PRIVATE Messages Sent: AMERICAN ORT Federation
February 12, 1945

Dear Mr. Lvovitch:

The following message for you from Aron Syngalovski in Geneva was received through the American Legation in Bern under date of February 9, 1945:

"Among 69 ORT instructors working in Switzerland only 4 mechanics, radio technicians escaped from France; 2 agriculturists and 8 other instructors survived there. We are at present training 16 teachers here for later service in liberated countries in following trades: agriculture, mechanics, carpentry, tailoring, and dairy specialists.

"There is enough work in France and Belgium. Difficulties in way of repatriation are not economic but administrative and political. France appears to offer first realistic possibility through declaration made to me by French Reconstruction Minister concerning building workers. We are accordingly beginning train such workers among refugees. Minister empowered me declare that such trained workers with ORT certificates will be unquestionably accepted. It is equally important similar possibilities be opened for vocational training stateless to emigrate to Soviet Russia. Regards."

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Florence Hodel

Mr. David Lvovitch,
Vice President,
World ORT Union,
212 Fifth Avenue,

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Secretary of State
Washington

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FOR V.R.B FROM MOELLAND

Kindly deliver following from Aron Syngalowski
Geneva to David Lvovitch American Ort Federation, 212
5th Avenue New York.

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The cable below is through War Refugee Board. Please deliver paraphrase of following message to Abraham Alperin, Ecole ORT, 12 Rue des Saules, Paris, from David Lifovitch of World ORT Union:

QUOTE Happy to know through your cable and delegates two schools working. Please cable regarding fate Zadock Kahn Leo Glaser Moses Kiveliovitch Dubossarsky Georg Shapiro Klementinowsky also how many pupils remained Ortschools and which Ortschools and agricultural farms working outside Paris. Will it be possible to settle on land in France refugees and unemployed. Will repatriation French refugees nonFrench nationality be facilitated if Swiss ORT trains them and French ORT provides industrial and agricultural facilities. Happy to know that Leon Frenkel Joseph Blum Abraham Berland Bella Bronstein Jacob Scheitel safe and well regards to all. UNQUOTE
CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Abraham Alperin, Ecole ORT,
12 Rue des Saul-s, Paris, from David Lvovitch of World ORT Union:

QUOTE HAPPY TO KNOW THROUGH YOUR CABLE AND DELEGATES TWO SCHOOLS WORKING, PLEASE CABLE REGARDING PATE ZADOK KAHN LEO GLASER NOYES IVELDOVITCH DUBROSSARSKY GEORG SHAPIRO ALFENTENOSKY ALSO HOW MANY PUPILS REMAINED ORTSCHOOLS AND WHICH ORTSCHOOLS AND AGRICULTURAL FARMS WORKING OUTSIDE PARIS. WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO SETTLE ON LAND IN FRANCE REFUGEES AND UNEMPLOYED. WILL REPATRIATION FRENCH REFUGEES NONFRENCH NATIONALITY BE FACILITATED IF SWISS ORT TRAINS THEM AND FRENCH ORT PROVIDES TECHNICAL AND AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES. HAPPY TO KNOW THAT LION JACOB JOSEPH BLOOM ABRAHAN BERLAND BELLA BRONSTEIN JACOB COHN TELL AND WELL REGARDS TO ALL. UNQUOTE

10:00 a.m.
January 4, 1945
Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, Dubois, Gaston, Hodel
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Date: December 29, 1944

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THAT LEON FRENKEL, JOSEPH BLUM, ABRAHAM BERLAND, BELLA BRONSTEIN, JACOB SCHREITL, SAFE AND WELL REGARDS TO ALL.

DAVID LVOVITCH

David Lvovitch 2 West 86th Street New York 24, NY

Sender’s Full Name (if not shown) and Address for Reference: Vice-President ORT
The cable below for McClelland is WRB no. 362.

Please deliver following message to Aron Syngalowski, 8 Malaagnou, Geneva, from David Lovitch of World ORT Union:

2 West 66th Street, New York:

QUOTE Please cable how many and which instructors escaped to Switzerland from Nazi occupied countries or survived in France how many in training for liberated countries also how many and which schools and cooperatives working in liberated Poland Rumania Bulgaria. Would repatriation French Belgian refugees be facilitated if ORT arranges industrial agricultural facilities respectively in Belgium and France regards. UNQUOTE

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CABLE TO AMERICAN LEGATION, BERNE, FOR MG CLELAND, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver following message to Aron Synelowski, 8 Malagnou, Geneva, from David Lvovitch of World ORT Union, 2 West 86th Street, New York:

QUOTE Please cable how many and which instructors escaped to Switzerland from Nazi occupied countries or survived in France how many in training for liberated countries also how many and which schools and cooperatives working in liberated Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, would repatriation French Belgian refugees be facilitated if ORT arranges industrial agricultural facilities respectively in Belgium and France regards. UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB BERNE CABLE NO. 352.

10:00 a.m.
January 4, 1945

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Ackermann, Akzin, Cohn, Drury, Dubois, Gaston, Hodel, Harke, McCormack, Pehle, Files

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To: NLT ARON SYNGALOWSKI

Street Address: 8 MAJAGOU

City: GENEVA (SWITZERLAND)

December 27, 1944

PLEASE CABLE HOW MANY AND WHICH INSTRUCTORS ESCAPED TO SWITZERLAND FROM NAZI-OCCUPIED COUNTRIES OR SURVIVED IN FRANCE HOW MANY IN TRAINING FOR LIBERATED COUNTRIES ALSO HOW MANY AND WHICH SCHOOLS AND COOPERATIVES WORKING IN LIBERATED POLAND ROMANIA BULGARIA STOP WOULD REPATRIATION FRENCH BELGIAN REFUGEES BE FACILITATED IF ORT ARRANGES INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES RESPECTIVELY IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE REGARDS

DAVID LVOVITCH

Sender's Full Name: DAVID LVOVITCH
Sender's Telephone Number: 7-7400
Dear Mr. Lvovitch:

Reference is made to your letter of December 29, 1944, requesting the Board to transmit for you two cables, one to Switzerland and one to France.

Enclosed for your information are copies of the cables which the Board has asked the State Department to transmit for you. Inasmuch as the message which you sent to France does not relate to activities within the jurisdiction of the War Refugee Board, in the future messages of this kind should be sent either through commercial channels or through the Department of State.

The War Refugee Board will, of course, be pleased to transmit through its facilities any messages which relate to the rescue and relief of persons in enemy territory who are victims of enemy oppression.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J. W. Peble

J. W. Peble
Executive Director

Mr. David Lvovitch,
Vice President,
World ORT Union,
212 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N. Y.

Enclosures.

J. W. Peble

(January 6, 1945)
December 29th, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We would highly appreciate it if we could use your good offices to transmit two cables, one to Switzerland and one to France. Please find the two cables enclosed and send us the bills for same.

As you know, ORT during these past years has extended its work in Switzerland in internment camps for refugees and in other refugee centers.

Supported by the American ORT Federation, the Swiss ORT has established numerous workshops for adult refugees, vocational schools for children and youths, and agricultural training centers for young and old. As you can readily understand, the training and retraining work of the Swiss ORT is now of ever greater importance as we approach the era of repatriation of refugees. The Swiss Government which is naturally interested in repatriation, has appointed a special Committee for vocational training of refugees to which Dr. Aron Singalowski, Vice President of ORT Union, was appointed to represent the Jewish organizations.

The Swiss-ORT is also engaged in preparing instructors for ORT work in liberated countries. We received information from Dr. Singalowski that he is already sending instructors to France to revive ORT institutions there and to establish industrial cooperatives where refugees and unemployed could be trained and employed.
We would like to know how many and which instructors escaped to Switzerland from Nazi-occupied countries and how many are being trained in Switzerland to be sent to liberated countries particularly to France, Roumania, Bulgaria and Poland.

Likewise we would like to know how many and which of our instructors and co-workers have survived the Nazi occupation in France.

I am taking this opportunity to express our appreciation for your kind cooperation in the establishment of the trade courses at the Emergency Refugee Shelter in Fort Ontario. Your letter of July 3rd, and the interest you have evidenced in the ORT plans which I had presented to you, have stimulated our work and most certainly was effective in enlisting the cooperation of Mr. Dillon Myer of the War Relocation Authority. As you know, ORT and NRS have set up 5 workshops at the Shelter: Auto Mechanics, Woodworking and Carpentry, and Machine Shop Practices for men, and Beauty Culture for women. A Power Sewing Machine course will be operating in the near future. Each course is to be of four months duration, the overall plan is to train 300 refugees during a period of 8 months. This will give these men and women an opportunity to learn a trade, so that when they return to their homeland and other countries, they will be self-supporting in gainful occupations.

Very sincerely yours,

David Lvovitch, Vice President,
World ORT Union.