PRIVATE Messages Sent: Poale Zion Organization
November 21, 1944

Dear Mr. Wertheim:

The following message for you from Mellich Neustadt has received through the American Consulate in Jerusalem under date of November 12, 1944:

"Your November 7. On October 11 we received your reference Kubowitzki. Although this is not for publication, one Hungarian friend active in rescue work arrived in Switzerland. Indicated in news from Budapest that three days home arrest Jews with no food supply, afterwards, possibility of two hours shopping each day. Children, sick people, and the like are compelled to leave houses and are being concentrated in special ghettos which surrounds the capital; women 16 to 40 are being taken to Hungarian work camps for fortification work, and the like; men 16 to 60 are taken for work in Germany. Ichud and Chetz continue. Saved many people and children of working battalions are with Hagana collisions happened defense which was courageous. Majority of Slovakian Jews were deported to Vienna where Jewish representation was dissolved and all leaders placed in Ered camp. Proposal made by our Hungarian friends that Germans in Hungary be exchanged against Hungarian Jews, believe Germans will consor but agreement of Russian officials in Romania and strong pressure from United States are indispensable. Clarification and information requested. In event that Jewish Congress extends invitation to Bulgarian delegation, bear in mind that Zionists must be invited, also, as consistory made up of Shasanim and assimilators. It is essential that press exercise pressure on removal from influence in communities of individuals faithful to Palestine and on attitude to Hebrew in Jewish schools, and the like. Inquire of Raas whether Baran and Kurkov address valid still and whether it is worthwhile to use half year old addresses. Request you inform Segal, Hazenink, Tartakov, Kubowitzki, etc.

"It is requested that you press my request about Rumanian visit."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pahle

J. W. Pahle
Executive Director

Mr. David Wertheim,
Poale Zion Organization,
Rear 17/234 East 17th Street,
New York New York

BEST AVAILABLE COPY
PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: CONSULATE GENERAL, JERUSALEM
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATE: November 18, 1944
NUMBER: 173

The message set forth below is from Neilechnerstadt for David Gertheim of Poale Zion, 45 E. 17th Street, New York:
(Your 183, November 7, 1944).

On October 11, we received your reference Kubovitzky. Although this is not for publication, one Hungarian friend active in rescue work arrived in Switzerland. Indicated in news from Budapest that three days' home arrest Jews with no food supply, afterwards, possibility of two hours shopping each day. Children, sick people, and the like are compelled to leave houses and are being concentrated in special ghetto which surrounds the capital; women 18 to 40 are being taken to Hungarian work camps for fortification work, and the like; men 16 to 60 are taken for work in Germany. Ichud and Chalz continue. (*) saved many people and children of working battalions are not in crews; collisions happened defense which was courageous. Majority of Slovakian Jews were deported to Vienna where Jewish representation was dissolved and all leaders placed in Sered camp. Proposal made by our Hungarian friends that Germans in Romania be exchanged against Hungarian Jews, believe Germans will concur but agreement of Russian officials in Romania and strong pressure from United States are indispensable. Clarification and information requested. In event DECLASSIFIED

State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Paris Date SEP 11 1972
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It is requested that you press my request about Rumanian visit.

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DCH:MB:SCR
11-20-44
FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Consul, Jerusalem
DATED: November 7, 1944
NUMBER: 183

From War Refugee Board.

Please deliver the following message to Melech Neustadt,
Yehuda Halevi 40, Tel Aviv, from David Wertheim of the Foley
Zion Organization:

QUOTE: Replying yours 23rd November informs
INNERQUOTE: Concerning Slovakia suggest their
colleagues here joint demarche Apostolic Delegate
neutral diplomats Bratislava and asked Masaryk
negotiate exchange interned Jews for German
civilians held partisans. For Hungary requested
Apostolic Delegate have all churches declared
sanctuaries for Jews, Nire send special Redcross
Mission to Budapest act along lines Swedish Mission.
Cabled Chairman Ichic and Prince Karl Stockholms
asking appeal to and warn Chairman German Redcross.
Swedish Congress committee now active in 23 metric
tons food parcel scheme for concentration camps.
END INNERQUOTE. Will will endeavor expedite
Jarblum matter. UNKNOWN

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By H. H. Parks Date: SEP. 11 1972
CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, JERUSALEM, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Mailich Neustadt, Yehuda Halevi 40, Tel Aviv, from David Wertheim of the Poale Zion Organization:

QUOTE REPLYING YOURS 23RD KURONITZKI INFORMS INNERQUOTE CONCERNING SLOVAKIA SUGGEST THEIR COLLEAGUES HERE JOIN IN HAVING THE APOTOLIC DELEGATE NEUTRAL DIPLOMATS BRATISLAVA AND ASKED MASARUK NEGOTIATE EXCHANGE INTERNED JEWISH GERMAN CIVILIANS HELD PARTISANS. FOR HUNGARY REQUESTED APOTOLIC DELEGATE HAVE ALL CHURCHES DECLARED SANCTUARIES FOR JEWS, HERE SEND SPECIAL REDCROSS MISSION TO BUDAPEST ACT ALONG LINES SWEDISH MISSION. CABLED CHAIRMAN ICRC AND PRINCE KARL STOCKHOLM ASKING APPEAL TO AND KARL CHAIRMAN GERMAN REDCROSS, SWEDISH CONGRESS COMMITTEE NOW ACTIVE IN 93 METRIC TONS FOODPARCEL SCHEME FOR CONCENTRATION CAMPS. END INNERQUOTE. NESS WILL ENDEAVOR EXPEDITE JARBLUM MATTER. UNQUOTE

10:30 a.m. November 4, 1944

Miss Chalmers (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, Dubois, Friedland, Hooper, Lesser, Mann, McCormick, Miles

RDrury 11/3/44
Poale Zion Organization
275 SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y.
November 2, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Would you be good enough and have the following cable cleared through your office?

Neichach Neustadt
Yehuda Halevi 40
Tel Aviv (Palestine)

REPLYING YOURS 23rd KUBOWITZKI INFORMS QUOTE CONCERNING SLOVAKIA SUGGEST THEIR COLLEAGUES HERE JOINT DELEGATE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE NEUTRAL DIPLOMATS BRATISLAVA AND ASKED MASARYK NEGOTIATE EXCHANGE INTERRED JEWS FOR GERMAN CIVILIANS HELD PARTISANS. FOR HUNGARY REQUESTED APOSTOLIC DELEGATE HAVE ALL CHURCHES DECLARED SACREDARY FOR JEWS, SEND SEND SPECIAL RED CROSS MISSION TO BUDAPEST ACT ALONG LINES SWEDISH MISSION. CABLED CHAIRMAN IRC AND PRINCE KARL STOCKHOLM ASKING APPEAL TO AND WARN CHAIRMAN GERMAN RED CROSS, SWEDISH CONGRESS COMMITTEE NOW ACTIVE IN 93 METRIC TONS FOOD PARCEL SCHEME FOR CONCENTRATION CAMPS, UNQUOTE. WISE WILL ENDORSE EXPEDITE JARLIND HANDEL.

DAVID WERTHEIM.

Thank you very much for your help.

Very truly yours

David Wertheim

David Wertheim, Secretary
October 26, 1944

Dear Mr. Wertheim:

The following message for you and Mr. Segal was received through the American Consulate in Jerusalem under date of October 21, 1944:

"Already in Paris Jarblum has succeeded in establishing there representation of all Jewish circles as well as Shasbanism and consistory. Positive attitude Palestine expressed by all. Though difficulties again being encountered on part of consistory Paris, their program is similar to your Jewish conference. The 80,000 Jews that passed through Drancy have been deported. Jarblum is dealing with commission appointed by government for deported repatriation etc. Requesting that by cable he should be charged officially by Stephen Wise to handle this matter. To help Hungarian Jews Rudel is now at Stockholm. 5,000 Swedish passport protection arranged by him and within next few days another 4,000 will be ready which will provide almost full protection deportation."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pohle

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

Mr. David Wertheim,  
Poale Zion Organization,  
45 East 17th Street,  

cc: Mr. Louis Segal,  
Jewish National Workers Alliance,  
45 East 17th Street,  

RDrury 10/26/44
Secretary of State,
Washington,

158, October 21, 4 p.m.

Melleek Noustadt requests the Refugee Board to transmit the following message to David Wertheim, Paolo-Zion and Louis Segal Jewish National Workers Alliance, 45 East 17th Street, New York.

"Jerusalem already in Paris succeeded in establishing Jewish representation including all circles also consistory and shafi'iah. All expressed positive attitude. They are also similar to your Jewish conference through encountering again difficulties on the part of the Paris consistory. 80,000 Jews passed through France deported. They dealt with governments' commission for repatriation deported. The problem of the Jews who arrived in Paris dealing with governments commission for repatriation deported at once. Asking Stephen Wise should charge him officially by cable that this matter. Rudel now at Stockholm (?) help Hungarian Jews arranged 5,000 Swedish protection passports. Further 4,000 ready next few days giving almost full next deportation."

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[Signature]

10/26/44
October 26, 1944

Mr. David Wertheim,
Poale Zion Organization,
45 East 17th Street,

Dear Mr. Wertheim:

The following message for you from Ceilich Naustadt was received through the American Consulate in Jerusalem under date of October 23, 1944:

"There is danger of deportation of Slovakian Jews all of whom are in concentration camps and their situation is grave. From Camp Novaky there were freed by Partisans 1500 Jews and among them Chalutze who joined Partisans at once. Information from Hungary indicates that just a few hundred have been included in camps protected by Jewish community and Red Cross. In Hungary Swedish and Swiss offices are protecting and assisting to extent possible. At end of September, following interruption of several weeks, the Hungarian-Italian commando appeared Budapest. For only a short period could our friends intervene. Red Cross and Pope were informed by them. In Romania our friends advise work pursued with scope enlarged and resuming TELISHA NOAFTRA newspaper. The Jewish Shatanim in Bulgaria endeavor to affix their seal on life of Jews and took possession of consistory. Efforts to renew work and protect interests of Zionists are being made by our friends. Reference to inquiry of Berenblum regarding collaboration Bengurion with Oetmeck on front, at present only possibility whatever for organizational or political activity. Participating this front are Communists, Peasant Party, Social Democrats, and Right Party personalities. At Paris party council conferred and decided to publish weeklies in French and Yiddish and in Belgium party activity was also resumed. Cables received from Tatrak regarding reference of Segal to travel Romania, at present only journalists are permitted. Possible that TUG or other newspaper designate me as its correspondent but recommendation to United States Legation Istanbul also Jerusalem then necessary with view urging Turkish visa and Palestine exit."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

RDrury 10/26/44
This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government agency.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

150, October 23, 5 p.m.

Meilich Neustadt requests that the following message be transmitted to David Weinheim, Pablo Zion Organization, 45 East 17th Street, New York:

"Danger deportation Slovakian Jews all in concentration camps their situation bad. 1800 Jews were freed from Novacky Camp by Partisans and at once Chalutzim among them joined Partisans. According to information from Hungary only few hundreds (?) have been incorporated in camps under the protection of Red Cross and Jewish community. Swiss and Swedish offices in Hungary helping and protecting according to their possibilities. After several weeks interruption the Hungarian-Italian commando entered Budapest, end of September. Our friends could intervene only for a short time. They informed Red Cross and friends in control copy.

LC - 105
Jerusalem
Dated October 23, 1944
Reo'd 7:50 p.m.

Meilich Neustadt

INCOMING TELEGRAM
DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

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000014
27/159, October 23, 5 p.m., from Jerusalem.

Friends in Rumania inform pursue work enlarged scope resuming newspaper TRIBUNA NOASTRA. In Bulgaria Jewish Shatennim try affix their seal on Jewish life they took possession consistory. Our friend endeavor renew work and safeguard Zionist interests. Reference Heroumisky inquiry to Bengion on Bengurion collaboration with Otetsch Estwen front now only possibility for whatever political or organizational activity. Communista Social Democrats, Peasant Party and Right Party personalities participate this front. Party council met at Paris decided publish Yiddish and French weeklies, party activity also resumed Belgium. Received cables Tetack over Segal reference travel Rumania presently journalists only allowed perhaps TOG of other newspaper appoint me its correspondent and then recommendation necessary to United States Legation Istanbul and also Jerusalem viewing urging Turkish visit also Palestine exit.

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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

Please deliver the following message to Melech Neustadt, Yehuda Halevi 40, Tel Aviv, from Poale Zion Organization:

QUOTE Yours September 23rd received through War Refugee Board, Permission for your entry into Rumania being raised with our State Department. Will keep you advised. UNQUOTE.

STETTINIUS
(Acting)
CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, JERUSALEM, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Yehosh Neustadt,
Yehuda Halevi 40, Tel Aviv, from Poale Zion Organization:

QUOTE YOURS SEPTEMBER 23RD RECEIVED THROUGH WAR REFUGEE BOARD. PERMISSION FOR YOUR ENTRY INTO HUMANITY BEING RAISED WITH OUR STATE DEPARTMENT. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

2:15 p.m.
October 20, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Lesser, Mannon, McCormack, Files

WTh'D 10/20/44
Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thanks for your letter of September 27 with the message received for us from Melech Neustadt from Palestine.

Through our good friend, Mr. Spiegler of Washington, D.C., we contacted Mr. Houston of the State Department, who, as we understand, is in charge of the Roumanian affairs in the State Department. We were informed by Mr. Spiegler that at present there is no official representative of the American government in Roumania, that such representation is in the process of being formed and will leave for Roumania in the near future, as soon as travel facilities will have been arranged. When the American Commission arrives in Roumania, it will be a part of the Allied Control Commission presided over by the Soviet High Command. At that time representations may be made by our State Department, through its commission in Roumania, requesting the Soviet High Command to facilitate Mr. Neustadt's entry into Roumania.

We would like to transmit this information to Mr. Neustadt. Is it possible for your office to help us in the transmission? Of course we will cover all the cable charges. We are enclosing the text of the cable we would like to send and will gladly accept any suggestion you may have as to the change in text so as to make it acceptable for transmission.

Thank you very much for your help. We look forward to hearing from you about this matter.

Sincerely yours,

David Wertheim
David Wertheim, Secretary
TEXT OF CABLE WE SHOULD LIKE TO SEND TO MR. NEUSTADT.

MELECH NEUSTADT
1EHUDA HALEVI 40
TELAVIV (PALESTINE)

YOURS SEPTEMBER 23rd RECEIVED THROUGH WAR REFUGEE BOARD. THERE IS NO OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN ROUMANIA YET, SUCH REPRESENTATION BEING FORMED NOW. WHEN FORMED WILL BECOME PART OF ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION PRESIDED OVER BY SOVIET HIGH COMMAND. WHEN ALLIED COMMISSION BEGINS TO FUNCTION WE WILL APPLY THROUGH OUR STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION TO FACILITATE YOUR ENTRY.

DAVID WERTHEIM.
October 10, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle,

Many thanks for the copy of your letter of September 27th, 1944, addressed to Mr. David Wertheim, dealing with the request of Mr. Melech Neustadt of Tel Aviv that he be afforded an opportunity to visit Roumania.

I would highly appreciate receiving advice from you as to how the request of Mr. Neustadt can be granted and to which Department should an application on his behalf be made.

Considering his visit to Roumania of the utmost importance, I would be very thankful to you for any cooperation you can give me in this matter.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

LOUIS SEGAL
General Secretary

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