to bring some measure of relief and hope to the suffering victims of Nazi oppression. I wish, therefore, to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the Board for the support and assistance rendered by your organization to this unique humanitarian undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

The Very Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle,
War Relief Services,
National Catholic Welfare Conference,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Enclosure.

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WAR RELIEF SERVICES - NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

350 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1312 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Telephone
Wisconsin 7-8585

March 1, 1945

Brigadier General William O'Dwyer
War Refugee Bd. W
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

Please pardon me for not writing this letter much sooner but I was in Washington the early part of the week and, unfortunately, did not get to the letter.

Pursuant to our conversation of last Saturday afternoon, may I suggest that you see the Apostolic Delegate before you leave and obtain from him a letter of introduction to Archbishop Bernardini, who is the Papal Nuncio in Berne, and to Abbe Grimaud, who is the Secretary of the Swiss Catholic Mission.

I would have suggested a letter to Bishop Besson but, unfortunately, the Bishop died last week; he was a grand and notable character.

You might also ask the Delegate for a letter to Cardinal Suhard of Paris, and to Monsignor Roncalli, Papal Nuncio in Paris.

When you talk with Abbe Grimaud, if you will mention our work you will find that he is quite well acquainted with it, and I am sure you will find the Swiss Catholic Mission ready to cooperate in your work in every way possible. Ed O'Connor, of our office, left on Monday and I hope is now in London, and should be in Paris within the next ten days.

I am enclosing a general letter of introduction which you might find useful in Catholic circles. I do hope that you will have a pleasant journey, despite the circumstances, and will accomplish the mission you have in mind. Please do call upon me if I can be of any assistance at any time.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Patrick A. O'Boyle

(Rt. Rev. Msgr.) Patrick A. O'Boyle
Executive Director

Reference letter acid in files 4/11/45

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WAR RELIEF SERVICES
NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE
350 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 1, N.Y.

Joseph Schnitzler

Brigadier General William O'Dwyer
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

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JUN 26 1945

Dear Sirs:

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, over-all 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 Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

War Relief Services - National Catholic
Welfare Conference
Empire State Building
350 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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March 2, 1945

My dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

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I hope you had an opportunity to suggest to Ed O'Connor to look me up either in Paris or Bern. His observations on the conditions would be very helpful to me.

Thanking you again, I am

Sincerely yours,

William O'Dwyer

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick A. O'Boyle
National Catholic Welfare Conference
350 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, New York

WO'D:ve

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JAN 27 1945

My dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

I have your letter of January 24, 1945, concerning a letter which was intended to accompany the November report of your Lisbon office which we forwarded to you on January 15.

Upon checking our records, we find that the report under reference was forwarded to you as received in this office without an accompanying letter, and we assume that the letter was inadvertently omitted at the time the report was dispatched in Lisbon.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N.C.W.C.,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York 1, New York.

EBTowler:inp 1/26/45

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WAR RELIEF SERVICES - NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

350 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1312 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Telephone
Wisconsin 7-8585

January 24, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I wish to extend to you my sincerest thanks for your many courtesies in forwarding to us the mail from our committee in Lisbon.

On January 15th, we received through your kindness a financial report of our Lisbon office. The report indicated that a letter was attached. A subsequent communication also indicates that a letter had been dispatched with the November report of our Lisbon office. So far this letter has not been received.

May I ask your aid in facilitating the forwarding of this letter which was attached to the November report of War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference in Lisbon?

Sincerely yours,

Patrick A. O'Boyle

(Rt. Rev. Msgr.) Patrick A. O'Boyle
Executive Director

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JAN 15 1945

My dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

I am pleased to send you with this letter a copy of a report for the month of November, 1944, which was received for you from your representative in Lisbon, through the United States Embassy there.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N.C.W.C.,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

EBT RBH RBHutchison 1/12/45

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
853.48/12-1544

January 5, 1945

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board and encloses for his information and subsequent delivery to the addressee, the Very Reverend Patrick A. O'Boyle, Executive Director, War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, two copies of the monthly report for November 1944, received from the Embassy at Lisbon.

Enclosure:

November 1944 report
in duplicate

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MONTHLY REPORT

I - DATE: from NOVEMBER 1st to NOVEMBER 30th 1944

II - LOCATION OF PROJECT: Lisbon, PORTUGAL

III - SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: War Relief Services, - N C W C

IV - OFFICERS OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: In absence of Dr. Henry Amiel:

Rev. Father Daniel Huysmans.

V - SERVICES RENDERED DURING MONTH: (According to various locations)

a) Health	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Lisbon	2	3		2	7
Caldas	8	4			12
Coimbra	1	1	1		3
	11	8	1	2	22

b) Relief					
Lisbon	6	19	1	2	28
Caldas	12	11			23
Ericeira	1	1			2
Estoril	4	2			6
Coimbra	1	1	1		3
P. do Seixal	2	1			3
Caxias	1				1
Matozinhos		1			1
	27	36	2	2	67

c) Rehabilitation

Farkas Family

d) Counselling					
Lisbon	26	26			52
Caldas	14				14
	40	26	-	-	66

d) Other					
Clothing					
Lisbon		1			1
Caldas	4				4
	4	1	-	-	5

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VI - PERSONNEL: See June Report

VII - NEW SERVICES PLANNED IN FUTURE: None

VIII - EXPENDITURES:

	ESCUDOS	ESCUDOS
a) Health		
Medical	1,425.00	
Pharmacy	3,291.70	
Dental	870.00	
b) Relief	48,570.00	
c) Rehabilitation		
Farkas Family paid to the Joint	730.10	
d) Counselling	0.00	
e) Other		
Clothing	3,950.00	
Miscellaneous	475.00	59,311.80
f) Administration		
1) Rent	875.00	
2) Light	0.00	
3) Heat	0.00	
4) Communications		
telephone	257.70	
cables and Telegrams		
Dr. Amiel	2,827.80	
5) Stationary and printing	0.00	
6) Office supplies	201,50	
7) Postage	13.60	
8) Travel Caldas 2	335.00	
9) Miscellaneous		
Salaries	4,400.00	
Transportation	135.30	
Promotion (Amiel Dr.)	4,330.40	
Miscellaneous	150.00	13,526.30
		72,838.10

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BALANCE ON HAND, NOVEMBER 1st, 1944			372,671.39
NOVEMBER EXPENDITURES		72,838.10	
Chèque Tivoli Dr. Amiel	3,630.80		
Gift P. Turowski	2,260.50		
	1,370.30	1,370.30	
		74,208.40	74,208.40
BALANCE ON HAND, NOVEMBER 30th, 1944			298,462.99

IX - GENERAL COMMENTS ON PROGRESS MADE, PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, etc.

See letter attached.

Additional statistics:

Interviews during month	66
Visits made	16
Letters received	20
Letters sent	27
Cables and Tele. received	3
Cables and Tele. sent	1

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NOV 22 1944

My dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

I am pleased to send you herewith an unsigned letter and monthly reports for September to October 1944, from your representative in Lisbon, which were received for you through the United States Embassy at Lisbon.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N C W C
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosures.

RBHutchison:inp 11/21/44

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

November 17, 1944

In reply refer to
012.1/10-2644

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board and encloses for his information and subsequent delivery to the addressee, the Very Reverend Patrick A. O'Boyle, Executive Director, War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, a letter and monthly reports for September and October 1944, received from the Embassy at Lisbon.

Enclosures:

Letter dated October 25,1944
with monthly reports, in
duplicate.

FOR VICTORY
BUY
UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS

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October 25, 1944

Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N C W C
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Reverend and dear Monsignor:

Enclosed statements for September and October. I shall write you a long letter from Madrid as soon as I arrive there. I just have time to make the train.

With best wishes to you and Father Swanstrom and all at the office,

Sincerely yours,

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MONTHLY REPORT

I - DATE: from OCTOBER 1st to OCTOBER 31st 1944

II - LOCATION OF PROJECT: Lisbon, PORTUGAL

III - SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: War Relief Services, - N C W C

IV - OFFICERS OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: See June report

V - SERVICES RENDERED DURING MONTH: (According to various locations)

a) HEALTH	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Lisbon	3	7		1	11
Caldas	7	4			11
Coimbra	1	1	1		3
	11	12	1	1	25

b) Relief					
Lisbon	10	18		3	31
Caldas	10	11			21
Ericeira		2			2
Estoril	4	1			5
N. Estoril	1				1
P. do Seixal	2	1			3
Torres Vedras	1	1			2
	28	34	-	3	65

c) Rehabilitation					
Lisbon to Canada	1	2	1		4

d) Counselling					
Lisbon	8	13			21

e) Other					
Clothing					
Lisbon		1			1
Caldas	4	3			7
	4	4			8

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VI - PERSONNEL: See June report

VII - NEW SERVICES PLANNED IN FUTURE: None

VIII - EXPENDITURES:

	ESCUDOS	ESCUDOS
a) Health		
Medical	6,862.80	
Pharmacy	1,121.05	
Dental	170.00	
b) Relief	66,191.00	
c) Rehabilitation		
Mrs. Scheinberger passage to Canada	6,788.20	
Farkas family 3 passages to Canada	20,866.85	
d) Counselling	0.00	
e) Other		
Clothing	4,721.00	
Miscellaneous	529.00	107,249.90
f) Administration		
1) Rent	875.00	
2) Light	0.00	
3) Heat	0.00	
4) Communications		
telephone	80.00	
cables and telegrams	1,036.30	
5) Stationary and printing	0.00	
6) Office supplies	53.30	
7) Postage	0.00	
8) Travel Caldas	1,000.00	
9) Miscellaneous		
Salaries 2 months	9,614.00	
Transportation	397.60	
Promotion	1,220.00	
Miscellaneous	236.50	14,512.70

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Extraordinary disbursements:

Representation allowance to Dr. Amiel, $100.00 a month, as authorized in cable received 10/5/44, retroactive to March 1944, 8 months, $800.00	20,000.00	
Travel Spain, Fare, visas, incidentals	1,760.00	
Bal. Salary, Nov., Dec.	7,414.00	
Representation allowance	5,000.00	34,714.00
		155,936.60

BALANCE ON HAND, OCTOBER 1st, 1944	528,608.00
OCTOBER EXPENDITURES	155,936.60
BALANCE ON HAND, OCTOBER 31st, 1944	372,671.40

IX - GENERAL COMMENTS ON PROGRESS MADE, PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, etc.

See letter attached.

Additional statistics:

Interviews during month	49
Letters received	29
Letters sent	8
Cables and Tel. received	2
Cables and Tel. sent	5

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M O N T H L Y R E P O R T

I - DATE: from SEPTEMBER 1st to SEPTEMBER 30th 1944

II - LOCATION OF PROJECT: Lisbon, PORTUGAL

III - SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: War Relief Services, - N C W C

IV - OFFICERS OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: see June report

V - SERVICES RENDERED DURING MONTH: (According to various locations)

	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
a) Health					
Lisbon	6	7		2	15
Caldas	8	6			14
Ericeira		1			1
Estoril		2			2
	14	16	-	2	32
b) Relief					
Lisbon	11	15		3	29
Caldas	10	10			20
Ericeira	1	2			3
Coimbra	1	1	1		3
Estoril	4	2			6
Mourão	1	1			2
Povoa do S.	2	1			3
Matozinhos		1			1
Caxias	1				1
Tangiers		1			1
Cascais		1			1
	31	35	1	3	70
c) Rehabilitation					
Madrid to Canada	1	1			2
d) Counselling					
Lisbon	8	12			20
Caldas		1			1
Ericeira	1	1			2
Matozinhos		1			1
	9	15	-	-	24

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e) Other Clothing	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Lisbon	1	1			2
Caldas	1				1
Ericeira		1			1
Matozinhos		1			1
	2	3			5

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VI - PERSONNEL: See June report.

VII - NEW SERVICES PLANNED IN FUTURE: None

VIII - EXPENDITURES:

	ESCUDOS	ESCUDOS
a) Health		
Medical	18,671.50	
Pharmacy	2,476.35	
Dental	1,370.00	
b) Relief	61,518.25	
c) Rehabilitation		
Mr. and Mrs. Khmelevski passages to Canada	14,055.25	
d) Counselling	0.00	
e) Other		
Clothing	3,930.00	
Miscellaneous	1,102.00	103,123.35
f) Administration		
1) Rent	875.00	
2) Light	0.00	
3) Heat	0.00	
4) Communications		
telephone	195.80	
cables and telegrams	1,345.80	
5) Stationary and printing	0.00	
6) Office supplies	1,668.40	
7) Postage	0.00	
8) Travel	225.00	
9) Miscellaneous		
Salaries	5,107.00	
Transportation	396.30	
Promotion	1,115.00	
Miscellaneous	458.70	11,387.00
		114,510.35

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IX - GENERAL COMMENTS ON PROGRESS MADE, PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, etc.:

Little change in the refugee situation.

Additional statistics:

Interviews during September	71
Letters received	14
Letters sent	28
Cables and telegrams received	3
Cables and telegrams sent	4

BALANCE ON HAND SEPTEMBER 1st, 1944	643,118.35
SEPTEMBER DISBURSEMENTS	114,510.35
BALANCE ON HAND SEPTEMBER 30th, 1944	528,608.00

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NOV 11 1944

Dear Miss Egan:

I am pleased to send you herewith a letter from Monsignor Marius Besson which was recently received for you through the United States Legation at Bern.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Eileen Egan,
Care Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services,
National Catholic Welfare Conference,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York 1, New York.

RBHutchison:inp 11/9/44

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NOV 17 1944

My dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

I am pleased to send you herewith a letter from Monsignor Marius Besson which was recently received for you through the United States Legation at Bern.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Very Rev. Mgr. Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Service,
National Catholic Welfare Conference,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York 1. New York.

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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Bern, October 19, 1944.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

On the 2nd of September (telegram No. 3030 from the Department of State) the War Refugee Board sent me a message from Monseignor O'Boyle, Executive Director of the War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, to be delivered to Monseignor Marius Besson at Fribourg. This message was forwarded to Monseignor Besson under cover of a letter dated September 6th. In delivering it I informed Monseignor Besson that the Legation would be happy to transmit any answer which he might eventually wish to send to Monseignor O'Boyle. On October 7 we received the two enclosed letters from Monseignor Besson, which we are forwarding by pouch to the War Refugee Board with a request that they kindly be delivered to their respective addressees.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland

Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Assistant to
the American Minister.

Enclosures:

As stated.

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

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NOV 11 1944

My dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

Enclosed herewith is a letter and its enclosures from Dr. Henry Armiel dated September 23, 1944, which we received for you through the American Embassy in Lisbon.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N C W C,
350, Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

RBHutchison:inp 11/2/44

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NOV 11 1944

Dear Miss Egan:

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. Henry Armiel dated September 23, 1944, which we received for you through the American Embassy in Lisbon.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Eileen Egan,
War Relief Services - N C W C,
350, Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

RBHutchison:inp 11/3/44

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
840.48 Refugees/9-2744

October 31, 1944

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board and encloses for his information and subsequent delivery to the addressees, Miss Eileen Egan, and the Right Reverend Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle, Executive Director War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, certain letters and reports received from the Embassy at Lisbon.

Enclosures:

Letter No.21 and
reports in duplicate.
Letter to Miss Egan.

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September 23, 1944

No. 21

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N C W C,
350, Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Reverend and dear Monsignor:

I am happy to send you attached statement of operations of War Relief Services - National Catholic Welfare Conference, which covers the period extending from December 1943, date of beginning of aid to refugees, to August 31st, 1944. In this statement, the totals of expenditures for each month correspond exactly with the totals in each of the monthly reports that I have sent so far.

The balance as of August 31st 1944 is approximately $26,200.00, and not $26,700.00, as appears on my cable of the 14th of this month. I had omitted to include $500.00 which I paid to the Pan-American Air Lines for Miss Egan's clipper fare.

You will also find attached Monthly Report for August. I respectfully call your attention to Part IX, on page Nº 3, regarding problems which will undoubtedly arise in the future.

You may rest assured that things are progressing well here. I am anxiously awaiting your comments in regard to the new situation which has arisen in the last few weeks.

With best wishes to you, Father Swanstrom and Miss Egan, and all at the office,

Very sincerely yours

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WAR RELIEF SERVICES - NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE
Lisbon Office

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

December 1943 to August 31st 1944

REMITTANCES

From War Relief Services
To Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon:

		Escudos
November 11,	1943	245,500.00
January 3,	1944	613,750.00
March 14,	1944	270,050.00
July 13,	1944	300,000.00
	Total remittances:	1,429,300.00

DISBURSEMENTS

By Cardinal Patriarch:

Cables, December 1943 to March 1944		1,050.30

By Father Turowski:

December	1943	25,161.45
January	1944	39,115.30
February	1944	70,849.40
March	1944	99,632.95

By Dr. Amiel:

April	1944	118,744.45
May	1944	106,592.70
June	1944	108,907.55
July	1944	92,523.30
August	1944	123,604.25
	Total Disbursements:	786,181.65

REMITTANCES:	1,429,300.00
DISBURSEMENTS:	786,181.65
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1944:	643,118.35

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MONTHLY REPORT

I - DATE: from AUGUST 1st to AUGUST 31st 1944

II - LOCATION OF PROJECT: Lisbon, PORTUGAL

III - SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: War Relief Services, - N C W C

IV - OFFICERS OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: see June report

V - SERVICES RENDERED DURING MONTH: (According to various locations)

a) Health

	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Lisbon	4	4	1	1	10
Caldas	10	5			15
Coimbra	1	1	1		3
Ericeira	1	1			2
Mourao		1			1
Caxias	1				1
	17	12	2	1	32

b) Relief

Lisbon	10	19	1	3	33
Caldas	10	12			22
Ericeira	2	2			4
Coimbra	1	1	1		3
Estoril	3	3			6
Mount Estoril	1	1			2
Mourao	1	1			2
Povo de Seixal	1	1	1		3
Matosinhos		1			1
Caxias	1				1
Tangiers		1			1
	30	42	3	3	78

c) Rehabilitation

None

d) Counselling

Caldas	1	2	3
Mourao	1	1	2
Lisbon	4	4	8
Ericeira	1	1	2
Matosinhos		1	1
Coimbra	1		1
	8	9	17

e) other

clothing

Lisbon		2	2
Caldas	1	2	3
			1

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VI - PERSONNEL: See June report

VII - NEW SERVICES PLANNED IN FUTURE: Do all possible to aid refugees to leave Portugal. With the eventual winding up of operations in a few months, many refugees will remain stranded; I am at present trying to determine what can be done in each individual case.

VIII - EXPENDITURES;

	Escudos	Escudos
a) Health		
Medical	12,445.50	
Pharmacy	2,785.25	
dental	2,840.00	
b) Relief	63,636.10	
c) Rehabilitation	0.00	
d) Counselling	0;00	
e) Other		
Clothing	6,945.00	
Miscellaneous	4,584.00	93,235.85
f) Administration		
1) Rent	875.00	
2) Light	0.00	
3) Heat	0.00	
4) Communications		
Telephone	223.20	
Cables and telegrams	1,211.40	
5) Stationary and printing	0.00	
6) Office supplies	1,821.85	
7) Postage	50.00	
8) Travel	655.95	
9) Miscellaneous		
Salaries	5,007.00	
Transportation	608.90	
Promotion	2,217.00	
Miscellaneous	299.80	12,970.10
Disbursed for Miss Egan:		
$50.00 in currency	866.00	
cash	1,000.00	
hotel	517.30	
Cook's, for luggage	1,624.00	
clipper fare	13,391.00	17,398.30
		123,604.25

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IX - GENERAL COMMENTS ON PROGRESS MADE, PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, etc.

The number of refugees in Portugal remains approximately the same (around 1,000); half a dozen left on the last boat for Canada.

After many years of physical and mental suffering, living under bad conditions, many persons have needed serious medical attention. There were six major operations this month, two complicated dental cases. With winter coming, the requests for clothing (overcoats, suits, winter apparel) are numerous.

The most important problem which I have under consideration now is the fate of all the refugees under our care once we cease operating. Many persons have already asked what will become of them if and when we close, in particular those who, for one reason or another, cannot or do not wish to go back to their own country. Many (Poles and people of Central Europe) are afraid of future political developments, others have nothing to go back to. I am investigating each case separately and shortly I shall be able to know who can leave and who cannot. Off hand, I would say that, of the 78 cases on this month's relief roll, 40 will be able to leave, with adequate help, while 38 cannot or will not go back. What will become of them? Wil we be able to do something for them?

We must also consider that some time will elapse before those who are able to go back to their countries are able to obtain documents, visas, travel facilities, etc. They will have to be provided for until such time as they are able to leave.

The question of transportation money for repatriations will also come up I feel that we would not be doing a thorough job if we were to close without helping to evacuate those who can be avacuated. Will we be able to do something in this respect?

Additional statistics:

Interviews during month	78
Letters received	36
Letters sent	47
Cables and tel. received	7
Cables and tel. sent	6
Percentage of expenditures for administration:	9%

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WAR RELIEF SERVICES - NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

Lisbon Office
Rua Castilho 2 R/C D.to

September 23, 1944

Miss Eileen Egan
War Relief Services - N C W C
350, Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Eileen:

I have no doubt that you reached New York safely, and that you were very happy to be home and with your family again. When I saw that clipper rise, there was a lump on my throat, as I realized that very shortly you would be home, and, to say the truth, I envied you, and wondered whenit would be my turn.

I think that you ought to make it clear to Monsignor that this very delicate matter of passage and repatriation money is of the greatest importance, particularly now and in the months to come. As I explain in my report, half of the people here will be left stranded when we close (if we are to close within a few months) and the other half will need financial aid in order to be able to leave. The question has already come up, and will come up every day. I don't know exactly what the plans are at this time, but I understand that I am to use up the money until it is exhausted, and then, stop operating. What will happen to all these people here? Even those who can leave Portugal of their own will need help until such time as they are permitted to travel, and that time, in my opinion, is not near, I would say at least a good six months. Could we not ask for a special fund for transportation alone? And also for some money to see these people through until they can leave? You know what the situation is, and perhaps you can do something. You have already done so much on behalf of all these people!

Did you get your luggage? and what about the camera? I am particularly anxious to know if you encountered difficulties, as I am told that the entry of cameras is extremely difficult.

I hope that all is well with you. Write me a few lines if you find the time.

Cordially,

(sgd.) Henry Amiel.

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OCT 19 [redacted]

My dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

I am pleased to send you herewith a letter dated August 30, 1944, and its enclosures, from Mary Louise Breen which was recently received for you through the American Embassy at Lisbon.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services, NCWC,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York 1, New York.

Enclosures.

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1944

In reply refer to
012.1/9-1944

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board and encloses for his information and subsequent delivery to the addresses, the Very Reverend Patrick A. O'Boyle, Executive Director, War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Council, New York, New York, certain letters and reports received from the Embassy at Lisbon.

Enclosures:
Letters and reports
as stated above.

No attachments
were received
in files

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SEP 22 1944

My dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

I am enclosing two letters from Dr. Henry Amiel, dated August 18, 1944, which we received for you through the American Embassy in Lisbon.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N C W C,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosures.

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 16, 1944

In reply refer to
012.1/8-2344

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board and encloses for his information and subsequent delivery to the addressee, the Right Reverend Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle, Executive Director, War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, New York, New York, certain letter received from the Embassy at Lisbon.

Enclosures:

Letters No.15 and
16 in duplicate.

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Lisbon, August 18, 1944

Letter No. 15

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N C W C,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Reverend and dear Monsignor:

I received recently your letter No. 2, July 12, 1944, and I have carefully noted its contents.

I covered at length the Polish situation in my letter no. 11, July 22, 1944, which no doubt is in your hands by now. Miss Egan will have also given you some additional information on this subject, as, in the little time that we had in Lisbon to discuss the many things we had in mind, we spoke at length of the Poles. I believe that it would be wise to continue the present arrangement, which, in manyrespects, is quite satisfactory.

It was a real treat to see Miss Egan while she was here. Unfortunately, she stayed so little that we could not talk of many things I had in mind. Many people here were sorry not to have had a chance to see her. I am glad, however, that we were able, with the wonderful cooperation of the American authorities, to secure such a high priority for her that she was able to get on the first clipper to come home and start immediately in her new assignment.

Thank you very much for your kind concern over my health. The hours were long at the beginning, but now that things are running smoothly, I seldom stay at the office more than six hours a day. I am usually through at about six o'clock, and I have plenty of time for rest and relaxation. I spent seven weeks in Estoril, a resort 15 miles from Lisbon. However, as pleasant as the air was there and as nice as the beach was, the commuting every day was too much for me. Yesterday, I moved back to Lisbon, at the Tivoli, where I occupy the room I had before. I find it much more convenient, and much cheaper in the long run, to stay at the Tivoli than to have an apartment and take my meals out. I think that it would be a mistake, being alone here, to start a household, with cook and maid, and have servant problems.

I was very gratified to learn of the great success encountered in the drive for clothing for Italy through the archdiocese and diocese of the country. I have always thought that this was a very good plan in which a great number of Catholics could contribute their share. No doubt the people going to Italy will pass through Lisbon, and I am looking forward to meeting them. If some of them do come soon, would you be kind enough

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to have them bring with them for me some first aid bands (notmercurichromed), some Ungentine (unobtainable here), some Pepsodent tooth powder, a few recent books in English or in French, and a dozen golf balls, any brand.

I called the Patriarcate several times, but they could give me no information about Mother Mauricia of the White Sisters. She has not called this office either, which makes me think that she has not arrived yet. When I see her, I shall do all I can to be of assistance to her.

I hope that the matter of the passage monies is now settled in your mind. When Miss Egan was in Barcelona, Mr. Blickenstaff sent me many requests for passages and repatriations as a matter of routine; that was when I cabled you the first time. When Miss Egan came back to Madrid, she declined responsibility for all these passages, since the persons involved were not refugees. I cabled you as soon as she notified me.

I spoke with Miss Egan of the advisability of our assuming obligations, not for repatriations, but for cases of migration, to Canada, the United States, Mexico, etc., for bona-fide refugees. I believe that we would render a great service to refugees if, besides supplying for their daily existence and their medical, dental and clothing needs, we contributed to their rehabilitation by providing them with the means of going to a place where they can work and regain their independence, their self-respect and their peace of mind. I hear that, in general, the people who have gone to Canada are happy. It is very likely that in the near future, I may have requests from the Joint, who assumes responsibility for all cases regardless of whether or not they will be reimbursed, and I would like to be able to tell them that, upon investigation and assurance that the cases belong to us, we will reimburse them for the passages of all Catholic refugees.

I have not reported before on the Tangier situation, because I wanted to make sure that I knew the question well. I have spoken with Mr. Cormier, Miss Champsaur and the delegates of the Joint. It appears that nine tenth of the Tangier people are what I consider to be residents, inasmuch as they came from Algiers, Casablanca, Italy, etc. BEFORE 1939. Many have their own business, but, as things are bad, they want to go to Canada or the United States in the hope that their situation will improve. There are among them many dancers and musicians who have been stranded there for years, but who are working in night clubs and cabarets and who also have nothing to lose by going somewhere else, and are attempting to go to Canada or the United States. There are also uninteresting and unworthy people who are definitely not refugee cases. Most of the refugees in Tangiers have already left for Canada or are about to leave. Of the seventy-three Catholic cases which have been referred to me, five were not Catholics, sixty-six are self-dependant or residents, which leaves two. I have requested the Joint to have their correspondent in Tangiers give partial aid to one, while the other may leave soon for Canada.

With best wishesto you, Father Swanstrom and Miss Egan, and all at the office,

Very sincerely yours.

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Lisbon, August 18, 1944

Letter No. 16

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N C W C,
350, Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Reverend and Dear Monsignor:

Attached please find monthly report for July 1944.

With my next letter, you will receive a complete and detailed statement of all monies received, expenditures and balance on hand at the time of the last monthly report. Henceforth, each monthly report will carry, besides the detail of expenditures, the balance on hand, in accordance with the request in the second paragraph, page 3, of your letter No. 2, July 12, 1944.

Very sincerely yours,

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MONTHLY REPOORT

PORTUGAL

I - DATE: From July 1st 1944 to July 31st 1944

II - LOCATION OF PROJECT: Lisbon

III - SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: WAR RELIEF SERVICES - N C W C

IV - OFFICERS OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: See June report

V - SERVICES RENDERED DURING MONTH: (according to various locations)

a) Health	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Lisbon	2	6		2	10
Caldas	6	5			11
Coimbra	1	2	1		4
Ericeira		1			1
					26

b) Relief					
Lisbon	11	22	1	3	37
Caldas	8	12			20
Ericeira	2	1			3
Coimbra	1	2	1		4
Estoril	4	2			6
Mourao	1	1			2
Povoa de Seixal	1	1	1		3
Matozinhos		1			1
Caxias	2				2
Tangiers		1			1
					79

c) Rehabilitation			
Lisbon	2	1	3
Coimbra		1	1
			4

d) Counselling:			
Lisbon	9	10	19
Caldas	3		3
Coimbra	2	1	3
Ericeira	2		2
			27

e) Other		
Clothing		
Lisbon	2	2
Caldas	2	2
		4

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VI - PERSONNEL: See Hune report

VII - NEW SERVICES PLANNED IN FUTURE: None

VIII - EXPENDITURES:

	ESCUDOS	ESCUDOS
a) Health		
Medical	7,646.00	
Pharmacy	1,294.70	
Dental	433.50	
b) Relief	62,054.20	
c) Rehabilitation		
Mr. and Mrs. Khmelevski, travelling items, clothing, spending money, trip Canada	2,868.00	
Mrs. Scheinberger, " "	2,161.00	
Mr. Hernandez Cid, going Spain join wife	450.00	
d) Counselling	0.00	
e) Other		
Clothing	3,700.00	
Miscellaneous	346.50	80,953.90
f) Administration		
1) Rent	875.00	
2) Light	0.00	
3) Heat	0.00	
4) Communications		
telephone	263.80	
cables and telegrams	925.80	
5) Stationary and printing	0.00	
6) Office supplies	1.151.00	
7) Postage	0.00	
8) Travel	0.00	
9) Miscellaneous		
Salaries	5,507.00	
Transportation	424.60	
Promotion	2,103.00	
Miscellaneous	319.20	
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IX - GENERAL COMMENTS ON PROGRESS MADE, PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, etc.:

The situation has changed very little since last month. A few of the refugees have left for Canada. As a result of the new military operations in the South of France, it may be that some people will cross the Spanish border (which I personally doubt, as I stated in my letter No. 11, July 22, 1944, Page 2). In any event, so far, there have been no new refugees in Portugal, and, to my knowledge, the refugee situation remains more or less the same.

Additional statistics:

Interviews during July	90
Letters received	54
Letters sent	29
Cables and telegrams received	7
Cables and telegrams sent	8

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SEP 1 [redacted]

Dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

There is attached hereto copy of a cable which the War Refugee Board has requested the State Department to dispatch in your behalf.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Assistant to the Executive Director

Right Reverend Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - National Catholic
Welfare Conference,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York 1, New York.

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WAR RELIEF SERVICES - NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE
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NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

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Washington, D. C.

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Wisconsin 7-8585

August 29, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 26th addressed to Rev. Edward E. Swanstrom, in reference to our cable to Bishop Marius Besson, Fribourg, Switzerland, which was rejected by the censors because it referred to refugees in occupied countries.

We appreciate your willingness to have this message transmitted through the War Refugee Board facilities, because we are anxious to receive more detailed information concerning the Polish refugees in Hungary and France. The only information we now have available is that received in a cable which stated that these people were in need of assistance, and that Januskowski was in a position to see that assistance was brought to them. We are enclosing a message which we would like you to transmit to Bishop Besson.

With many thanks for your kind assistance, and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Patrick A. O'Boyle

(Rt. Rev. Msgr.) Patrick A. O'Boyle
Executive Director

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BISHOP MARIUS BESSON
FRIBOURG, SWITZERLAND

KINDLY FURNISH US MORE DETAIL ON NEEDS POLISH REFUGEES HUNGARY AND FRANCE ESPECIALLY FUNDS REQUIRED PER MONTH STOP ALSO IDENTIFY JANUSKOWSKI IN RELATION TO REFUGEES AND HIS COOPERATION WITH SWISS CATHOLIC MISSION STOP RESPECTS

MONSIGNOR O'BOYLE

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August 29, 1944

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AUG 26 1944

Rev. Edward E. Swanstrom
Assistant Executive Director
War Relief Services
National Catholic Welfare Conference
350 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, New York

Dear Father Swanstrom:

As a result of your letter of August 17, 1944, we discussed the text of the cable you submitted to the Office of Censorship on August 4 and learned that they took exception to the second line in your message because it appeared to come under the heading "indirect communication with the enemy." We also learned that you resubmitted the message deleting the sentence to which the Office of Censorship took exception.

Appreciating that you still may wish to obtain the information desired in the line which you deleted, it is suggested that you submit your message to this office and we will arrange to secure the desired data by transmitting the message through the War Refugee Board facilities.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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Wisconsin 7-8595

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August 17, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We received a message from our representative in Geneva concerning some Polish refugees in Hungary and France. Our Committee would like to know whether it would be possible for us to send some funds to them to look after these refugees.

On August 4th, we cabled our Committee in Geneva requesting that they furnish more details on the needs of these refugees, especially funds required per month by them. This cable was rejected by the Office of Censorship on the grounds that any message concerning refugees in occupied territories had to be cleared by your Board.

May we inquire as to what procedure must be followed by us in getting this message through to our Committee. We will greatly appreciate an early reply from you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edward E. Swanstrom

(Rev.) Edward E. Swanstrom
Assistant Executive Director

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AUG 26 1944

Dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

I am pleased to send to you herewith a report from Dr. Henry Amiel which was recently received through the American Embassy, Lisbon.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Very Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N C W C,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 21, 1944

In reply refer to
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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board and transmits herewith the attached letters 11, 12, 13 and 14 from Dr. Henry Amiel, Director in Portugal for the War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Council, for delivery to the Very Reverend Patrick A. O'Boyle, Executive Director, War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Council, New York.

Enclosures:
Original and copy of
four letters from
Dr. Henry Amiel,
July 22, 1944.

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Lisbon, July 22, 1944

Letter Nº 11

Very Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N C W C,
350 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

Reverend and Dear Monsignor,

I received your letter of June 7 and it gives me great courage and personnal satisfaction to know that you are pleased with the work that I am doing in Lisbon. It also encourages me to know that you remember me and my work in your prayers and Masses. I shall endeavor now to answer the various points of your letter.

(1) Father Daniel has been wonderful in the work he has done in Caldas. He is keen, eager to help, and his assistance has been valuable to me. Recently, he has been appointed to the little parish of Beja, where he will reside from September first on. He is temporarily in Lisbon. He tells me that he might be able to leave Beja for a few days each month, so that he may go to Caldas regularly. If he can do that it will be a great help to me; if not, I shall go to Caldas myself regularly once a month.

It is difficult to answer your question as to how deeply Father Daniel goes into the work with the group. When Miss Egan and I just arrived, we thought of establishing a social center in Caldas, and possibly one in Lisbon, but we gave up the idea because there were too few refugees either in Caldas or Lisbon to make the projects worth while. I do know that Father Daniel has always been in close contact with the refugees, that he saw them frequently and aided them spiritually. As a whole, they are good Catholics. I am sure that Father Daniel went as deeply as he could with regard to the spiritual welfare of the people, and it is regrettable that he has to leave. When I go to Caldas, I shall speak with the parish priest and suggest that he do whatever he can for the Catholic refugees.

So far, we have had no need of recreational or educational materials, because, as I have said above we did not think that it was advisable to establish social centers. It would be a good idea, however, to send from time to time a few books to some of the refugees and some wool and knitting needles for the women. Ican get these things here in Lisbon.

(2) In Ericeira, there are only three persons: a Czechoslovaquian whom Father Turowski has helped very much spiritually and to whom I gave advice on several

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occasions; a Polish girl who has a poor reputation and who caused considerable annoyance to the Polish Committee, and for whom, I fear, little can be done; and a Rumanian, Greek-Catholic, who has just been transferred from Caldas to Ericeira.

(3) We are planning very few activities for the various groups in addition to relief, because the refugees are scattered throughout Portugal, there are too few in each place and it is too difficult to assemble them together. The Belgians have, in my opinion, the best set-up for their refugees, numbering about fifteen. They have been sent to a little resort across the Tagus river, called Caparica, where they are all together, under the supervision of a monitor and where they have the spiritual help of a chaplain. For a while, I entertained the idea of getting all the refugees together in one place, where we could do for them much more than we are doing now. We would have had a social center with library, recreation room; a doctor, a nurse, a dentist and a chaplain in residence. I gave up this project for various reasons: first, the mechanics of getting the police to re-locate the refugees to one place is too complex, and I am not at all sure that our request would be granted; second, there would be clashes of nationalities, temperaments, differences of classes and languages, which would make it difficult for these people to live in harmony; third, although refugees are not allowed to work, many of them earn a little money by giving language lessons, tennis lessons, doing translations and odd jobs, and they would not want to miss this opportunity of making a little money; fourth, I know that many refugees, for personal reasons, would be reluctant to leave the places where they are now.

In my previous correspondence, I may have given you the wrong impression about the activities of the other relief agencies. The Quakers have no social centers at all, the Unitarians have a small one at Caldas and the Joint has a small one at Ericeira and a small one at Caldas, none in Lisbon. In so far as I can see, and for the time being, all that the four American relief committees can do and are doing in Portugal is to provide for maintainance of the refugees, to offer counsel and facilitate their migration to a country where they can work and regain their independence.

(4) About ten per cent of the refugees is Catholic. I feel that the number of refugees in Portugal, between 700 and 1.000 will remain constant and, in this respect, my opinion differs from that of Dr. Dexter. He thinks that, with the progress of military operations, more and more people will cross the Spanish border. He called me recently to the Embassy to meet Mr. James H. Mann of the War Refugee Board, who arrived recently from the States and has gone back to Washington last week. Mr. Mann asked me, among other questions, if I thought that new refugees would come to Spain and Portugal, if stronger measures would be taken against people now interned and against the leaders of the patriot movement, what would I do if French collaborationists were to come to me for help, and what, in my opinion, would be the best way to get people out of occupied countries. I answered that, in my way of thinking, not a single French person would leave France now, that French refugees would go from town to town ahead of the armies, that possibly few jews and some non-

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French who were interned and suddenly were free might come to Spain (and yet, I am not so sure), that the French patriots caught would be shot anyway, that I did not know what I would do about the French collaborationists, but that I felt strongly that they should receive no help whatever, and the best way to get the people out of occupied countries is to deal through the International Red Cross, as I did not feel that direct appeals to the authorities of occupied territories would bring results. In any event, even if new refugees come to Spain and Portugal, I don't think that there would be many Catholics among them.

Since I opened the office in April, only one person recently arrived was referred to me by the Polish Committee. We have had new cases but all of them are among persons who have been here many years. New cases are usually referred to me by the three other American committees, the Free French committee, the Polish committee and, at times, consulates. Also, many persons have applied here by themselves. A large percentage of refugees who are still here could have left at one time or another in the past, but they did not leave because they were waiting for visas, or they were ill, or they lacked decision or they chose to stay.

(5) I have seen His Eminence Cardinal Cerejeira several times and I have always been received very graciously. So far I have not given any written report. His Eminence left a few days ago for Lourenço Marques where He will inaugurate the new Cathedral; He will be gone approximately three months. I shall have a report of my activities ready for His Eminence upon His return.

Recently I saw Father Abel Varzim, Head of the Economic Secretariat of the Catholic Church in Portugal and Monsignor Avelino Gonçalves, General Secretary of Catholic Action in Portugal. I told them that I wanted to form a consultative committee. This committee would meet once a month under the Honorary Presidency of His Eminence Cardinal Cerejeira. Both Father Varzim and Monsignor Gonçalves declined the nominations because they are too busy, but Monsignor Gonçalves told me that he would send me the names of some prominent persons in Catholic Action who could serve in this committee, which could not begin to function before October because of summer vacations. I had intented to have in this committee Father Varzim, Monsignor Gonçalves, Father Turowski, Father Daniel, Mrs. Susan Marques and a representative of the Catholic press. Now Father Varzim and Monsignor Gonçalves have declined, Father Turowski has been called to Rome and is leaving next month, and Father will be in Beja. The committee, therefore, will be composed of laics with Father Daniel who may attend the meetings from time to time.

(6) When Mr. Mohler was here in December 1943, he and Father Turowski called on the various committees to find out how many Catholics there were on their relief rolls. Mr. Mohler cabled us in New York, that there were approximately 80 Catholics, among whom he included twenty Poles who were aided through the Polish Committee. Father Turowski and Mr. Mohler had a conference with a representative of the Polish Committee, during which it was agreed that effective January 1944, our committee would take care of the Catholic Poles. In January 1944, Mr. Schimitzek wrote to the Polish Ministry in London concerning this new arrangement, and he received a reply to the effect that the Polish Ministry in London was in agreement with it.

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The Joint has had for a long time an agreement with the Polish committee by virtue of which they contribute 50 per cent towards the maintainance of all Jewish Poles. In order to avoid complications, the Joint requested that the Polish committee give out all the allocations and handle all the details; once a month they remitted to the Polish committee their share of the expenses. Father Turowski asked Mr. Schimitzek if the Polish committee could handle all the details for the Polish Catholics in the same way as they were handled for the Polish Jews. Mr. Schimitzek agreed and it remained understood that Father Turowski would remit each month to the Polish committee whatever was spent for the Polish Catholics. I wrote you in my letter Nº 6 that I thought the money we turn over to the Polish committee was used to mail food packages to Poland, because then, I was under the impression that there was a duplication; but when I saw Mr. Schimitzek and he told me that the Polish Ministry in London has been informed of the agreement that the Polish committee has with us, I knew that the money that we remit each month is used for aid to Catholic Poles. The point is now: Shall we continue to aid the Catholic Poles through the Polish committee or shall we deal with them ourselves? The present arrangement offers many advantages and I think we should go on with it. The Polish committee knows how to handle its own people better than a non-Polish committee. However upon receipt of your instructions, I could tell Mr. Schimitzek that we will take care of the Polish Catholics ourselves. At the present moment there are three in Caldas, one at Ericeira and seven in Lisbon.

(7) There is much need for individualised attention in case work and I am doing all I can myself in this connection. I am in close contact with all the refugees who come to this office. Our people are not having a more difficult time than the others; they receive as much individual attention as the people on other committees. Unless the situation changes and more refugees arrive (which is unlikely), I have the resources that are necessary and there is no need of sending a case worker.

I have been thinking, in the last few weeks, of bringing my wife and my baby to Lisbon. I have studied the possibility and found that living conditions in Lisbon are good. My wife would be very happy here with me, and she asks in each of her letters, if she and the baby can join me. I am very lonesome for both and would very much like to have them here, provided of course, that I shall remain on the continent for some time. Would you be kind enough to tell me what you think of this idea.

Thank you again for your good whishes and your kind words. My best regards to you and Father Swanstrom and all at the office.

Very sincerely yours,

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Lisbon, July 22, 1944

Letter Nº 12

Very Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N C W C,
350 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

Reverend and Dear Monsignor,

You will find attached monthly report for June 1944, arranged according to the blank form which was attached to your letter of June 7th. I am very gratified at the Administration figures which represent approximately six per cent of the amount spent for Relief and Rehabilitation.

You will have received by this time the statements of disbursements by Father Turowski, from December 1943 to March 1944, and April and May 1944 disbursements. I regret that these monthly reports do not conform exactly with the blank you sent me, but, on the other hand, they contain almost the same information and I hope that they will met with your approval.

Very sincerely yours,

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MONTHLY REPORT

PORTUGAL

I -- DATE: From June 1st 1944 to June 30th 1944

II - LOCATION OF PROJECT: Lisbon

III - SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: War Relief Services - N C W C

IV - OFFICERS OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:

Very Reverend Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Lisbon Office:
Dr. Henry Amiel,
Rua Castilho, 2, r/c, Do.

V - SERVICES RENDERED DURING MONTH:
(according to various locations)

a) Health

	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Lisbon	6	4	1	3	14
Caldas	8	6	--		14
Coimbra	1	2	1		4
Ericeira	1	1			2
	16	13	2	3	34

b) Relief

	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Lisbon	17	16	3	5	41
Caldas	10	11			21
Ericeira	2	1			3
Coimbra	1	2	1		4
Estoril	4	3			7
Mourao	1	1			2
Povoa de Seixal	1	1	1		3
Matozinhos		1			1
Caxias	2				2
Tangiers		1			1
	38	37	5	5	85

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c) Rehabilitation

	Men	women	boys	girls	Total
Lisbon (in transit from Spain)	1				1
Coimbra		1			1
					2

d) Counselling

Lisbon	10	12			22
Caldas	2				2
Coimbra	3	1			4
Ericeira	2				2
	17	13			30

e) Other

Clothing:					
Lisbon	1	2		1	4
Caldas	3				3
Coimbra		1			1
	4	3		1	8

VI - PERSONNEL:

Dr. Henry Amiel, director, in charge of office. Investigates all cases, interviews visitors, gives out allocations, renders decisions about various problems, gives counsel and advice in personal matters, finantial matters, marital difficulties, irregular situations, etc. Takes all the necessary steps in migration cases, visits consulates and embassies, handles all the mail personally and keeps all important records and books.

Miss Lilliam Koenig, clerk. Twenty one years old, French born, speaks Portuguese, English and French. Does typing and filing, and makes herself generally useful in the office. Lacks experience, but eager to learn, intelligent and industrious.

Jose Baptista, office boy, 18 years old, Portuguese. Ushers visitors in and out, answers phone, keeps daily record of number of interviews, incoming and outgoing letters, cables and telegrams, runs errands, does little typing

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c) Rehabilitation

	Men	women	boys	girls	Total
Lisbon (in transit from Spain)	1				1
Coimbra		1			1
					2

d) Counselling

Lisbon	10	12			22
Caldas	2				2
Coimbra	3	1			4
Ericeira	2				2
	17	13			30

e) Other

Clothing: Lisbon	1	2		1	4
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Coimbra		1			1
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VII - NEW SERVICES PLANNED IN FUTURE: None

VIII - EXPENDITURES:

	ESCUDOS	ESCUDOS
a) Health		
Medical	5,623.00	
Pharmacy	3,862.50	
Dental	500.00	
b) Relief	69,316.90	
c) Rehabilitation		
One passage Lisbon-Buenos Aires, on instructions from Madrid	13,060.60	
d) Counselling	0.00	
e) Other		
Clothing	6,250.00	
Miscellaneous	450.60	
	99,063.60	99,063.60
f) Administration		
1) Rent	875.00	
2) Light	0.00	
3) Heat	0.00	
4) Communications		
telephone	95.60	
telegrams and cables	383.40	
5) Stationary and printing	0.00	
6) Office supplies	2,527.35	
7) Postage	0.00	
8) Travel	0.00	
9) Miscellaneous		
Salaries	4,807.00	
Transportation	294.20	
promotion	627.00	
Miscellaneous	234.40	
	9,843.95	9,843.95
Total June 1944:		108,907.55

IX - GENERAL COMMENTS ON PROGRESS MADE, PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, ETC.:

It is felt that great progress has been made in the last few months. Catholic refugees have now a committee

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to whom they can apply for material and spiritual aid. Office running well, records kept of every case and every expenditure.

Problems encountered: refugees scattered throughout Portugal, numbers too small in each place to establish social and recreational centers, irregular living conditions (marital status) of many persons, large percentage of illness, particularly at Caldas, nervousness, restlessness, mental disturbance in many cases, necessity of bringing many indifferent persons closer to the Church.

Additional statistics:

Interviews during month	90
Letters received	52
Letters sent	43
Cables and telegrams received	8
Cables and telegams sent	6

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Letter No. 13

Lisbon, July 22, 1944

Very Rev Patrick A. O'Boyle
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N C W C
350 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

Reverend and Dear Monsignor,

I received your cable in which you asked me to explain the contents of my cable of July 3rd regarding requests from Spain for passage money.

I cabled you on 17th of this month, cable No. 7, explaining that some time ago I had a telephone conversation with Miss Egan, during which she asked me how much money there was in the Portugal account. I told her, on the spur of the moment, that I had a reserve of $20,000.00 I meant, however, that I had $16,000.00, plus $4,000.00 which were sent to His Eminence Cardinal Cerejeira last month. She asked me if she could use $15,000.00 for transportation and repatriation cases and I answered her that she could, provided that I received your permission for her to use this money.

I sent you my cable of July 3rd soon after Miss Egan and I had this telephone conversation. In the meantime, she had already assumed the obligation for five passages and had seven more under consideration. At the request of Mr. Blickenstaff, I paid one repatriation to Argentine and I am about to pay now two passages to Canada for Mr. and Mrs. Khmelevski, who are very fine and deserving people. I will pay also one passage to Canada for Mrs. Scheinberger as per the authorization that you gave me in your cable on June 10th. At this writing there are therefore three more passages for which we are obligated, and seven more which will probably develop in the near future.

Since I have on hand now $20,000.00, I suggested in my last cable that we use $5,000.00 for passages, that we keep $10,000.00 for possible emergencies and that we use the remaining $5,000.00 for August relief.

I shall appreciate very much your comments and counsel regarding the suggestions I made as to the distribution of the money that I have available.

Very sincerely yours,

HENRY AMIEL

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Lisbon, July 22, 1944

Letter Nº 14

Very Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - N C W C,
350 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

Reverend and Dear Monsignor,

I saw Father Turowski a few days ago and I conveyed to him your kind message of symphaty, as regards the money that he lost. I also informed him that unfortunately we are not in the position of being able to reimburse him for expenditures encountered prior to our being certificated for this work. He was very much disturbed at learning this, inasmuch as he had borrowed from me 5.000 escudos on the strength of his request. I doubted that we would be able to reimburse him but I felt justified in granting him this loan because he needed the money at the time, because of his devotion to the cause of the refugees in the last four years and also because he told me that, if we could not reimburse him, he would manage to repay his debt.

It was not Father Turowski's intention to challenge decisions made by the Home office but he felt that he should show me two letters addressed to him, one from Father Komora, dated March 16th, 1942, and one from Miss Egan dated March 22nd, 1942. Father Komora, in his letter, stated that he would be pleased to continue to send him assistance, but that he was awaiting an answer from His Eminence Cardinal Cerejeira as to whether His Eminence had received the $15,000.00 alloted by the American Bishops' committee for Polish sufferers in Portugal. Father Komora further stated that perhaps Father Turowski had knowledge of this and even received some of these funds to continue his noble work for Polish refugees. Miss Egan in her letter declared that Monsignor Ready informed her that $15,000.00 was being sent through the Apostolic Delegate to him so that he might relieve the distress of Catholic refugees. She said further that the allocation of funds was made in December 1941, that in February 1942 she saw Monsignor Ready in Washington who told her that he had heard nothing from Father Turowski and could not locate him and that he did not know whether Father Turowski has received the money at all.

When Father Turowski received from two sources the news that $15,000.00 would soon be received in Lisbon, he felt authorized to spend money for refugees. Now, he would like to be reimbursed for the money that he spent after May 1942. I have checked the list he submitted to me and I find that he spent 8.239,50 escudos (approximately $350.00).

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I know that these $15,000.00 were Bishops' funds and that Father Turowski's request for reimbursement cannot be granted out of War Relief Services' money. I have not attempted to find out what happened to these $15,000.00 but with your authorization I could speak to the Secretary of the Apostolic Nuncio. To trace this money, I would need all the necessary information, such as exact date of remittance, name of the person who sent the money, name of the bank who handled the transaction, name of the correspondent bank in Lisbon, name of the person to whom the money was addressed, and any other information that you may be able to obtain.

I am anxious to be of service to Father Turowski and I thought that you would like to have this information. If the Bishops committee can find its way clear to reimburse Father Turowski, I know that he will be very pleased and I shall appreciate it very much.

I mention in my letter Nº 11 that Father Turowski is leaving next month for Rome, where he will fullfil his duties as General Secretary of the Pallotine Fathers.

Very sincerely yours,

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JUL 27 1944

Dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

I am pleased to send to you herewith a report from Henry Amiel recently received through the American Embassy, Lisbon.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Pehle
Executive Director

The Very Reverend Patrick A. O'Boyle
Executive Director
War Relief Services, N C W C
350 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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AIR MAIL

No. 622

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Lisbon, June 20, 1944

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Subject: Transmitting Report of National Catholic Welfare Conference Representative in Lisbon to War Refugee Board and Msgr. Patrick O'Boyle, New York City.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of the representative of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Lisbon.

Provided the Department perceives no objection, it would be appreciated if copies of this report would be forwarded to the War Refugee Board and through this Board to Msgr. Patrick O'Boyle, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

Charles E. Dickerson, Jr.
First Secretary of Embassy

Enclosure:

Report as stated.

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Enclosure to despatch no. 622 of June 20, 1944 from American Embassy, Lisbon

WAR RELIEF SERVICES-NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE
Lisbon Office
Rua Castilho, 2,R/C.D.

Very Reverend Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services, N C W C,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Reverend and dear Monsignor:

I am very glad to send you attached detail of expenditures for the months of April and May 1944, as well as a few statistics which, I believe, will be of interest to you.

The administrative expenses for April, after deducting initial outlay, supplies, balance of my salary which I draw here and amount paid to Miss Egan before her departure for Spain, reach about 7% of what was spent in relief. The administrative expenses for May, after deductions for initial outlay, supplies and balance of my salary, reach also 7% of relief expenditures. I am certain that at no time will the administrative expenses be higher than 8 to 10%.

In the May disbursements, you will find 8,000. escudos under the item "loans". Father Turowski borrowed 5,000. escudos, and Mrs. Moura 3,000. escudos. Mrs. Moura is the Portuguese wife of a Portuguese-American serving now in the U.S. Navy. She is entitled to an allowance of $72.00 a month, but she has received nothing since July 1943. She and her two daughters suffered very much from worry, nervous tension and privations. The whole family is still in poor health. Dr. Dexter, Mr. Conard, Mr. Kline, representative of the American Red Cross and I discussed the case, and we decided to relieve her in her distress. I loaned her 3,000. escudos which she will repay as soon as she receives her back allowances. Mr. Wood, the American Commercial Attache in Lisbon, is trying to secure from the Treasury Department the proper license so that Mrs. Moura and other persons in the same situation may receive their allowances regularly.

I sincerely hope that these statements will meet with your approval, and you may count upon receiving a financial statement every month, regularly.

With best wishes to all, and my best regards to you and Father Swanstrom,

Sincerely yours

Signed: Henry Amiel

DETAIL OF DISBURSEMENTS

APRIL 1944

RELIEF

Relief	46,089.70	
Clothing	5,550.00	
Medical	15,177.90	
Miscellaneous	3,583.00	
	70,400.60	70,400.60

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

Trips, transportation, promotion, miscellaneous, March 15 to March 31, 1944, from date of arrival in Lisbon of Dr. Amiel, till date of beginning of operations of Lisbon office, April 1st		7,325.25
Initial outlay, equipment	26,172.50	
Supplies	1,360.00	
Wages	4,382.05	
Miss Egan, Owed by Spain a/c	3,763.20	
Rent	875.00	
Cables and telegrams	1,156.05	
Telephone	147.50	
Transportation, trips and taxis	1,211.80	
Promotion	995.00	
Miscellaneous	955.50	
	41,018.60	41,018.60
		118,744.45

RELIEF ROLL

APRIL 1944

City	Cases	
Lisbon	34	(6 families with 11 persons)
Caldas	24	3 " " 9 "
Estoril	7	
Povo de Seixal	3	1 " " 3 "
Caxias	3	
Coimbra	4	2 " " 4 "
Aljube	1	
Mourao	2	1 " " 2 "
Ericeira	2	
Povo d'Arco	1	
Matosinhos	1	
	82	

NATURE OF AID GIVEN

	Cases
Relief	56
Medical	18
Clothing	8
Miscellaneous	9

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Number of new cases April	12
Number of cases closed April	0
Outgoing letters	29
Incoming letters	14
Outgoing cables and telegrams	5
Incoming cables and telegrams	4
No. of interviews during April	110

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DETAIL OF DISBURSEMENTS

MAY 1944

RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

		Escudos
Relief	52,116.50	
Clothing	5,465.00	
Medical	11,877.20	
Pharmacy	2,669.40	
Loans	8,000.00	
Miscellaneous	2,691.00	
	82,819.10	82,819.10

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

Initial outlay, equipment	9,026.30	
Supplies	5,135.00	
Wages and salaries	5,607.05	
Rent	875.00	
Cables and telegrams	549.30	
Telephone	131.30	
Transportation, trips and taxis	589.50	
Promotion	1,070.00	
Miscellaneous	790.15	
	23,773.60	
		23,773.60
		106,592.70

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RELIEF

ROLL

May 1944

City	Cases	
Lisbon	36	(5 families with 13 persons)
Caldas	21	3 " " 9 "
Estoril	6	
Povo de Seixal	3	1 " " 3 "
Caxias	3	
Coimbra	4	2 " " 4 "
Aljube	1	
Mourao	2	1 " " 2 "
Ericeira	2	
Matosinhos	1	
	79	

NATURE OF AID GIVEN

	Cases
Relief	54
Medical	16
Pharmacy	10
Clothing	7
Miscellaneous	9

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Number of new cases May	6
Number of cases closed May	9
Outgoing letters	34
Incoming letters	51
Outgoing cables and telegrams	4
Incoming cables and telegrams	6
Persons interviewed	81

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WAR RELIEF SERVICES - NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE
350 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

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June 15, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

This is to acknowledge, with appreciation, receipt of the letter from Mr. Henry Amiel, dated May 8, 1944, which you so kindly forwarded to us.

Sincerely,

Patrick A. O'Boyle

(Mrs. Edw.) Patrick A. O'Boyle
Executive Director

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JUN 14 1944

My dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

I am enclosing a report from Dr. Henry Amiel which was received through the United States Embassy in Lisbon.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services-
National Catholic Welfare Conference,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

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JUN 7 1944

My dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

I am forwarding herewith a copy of a letter addressed to you by Dr. Henry Amiel which has been received through the United States Embassy in Lisbon.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Monsignor Patrick O'Boyle,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

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AIR MAIL

No. 490

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Lisbon, May 9, 1944

Subject: Transmitting Report of National Catholic Welfare Conference Representative in Lisbon to War Refugee Board and Msgr. Patrick O'Boyle, New York City.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of the representative of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Lisbon.

Provided the Department perceives no objection, it would be appreciated if copies of this report would be forwarded to the War Refugee Board and through this board to Msgr. Patrick O'Boyle, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador,

Edward S. Crocker
Counselor of Embassy

Enclosure:

Report of National Catholic Welfare Conference.

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LETTER NO.6 LISBON, 6th May 1944.

Monsignor Patrick O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services - National Catholic Welfare Conference,
350 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

Reverend and Dear Monsignor,

I have been here for six weeks now, and I have been operating at the Office for four weeks. In that time I have gathered a great deal of information through interviews with refugees, conferences and personal contacts with members of various committees and also many Portuguese. A complete picture of the refugee situation as it is to-day is extremely difficult to obtain. However, I will give you in this report whatever data I have gathered through various sources.

General Refugee Situation in Portugal :

In 1940 and 1941, it is true that there were in Portugal between 17,000 and 20,000 refugees but a good 60-70 per cent. of these people entered Portugal with large sums of money. They lived very lavishly in some of the best hotels. They frequented bars and casinos, and many of them played the stock market and entered into various types of speculation, and made large fortunes. They bought everything they wanted at whatever price was asked for it, which, to a certain extent, caused among the shop-keepers, not only of Lisbon but also of other cities where there were refugees, a thirst for gain which has not been appeased with time but which has kept on increasing and perhaps explains the very high prices of all sorts of articles to-day. These persons, of course, had no need to apply to relief organizations, and they have already left Portugal for other countries. The other 30 per cent. of refugees are the ones who needed help at a time when, to my knowledge, relief agencies had not yet begun to function in Lisbon. The American Joint Distribution Committee and the Unitarian Service Committee came around September 1940, when there was already a large number of refugees in Portugal, and the American Friends Service Committee began operating around March, 1941. So that when we speak of 20,000 depended on relief agencies for their maintenance but that only at the most a quarter of these people were absolutely destitute and in great need of aid. After consultation the day before yesterday with the other committees, I have come to the conclusion that at no time were there in Portugal more than 5,000 refugees who depended on relief agencies.

At the present time there remain in Portugal only between 1,000 and 1,500 refugees, exclusive of Spaniards, free or in hiding, the number of which is estimated to be between 1,000 and 3,000. During the past four months the number of refugees has decreased somewhat,

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since in February approximately 750 were sent by the "Joint" to Palestine (250 of these were from Portugal and 500 from Spain), and on the 23rd March 1944, approximately 350 left for the United States and Canada on the"S.S.SERPA PINTO" (150 of whom were from Portugal). The number of refugees in Portugal will be further decreased towards the end of this month as between 50 and 100 persons are expected to leave for canada.

In 1940/41, at the time when thousands of refugees had arrived and thousands were arriving monthly, the "Joint" had on its relief roll approximately 2,500 refugees entirely dependent for aid, and a few hundreds partially dependent. The Unitarians had at that same period between 260 and 300 persons whom they helped financially, and the Q uakers had between 180 and 200. In April of this year, the "Joint" had on its relief roll in Portugal 600 persons, the Unitarians about 250, the Quakers about 70, and we ourselves had 60, making a total of approximately 1,000 persons, exclusive of Belgians, British, Dutch and Poles, who are taken care of by their own governments. However, there is bound to be some duplication, and the above figures may not be as accurate as they seem to be at first glance. For instance, the "Joint" helps partially the Jewish Poles; we support 13 Polish Catholics; and we have on our relief roll some persons who are still among the cases of the Quakers and the Unitarians. There are also left a few wealthy refugees who do not depend at all on committees.

Besides financial aid, all of the committees, including our own, help persons to legalize their status, secure documents necessary for emigration, and give counsel to refugees on various matters.

The Polish Committee :

When I arrived Father Turowski told me that we reimbursed the Polish Committee for the monthly allocations: medical care, dental care, clothing of 13 Polish Catholic refugees. I could not understand the arrangement agreed upon between Father Turowski and Mr. Schimitzek inasmuch as I was always given to understand that the Poles were taken care of by their own government. I was about to take the matter up with Mr. Schimitzek when, in the course of a conversation with Father Turowski, I learned that when Mr. Mohler was here in December, 1943, he made a verbal arrangement with Mr. Schimitzek to the effect that we would assume the responsibility for Polish Catholics and that the money we turned over monthly to the Polish Committee for this purpose was actually to be used to send packages to Poland. In our first letter of 28th March, on the third page Miss Egan and I mentioned that Mr. Florian Piskorski, representative in Lisbon of the "Rada-Polonji", sends each month approximately 30,000 packages of food to civilians in Poland and that Mr. Schimitzek's office also sends about the same number of packages during the same period.

I have not been able to find any record of Mr. Mohler's agreement but nevertheless I have paid to Mr. Schimitzek for the March relief of Polish Catholics the sum of Esc. 10,630$70. This month I will pay approximately the same amount for relief in April. I would appreciate very much your advice as regards this situation.

Refugees/

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Monsignor Patrick O'Boyle 6th May 1944

Refugees on our Relief Roll :

I have mentioned above that we had last month 80 cases on our relief roll. However, this number will be decreased this month by at least ten: 3 are leaving the country; 2 will be self-supporting; and 7 who applied to me for help under false pretences will receive no further aid. This number may be still further decreased if we should decide not to support any longer the Catholic Poles who are supposed to be aided by the Polish Committee. In addition, I have noticed that we give each month to 4 Polish seminarists and to 3 Polish ladies some money, which they do not need for themselves but with which they send food packages to Poland.

Morals among the Refugees :

Mr. Mohler had reported early this year that morals among the refugees were low. In general, I have found this report to be correct. There are a number of people, Catholics and Jews of the opposite sex, living together in an unmarried state and, although they express a willingness to marry, they cannot do so because either their status in this country is still illegal or they have a wife or a husband whom they cannot divorce at the present time. There are besides some single persons living together without being married.

There prevails also among the refugees a restlessness caused chiefly by the fact that they are not permitted to work. They meet at the cafés where they spend the largest part of their time in self-pity, complaints, regrets, etc. A few of them go occasionally to the Casino at Esteril to try their luck.

The Catholicity of about half of the persons whom we have on our relief roll is doubtful. I have no documents to prove that the people are Catholics, and I know that many of these people who are in Lisbon do not go to Mass and never take the Sacraments. However, in Caldas da Rainha the Catholics whom we support are genuine Catholics who fulfil regularly their religious obligations. I see Father Daniel several times a month, and he tells me that the Caldas people are good Catholics.

Financial Statements :

During the last few weeks I have been at the Office from 10.0 in the morning until 8.0 in the evening, with about 2 hours for lunch. I was anxious to get some documentation on all the refugees, and I spent a great deal of time with them in conferences. I have seen them all now, with the exception of the people in Caldas da Rainha, the Catholic Poles who go direct to Mr. Schimitzek's office for their money, and two or three persons in Lisbon who have not come this last month to get their allocation. I have spent so much time in direct contact with the refugees that I have not been able so far to present to you a detailed statement of relief and office expenses. By the end of next week I hope to send you first a detailed account of what has been done by Father Turowski up to 31st March 1944

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and within the next two weeks a detailed statement of what I have done myself from 1st - 30th April, 1944.

With very best wishes and regards to all at the Office,

Very sincerely yours,

Henry Amiel.

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Washington, D. C.

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May 27, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I acknowledge receipt of letter from Miss Egan and Dr. Amiel which you so kindly forwarded to me in your letter of May 16th.

Many thanks for your courtesy in this matter.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Patrick A. O'Boyle

(Very Rev.) Patrick A. O'Boyle
Executive Director

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Lisbon, May 24, 1944.

Subject: Report to National Catholic Welfare Council.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith a financial report from Dr. Henry Amiel, Director for Portugal of the War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Council. It is believed that the War Refugee Board would be interested to see this report, and if the Department sees no objection, it is requested that the report be transmitted to the War Refugee Board with the request that when they have finished with it, it be transmitted to:

Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Service -
National Catholic Welfare Conference,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

Edward S. Crocker
Counselor of Embassy

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Financial report.

May 23rd, 1944

LETTER NO: 7.

Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services -
National Catholic Welfare Conference,
350, Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Reverend and Dear Monsignor:

You will find attached details of expenditures by Father Turowski, for the period extending from December 20th 1943 to March 31st 1944. Included in the total disbursements are 1,050.30 escudos which His Eminence the Cardinal Patriarch spent for cables.

April disbursements will follow very shortly.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Henry Amiel

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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

December 20th 1943 to March 31st 1944

RELIEF AND REHABILITATION	208,434.65
ADMINISTRATION FATHER TUROWSKI	26,324.45
CABLES CARDINAL PATRIARCH	1,050.30
	235,809.40

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DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES

December 20th 1943 to March 31st 1944

RELIEF
REHABILITATION

All figures are given in Escudos. Divide by 24.55 to obtain dollars.

DECEMBER:

Relief	22,250.00	
Medical	1,190.00	
	23,440.00	23,440.00

JANUARY:

Relief	28,054.00	
Clothing	4,750.00	
Medical	3,588.00	
	36,392.00	36,392.00

FEBRUARY:

Relief	49,227.00	
Clothing	2,100.00	
Medical	13,018.50	
Rehabilitation	2,726.60	
Miscellaneous	188.00	
	67,260.10	67,260.10

MARCH:

Relief	62,518.00	
Clothing	5,850.00	
Medical	11,794.35	
Miscellaneous	1,180.20	
	81,342.55	81,342.55

TOTAL: 208,434.65

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ADMINISTRATIVE-EXPENSES

FATHER TUROWSKI

December 20th 1943 to March 31st 1944

DECEMBER:	Cables and telegrams	519.60	
	Transportation	20.00	
	Trips	263.00	
	Stationary and supplies	80.85	
	Miscellaneous	838.00	
		1,721.45	1,721.45
JANUARY:	Telegrams	2.90	
	Transportation	210.50	
	Trips	260.00	
	Stationary and supplies	183.10	
	Telephone	32.50	
	Mail	34.30	
	Salaries and wages	2,000.00	
		2,723.30	2,723.30
FEBRUARY:	Transportation	98.50	
	Trips	108.00	
	Office Supplies	582.80	
	Rent	600.00	
	Salaries and wages	2,200.00	
		3,589.30	3,589.30
MARCH:	Telegrams	416.45	
	Transportation	381.60	
	Trips	238.00	
	Office Supplies	19.50	
	Promotion	30.00	
	Telephone	40.00	
	Mail	84.85	
	Rent	330.00	
	Salaries and wages	2,000.00	
	Loss	14,750.00	
		18,290.40	18,290.40
		TOTAL:	26,324.45

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DECEMBER 1943

RELIEF ROLL

CITIES:	CASES
LISBON	16
CALDAS	26
ESTORIL	5
TOTAL:	47

There were in December 26 Individual cases.

3 Families in Lisbon with a total of 7 persons.

5 " " Caldas " " " of 14 persons.

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JANUARY 1944

RELIEF ROLL

CITIES:	CASES
LISBON	24
CALDAS	17
ESTORIL	6
POVOA DE SEIXAL	3
COIMBRA	4
TOTAL:	54

There were in January 31 Individual cases.

4 Families in Lisbon with a total of 9 persons.
2 " " Caldas " " " of 7 persons.
1 " " P. de Seixal " " of 3 persons.
2 " " Coimbra " " of 4 persons.

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RELIEF ROLL

CITIES:	CASES
LISBON	27
CALDAS	20
ESTORIL	6
POVOA DE SEIXAL	3
COIMBRA	4
CAXIAS	1
ERICEIRA	1
ALJUBE	1
TOTAL:	63

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There were in February 43 Individual cases.

2 Families in Lisbon with a total of 4 persons.
3 " " Caldas " " " of 9 persons.
1 " " P. de Seixal " " of 3 persons.
2 " " Coimbra " " of 4 persons.

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MARCH 1944

RELIEF ROLL

CITIES:	CASES
LISBON	34
CALDAS	21
ESTORIL	4
POVOA DE SEIXAL	3
COIMBRA	5
CAXIAS	1
ERICEIRA	1
ALJUBE	1
TOTAL:	70

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There were in March 47 Individual cases.

3 Families in Lisbon with a total of 6 persons.
3 " " Caldas " " " of 9 persons.
2 " " Coimbra " " " of 5 persons.
1 " " P.de Seixal " " of 3 persons.

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My dear Monsignor O'Boyle:

I am forwarding herewith a letter addressed to you by Miss Eileen Egan and Dr. Henry Amiel which has been received through the United States Embassy in Lisbon.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services,
National Catholic Welfare Conference,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

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Lisbon, March 30, 1944

Subject: Transmitting Report from Local Representative of War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, regarding Relief of Refugees in Portugal

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

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Legation's despatches no. 217, February 16, and no. 325, March 25, 1944, regarding the reports submitted by the local representatives of various relief agencies in connection with the program of the War Refugee Board for the relief of the victims of Nazi persecution in Europe.

Transmitted herewith is a letter, in the nature of a report, addressed to the Executive Director of the War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City, from its local representatives, Miss Eileen Egan and Dr. Henry Amiel. Provided the Department perceives no objection, it is requested that this report be transmitted through the War Refugee Board to the addressee stated. The Legation is in this case extending its pouch facilities in order that this report may reach Washington sufficiently early to be considered together with the reports previously submitted by other agencies.

Respectfully yours,

For the Minister:

Edward S. Crocker
Counselor of Legation

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Hotel Tivoli
Avenida da Libertade
Lisbon, Portugal

LETTER NO. 1. March 28th, 1944

Monsignor Patrick A. O'Boyle,
Executive Director,
War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York, U.S.A .

Reverend and dear Monsignor:

Two weeks may seem a long time to wait before sending in a report. However, we were trying to gather as much information as possible in order to write an intelligible report. Right from the start we began a series of conferences and interviews with people representing various groups here.

When we arrived in Lisbon, Father Adalbert Turowski was waiting for us at the pier and helped us install ourselves in rooms which he had arranged beforehand. He dined with us the first evening and reported on the work done for War Relief Services up the time of our arrival. He told us that he had officially been appointed by His Eminence Cardinal Cerejeira to take charge of work for refugees under War Relief Services pending the arrival of the delegate from the United States. The first evening he presented to us the daily entry book of all expenditures from our account and we saw that of the total sum received up to that time, between eleven and twelve thousand dollars had been expended. His Eminence Cardinal Cerejeira made available to Father Turowski lump sums each month and personally made no disbursements. Father Turowski took on the work for War Relief Services in addition to his other duties as General Secretary of the Pallotine order, and conducted all interviews in his small office, from five to seven p.m. daily. Father Turowski had contacted the other relief agencies operating in Lisbon(Quakers, Unitarians and Jewish Joint Distribution Committee) and they had turned over to him abmost all the Catholics on their rolls.

A very fine solution was reached for the refugee group in residence forcee at Caldas da Rainha where a refugee priest, Father Daniel Huysmans who had been named to Caldas some months earlier by the Cardinal Patriarah of Lisbon, was helped by War Relief Services and took charge of the distribution of War Relief Services funds at that settlement. Father Huysmans looked after the spiritual welfare of the twenty odd Catholic refugees in residence at Caldas. Father Turowski also made a monthly stipend available to Poles living in Ericeira, also a place of forced residence, but this was handled through the delegate of the Polish Ministry of Social Welfare.

Bishop Okoniewski,

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a Polish Bishop now in residence in Lisbon, received much needed medical help through Father Turwoski. The Bishop is being helped by a monthly sum from the Polish government for himself and his secretary, and by a rental allowance from the Rada Polonii, but War Relief Services made available to him important emergency medical help. A few more Catholic refugees are being helped in the north of Portugal in such towns as Coimbra. Father Turowski's work has been painstakingly done, and all records have been scrupulously kept. War Relief Services owes him much gratitude for the important work which he got under way and both representatives are of the opinion that the work could not have been placed in better hands.

Shortly after our arrival we were received by His Eminence Cardinal Cerejeira, Patriarch of Lisbon, who was most gracious and cooperative. He advised that the representatives of War Relief Services make a first hand investigation of the refugee situation in Portugal and then discuss the matter with him once more. Father Turowski and both representatives of War Relief Services were received again by His Eminence today. His Eminence was acquainted with the fact that, in view of the difficulty of finding new offices, War Relief Services would continue to operate from the two room suite now occupied by Father Turowski, at 2, Rua Castilho. These two rooms seem adequate at the present time, and are made available for occupation by War Relief Services because Father Turowski will live in a new apartment with Bishop Okoniewski and his secretary, effective April first. All correspondence should be mailed to this address. His Eminence will place at the disposal of the Lisbon representative either half or all of the funds in his possession. All further remittances may be sent either to His Eminence or directly to the Lisbon representative.

We made a courtesy visit to all other relief agencies operating in Lisbon and were received very cordially by them. Since the Unitarians had more Catholic cases than the other two agencies, we have had occasion to see Mrs. Dexter, Assistant Director of the Unitarian Service Committee, quite often, for clearance on many matters. Mr. Conard, Director of the American Friends Service Committee, had already handed over completely all Catholic cases to Father Turowski and has been very helpful in many ways. Dr. Schwartz, Director of the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, who has just returned from London, conferred with us and explained that in Portugal no Catholics had been carried on the Joint relief rolls. However, another point came up concerning a group of refugees from Spain and Portugal, who were shortly to leave for Canada on the basis of an agreement reached after the Bermuda Conference, by which Canada would accept 200 families for settlement. Family groups totalling 280 persons were chosen from Spain and Portugal by the Immigration officer of the Canadian Government, Mr. Odilon Cormier. In the group from Spain were 20 Catholics, including four children. The Joint organized the transportation and visas and has given the maintainance guarantee in Canada, but we have formally assumed responsibility for the trans-

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costs of this group from Spain to Canada. While they were in Lisbon special help was made available to them in the form of foods for women expecting babies and warm clothes for the children and grown-ups who were lacking them. This will come from the Spanish budget which has been used very little as yet. This will confirm the cable giving their names, etc., sent to War Relief Services Office for action by the Catholic Committee for Refugees. Father Komora, after communicating with the Joint in New York, may be able to work out some plan for aiding them in Canada, or in any event, may find it possible to arrange for some Canadian Committee to meet them on their arrival. We would appreciate receiving news at this end of what steps were taken for this group who sailed from Lisbon on the "Serpa Pinto" on March 23rd. Attached you will find a separate sheet giving data on these seven family groups.

Father Turowski arranged a meeting with Mr. Florian Piskorski, representative in Lisbon of the Rada Polonji, whose work consists of sending out about thirty thousand food packages to civilians in Poland. Only supplies permitted by the Portuguese government are sent and these differ from month to month and include almonds, sardines, dried fruit, fruit juices, etc. Mr. Piskorski has a very efficient filing set-up and a group of Portuguese on the packing end; in all, about thirty people are engaged in this enterprise. He reports that his monthly budget for such work is $12,000. monthly. The Polish Ministry of Social Welfare with a delegate in Lisbon and a representative from among the refugees in Ericeira also supervises the sending out of food packages to civilians in Poland and to Polish Jews (money for the latter is supplied by the Deputation of British Jews).

A n official call was paid on Hon. Henry Norweb, American Minister to Portugal, who was very cordial and offered us all possible cooperation. The Polish Minister, Mr. Potforowski, entertained us at luncheon. We were also entertained at various times by the representatives of the Quakers and Unitarian Committees.

To survey the situation at first hand, we visited the towns of Ericeira and Caldas da Rainha, where refugees without visas which will permit them to leave Portugal in the near future are compelled to live. In both towns the refugees are permitted to move freely within the confines of the town and for special reasons are allowed to come to Lisbon or to leave for other places for reasons of health. In general, the refugees live in furnished rooms and have their meals regularly at pensions or hotels. Because of the rise in prices here, relief agencies now give them a daily stipend of 27 escudos, plus medical expenses and pharmaceutical needs. Complete maintainance of a refugee comes to about 800 escudos a month, or $32.00, exclusive of medical help, etc. When there are many in a family, the individual stipend decreases, and special arrangemnnts are made.

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In Ericeira, there is a dub-delegate of the Polish Ministry of Social Welfare, Dr. Kerner, who has been handling the 36 Polish cases, out of which 12 are Catholic. The joint has arranged there a small library and a small school for children. The Quakers have no cases in Ereieira and the few cases of the Unitarians are handled by a person appointed from among the refugees.

In Caldas da Rainha, the Unitarians have arranged a small social center on the outskirts of the town. There is a small circulating library, a sitting room in which recreational programs are arranged occasionally and language lessons given whenever there are enough people interested. Mr. Hoffman, who is a friend of Klaus Dohrn, was extremely cordial to us and entertained us at tea. The Quaker cases are handled by a young Hungarian Catholic, Mr. Coloman Wawreck, who is now on the rolls of WRB. The joint has a small school for children.

The general situation can be summed up as follows: the total number of refugees in Portugal is now approximately 700, of whom 150 are at Caldas and 100 at Ericeira. A few are scattered in the north of Portugal and the rest are in Lisbon. The total number of refugees in Portugal has been reduced by the inclusion, in February, of about 200 who left with the group of 800 for settlement in Palestine, and about 100 who have just gone to Canada. While the work is not as pressing now as formerly, particularly from the point of view of emigration, there is still ample justification for our work here. In our particular refugee cases, there is much need for individualized attention in case work.

We have talked with many Portuguese as well as Americans and have a good idea of things generally here. A report and financial statement on the work done by Father Turowski will follow from Dr. Amiel after the departure of Miss Egan for Spain, on Wednesday, March 20. Best regards to Father Swanstrom and all at the office, and please remember us in your prayers

Very sincerely

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CATHOLIC FAMILIES IN TRANSIT TO CANADA.

BRAUN	Joseph William	born	Fribourg 11/20/1896, Ex German (lyr.)
	Hanka	"	Constantinopf 11/16/1905 ex Polish
	Monique	"	Paris, 9/26/1941 ex German
	Ginette	"	Oleron 3/26/1938 " "
MONDERER	Kurt	"	Zywiec 12/13/1911 Yugoslav
	Alice-Renee	"	Fiume 9/8/1911 "
	Felicitas	"	Jurkloster, 12/26/1939 "
PFEIFER	Oscar	"	Berlin 5/31/1899 ex Austrian (mchh.)
	Carmen	"	Madrid 7/27/1904 ex Spanish
	Ana Marie	"	Velencia 11/17/1939 "
STEIN	Werner Oswald	"	Berlin 8/25/1900 ex German (Dr. Pediatrics)
	Magdalena	"	Hamburg 9/19/1909 "
	Bernard-Rafael	"	Cordoba 3/3/1937 "
	(he has a cousin: Mrs. Leonie Lachmann, 28 St. Marks Place N.Y.C.		
FLEISCHER	Paul	"	Vienna 8/29/1887 ex Austrian (Mgr)
	Nell	"	" 5/2/1890 " of factry.
	(she has brother: Gustaf L. Chens, 7 East 9th, N.Y.C.)		
MITTLER	Nikolas	"	Budapest 2/21/1914 ex Hungarian (Dr.)
	Elisabeth	"	Amsterdam 12/29/1890 Dutch (medicine)
FALTER	Henry		
	wife		
	Grown up son.		

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My dear Monsignor Carroll:

Thank you for your letter of March 23, 1944, and its enclosures, in response to the Board's recent request for suggestions to aid in the formulation of its rescue programs. The suggestions which you have submitted will receive prompt and careful consideration.

The cooperation of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and its affiliates is greatly appreciated. I shall be pleased to receive such further suggestions and views as you may wish to offer at any time.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Very Rev. Msgr. Howard J. Carroll, S.T.D.,
Assistant General Secretary,
National Catholic Welfare Conference,
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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22 March, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am acknowledging your letter of February 8th. I regret that canvassing various of our affiliates concerned with the refugee problem has occasioned delay in reply.

Enclosed herewith are memoranda as follows:

a) Suggestions and a statement of the Catholic Committee for Refugees, together with a covering letter from the Reverend Emil N. Komora, Executive Director.

b) Statement of War Relief Services, N.C.W.C., submitted by the Executive Director, Very Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle. This latter organization, while its scope is general relief, is concerned largely at this time with refugees.

One further suggestion has been offered by some persons interested in the problem. It concerns the possibility of Russian collaboration in rescuing refugees. If there has been collaboration up to the present, it is not generally known. If there has not been, it seems logical that it be expected and urged. The reasons are so obvious from every point of view that it seems superfluous to state them. It is thought, moreover, in many quarters that the problem of admission of refugees to this country, so difficult from a variety of angles, would be made enormously easier if only those refugees who could be rescued by admission to Russia and who so elected, were permitted to find haven there. Certainly there would be no lack of support either public or private for effort to sustain them financially and materially from this country.

It would be interesting to know whether such a proposal has ever been made to the Soviet authorities and, if so, with what result.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Howard J. Carroll
Assistant General Secretary

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

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THE CATHOLIC COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES
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COMMITTEE OF THE HIERARCHY

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ARCHBISHOP OF NEW ORLEANS
CHAIRMAN

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REV. EMIL N. KOMORA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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March 10, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

In answer to your communication requesting suggestions for aiding refugees and also a statement of the measures we are equipped to take in lending assistance in such a program, we are enclosing herewith two memoranda covering the aforesaid points. At the present time we see no reason why we cannot continue our refugee aid to the extent we have in the past.

With all good wishes to you in your work for the relief and rescue of refugees and assuring you that our Committee will at all times be happy to cooperate with you for better and more efficient aid to victims of enemy persecution, we remain

Sincerely yours,

Emil N. Komora

Rev. Emil N. Komora
Executive Director

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CATHOLIC COMMITTEE
FOR REFUGEES

MEMORANDUM I

SUGGESTIONS FOR AIDING REFUGEES:

1) Expeditious handling of the visa applications of bonafide refugees.

2) Reduction of overcharging refugees for transportation to the U.S.A. Perhaps special and cheap transportation rates could be obtained for the needier cases.

3) Elimination of unreasonable demands of proof of support.

4) Facilitation of the granting of transit and exit visas.

5) Amelioration of conditions in internment camps.

6) Rescue of refugees from occupied territory through international agreements under the auspices of neutrals or the Red Cross.

7) Provisions for screening refugees. A noticeable number of refugees have lent themselves to anti-Catholic activity. 7 /

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THE CATHOLIC COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES
(INCLUDING REFUGEE CHILDREN)

AUTHORIZATION: The Catholic Committee for Refugees (including Refugee Children) is an officially designated committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and operates under a N.C.W.C. Charter. It was authorized on November 18, 1936.

INCEPTION: The Committee was called into being by the N.C.W.C. at its annual meeting in Washington, November 1936 in conformity with recommendations presented by a group of Bishops who had been instructed by the Administrative Board to study the problem of Catholic refugees. Since January 1937 the offices of the Committee have been functioning in New York City which was designated as the most suitable place for such an organization and was permitted by gracious leave of His Eminence, the late Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York.

ORGANIZATION: The Committee consists primarily of a group of Archbishops and Bishops who have enlisted the aid of a number of members of the Catholic clergy and laity from various parts of the U.S.A. whose interest, sympathy and ability to assist in the solution of the problem may be presumed.

Immediate direction and operation of the Committee at the present time is effective through:

The Most Reverend Joseph F. Rummel, D.D.
Archbishop of New Orleans, Chairman

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The Most Reverend Samuel A. Stritch, D.D.
Archbishop of Chicago

The Most Reverend Stephen J. Donahue, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of New York, Treasurer

The Most Reverend John F. Noll, D.D.
Bishop of Fort Wayne

The Most Reverend Charles H. LeBlond, D.D.
Bishop of St. Joseph

Reverend Emil N. Komora
Executive Director

FUNCTIONS: The granting of material and spiritual aid to Catholics who on account of racial, political or religious reasons have been victims of persecution and involuntary exiles from their homelands.

The assistance and counsel is given in such forms as relief, procurement and giving of grants to scholars, professional grants, scholarships, social case work, job placement services for skilled, unskilled and professional workers, children's aid, vocational retraining and medical aid of all types.

Moreover the Committee also offers religious, immigration, naturalization and legal counsel as well as information and counsel concerning war and national emergency measures, procurement of free placement in summer camps, shelter and hospitality service, resettlement both here and abroad, aid to internees, inter-agency cooperation with Catholic and non-Catholic organizations both here and throughout the world, international correspondence, location of relatives abroad and so forth.

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TOTAL CASES: At the close of our fiscal year, September 1943 The Committee had a total of 5689 cases. Normal intake prior to the war was approximately 100 cases per month.

ORIGIN OF CASES: Applications from individual refugees and also from agencies Catholic and non-Catholic have been received from literally every corner of the globe. Investigations of cases were made and only legitimate and bonafide refugees accepted. In numerous instances our Committee has given considerably to finance refugee committees abroad in order that we have some check on refugees whom we aid to enter this country. Even foreign relief has been granted by our Committee in needy instances.

FINANCIAL AID: At the close of our fiscal year, September 1943, the Committee expended in the form of relief, loans, scholar grants and assistance to refugee committees abroad approximately $325,000.00.

VOCATIONAL STATUS OF REFUGEES: Our Committee has handled cases ranging from ordinary laborers and shopkeepers to some of the greatest scholar and government experts who fled Nazi Europe. Numerous priests and nuns also have been helped.

STAFF: The Executive Director, Reverend Emil N. Komora, is assisted by full time, trained case workers, secretaries, clerical aid and a bookkeeping division. At the peak of our activities the staff consisted of twenty-three members including four case workers, an employment division and statistical section.

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At the present time, it is somewhat difficult for us to state in detail the specific action that, in our opinion, the Board should take to effectuate the policy announced in the Executive Order, since we know very little of the general plan, specific projects and scope of the whole undertaking. We can, however, acquaint Mr. Pehle with the activities of this office as regards relief and rehabilitation of refugees.

War Relief Services - N.C.W.C. at the present time has projects for Polish refugees in the following countries: Palestine, Egypt, Iran, Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, India and Nyasaland. This organization also has projects for refugees in Spain, Portugal and Colonia Santa Rosa, Leon, Guanajuata, Mexico. It is also assisting refugees and evacuees in England through the American Catholic Welfare Committee. The project in the Middle East and East Africa for Polish refugees is under the direction of Rev. Aloysius J. Wycislo, Chareh el Kassed Babellouk, Cairo, Egypt.

Dr. Henry Amiel will arrive in Lisbon shortly to direct the refugee work there. Miss Eileen Egan will arrive in Madrid shortly to assist, unofficially, the American Embassy and to work directly with Mr. David Blickenstaff among the refugees in Spain.

Our office is receiving reports on the various centers where refugee work is being conducted, and we wish to assure the War Refugee Board that all our information is at its disposal.

War Relief Services - N.C.W.C. is most anxious to lend its wholehearted cooperation to the Board, and, if at any time one of the representatives of Mr. Pehle's office wishes to call upon us, we could discuss the best manner in which we could be of service to this Board.

(Very Rev.) Patrick A. O'Boyle
Executive Director

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