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*7/30/45*

# UNITED LITHUANIAN RELIEF FUND OF AMERICA, INC.

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19 WEST 44th STREET  
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.  
Tel. MURroy Hill 2-8062

July 30, 1945

Miss Florence Hodel, Assistant Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Dept., Room 4415  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

A letter sent to our office by Dr. Eduard Turauskas through the United States Legation in Bern, has been received.

We express to you our sincere gratitude and kindly ask that you convey to the Legation in Bern, our deep appreciation for forwarding Dr. Turauskas' letter to us.

Very sincerely yours,

*Joseph B. Koncius*  
Dr. Joseph B. Koncius  
President

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Dear Dr. Koncius:

There are enclosed a number of documents which were received for you from Dr. Edward Tarauskas through the United States Legation in Bern, Switzerland.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Koncius,  
President,  
United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America,  
19 West 44th Street,  
New York, New York.

Enclosures.

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LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AIR MAIL  
[REDACTED]

Bern, July 4, 1945.

Dear Miss Hodel:

You will recall that we have had some contact with Dr. Edward Turauskas, representative in Switzerland of Lithuanian organizations in the United States. I see him from time to time and have always been glad to help him in any way possible (his people are in a particularly unhappy state having suffered two occupations and wanting to live under neither group!) although his work was not directly connected with that of the Board. I saw him again this morning and he left with me a sheaf of letters and reports concerning his activities, proposed budget, etc. particularly as concerns Lithuanian refugees in Switzerland, for his people in the United States. They are for the Reverend Dr. Koñcius, President of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, 19 West 44th. Street, New York, N. Y. I take the liberty of enclosing them and should be most appreciative if you could forward them to the above-named gentleman.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Rowell G. McClelland*

Enclosures - as stated

Miss Florence Hodel  
Office of the Executive Director  
War Refugee Board,  
Washington 25, D. C.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-75  
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 12 1972

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June 1, 1945

Miss Florence Hodel, Assistant Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Hodel:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks, your letter of  
May 31st.

We are very grateful to Mr. Roswell D. McClelland for  
his investigation of the Lithuanian relief problem in Switzerland  
and for his information on this matter. His help will be of  
great value in our relief work.

Very sincerely yours,

*Joseph B. Laucka*  
Joseph B. Laucka  
Executive Director

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MAY 31 1945

Dear Mr. Laucka:

The following message for you from Roswell D. McClelland, Special Representative of the War Refugee Board in Bern, Switzerland, was received through the United States Legation in Bern under date of May 24, 1945:

"In response to your various requests concerning relief distributed to Lithuanian refugees in Switzerland through Dr. Edward Turauskas and particularly to your letter of Feb. addressed to the American Minister at Bern, an investigation has been made Turauskas monthly budgetary needs in Swiss francs amount to about 18,500 distributed as follows: 6000 for support and study fees some 20 students; 6000 for support 20 stranded former Lithuanian officials (both students and officials receiving 300 francs per person); 15000 for office overhead and 5000 for relief payments of varying nature to remaining Lithuanian refugees in Switzerland since April 17; some 300 new Lithuanians from Germany have been granted asylum in Switzerland since they are all virtually destitute without proper clothing undernourished et cetera. Dr. Turauskas estimates that an initial contribution for each of at least 300 francs will be needed making 90,000 Swiss francs after consultation with the competent Swiss authorities and with a certain number of Lithuanian refugees here. The Legation has uncovered no evidence to indicate that Dr. Turauskas has not (repeat not) distributed all funds sent to him by the United Lithuanian Relief Fund conscientiously and impartially."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel  
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Joseph Laucka,  
Executive Director,  
United Lithuanian Relief Fund,  
19 West 44th Street,  
New York, New York.

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WRB FROM McCLELLAND FOR JOSEPH LAUCK, EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR UNITED LITHUANIAN RELIEF FUND 19 WEST 44th NYC.

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-2- #2876, Twentyfourth, from Bern

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Telephoned in Laucek and  
informed him that this matter is a trade  
of W.R.B.'s jurisdiction

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March 10, 1945

War Refugee Board  
Washington, 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

At the March 7th meeting of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service in New York, Mr. Fred Hoehler, Director of Displaced Persons Division of UNRRA, gave an interesting talk on displaced persons in Europe. His figures, he said, were prepared by Allied Army Headquarters. Neither in his talk nor in the chart was there any mention of Lithuanians.

I approached Mr. Hoehler after the meeting and asked him about the lack of figures relative to displaced Lithuanians in Germany, especially since we do know there are in Germany alone 300,000 or more Lithuanians who have been deported from Lithuania by the Germans; some of them are in concentration camps, others are used as slave labor in the most dangerous tasks. Mr. Hoehler was unable to give me any information other than that Lithuanians are classified as Russians and that such classification was made by SHAEF.

We now have information from France, including letters from American soldiers, which reveals instances where Lithuanians were banded together with Russians and forcibly taken from France to Russia. If such a situation really exists, it is most deplorable and unjust to the Lithuanian nation. Furthermore, the policy of SHAEF of lumping the Lithuanians together with Russians or anybody else is at direct variance with the policy of our State Department, for as recently as March 3, as reported by Associated Press, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, Under-Secretary of State, stated that the United States continues to recognize Lithuania as an independent State.

We can be sure that any forcible imprinting of foreign nationality labels upon Lithuanians will be followed only by deprivation of all their human rights.

Is it possible, therefore, for your office to take the necessary steps to insure correct classification

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of displaced and refugee Lithuanians who are now found in practically every country in Europe? The correction of the SHAEF procedure as outlined by Mr. Hoehler recently will not only rectify a grave moral and legal injustice to the Lithuanians, but will prevent much human suffering in the future.

Hoping that you will give this matter your kind and sympathetic consideration, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

  
Joseph E. Laucka  
Executive Director

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January 5, 1945

Mr. Benjamin Akvin,  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Akvin:

In his interview on December 13th, Dr. Joseph B. Koncius informed me that you gave him a verbal report on the Lithuanian deportees and refugees in Germany and Austria which you had received via Switzerland.

We will appreciate it greatly, if you will find it convenient to give us a written report of this for our official purposes.

We are very grateful to you for your cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

*Joseph B. Laucka*  
Joseph B. Laucka  
Executive Director

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*Please Mr. Laucka and told him  
that we cannot give them any  
written information on the subject  
(cleared with Miss Hodler)  
Jan. 8, 1945 B9.*

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AMERICAN FEDERATION FOR LITHUANIAN JEWS, Inc.

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1133 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

December 14, 1944

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*President, Unit Lith. Rel.  
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DEAR SIR:

With reference to your letter of November 13th, we respectfully wish to state the following:

Some time ago, the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society released a list of names of refugees of a number of countries who are at present in Switzerland. Among these refugees, we were informed, there were some of Lithuania.

Our organization made a telegraphic inquiry and the reply from Switzerland stated that the number of Lithuanian subjects there, is thirty-three and that they are in need of material help. We immediately applied to the Joint Distribution Committee asking them to include these families in their relief program carried on in Switzerland.

While our financial means are limited, we nevertheless dispatched, through the medium of the Hias, the sum of \$500.00. We received a communication from the United Relief Fund of America regarding this matter. We are confident that the United Relief Fund of America will do its utmost toward the support of the above mentioned Lithuanian refugees.

The American Federation for Lithuanian Jews recognizes with much appreciation your deep concern over the fate of these refugees for which we express our thanks.

Respectfully yours,  
*I. Rozovsky*  
I. Rozovsky,  
Executive Director

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The following for McClelland is WRB 304.

Reference your No. 7722 of November 24th.

Board wishes to call your attention to certain difficulties (including those of a political nature) encountered in Stockholm in connection with aid to refugees from the Baltic countries. It should constantly be borne in mind that the War Refugee Board was established to save persons who are victims of enemy oppression and that we are in no way concerned with helping persons fleeing from our Allies.

It is suggested that you advise Dr. Turauskas to communicate directly with the United Lithuanian Relief Fund concerning relief to Lithuanian refugees.

The Department concurs in the foregoing.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72  
By R. H. Farks Date SEP 12 1972

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CABLE TO HARRISON, BERN, FOR MCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 304.

3:45 p.m.  
November 29, 1944

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
*United States*  
*Washington*

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Bern

Dated November 24, 1944

Rec'd 9:27 a.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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7722, November 24, noon.  
FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.

Dr. Edouard Turauskas, permanent Lithuanian delegate to League of Nations, with whom situation of comparatively small number of Lithuanian refugees in Switzerland was discussed. Legation's 7362, November 6) has expressed his grave concern over lot of around 400,000 Lithuanian civilian refugees who have fled into Germany and German-controlled territories during past months before Russian advance into their country.

Dr. Turauskas is most anxious to have funds available in Switzerland for two purposes: (One) to be able guarantee maintenance for certain number of worthy young Lithuanians particularly students at present in Germany in order prevail upon Swiss authorities grant them entry visas. He has reason to believe

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73  
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 19 1972

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-2- #7722, November 24, noon., from Bern

to believe that Germans would allow them to depart;  
(two) finance relief shipments from Switzerland under  
IRRC control to concentration of several thousands  
of Lithuanian refugees in Vienna area.

Dr. Turauskas makes impression as serious and  
capable man and I feel confident that any funds which  
could be sent to him for uses above proposed by United  
Lithuanian Relief Fund would be well spent.

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November 16, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you for your letter of November 15.

For your information, we are enclosing a copy of our letter to  
Mr. Razovsky.

We appreciate your cooperation in our work to provide assist-  
ance to all Lithuanian refugees in any country in which they may be  
found.

Very sincerely yours

*John M. Gyorda*  
John M. Gyorda  
Executive Director

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November 16, 1944

Mr. Izayah Razovsky  
American Federation for Lithuanian Jews  
1133 Broadway  
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Razovsky:

Upon receipt of Mr. Pehle's letter of November 13, a similar communication having been sent to you, regarding the Refugees and Students in Switzerland, please be advised that our organization is very willing to accept the responsibility for the care of the Refugees and Students who have been assisted by the "Verband Juedischer Fluchtlingshilfen" and other private relief agencies in Zurich.

Our representative in Switzerland is Dr. Eduardas Turauskas, Lithuanian Relief Association, 87 Monbijonstrasse, Bern. We are sending him a cable today advising him to expect a visit from your representative and instructing him to work out a satisfactory program for the care of all Lithuanian Refugees and Students in that country.

We are sure that an amicable working relationship will result.

Very sincerely yours.

John M. Gyorda  
Executive Director

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NOV 13 1944

Gentlemen:

The following is the substance of a communication received by the Board from its special representative in Switzerland:

As a result of a preliminary investigation, it appears that about 60 indigent Lithuanian civilian refugees are at present in Switzerland. Of this number, about 30 are interned in labor camps and homes for refugees. The total is composed of 26 women, 24 men, and 11 children. About 95% of the total are Jewish. It is thought likely that further inquiry will reveal the presence in Switzerland of some 10 or 20 additional Lithuanian refugees.

The "Verband Juedischer Fluchtlingshilfen" in Zurich is fully supporting about 5 Lithuanian invalids at the cost of about 1200 Swiss francs per month. It also grants partial assistance to about 20 more Lithuanian refugees at the cost of 800 francs monthly. About 8 Lithuanian students are being aided by other private relief agencies at the cost of about 1600 francs per month.

It would be of great help to the organizations now paying for this relief if the United Lithuanian Relief Fund could make a contribution toward defraying these expenditures.

The "Verband Juedischer Fluchtlingshilfen" cabled Mr. Razovsky of the American Federation for Lithuanian Jews in September asking for assistance. No such assistance has materialized as yet.

The above is being communicated to you since it may be of interest to your organization. A similar communication is being sent to the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle,

Executive Director.

Federation for Lithuanian Jews,  
1133 Broadway,  
New York, New York.

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Gentlemen:

The following is the substance of a communication received by the Board from its special representative in Switzerland:

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This telegram must be paraphrased before being communicated to anyone other than a Government Agency. (RESTRICTED)

Dated November 6, 1944

Rec'd. 5:15 p.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

7362, Sixth, 11 a.m.

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND

Department's 3512, October 14, 10 p.m.

Preliminary investigation has yielded information concerning some 60 more or less indigent Lithuanian civilian refugees at present in Switzerland of whom about 30 are interned in refugee homes and work camps. These 60 comprise 24 men 25 women and 11 children about 95 percent of them Jews. Further inquiry will probably turn up 10 or 20 additional Lithuanian refugees of whom there are relatively few in Switzerland.

The Swiss "Verband Juedischer Fluchtlingshilfen" in Zurich is fully supporting some 5 Lithuanian cases all invalids costing around 1200 Swiss francs monthly and granting partial aid to about 20 more to extent of another 800 francs per month.

Some 8 Lithuanian

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-2-#7362, Sixth, 11 a.m. from Bern

Some 8 Lithuanian students are being assisted by other private relief agencies at an outlay of about 1500 francs monthly.

Any contribution which the United Lithuanian Relief Fund could make toward defraying these expenditures would be of great help to the organizations now paying this relief and be warmly appreciated.

The "Verband" cabled Mr. Razovsky of American Federation for Lithuanian Jews, New York, early in September requesting assistance which, however, has not yet materialized.

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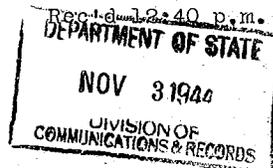
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Dated November 2, 1944



Secretary of State,  
Washington.

4463, November 2, 11 a.m.

We have discussed with former Lithuanian  
Minister to Sweden (Gyls) his financial requirements  
of supplying necessary assistance to the 325 Lithuanian  
refugees presently in Sweden. This is our 98 for WRB  
in reply to WRB 109 (Department's 2069 of October 14,  
midnight). Please consult in this connection Legation's  
4455, November 1, 8 p.m.

For the time being it would appear that \$7500  
monthly should be ample to take care of the current  
needs of this group. This amount may be decreased  
as the refugees get settled down and find employment,  
but may be increased if more find their way to Sweden,  
which is extremely improbable. With the exception of  
36 Lithuanians who were held by the Germans in Finland  
for forced labor and who escaped on foot to Sweden  
in September, and two Lithuanians who escaped from a  
German labor camp in Norway, no Lithuanians have been

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able to escape to Sweden in past 2 or 3 years other than those brought over through Olsen's arrangements. As previously reported, these operations were stopped in September, largely as a result of the physical impossibility of getting a boat any where near the Lithuanian coast.

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FROM

RIO DE JANEIRO

REC'D: October 28, 5p.m.

DATED: October 24, 1944

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To the Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

A-2008, October 24, 12 noon.

For War Refugee Board

Preliminary and informal information made available to the Embassy by the Lithuanian Chargé here indicates that number of Lithuanian refugees in Brazil (see Department's telegram no. 3139 of October 14, 9 p.m.) probably does not number more than 20 - 30, and that none at the moment appear in need of support. More definite advice will be transmitted as information becomes available.

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The following for Olsen is WRB 109.

United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc. is desirous of being of assistance to such Lithuanian refugees in Sweden as may need help. Please advise the Board of the number of such Lithuanians and the amount per month that you believe would be necessary to sustain them.

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CABLE TO MINISTER JOHNSON FOR COHN, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

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October 14, 1944

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

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(Mr. Pehle)*

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The cable below for McClelland is WRB 213.

In view of desire of United Lithuanian Relief Fund of  
America, Inc. to help such Lithuanian refugees in Switzer-  
land as may need assistance please inform Board of the  
number of such Lithuanians and the monthly amount that you  
consider needed for their maintenance.

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CABLE TO MINISTER HARRISON AT BERN FOR MCOLLELLAND

United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc. is desirous of being of assistance to such Lithuanian refugees in Switzerland as may need help. Please advise the Board of the number of such Lithuanians and the amount per month that you believe would be necessary to sustain them.

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RIO DE JANEIRO

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The following is from War Refugee Board.

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CABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

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