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Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

Thank you for your letter of March 24, 1944,  
enclosing a summary of an editorial published by the  
Norwegian Hasi paper, "Fritt Folk", concerning a broad-  
cast address delivered by the Norwegian Minister of Jus-  
tice in Exile, Terje Wold.

Your cooperation in making this information  
available to us is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki,  
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March 24, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

In reference to the suggestions made in the memorandum presented to the War Refugee Board by the World Jewish Congress with regard to the necessity of 'continued warnings' to the Nazi quislings, I thought you might be interested in reading the attached summary of an editorial published by the Norwegian Nazi paper, "Fritt Folk," on February 28.

This editorial is a reaction to a broadcast address delivered by the Norwegian Minister of Justice in Exile, Terje Wold. It appears clearly from this article that Wold's speech made a very strong impression on the Nazi followers in Norway.

It is therefore our opinion that statements on retribution, with specific reference to crimes committed against Jews, should be constantly reiterated. At the same time the population should be urged, on grounds of humanity and religion, as well as of self-interest, to resist the policy of persecution by succoring the victims.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. A. Leon Kibowitzki, Head  
Department European Jewish Affairs

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NS' and the War of Nerves -

D2. Fritt Folk, 28.2.44. An editorial comments on Terje Wold's speech on war criminals; that it was clearly inspired by the Jews and was intended as part of the war of nerves. The whispering campaign is supposed to bring the speech to the Norwegian people, especially to National-Socialists. Wold and his fellow refugees say that every member of the NS is a "war criminal." For this idealistic attitude towards the problems of the day every member of the NS will receive merited punishment. The most semitic of our opponents look forward to heads rolling on the ground or "every Norwegian tree - one member of the NS." Others rejoice at the thought of deporting NS members to Bear Island when the war is over. The Swedish press too has expressed enthusiasm in this connection.

Nobody laughs more heartily at these gloomy predictions, and nobody is more above them than the NS member. He joined with the great idea of National-Socialism once and for all, and the question of life, death or coal-mining on Bear Island does not affect him. Wold's Jewish statements on punishment and retaliation therefore, have the same effect upon us as water on a duck's back. The war of nerves against members of the NS is being waged more intensely and systematically than ever, and its methods show that the Jews are behind it. The "war criminals," however, refuse to be frightened either by the Minister of Justice Wold or by other mouthpieces of Jewry.

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April 6th, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

May I call your attention to the following?

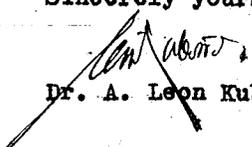
In connection with the efforts which are now being made to rescue Jewish children from France, we have been informed by some of our friends that if the pledge made a year ago by a number of states to accept a certain number of Jewish children was reiterated at present, it would certainly have a most excellent effect on the attitude of Switzerland, Spain and Portugal.

You will remember that the countries which made such a pledge were:

The United States	--	5000 children
Canada	--	500 children
Mexico	●	500 children
Argentina	--	1000 children
Chile	--	50 children

I trust you will give this matter your attentive consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki

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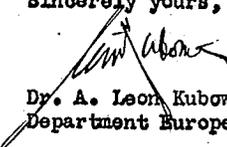
Dear Mr. Pehle:

May I call your attention to the following:

A leader of one of the Balkan Free Movements conveyed to us his conviction that a warning addressed personally through appropriate channels to Admiral Horthy, to Marshal Antonescu, and to the Bulgarian Regents would be the best deterrent from an extremist anti-Jewish policy in the Balkan countries.

I trust you will grant this suggestion your attentive consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, Head  
Department European Jewish Affairs

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April 10, 1944

Hon. John W. Pehle  
War Refugee Board  
Main Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

This will acknowledge receipt of the last two confidential messages which you were kind enough to transmit to me from Gerhart Riegner of Geneva. Their confidential nature is appreciated by the members of our Executive Committee who will undoubtedly be in contact with the members of your Board to consider probable courses of action.

Very truly yours,

*Irving Miller*  
Rabbi Irving Miller

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*United States  
Department of Treasury*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE April 10, 1944

TO Mr. Pehle  
FROM Secretary Morgenthau

*W. P. [Signature]*

I was very much pleased when I read Cable No. 1851 dated March 25th from Bern. The World Jewish Congress seems to be making real progress since we found a way of getting them the money.

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World Jewish Congress

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MEMORANDUM OF A CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. KUBOWITZKY OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, AND MR. LESSER AND MR. AKZIN OF WRB.

In Mr. Lesser's Office - April 13, 1944.

In the course of the conversation, Mr. Kubowitzky raised the following points:

(1) Admission into Portugal of "registered" children. Would it be possible to get Portugal to issue a statement to the effect that it is willing to offer temporary refuge to 3,000 children now in France and registered by the Germans for probable deportation to Poland? If the Portuguese government is willing to do so, it might be asked to approach the German and Vichy authorities, requesting them to let these children go, and to approach Spain, requesting permission for these children to pass in transit.

This would probably involve the need for the United States to guarantee to Portugal the maintenance of these children. The actual burden would most likely be underwritten by private welfare agencies in this country.

(2) Reception centers in Portugal for "hidden" children. Some progress is reported by Mr. Weisman, the World Jewish Congress representative in Lisbon, in getting "hidden" Jewish children out of France and through Spain into Portugal. Mr. Weisman proposes, and Mr. Kubowitzky strongly endorses the proposal, that reception camps be established in Portugal for such children. This would make possible a larger influx of "hidden" children from France into Portugal.

The advantage of concentrating children from France in Portugal rather than in Spain lies mainly in the relative abundance of food and other necessities in Portugal and in their extreme scarcity in Spain.

(3) Turkish Jews in German-occupied territory - Demarches in Turkey. While some Jews of Turkish nationality are regarded as citizens by Turkey and are thus able either to go to Turkey or to stay in their places of residence protected by their status as neutral nationals, other claimants of this kind are not recognized by Turkey as their nationals. Mr. Kubowitzky urged that the Turkish government be asked to extend recognition to them as well.

(4) Turkish Jews in German-occupied Europe - Demarches in Spain. Turkish Jews remaining in Europe are at the same time Sephardic Jews, i.e., Jews of Spanish descent. In view of this,

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Mr. Kubowitzky asked that the Spanish government be approached at the same time with a request to permit their admission into Spain.

(5) Turkish insistence on transit visas. The insistence of the Turkish authorities that the Jews be in possession of Turkish transit visas before reaching Turkish territory makes impossible any large scale program of refugee rescue through Turkey. Believing that no other methods would cause Turkish authorities to change their attitude in this respect, Mr. Kubowitzky suggested that a cable from the President of the United States to the President of the Turkish Republic might be the only means of solving this question.

(6) Admission of Jews from Finland into <sup>Sweden</sup> Spain. Though, for the time being, the Jews in Finland do not appear particularly threatened, past events have shown that even the most pessimistic among us were too optimistic. We must anticipate, therefore, that Jews in Sweden too will be subject to sudden persecution. Therefore the Swedish government be urged to admit Jews from Finland.

(7) Dr. Tocker's proposed journey to Latin America. World Jewish Congress would like to send Dr. Solomon Tocker as its representative to Latin America, and requests the Board's assistance in making this journey possible. A letter to this effect was transmitted by Mr. Kubowitzky to Mr. Lesser.

(8) Information bulletin. The World Jewish Congress, and other private organizations too, would appreciate very much receiving some systematic information concerning the activities and achievements of the Board. This would greatly encourage such organizations in pursuing their activities, and would help them intelligently to plan further. Could not a special weekly bulletin be mailed out to a carefully selected list of those organizations and agencies with which the Board cooperates? The Board could stipulate that the contents of the bulletin remain confidential.

*Handwritten: Mr. L. S. Lesser - Copy*

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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April 18, 1944

TO Mr. Pehle

FROM L. S. Lesser

Rabbi Kalmanowitz was in yesterday and asked that I make three suggestions to you on his behalf. Here they are:

(1) Press reports indicate that there is a conference either in progress or about to begin in Vatican City about saving Rome. Rabbi Kalmanowitz, pointing to the higher value of human lives and dignity, asks whether it is not possible to put saving the lives of Jews and other persecuted peoples on the agenda of that conference.

(2) The only possible solution for Jews is evacuation from German-controlled areas. Rabbi Kalmanowitz asks whether it is possible to initiate negotiations for such an evacuation, on an exchange basis or otherwise, for Lithuanian, Hungarian and other Jews.

(3) Geographically, it would appear possible to arrange escapes from Lithuania to Sweden. The Rabbi asks whether the Board could undertake to arrange a large scale small-boat evacuation across the Baltic.

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Mr. Lawrence S. Lesser  
Assistant Director, War Refugee Board  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

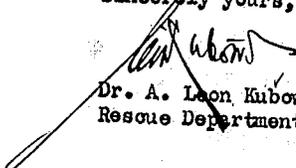
I attach a copy of a letter which was sent by Mr. D. B. Haverkamp of the American Red Cross to Dr. Ivan Scoubbotitch, Yugoslav delegate to the Red Cross. You will remember that this is a matter with which we dealt in our "Program of General Measures of Relief and Rescue" on pages 23 and 24. We came back to it in a memorandum attached to a letter I wrote on April 6 to Mr. Pehle.

The statement that the 1200 Jewish Yugoslav internees are not "bonafide civilian internees" is tragically ironic. It is as if these unfortunate people had insinuated themselves into the concentration camps for the pleasure of being interned, and are now begging for undeserved privileges!

May I copy below the conclusion of our said memorandum, attached to my letter of April 6:

"As we have been negotiating in this matter for more than a year and a half without making the slightest progress, as all our arguments and explanations have come up against a blank wall of stubbornness and bad will, and as our internees who are undernourished are being killed off when they have no strength left to continue their work, I submit that the President be respectfully requested to cut the Gordian knot by personally taking up this matter with the blockade authorities in London."

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, Head  
Rescue Department

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AMERICAN RED CROSS  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Washington, April 10, 1944

Dr. Ivan Soubbotitch  
912 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Soubbotitch:

Please refer to your letter of March 11, 1944, addressed to Mr. Philip Ryan reference 1200 Jew Yugoslav civilian internees in Croatia. The State Department and British Blockade authorities have refused to authorize relief supplies to be sent to these internees in Croatia on the following basis:

They are definitely not assimilated.

They are neither assimilated to prisoners of war nor are they bonafide civilian internees.

Even if visits and supervision and control over distribution of supplies were permitted, the regulations and restrictions governing the camp would not permit International Red Cross to make proper adequate visits or to effect equally proper effective supervision and control over distribution of supplies as that accorded prisoners of war or bonafide civilian internees.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

D. B. HAVERKAMP

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In reply please  
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APR 20 1944

Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letters of April 6 and 7, 1944, submitting suggestions to aid in the psychological side of the Board's activities.

The Board is presently studying various means of persuading the people of the satellite countries not to cooperate in the persecution policy of the Nazis and means of combatting the measures for deportation and extermination of Jews in those countries. The suggestions which you have submitted will be carefully considered in connection with this program.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

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April 6, 1944

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Washington 25, D. C.

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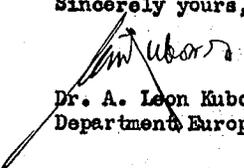
We just received a cable from our British Section, conveying to us a request from Dr. Riegner, one of our representatives in Geneva.

Dr. Riegner asks urgently that an appeal from leading church personalities be broadcast to the satellite countries, urging the Christian population on grounds of humanity and religion to resist the policy of persecution, and to hide and succor their Jewish neighbors.

Dr. Riegner is extremely well acquainted with the situation in the satellite countries, and with the trends now prevailing there. I consequently trust you will grant this suggestion your attentive consideration.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, Head  
Department European Jewish Affairs

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April 7, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We understand that the War Refugee Board is granting considerable attention to the matter of psychological warfare and that the situation in Hungary is being especially watched from this viewpoint.

It appears from information received recently that the persecution of Jews in Hungary will develop at a much speedier pace than in any other country. The Hungarian Minister of the Interior announced in a broadcast over the Budapest radio that he will wage a merciless war against the Jews. Three hundred thousand Germans are scheduled to arrive in Hungary next week to take possession of the homes from which Jews will be deported.

We know from the experience of other countries that the registers containing the lists of the Jewish population, and the yellow badges which Jews are compelled to wear, are indispensable instruments for the execution of measures of deportation and extermination. May we consequently suggest that the broadcasts beamed to Hungary should urge the Jewish population to abstain from wearing the yellow badges and to destroy all registers which may reveal the identity of Jews who are in hiding or who intend to hide. The broadcasts should, at the same time, urge the gentile population to assist their Jewish neighbors in their efforts to escape persecution.

Sincerely yours



Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, Head  
Department European Jewish Affairs

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In reply please  
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APR 20 1944

Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

Thank you for your letter of April 7, 1944, enclosing a summary of a radio talk broadcast to England on the topic, "Nobody Wants the Jews".

Your cooperation in making this information available to the Board is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki,  
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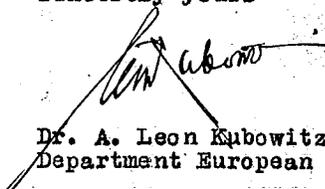
Hon. John W. Pehle, Executive Director  
Executive Office of the President  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

You may remember that in connection with the question of psychological warfare, you were interested in our argument that repeated warnings to Germany were important in view of the fact that the United Nations are interested in counteracting Nazi propaganda which presents America and Great Britain as the homes of growing anti-Semitic movements, a propaganda which carries in it the suggestion that crimes against Jews will not be punished.

Attached is a summary of a radio talk broadcast to England on March 13th on the topic "Nobody Wants the Jews".

Sincerely yours

  
Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, Head  
Department European Jewish Affairs

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"Our New Feature: News About the Jews"

Talk (8 mins)

Nobody Wants the Jews

All over the world, statesmen warn their people against the Jews. In Australia delegates to the recent Labour Party Conference criticised them. (Points from speeches at the Conference quoted, expressing sympathy with the Arabs; references to anti-Semitism in Argentina and Canada). Just before the outbreak of war 125,000 members of the John Baptist Society in Quebec signed a petition asking Parliament not to admit Jewish refugees to Canada. The Jews themselves complain that nobody wants them... (indistinct passage). They say that America could afford to be generous in the matter of post-war Jewish immigration. Regarding Jewish refugees in this country, a Jewish Press comment, while admitting that we are allowing 800 Jews to enter the country per month, says that this serves a strictly utilitarian basis. Nearly all were admitted because they were wanted for the armed forces and they would be repatriated after the war. Thus, argues the paper, Britain, like the U.S.A., could afford "to take more responsibility for those in neutral States, who could not be repatriated."

This is what the Jews think. But anti-Semitism is growing so much in every country that Governments dare not admit any more Jews. The U.S. police are helpless in anti-Jewish riots, as public feeling is so strong. If riots do occur the Jews blame the police. The investigation of attacks on Jews in Boston placed the blame on the police for not checking the disturbances. The Police Commissioner has issued a statement defending the force under his command and referring to the spreading of anti-Semitism.

Detailed accounts were recently published in the "New York Post" and the "P.M." of widespread anti-Semitic outbursts in New York, under headlines such as: "It did happen here", "Anti-Semitic riots fail to stir police to action" and "He is a Jew - let him have it". And that is the voice of America.

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In reply please  
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APR 20 1944

Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

Thank you for your letter of April 6, 1944,  
enclosing memoranda which Dr. Goldman had intended to  
discuss with me.

The Board is presently working on the prob-  
lems presented in Dr. Goldman's memoranda.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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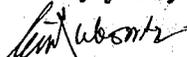
Mr. John W. Fehle, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fehle:

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of our Administrative Committee, intended to call on you today and to discuss with you the matters outlined in the attached memoranda.

Since he was prevented from seeing you by circumstances beyond his control, I take the liberty of sending the memoranda in question, in the hope that you will grant them your attentive consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, Head  
Department European Jewish Affairs

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Red Cross Food Parcels for Jews  
in Internment, Concentration and Labor Camps  
in Occupied Europe

It appears that the War Refugee Board as well as the International Red Cross and the American Red Cross are powerless to induce the blockade authorities to change their policy with respect to the use of Red Cross food parcels for Jews in internment, concentration and labor camps. The latest and most striking example is that of the 1200 Jews who are interned in concentration camps in Croatia. There are large stocks of Red Cross food parcels in Switzerland. The Red Cross delegate in Croatia is ready to have these food parcels distributed under his personal supervision. However, and notwithstanding the intervention of Dr. Scubbotitch, the Red Cross delegate of the Yugoslav Government, Mr. Ryan of the American Red Cross told me on March 30th that he could not authorize the use of the Red Cross food parcels now in Switzerland for this purpose. "These food parcels are earmarked," he said, "for the exclusive use of such internees as are officially recognized as civilian internees. Should the blockade authorities learn that they have been distributed to people who do not fall within this category, the entire Red Cross food parcel service for prisoners of war and civilian internees would be jeopardized."

As we have been negotiating in this matter for more than a year and a half without making the slightest progress, as all our arguments and explanations have come up against a blank wall of stubbornness and bad will, and as our internees who are undernourished are being killed off when they have no strength left to continue their work, I submit that the President be respectfully requested to cut the Gordian knot by personally taking up this matter with the blockade authorities in London.

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Transit Policy of the Turkish Government

There is no need to stress the increased importance of Turkey, as a result of the recent developments, as the life line of escape from Hungary, Slovakia and the Balkan countries.

It seems that if the shipping situation has recently improved, there has been no fundamental change of the policy of the Turkish Government in the question of transit visas for adults. That Turkey should remain the only neutral country in Europe where it is impossible for a refugee to cross the border without a visa is a revolting and unbearable situation.

Since it appears that Ambassador Steinhardt and Mr. Hirschmann did not have much success in this respect, I submit that President Roosevelt be respectfully requested to take this up with the highest Turkish authorities. This is a matter of the greatest urgency.

A message received from Dr. Gerhart Riegner through the American Legation in Bern, under date of March 30, 1944, reads in part as follows:

"Evacuation to Turkey which should be promoted by all means possible is a most urgent matter. It is requested that you intervene urgently and firmly with the Turkish Government for unconditional issuance of entry visas for Bulgarian Jews and admit on Turkish frontiers even all those who illegally present themselves. Absolutely inefficient are the present rules which admit the entry of small groups of fifty only when the preceding fifty have departed from Turkey for Palestine. The keystone of any real evacuation program is the intervention of the War Refugee Board and the United States Government with the authorities of Turkey to change their attitude."

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Flight of the Finnish Jews

It is hard to form an idea of exactly what is going on in Finland, whether the peace negotiations with Soviet Russia are being conducted with the knowledge and agreement of the German authorities, and whether Germany intends to act with regard to Finland as it did with regard to Hungary when, in her opinion, the time is ready to strike.

It is submitted that no risk should be taken as far as the Finnish Jews are concerned, and that they be evacuated to Sweden without any further delay.

Such a program implies of course negotiations with the Finnish Government as well as with the Swedish Government. Such a task falls within the competence of the War Refugee Board. The execution of the program of evacuation should not meet with insuperable difficulties, as the number of people involved is rather small. There are only 1800 Jews in Finland.

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Delegate to Southern Italy

The reports recently received by the World Jewish Congress on the situation of the refugees in Southern Italy present a distressing picture of the plight of the people who thought that their liberation by the Allied armies would mean the end of all miseries.

The institution of any program of relief suffers from conflicts of competence and jurisdiction. The UNRRA direction is of the opinion that since Southern Italy is under Allied military control, UNRRA is not entitled to care for the displaced persons who are in this region. The Civilian Affairs Division of the War Department is also limited in its possibilities because the authority of the Badoglio Government has been restored. Moreover, this Division is without recent news from the Special Subcommittee on Displaced Persons which has been established in Southern Italy.

The World Jewish Congress is anxious to send a delegate to Southern Italy who should be able to report on the situation, who should contact the Jewish communities in Southern Italy and Sicily, and work out a program of relief and rehabilitation for the refugees and displaced persons who are there.

This delegate would also endeavor to contact the Jewish organizations in Northern Italy, and engage in a program of rescue of the thousands of Jews in Italy who now suffer the greatest hardships and persecutions at the hands of the Germans and the Italian Fascists.

In order to avoid the difficulties which might arise from conflicting competences, it is submitted that such a delegate to fulfill his mission should be appointed a representative of the War Refugee Board.

One of the former leaders of Italian Jewry, now in Palestine, Mr. Augusto Levi, is prepared to proceed to Italy. His vast experience with Italian Jewish affairs, and the prestige he enjoys with all Jewish elements in Italy make him a most suitable candidate.

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Mr. Lawrence S. Lesser  
War Refugee Board  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

With reference to the telephone conversation we had today, I received from our London office the following cable, which was sent to them by Dr. Riegner, one of our Geneva representatives:

"From reliable sources, plans German government special provisions for extermination Jews numbering 800,000 by concentrating them in 3 zones stop Plan completed within 6 months stop Usual preliminary steps taken namely registration and yellow badge followed by arrest deportation places arranged similarly as in Poland stop Suggest Jews advised seek refuge inside and outside Hungary by all conceivable means and warned not make same mistake as Jews in Poland and Netherlands but destroy all relevant lists communities etcetera."

In this respect, may I refer to the letter I wrote on April 7 to Mr. Pehle, in which I suggested "that the broadcasts beamed to Hungary should urge the Jewish population to abstain from wearing the yellow badges and to destroy all registers which may reveal the identity of Jews who are in hiding or who intend to hide. The broadcasts should, at the same time, urge the Gentile population to assist their Jewish neighbors in their efforts to escape persecution."

I trust that the suggestion will receive the immediate attention of the War Refugee Board, and that the necessary instructions will be given in order to put this into effect without delay.

Sincerely yours,

*Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki*  
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TO Mr. Pehle

April 21, 1944

FROM L. S. Lesser

Dr. Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress was in yesterday and took up with me the following matters which had been subjects of discussions between you and Dr. Goldmann. I told Dr. Kubowitzki that I was not familiar with these matters and would take up their present status with you:

1. The flying of money to Poland. Dr. Kubowitzki says that the opportunity to carry out this project grows less and less as the days grow longer.

2. The Turks have been turning back refugees without visas who reach the Bulgarian-Turkish land border and the suggestion has been made that an urgent appeal be made to the Turks to open this border. As I understand it, it was indicated that an appeal by the President is what is wanted.

3. It is said that there are several Polish ships tied up at Stockholm with food and clothing in their holds. It was originally intended that these ships should proceed to Poland to relieve the civilian population but ~~that~~ the British have prevented their departure. The suggestion is that some steps be taken to see to it that the food, at least, is permitted to go forward.

*Discussed with  
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April 24, 1944

Mr. I. M. Weinstein  
War Refugee Board  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

I should like to call your attention to an article, the summary of which I just read, and which was published by the "Grenzbote" of Bratislava, Slovakia, on February 20, 1944. This article exhorts the Germans in Slovakia to make the most of the opportunity of buying Jewish houses which are provided for them by the Volksgruppenfuhrung. They shouldn't be deterred from doing so by the vicissitudes, the brief duration of which is obvious.

This article proves that people in occupied countries are more and more reluctant to purchase goods of which the Jews have been robbed. May I suggest that this reluctance be increased by broadcasts which will warn the purchasers and even users of property that has belonged to Jews, that they will be considered as accomplices of the confiscators and will be dealt with accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

*Leon Kubowitzki*  
Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki  
Head, Rescue Department

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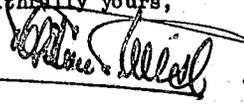
April 27, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I merely acknowledge at this moment the receipt of your letter of April 25th, conveying the "very confidential" message from Messrs. Riegner and Lichtheim, received from the American Legation at Bern some days ago.

The office of the World Jewish Congress will be in further touch with you.

Faithfully yours,  


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April 27, 1944

*Talked to ALK 5-3-44*

Hon. John W. Penle, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Penle:

May I refer to the conference Dr. Nahum Goldmann had with you concerning our intention to send Mr. Siegfried Kramarsky to Portugal in order that he may discuss the present situation in the field of our rescue work with Mr. Isaac Weissman our Lisbon representative and may assist him in his present efforts. I attach a copy of a curriculum vitae prepared by Mr. Kramarsky.

We would like to have Mr. Kramarsky stay in Portugal for a few months after which time he will return to this country.

We would be very grateful to you if you would recommend Mr. Kramarsky to the State Department for the speedy granting of a re-entry permit as well as to the Portugese Embassy for the granting of a Portugese visa. We would also appreciate it very much if you would provide him with letters of introduction to the representatives of the American Government and War Refugee Board in Lisbon and authorize him to make use of the facilities of the American Embassy for the transmission of messages to this country on the rescue activities in which he will engage.

Sincerely yours

*Dr. A. Deon Kubowitzki*  
Dr. A. Deon Kubowitzki, Head  
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S. KRAMARSKY  
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Born: April 14, 1893, Luebeck, Germany.  
Married - three children ( one son with U.S. Forces).

Education: High-school, Germany.

Professional experience: 1911 - 1919 employee of the banking firm Lisser & Rosenkranz, Hamburg, Germany. 1919 - 1923 partner of the same firm.

1923 left Hamburg, Germany, for Amsterdam, Holland, to take up permanent residence in the Netherlands.

1923 - 1931 managing partner of the banking firm Lisser & Rosenkranz, Amsterdam, Holland; this firm was converted into a corporation in 1931 under the name N.V. Bankierskantoor Lisser & Rosenkranz and I was managing partner and managing director from that date up to 1939. The business of N.V. Bankierskantoor Lisser & Rosenkranz specialized in foreign exchange and all kinds of international transactions.

When the invasion of Holland became imminent, I left Holland in November 1939 for Montreal, Canada, via Lisbon.

Present status: Immigrated to the U.S. in December 1940; holder of first papers No. *2-888849* Nationality: Stateless - formerly German.

Social welfare experience When the Nazi Regime came into power in April 1933, a Jewish Refugee Committee was spontaneously established by the two Jewish Congregations of the Netherlands. From the first day up to September 1939 I was closely connected with this Committee as a voluntary worker. In the beginning I had to collect vast amounts of money for the maintenance of approximately 40,000 refugees who came to the Netherlands and in the course of the years I worked in practically every department of the Committee. My main interest was to resettle refugees through immigration into foreign countries and thus make room for newcomers to Holland who needed immediate help. We hired entire ships destined for Palestine and Chile and so provided transportation and immigration possibility for the greatest possible number of people. When in November 1938 pogroms started in Germany, the Dutch Government granted the Committee permission for additional 3000 refugees to be kept in camps. Having been in charge of approximately 10 camps which were installed, I acquired vast experience in handling this most difficult problem.

April 19, 1944.

*Kramarsky*

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April 28, 1944

Mr. Lawrence S. Lesser  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

May I refer to the conversation we had concerning Dr. Arnon R. Rojanski and to the conversation you had with this gentleman.

As I had the advantage of informing you, we asked Dr. Rojanski who is returning to Palestine to stop, if possible, in Portugal, Spain, and North Africa on his way back to confer with our representatives in these countries and to investigate the rescue situation and the rescue possibilities.

May I ask you to be kind enough to provide Dr. Arnon R. Rojanski with a letter of introduction to the diplomatic representatives of the U. S. and, in particular, to the representatives of the War Refugee Board in the above-mentioned countries and to give him the authorization to utilize the governmental facilities for the transmission of his messages in rescue matters.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Leon Kubowitzki*  
Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, Head  
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Mr. Lawrence S. Lesser  
War Refugee Board  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

We received from Dr. Lav Stern, a Yugoslav Jewish leader at present in Palestine, a letter from which the following excerpts may be of interest to you:

"There recently arrived in Suez a transport of about 5,000 people from Yugoslavia, of whom at the most 10% are Jews. They are brought from Partisan family camps in Lika and from the Dalmatian islands. They called at various South Italian ports, brought with them a few more Yugoslavs, among whom there were some Jewish refugees and after a comparatively a short voyage, arrived here and were placed in camps which are being gradually extended.

"It seems that there are no more Jews on the Croatian coast and Dalmatian islands. From Rab there arrived in Southern Italy no more than 600 of our people, which means that about 2,000 of those who were on Rab are missing and it is presumed that they were taken by the Partisans to Lika to the winter quarters, when Rab was liberated the first time by the Partisans. Some of these 2,000 arrived, or we hope will arrive in the Suez Canal.

"Correspondence with Southern Italy goes only through the army, it takes too long, particularly parcels, and is unreliable. Palestinian soldiers came to the camps as brothers and liberators, give and do a lot, behave splendidly, cheer and elevate the spirit of these sufferers, who are now in a much better situation. Food and living quarters have been considerably improved, the only thing lacking is shoes. A lot of parcels were sent from here and we are now going to concentrate upon sending shoes."

Sincerely yours

*Leon Kubowitzki*  
Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, Head  
Rescue Department

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April 28, 1944

Mr. I. M. Weinstein  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

May I call your attention to the following cable reported in yesterday's "J.T.A. Daily News Bulletin":

"CAIRO, April 26. -- German occupation authorities in Greece are offering informants who betray the whereabouts of Jews hiding in the countryside half of the fugitive's property, it was disclosed here today by a Greek who fled the country early this month.

"He also told of a massacre of Jews in Crete, during which the entire Jewish population of the town of Heraklion was wiped out."

I should like to suggest that appeals be broadcast at once to the Christian people in Greece reminding them of the patriotism of Greek Jews and of their own past and asking them to extend every assistance to their persecuted fellow citizens.

I think that Archbishop Athenogoras, former Greek Minister Michalopoulos (Hotel Waldorf Astoria, New York) and Mr. Vlavianos, editor of the Greek Daily National Herald, 140 West 26th St., New York, should be requested to address the Greek people on this matter.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely yours

*A. Lean*  
Dr. A. Lean Kubowitzki, Head  
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May 2, 1944

Mr. I. M. Weinstein  
War Refugee Board  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

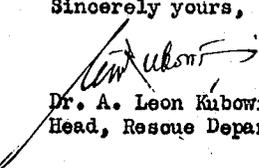
The following excerpt from the News Digest was sent to me from London:

"Gardista, Bratislava, 2.4.44 (do not quote), refers angrily to Vlado Clementis's appeals to the Slovaks to help fugitive Jews and to make the defence of the Carpathian mountain range impossible, adding: If there had been anyone who still believed Clementis' words, he must by now have ceased to believe them, since those enormous lies which Clementis recently told about the occupation of Slovakia."

Vlado Clementis was a member of the Czechoslovak Parliament. He is now in London, from where he broadcasts.

The excerpt above proves that foreign broadcasts are listened to in Slovakia, and exercise a determined influence on Slovak public opinion.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki  
Head, Rescue Department

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May 3, 1944

Mr. I. M. Weinstein,  
Treasury Building,  
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New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

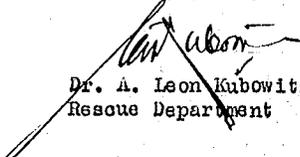
I am attaching the summaries, as published by the News Digest, of articles which appeared on April 16th in the "Dagens Nyheter" and in the "Aftonbladet."

With regard to the first, may I suggest that the line of propaganda to be adopted in the broadcasts should be that the Hungarian nation cannot be relieved of the responsibility for what the Germans are doing in Hungary unless they are doing their utmost to hide, rescue and assist, by all means, the people endangered.

The second item could be an excellent occasion for broadcasts on the topic that the Jews will only be the first victims and that the liberals will join them in their fate if they do not do their utmost to assist the first victims.

May I add that in the opinion of some distinguished Hungarians in exile, broadcasts by Count Karolyi, now in London, could be the most effective, especially if they would contain a determined threat to the accomplices of the Nazis, as a great number of people believe that Karolyi will come back to preside over Hungary's destiny.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, Head  
Rescue Department

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C27. Dagens Nyheter, 16.4.44, publishes an interview with the former Hungarian Helsinki Minister, Szabo, who recently arrived in Stockholm, after having refused to recognise the new Hungarian Government.

He says: By her action on March 19th Germany definitely became Hungary's enemy. The occupation has at least one advantage. Through it, the world has been given evidence that the country was not a real vassal of Germany, even if it was forced to go with Germany. Had Hungary been a German vassal, the Germans would not have needed to occupy the country.

Therefore, the German measures of March 19th and 20th are an extremely important historical document for Hungary. Unlike her neighbours, Hungary had maintained a certain independence, a parliamentary system and free activity for her political parties. It is also obvious that Hungary differed from Germany and her vassals by the relatively liberal treatment of the Jews, which resulted in the country's becoming an asylum for the Jews from the whole of Central and South Eastern Europe.

Certainly the Germans will attempt to extort from Hungary everything possible as regards deliveries of labour and military collaboration. However, I have good reason to believe that the result will not come up to expectations. It is peculiar that the Germans, who are experts in writing psychological literature, are, in actual practice, such bad psychologists that they do not realise that it is impossible to fill a nation with enthusiasm by occupying it. Still less can the Hungarian working class be expected to use its strength effectively on behalf of the invaders.

The Hungarian nation must be relieved of all responsibility for what the Germans are doing in Hungary. The present Cabinet does not express the free will of the people, but is only a puppet. Hungary's situation is reminiscent of the position in which Norway and the other occupied countries are placed.

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C30. Aftonbladet, 16.4.44. The Berlin correspondent, Granberg, writes: The Hungarian newspaper "Fuggetlenseg" threatens a far reaching purge of the home front as soon as the Jewish question has been "ruthlessly solved." All "Jewish hirelings, Freemasons and armchair Bolshevik beaux esprits" must disappear, and a homogeneous Hungarian front must be created in which there will no longer be any parties.

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May 3, 1944

Mr. I. M. Weinstein  
Treasury Building  
253 Broadway, Room 801  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

I thought you might be interested in the  
attached item, published by the JTA in its Daily  
News Bulletin of April 30.

Sincerely yours,

*Leon Kubowitzki*  
Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki  
Head, Rescue Department

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AMERICAN SHORT-WAVE RADIO APPEALING TO HUNGARIANS TO ASSIST JEWS FLEE NAZIS

CAIRO, April 28. (JTA) -- Short-wave transmissions from "Voice of America" stations beamed to Hungary are calling on the Hungarian people to aid Jews to escape their Nazi persecutors.

The broadcasts warn that the puppet Hungarian regime is trying to make the Jews scapegoats for the allied bombings to conceal the fact that it is sacrificing Hungarian blood for the Germans and that Hungarian factories are working for Germany.

One transmission heard here last night told Hungarians to do more than just show their sympathy for the Jews, citing President Roosevelt's appeal to the people of Europe on March 21 calling on them to do whatever was in their power to save the Jews to "show the world they are worthy to take their place in the family of freedom loving nations."

Circles here associated with relief and rescue work expressed the hope today that these transmissions would be continued, declaring they were bound to have a helpful effect.

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May 9, 1944

Major General J. H. Hildring  
Chief, Civil Affairs Division  
War Department  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Hildring:

I thought you might be interested in a letter which I received from Chaplain (Captain) Samuel Teitelbaum, a copy of which is attached.

May I venture to suggest that American Relief for Italy, Inc. should have its attention directed to the extensive knowledge the Chaplains have of the situation in liberated Italy and that they utilize their services.

If your offices have received recent reports on the situation in that region, I would be extremely grateful to you if you could have such excerpts as are not strictly confidential.

Thanking you for your constant interest and kindness, I remain

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A Leon Kubowitzki

Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, Head  
Rescue Department

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3 May 1944

Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki  
World Jewish Congress  
1834 Broadway  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

The group of shipwrecked and other refugees concerning whom you inquired in your letter of April 6th are being issued certificates to Palestine, according to the information I have received from Chaplain Urbach of the Palestinian contingents of the British Army.

You are quite correct in stating that there has been little if any improvement in the material status of the refugees. The support they are receiving does not attain even a minimum of adequacy. Neither Chaplain Urbach nor I are so located as to be enabled to undertake any negotiations with the authorities on this problem. I have time and again however suggested that either your organization or some of the relief agencies in the States impose power in the Jewish Chaplains in Italy to act as semi-official agents and to let us handle such funds as may be necessary until such a time as official representatives can be sent here for this purpose. I must impress upon you that what is most essential is money. Both the Palestinian and American Jewish troops have made generous contributions of money and material for refugee projects. But I am sure you appreciate the fact that we are unable to conduct campaigns among the troops and therefore cannot undertake to afford the refugees adequate minimum maintenance allowances.

Sincerely yours

(signed)

SAMUEL TEI TELBAUM  
Chaplain, Captain

P.S. The censorship regulations prohibit the mailing of the publications issued by the Palestinian Jewish units.

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COPY OF CONTENTS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO DR. A. LEON KUBOWITZKI,  
WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS.

Thank you for your letter of 9 May 1944 to the Director, Civil Affairs Division, concerning the condition of Jewish refugees in Italy. The information contained in Chaplain Teitelbaum's letter to you has been noted. Your comments concerning Army chaplains' extensive knowledge of refugee matters will be brought to the attention of the War Refugee Board as it is a matter of interest to that Board. The problem of non-Italian refugees is not within the jurisdiction of the American Relief for Italy, Inc.

However, it must be remembered that the time of the chaplains assigned to duty in Italy is so completely occupied by official duties during the military period that it is not believed to be practicable to attempt to use them as semi-official collectors or dispensers of private relief funds. This phase of refugee care is now well-organized and it is hoped that a continued improvement in the refugee situation will be apparent.

Much of the information concerning the care of refugees and other displaced persons contained in recent reports from liberated Italy was brought to your attention during your recent visit to the Civil Affairs Division. The reports indicate that there has been some improvement in the condition of the refugees. However, the exigencies of the military situation and the plight of all displaced persons in Italy still leave much to be done.

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May 16, 1944.

I.M. Weinstein  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

The "News Digest" of London carries an article from the Svenaka Dagbladet (March 30, 1944) on the question of the persecution of half-Jews (Mischlinge), of which I attach a copy herewith.

This article proves that the situation of the half-Jews becomes worse as time goes on. After he has succeeded in exterminating the Jews, Hitler now turns to the half-Jews as a new scape-goat in his critical military and political situation.

Let me recall that according to Sir John Hope Simpson (The Refugee Problem, Report of a Survey; Oxford University Press, London, New York, Toronto, 1939), there were 290,000 half-Jews living in Germany. These Mischlinge were designated as: 1) those persons with two Jewish grandparents who do not fulfill any of the conditions laid down in Article 5 (a-d) of the first decree issued under the Reich Nationality Law; 2) persons with one Jewish grandparent.

Mischlinge have the franchise and are liable to labour service and active military service, but in neither can they exercise command. They cannot be officials, and are excluded from the Cultural Associations of the Reich and therefore from professional participation in cultural activities. Their marriages must be in accordance with the provisions of the first decree issued under the Law for the Protection of German Blood of 14 November 1935.

These are as follows: a) A Mischling of the first degree ( (a) above) may - in accordance with paragraph 3 of this decree marry only a Jew or another Mischling of the first

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degree; if he marries a Jew, he is declared to be ( in accordance with paragraph 5, section 2 of the first decree issued under the Reich Nationality Law) a Jew.

Mischlinge of the first degree intending to marry a German or a Mischling of the second degree ((b) above) must obtain special permission to do so, the case being decided by the Minister of the Interior in consultation with the Fuhrer's Stellvertreter.

(b) A Mischling of the second degree can marry only a person of German blood. Marriages between Mischlinge of the second degree and Jews are forbidden under paragraph 2 of the first decree issued under the Law for the Protection of the German Blood; paragraph 4 of the same decree forbids marriages between Mischlinge of the second degree with others of the same category. A Mischling of the second degree who wishes to marry a Mischling of the first degree requires special permission to do so.

I take the liberty of suggesting that broadcasts be devoted to the newly started persecution of the half-Jews. The half-Jews are the most recent scape-goats for the failure of the Nazi regime. But they will not be the last ones. After they will have been annihilated, others will be found. Therefore, the German population should become alert to the danger and realize that at any time, the Nazis, while they are still undefeated militarily, will find new groups to persecute, and that if the decent people among the Germans wish to survive they should turn against Hitler.

I submit this suggestion for your consideration, and would be grateful for being kept informed of any action that might be taken.

Very truly yours,

  
KURT R. GROSSMAN,  
ASSISTANT, RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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#### NEW DRIVE AGAINST HALF-JEWS

B25. Svenska Dagbladet, 30.3.44. An article on the question of German half-Jews (Mischlinge) reads: For some time disconcerting signs of a change of policy with regard to half-Jews has been noticed. Thus, the radio and the press have started using the term Jewish bastards (Judenbasterde)

Half-Jews who have lost their jobs owing to the air raids see their way to a new job closed as numerous enterprises have suddenly been declared Model Enterprises in which only pure "aryans" may be employed. When applying for fresh goods because, having been bombed out or suffered bomb damage, they have lost their belongings, half-Jews are suddenly faced with a new paragraph on the application form, reading "Are you an 'Aryan'?" In July, 1942, school legislation was supplemented by a new regulation according to which half-Jews must leave all higher schools, excepting the children of soldiers at the front (see Digest 882, 25.7.42, B11). A year later the Reich Civil Law was supplemented by a regulation stipulating that half-Jews in the first degree are no longer allowed to inherit from their Jewish parent and front soldiers are not excepted (see Digest 1198, 29.7.43, B7). It was also decreed that half-Jews cannot be German nationals (deutscher Volkstauglicher); this places them in a special class regarding civic rights and obligations.

New, elastic regulations have been introduced which are applicable to half-Jews. Thus, on September 30th, 1943, a decree was issued stating that people whose homes have been damaged in an air raid can be denied the right to reoccupy them after the repair if this is in the urgent interest of the public. In this case the conception of German nationality was given a useful interpretation. The decisive sharpening of the discrimination against half-Jews also applies to the able-bodied among them. These are neither admitted to the Army nor to the OT but are placed in special labour formations with special uniform; thus they can be immediately distinguished as half-Jews. Not only half-Jews in the first degree but even "aryans" married to Jewish women are included in these formations.

The radical Party members have obviously succeeded in getting their own way; their point of view is most clearly expressed by Dr. Gross, who says that half-Jews in the first degree should on principle be treated as Jews, and the Voelkischer Beobachter wrote in connection with Gross' statement: The Berlin Party leaders have thus given definite directions in this field. The motive for forming labour formations which include half-Jews in the first degree and "aryans" married to Jews or half-Jews in the first degree is now revealed by Eichmann, the head of the Jewish deportation campaign, who says that these labour formations will be sent to Poland, and what fate awaits them there is well known by now.

Another indication that a drive against half-Jews is imminent is revealed by the Berlin Gau Economic Office which asked employers on January 10th, 1944, how half-Jews employed in their enterprises on war work could be replaced by "aryans", and what would be the earliest moment at which this could be done. Even pure "aryan" women married to half-Jews are now regarded as "judisch versippt." Apparently strong forces are being mobilized in Germany to counteract this drive by radical elements, and the near future will show whether they will be successful. Should the drive against half-Jews materialise, it would imply that several hundred thousand christian Germans would perish in Eastern Europe. (See also Digest 1199, 30.7.43, B5.)

Lisbon, May 18, 1944.

**CONTROL COPY**

Subject: Transmission of Report of World Jewish Congress in Portugal and Spain.

*3 copies of report  
3 copies for War Refugee  
Board  
with 4 copies of  
report on letters  
from Lisbon*

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

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter in the nature of a report from Izaac Weissman, representative of the World Jewish Congress in Portugal and Spain, to the American headquarters of this organization. There is also attached thereto a number of carbon copies of letters dealing with his activities during the past months.

It is the belief of this Embassy that the War Refugee Board would be interested to read this report, and if the Department sees no objection it would be appreciated if this correspondence were forwarded to them with the request that if they have no objection they forward same to the American office of the World Jewish Congress, 1834 Broadway, New York City.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

*Edward S. Crocker*  
Edward S. Crocker  
Counselor of Embassy

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6 copies of letters.

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*Miss Hadell*

Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

Enclosed, for your information, are copies of messages which have been transmitted by this office to the Department of State for despatch abroad, in accordance with your requests.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

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has been received  
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MAY 8 1944

Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

Enclosed please find a letter of introduction issued to Dr. Arnon R. Rojanski in accordance with the request contained in your letter of April 28, addressed to Mr. Lesser.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fahle  
J. W. Fahle  
Executive Director

Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki ✓  
Head, Rescue Department  
World Jewish Congress  
1834 Broadway  
New York 23, New York

*Original signed by  
Mr. Fahle*

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MAY 8 1944

Dear Dr. Rojanski:

Your contemplated trip abroad as a representative of the World Jewish Congress to render assistance to refugees is of considerable interest to this Board. You are requested to make yourself known and give all cooperation to the Board's representatives in the countries that you visit, and the Board's representatives abroad are, by these presents, requested to extend to you all appropriate assistance.

Very truly yours,

(stamped) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
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Dr. Arnon R. Rojanski  
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20 May 1944

Mr. John Pehle,  
Executive Director,  
War Refugee Board,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Inclosed for the information of the War Refugee Board are copies of a letter from the Rescue Department, World Jewish Congress, and contents of the War Department's reply thereto. As this matter concerns non-Italian Jewish refugees, it is not within the scope of the activities of the American Relief for Italy, Inc.

It appears that the suggestion that Army chaplains' extensive knowledge of refugee matters might be of value may have considerable merit.

However, it must be remembered that the time of the chaplains assigned to duty in Italy is so completely occupied by official duties during the military period that it is not believed to be practicable to attempt to use them as semi-official collectors or dispensers of private relief funds.

Sincerely,

J. H. HILLDRING,  
Major General,  
Director, Civil Affairs Division.

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J. W. Pehle  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO Mr. Pehle  
FROM L. S. Lesser

May 22, 1944

You will recall that on his last visit with you, Dr. Goldmann suggested that the Levy articles in the New York Times might prove more hurtful than helpful. Dr. Kubowitzki called me this morning to repeat that thought in the light of the Levy story in this morning's Times. In this connection, you should recall McClelland's 3110 of May 16 from Bern:

"If possible all publicity should be avoided and only in strictest confidence should reports concerning progress and plans of relief rescue operations be discussed with organizations in the United States. To certain extent publicity given through U. S. press, dispatches to my appointment has already compromised aid which neutral authorities such as the International Red Cross and Swiss authorities might be prepared to lend to refugee rescue operations from base in Switzerland."

I think we might give serious consideration to taking the matter up with the New York Times or with Ambassador Steinhardt.

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Mr. Pehle

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May 23, 1944

In reply refer  
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Hon. John W. Pehle, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I would be extremely obliged to you for conveying  
through the State Department the following message  
to Mr. Isaac Weissman, our representative in Lisbon.

"To: Mr. Weissman, Avenida da Liberdade 179, Lisbon  
From: Dr. Kubowitzki, World Jewish Congress.

Was just informed that the following children are living  
in hiding at the Villa "Le Refuge", Mont St. Agreve,  
Ardeche, France: Anette Dambrot, 13 years, Raymonde  
Dambrot, 16 years, Gaston Kott, 11 years, Michla Kott,  
Arnold Lewi, 11 years."

May I ask you to kindly inform me whether this message  
has been forwarded?

Sincerely yours

  
Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, Head  
Rescue Department

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AIR MAIL

No. 537

*3. War Refugee Bd (Info)*

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**CONTROL COPY**

Lisbon, May 25, 1944.

Subject: Report from Representative World Jewish Congress Regarding Rescue Work in Iberian Peninsula.

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

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith an original letter from Mr. Isaac Weissman, representative of the World Jewish Congress, to Dr. Leon Kubowitzki together with a draft of a cable, only part of which was sent. This letter and cable contain a report from Mr. Weissman to his American office regarding the present situation of the rescue work of his organization in the Iberian Peninsula. Enclosed herewith are also copies of this material.

The War Refugee Board will be interested to see this letter and cable, and if the Department sees no objection, it is respectfully suggested that the Department transmit the original letter and draft of cable to them with the request that the Board forward the originals to:

Dr. Leon Kubowitzki,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1039 Broadway,  
New York, U.S.A.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

*Edward S. Crocker*  
Edward S. Crocker  
Counselor of Embassy

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Enclosures;

1. Original letter and copy addressed to Dr. Leon Kubowitzki.
2. Draft of cable and copy to Rabbi Stephen Wise.

*Miss Adell*

*for (JWP)*

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Enclosure no. 1 with Despatch no. 537 sent May 25, 1944.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS  
179, Avenida da Liberdade  
LISBON

May 24th, 1944.

Dear Dr. Kubowitzki,

I have today handed over to the American Embassy for the favour of forwarding to you, a cable, only a part of which has been sent by cable, of which I am enclosing a copy and which I hereby confirm. This cable is worded in such detail that I have very few remarks to make on it. Also I am so occupied with our work here that I have no time except for brief written messages, for which hope you will forgive me.

From the cable you will have been able to gather details of the fight I am having to sustain in Lisbon. It is true that all this is very troubling and especially exhausting, but I will keep up the fight as long as I know and can feel that the World Jewish Congress is giving me full support. I am glad to say that sympathy on all sides has been shown me, and this can have no other origin than the truth and fairness with which our organization deals with everyone. I must say, and you are also aware, that before the war I was a businessman, I dealt with a well-known firm of trustees, but I also had to face competition. But never in all my experience have I been faced with such methods of competition as those I now find being used by people belonging to relief and assistance committees. I was naive enough to believe that persons occupied in relief and assistance to needy persons, worked on principles of honesty and idealism. The disillusion has been a terrible one for me. I cannot generalize but my experience has been most distasteful. All my life I have been accustomed to straightforward and correct procedure. But I shall keep up the fight against these people who are trying to distort my sincerity and I repeat that I will do all that is humanly possible to defend the work I have in hand. You can rely on me.

Thank you for the anxiously awaited \$10,000 which have at last come through. When Dr. Dexter took over representation of the War Refugee Board we immediately requested him to share our work in the rescues and I am glad to say that he made it one of his first tasks to ensure this, and now the responsibility is divided between us. He knows every step of our intricate and delicate negotiations and actions and I am now very glad that he also agreed to control also the use to which our funds should be put. You will I am sure realize that this means a very intimate collaboration between two men both devoted heart and soul to a great humanitarian task.

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Seeing that our organization of the rescue work is almost complete at this moment, I am of the opinion that all my correspondence to and from you ought to go through the War Refugee Board.

I had this morning good news by telephone from M. Chatain in Madrid. He says he is at present occupied on the large scale rescue of children and spoke of the possibilities of saving from 20,000 to 30,000 children from France. These children would be mostly Catholics and among them we are hoping that we will be able to evacuate nearly all the 3,000 registered Jewish Children. The Catholic children will be rescued under the auspices of the French, Spanish and perhaps the International Red Cross; the Jewish children under the auspices of the World Jewish Congress. His discussions in Madrid are still in a preliminary stage, but when M. Chatain says on the telephone that he foresees success, we are permitted to hope that the negotiations will end satisfactorily. This whole question of rescues should be treated as highly confidential and great care should be taken to avoid any leakage of our plans to outside of our organization.

We are surrounded here by adherents of the Joint, who are practically enemies, and so I repeat that the utmost secrecy must be maintained and in this connection, and although I am sorry to have to say it, Mr. Lichtenstein, in spite of being one of ours, is also not excluded from this secrecy. He must keep on good terms with the Joint so that his interest in the transportation of rescued persons shall not suffer and wants to maintain a strictly neutral attitude with the Joint in this fight. But neutrality in such circumstances as those of the present, is unpracticable and impossible. No one may stand aside when such things happen and right is on one side only. Lichtenstein, if informed of events, might even unconsciously transmit them to the Joint in conversation, and I have had enough trouble from the Joint through being honest and sincere with our friends here. I am sorry but I shall have to avoid even Lichtenstein's collaboration for the above-mentioned reasons, unless he receives strict instructions to work only with us. Lichtenstein is a very trustworthy officer but no more. He cannot make a decision by himself and has no initiative. His instructions on leaving London were to maintain good relationship with the Joint and even though

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he sees for himself what is going on, he does not make the decision which events should have forced him to take. It may be that later developments of our work here will oblige him to end this so-called neutrality. Lichtenstein cannot understand that the Joint is compelled to use its funds for transportation and that it is not for any special consideration of the Jewish Agency, or either because of Lichtenstein's diffidence to them, that they will behave properly.

With all kind wishes and best regards, please believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

Isaac Weissman

Dr. Leon Kubowitzki,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1089 Broadway,  
New York, U.S.A.

Enclosure no. with Despatch no. 537 sent M 25, 1944.

COPY DRAFT OF CABLE

Rabbi Stephen Wise, President Jewish Congress, NEW YORK

Joint who previously refused to deal with rescuework alleging this illegal now claims large scale activities this direction stop  
~~This most welcome if sincerely meant and not merely momentary for~~  
propaganda and prestige stop Nevertheless if Joint prefers non-cooperate Jewish Congress whose experienced rescue organization running since beginning war this thwarting manoeuver against us must cease paragraph

Joints Barcelona representative Sequera learning our Barcelona representative Herman stateless refugee rescued end April four children threatened denounce him to police as smuggler demanding his arrest and internment stop Herman fearing grave consequence delivered these children to Sequera stop after having refused propositions for collaboration Schwartz left for Spain stop on arrival immediately instituted action for purpose of winning our man over stop Croustillon refused whereupon Schwartz declared fight aimed at our destruction alleging we interfering in their field of activity stop Jefroikin recently arrived Barcelona was engaged by Schwartz for Barcelona office which Jefroikin accepted upon Schwartz declaration that we financially unsound and Joint able place in France all funds required for rescuework stop same tactics used unsuccessfully with Herman paragraph

Our leading underground worker Alvez arrested on arrival Madrid 21/5 concurrently one borderguide stop Joint again profited this confusion to seize seven lately rescued children by us stop seeing Sequera often threatens refugees to deliver them to police suspect above arrests originating same source stop hoping obtain proofs paragraph

Joint representative Madrid Blickenstaff has according information from Chatain prevented securing my Spanish Visa on grounds my visit superfluous seeing that Blickenstaff alone responsible for refugee activities Spain stop Blickenstaff position Spain considered official by authorities seeing his protection by American Embassy therefore his unfavourable recommendation accepted stop impossibility proceed Spain where intended open offices is disastrous rescuework paragraph

My opinion Schwartz accustomed leading position and unlimited powers results in despotic action against anybody not accepting Joint direction stop if Joint genuinely means to rescue our unfortunate brethren Schwartz should be substituted paragraph

Blickenstaff

Elickenstaff recently declared to Chatain and Cróustillon that rescuework illegal operation in which he uninterested stop for rescuework Elickenstaff temperamentally unfitted paragraph rescuework means working inside enemy territory transmission of messages through and from occupied countries and regular contact with people therein stop such activities too delicate and extremely dangerous for private unsupervised workers stop for security purposes must be officially controlled and supervised stop these reasons explain Goldmans suggestions to Winant in London and our action in putting our activities under official control here

Isaac Weissman

24/5/44

*Handwritten:*  
World Jewish Congress  
New York

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Mr. I.M. Weinstein  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

With reference to our various letters in which we took the liberty of suggesting broadcasts for the purpose of aiding the imperilled Jews in Europe, I learned that you are sometimes in New York, and I suggest that I meet you here at the next opportunity so that we can discuss at length all the pending matters on the subject.

I hope to hear from you soon and I am looking forward to our meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

*Kurt R. Crossman*  
KURT R. CROSSMAN,  
ASST., RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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In reply please  
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Dear General Hildring:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of May 20, 1944, enclosing copies of an exchange of correspondence between your office and Dr. Leon Kubowitzki of the World Jewish Congress, concerning the possibility of using the services of Army chaplains in refugee activities in liberated Italy.

Very truly yours,

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