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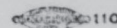
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TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

There has appeared simultaneously in the New York Times, the Chicago Tribune and other papers under date of February 8th and under scare headlines, an attack on this Organization.

The story in the Chicago Tribune is headlined as follows:

LENIN SELECTS CHICAGO FOR BIG FUND DRIVE.

The story in the New York Times appears as follows:

PROMINENT NAMES ARE USED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SOVIET.

Then follows such statements as "red sympathizers enlist prominent men", "that the committee intends to distribute through the Soviet authorities", that "Mr. Hoover is making a report to the President on the organizations engaged in relief work", and that "the Department of Justice is making an investigation." Other insinuations are made that this committee already has distributed funds to the Soviet authorities, that it is hostile to the American Relief Association, and that its letterhead contained a motto attacking Mr. Hoover.

The articles syndicated by the New York Times, either through malice or a ridiculous error, confused the American Committee For Russian Famine Relief with the American Federated Russian Famine Relief Committee. We have not the slightest connection with the American Federated Committee. Its headquarters are in New York and it is officered by members of radical relief organizations. Yet, without attempting to verify the facts, the New York Times article published the names of our entire National Advisory Council and then made false and libelous statement that you were members of a committee of which most of you never heard.

Mr. C. V. Van Anda, managing editor of the New York Times, has admitted to us by telegram that the article confused the names of our committee with that of the American Federated Committee. Its whole attack was based upon alleged facts concerning the Federated Committee, and this admission proves the absolute falsity of its subsequent insinuations.

Charles H. Ingersoll, Mrs. Agnes Brown Leach, Mrs. Harriet Laidlaw and several other members of our National Advisory Council reside in New York, but apparently the New York Times did not make the slightest effort to verify its utterly unfounded charges.

Here in Chicago, the editorial rooms of the Tribune are but a few blocks from our office. The Tribune, like every other Chicago paper, could have learned by a visit to our office anything which it wished to know about the work and plans of our organization. It made no effort whatever to investigate or to verify the unfounded rumors of its Washington correspondent.

At the National Capitol, Senator Joseph I. France and several other congressmen familiar with every detail of our work, having helped form the committee, could have given the correct information, but apparently were not called upon.

It is apparent that these two great and wealthy newspapers did not want information, but on the contrary they wanted misinformation. These newspapers did not want to tell the public the truth. On the contrary their evident wish was to convey false and misleading impressions to the public.

At this point some pertinent questions arise. Why do these newspapers originate their stories at Washington? Why do they couple Mr. Hoover's name with their attacks? Did these attacks emanate from Mr. Hoover and originate in his office? These are questions which ought to be answered.

They should be answered not merely with statements through newspapers manifestly hostile, but before a responsible committee of the American Congress where all sides may be heard and evidence put into the public record under laws and rules governing the taking of evidence so that facts may be developed and not personal opinions.

The facts are that this committee has never intended to distribute through the Soviet government. We intend to distribute through the Quakers and through the Russian Red Cross under American supervision. We have invited the Quakers, the Knights of Columbus, and members of the American Relief Association to participate in this distribution. We intend to invite the Lutherans, and other American relief organizations to assist. When our supplies are ready for distribution we will probably have stricter American supervision than any other relief organization operating in Russia. The Russian Red Cross is recognized by the International Red Cross Conference, has been highly praised by Dr. Fritjoff Nansen, head of the League of Nations relief work, and in every way is worthy of our confidence and co-operation.

In view of all the circumstances involved; in view of the fact that your name has appeared on the stationery of this Organization for a period of nearly two months and been widely circulated through the mails and otherwise; in view of the fact that now several millions of your fellow-citizens know of your connection with this Organization, it must be apparent to you that the matter may not be passed over lightly or dealt with in a casual manner. A public investigation has become imperative.

We have therefore asked that a Congressional committee be appointed to investigate the American Committee for Russian Famine Relief and all other organizations, including Mr. Hoover's association. In justice to yourselves we urge that you at once wire the Vice-President, senators from your state and Senator France demanding that such an investigation be made.

Finally we urge also that YOU investigate your own Organization. We have a considerable staff of people employed. We have built up a large organization in the twenty midwestern states where we are operating. Preparations are being made for "famine week" in these states. Already grain and clothing have been gathered in many communities.

To halt our collections at this point in our campaign would not only destroy the possibilities of furnishing relief to the starving and sick in Russia, but it would bankrupt our Organization.

The New York Times states that we have raised \$500,000 in money. You, yourself, know that this is absurd. We have made no effort to raise money as you have been repeatedly informed except for the purpose of completing our Organization of local committees so that when "famine week" is designated throughout the twenty states, the machinery may be ready to make collections. This Organization had but a small sum of money with which to begin work, a sum not sufficient to complete its organization work to prepare for "famine week." You all know that we have appealed to you for funds to complete this machinery and many of you have subscribed money, not only you but members of our state committees.

We at this office, cannot assume alone the responsibility of sustaining the malicious attacks by the newspapers. These attacks are directed at the Organization of which you are a part. The newspapers did excuse you on the ground that you have been deceived. Each of you know that this is not true. You have been furnished perhaps more fully with the details of this Organization than any to which you have ever belonged. Not a single pertinent fact in connection with our Organization has been withheld from you. You have seen all the literature we have issued and the publicity we have furnished the newspapers. Not a single word of criticism has come to this office from any of you on the conduct of the Organization or the literature it has issued.

There are living in Chicago, members of our Committee in whose judgment and probity you must have complete confidence. We suggest that you designate from this list or from your own ranks, a committee to meet with the office executives, go through our correspondence, audit our books and report publicly and especially to the members of our National, state and local committees, now numbering thousands, your findings.

We not only suggest; we demand that this be done and done quickly.

Very truly yours,

WALTER W. LIGGETT,

Acting Secretary.

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TO OUR NATIONAL AND STATE ADVISORY COUNCILS:

The enclosures will show you how we have conducted our campaign in Wisconsin. "Famine week" ends officially in Wisconsin on the 19th, but many communities have asked that there be an extension of time until the end of the month. Wisconsin is now so well organized that the local committees will go on with their work with very little assistance from us.

We shall now concentrate our attention on the other states. Iowa will probably be next after which the remaining states will follow in close order. We have gained much valuable experience from Wisconsin, which will enable us to make "famine weeks" in the other states easier to handle. We urge all of our state committee members to proceed as rapidly as possible with local organizations. If there be people with whom you would like to have us communicate send us their names and addresses plainly written. We will send letters fully explaining our work and literature describing conditions in Russia.

Our close cooperation with the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) has greatly strengthened our efficiency. Hereafter we will have the assistance of the Friends' publicity department together with their experience in handling shipments to Russia. Mr. Wilbur K. Thomas, Executive Secretary of the Friends' Organization, advises us that as soon as the food situation becomes less acute we must all turn our attention to medical supplies and sanitation. The Russian Government has asked the Quakers to stay in Russia permanently and assist in the work of reconstructing, sanitation and social service.

We trust that each one of you will liven up just a little bit and help along with the work of organization.

Very truly yours,

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL, AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RUSSIAN FAMINE RELIEF:

First of all, we thank you for your acceptance of a place on the advisory council and your promise of cordial co-operation.

This committee was initiated by a group of senators and representatives who were active in pushing the government appropriation of \$20,000,000 for Russian famine relief. The Russian government also has agreed to appropriate \$10,000,000 gold. This fund of \$30,000,000 will be expended within the United States for the purchase of grain. The expenditure of this money will relieve materially the suffering in Russia and benefit our own hard pressed farmers who have abundant crops but no market.

Large as this sum seems, it is admittedly insufficient to cope with the Russian famine situation. Twenty-five million people are menaced by starvation. Millions will perish unless speedy relief is forthcoming. Col. Haskill, head of the American relief work in Russia, says, "A month ago they were dying by thousands, today they are dying by tens of thousands, and in a month more they will be dying by hundreds of thousands."

Starvation breeds disease. Southern Russia is becoming a plague spot which threatens to spread disease over the world. Our funds and supplies will be directed mainly to medical relief through the Russian Red Cross, which has organized units on the ground but is almost wholly lacking in supplies. The Russian Red Cross is similar in organization and purposes to the American Red Cross and has been recognized officially by the International Red Cross Conference in Geneva. The distribution of our relief in Russia will be supervised by representatives of our own Committee.

And now for practical efforts:

The National committee is organized and functioning. Organization of state committees is well under way. The next necessary step is the organization of local committees so that we may make a concerted and effective public appeal.

We therefore urge that you immediately proceed to organize a local committee. To this end see and obtain the co-operation of your local newspapers, the ministers of your churches, the various women's clubs, business associations, and farm and labor organizations. As soon as your local committee is organized, we will furnish you with publicity for your local newspapers; and, if you can arrange a meeting, we can provide speakers recently returned from Russia with the first moving pictures taken in the famine region.

We enclose a number of enrollment cards and a sample leaflet. Use these cards to enroll those who will actively co-operate with us. If you cannot do this personally, use the mails. Return the cards to us as soon as signed, but keep duplicate names and addresses for the use of your local committee. We will supply more cards and leaflets in any quantity desired. Tell us how many.

Trusting that you will push the preliminary organization work with all possible vigor, we are,

Very truly yours,

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RUSSIAN FAMINE RELIEF.

January 11th, 1922

Walter W. Liggett,
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January 21, 1922.

TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

I am sending you herewith enclosed one form letter directed to about 1,000 clergymen who have become members of our state advisory committees; also, a brief bulletin, telling something of the progress of our work.

Please note the request we are making of our clergy-men members.

Up to this moment we have specifically asked for no money from anyone except at public meetings which have been held. We need funds with which to complete the work of organizing. This work is being done largely by mail. It is cheaply done but still it costs money.

I am also enclosing one subscription blank. If you are not in a position to make a contribution, yourself, will you not please present our work to someone known to you to be able to help. In this connection we wish it frankly understood for what purpose the contribution is to be used.

Very truly yours,

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RUSSIAN FAMINE RELIEF

By James H. McGill
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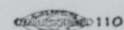
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CHICAGO, ILL.



Dear Sir and Brother:

The most inspiring feature of our work thus far is the response that has come from our letter to the ministers.

A letter has been or is being mailed to every clergyman, rabbi and priest in that section of the United States comprising the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri valleys. Every mail arriving in this city contains responses, and the total is now mounting up into thousands. Offers of clothing, grain and flour are being forwarded by mail and by wire.

Please advise all of your people that we do not want to collect clothing, grain and flour until a week for such work has been designated by the Governor of your state. We want to make our first collection in all states at the same time. We will probably make shipments to the port of New Orleans and from thence direct to the Volga region in Southern Russia. When the time comes, we will tell all of our people what to collect. In general we want clothing, grain, flour, nurses materials, drugs in dry form from your drug stores, etc., etc. This must not be done in a hap-hazard but in a systematic way.

What we need now most of all is funds for our organization work which must precede the actual collection of relief material. We must have money to do the organization work and then we must have money for the shipments of our materials. After our supplies are landed on the shores of Russia, our expense will cease. The Russian Red Cross will then take charge, and the Russians, themselves, will transport the supplies from the sea-board and will do all the work of administering the relief. We have engaged, however, to send a commission from our Organization to Russia to supervise this distribution so that we may assure every contributor to this relief work, that our supplies have been administered to the **FAMINE SUFFERERS ONLY**.

We inaugurated this work with a very small sum of money, so small, indeed, that when our work is done, the story of how it has been done will be most interesting.

We started this work on faith, faith in that providence which once multiplied five loaves and five fishes into food for a multitude; also, faith in the generous heart of America, which in the presence of distress and suffering, lays aside prejudice and responds with zeal and earnestness.

I am enclosing with this letter five subscription blanks. May I not ask you to go among your people and make a specific request for an initial contribution from five of your most generous members, and send the money to this office at once. Receipt will be given to you. Please tell your contributors frankly that the money is to be used to complete the organization of committees over the twenty states where we are most actively engaged.

We believe we shall raise supplies amounting to millions of dollars. We further believe that we will be able to do this without the necessity of setting up expensive machinery, hiring organizers, and thus consuming a considerable part of our funds in over-head costs. The life of this Organization will not last longer than September of this year. We will have completed our job, closed our offices, ended expense and done our bit toward saving twenty-five million lives in Russia which are menaced. We want to say when we are through that we have done this almost entirely with volunteers, that no one has profited from distress, and that every expenditure has been made to count to the utmost.

Trusting that we may have your reply to this communication within three days from its receipt, we are

Very truly yours,

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The American Committee For Russian Famine Relief

405-8 Steinway Building, 64 East Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.

James H. McGill, Treasurer:

I enclose herewith my check for \$_____ as my contribution to the work of the AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RUSSIAN FAMINE RELIEF.

Name _____

Street and Number _____

City _____ State _____

Occupation _____ Tel. No. _____

Resolutions Adopted by the Chicago City Council January 18, 1922

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WHEREAS, The American Committee for Russian Famine Relief with branches throughout the entire United States is making every effort to relieve the Russian condition; and

WHEREAS, that Committee has asked permission of the city government to place in the City Hall, coin boxes for contributions to that relief and has asked the assistance of the City Council in securing like permission from other public bodies, office buildings, banks, stores, factories and other commercial houses; and

WHEREAS, by ordinance of the City Council, contributions of this character under the name of "tag days" have been confined to three days each year but it is believed that the emergency now existing and the world-wide calamity which will come from conditions existing in Russia demand a temporary abandonment of this established principle; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Works be and is hereby authorized to permit The American Committee for Russian Famine Relief to install in such places in the corridors and offices of the City Hall as he may designate, coin boxes for the purpose of such contributions under such regulation as he may deem proper in the premises, not inconsistent with the purpose of this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that public announcement be made of this action on the part of the City Council and that like action be requested of other public bodies, office buildings, banks, stores, factories and other commercial houses.

American Committee For Russian Famine Relief

BULLETIN No. 1

405 STEINWAY BUILDING, CHICAGO

JANUARY 23, 1922

National Organization Complete. Work Starts

National organization of the American Committee for Russian Famine Relief is complete. Work has started in organizing state advisory councils, which include mayors and other public officials, clergymen, business and professional men and women and representatives of farm organizations. Acceptances of positions on the state advisory councils are pouring into headquarters at a rate of more than 200 a day.

Coincidentally, local organizations, through which direct appeals will be made for the relief of starving millions in Russia are being formed.

Atchison First City to Report

Atchison, Kansas, is the first municipality to complete a local organization:

The following letter tells the story:

Atchison, Kansas, Jan. 16, 1922.
American Committee for Russian Famine Relief,
405 Steinway Building,
Chicago.
Gentlemen:

With reference to previous correspondence, all arrangements have been completed here to proceed with the work, and we now await your further instructions.

A committee of representative business and professional men has been appointed; the co-operation of the press has been secured, and your committee is ready to function upon receipt of your further advice.

The following men compose this committee: Wilber C. Hawk, chairman; Rev. D. H. Dahm, W. C. Linville, W. A. Hollingsworth, Rev. Arthur Long, Bert C. Wells, H. P. Study, Andrew Schoenecker, J. E. Henderson, J. Lansky.

Please address all further instructions to the chairman, Mr. Hawk.

Mr. J. Lansky will make a trip to Russia about March or April to look after the welfare of some of his relatives, and if he can be of any service or assistance to you, please advise the chairman.

Yours very truly,
FRED W. MANGELSDORF,
Mayor of Atchison.

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In the last few days, United States Senator Irvine L. Lenroot of Wisconsin, Governors Warren J. McCray of Indiana and R. D. Carey of Wyoming, Frank P. Walsh, New York, United States District Judge Charles F. Amidon, Fargo, N. D. and Dr. William J. Mayo, Rochester, Minn., have joined other distinguished men and women on the national advisory council.

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Scores and scores of letters are coming in from the rural districts of the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio valleys, pledging carloads of grain and flour.

CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL URGES COMMITTEE AID

The city council of Chicago on January 18th indorsed the appeal for funds of the American Committee for Russian Famine Relief by authorizing the installation of coin boxes with printed appeals for famine aid in the City Hall. A resolution unanimously adopted by the council urges that like action be taken by other public bodies, owners of office buildings, banks, stores, factories and other commercial houses.

The resolution in the city council, recommended by the finance committee, reads as follows:

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Famine Week to be Set by Governors

Just as soon as our organization machinery is completed, and a tremendous job has been done in less than a month, governors of middle western states will be asked to make proclamations, setting aside a certain week for Russian Famine Relief.

Shipments probably will be made from the port of New Orleans to the Russian Red Cross in southern Russia. An American commission will follow the shipments to see that the gifts of America are distributed to the famine sufferers.

Enthusiastic Letters Insure Real Response

Thousands of letters, pouring into headquarters, insure success of the American Committee's appeal for the starving millions in the Volga valley.

Here's a letter from Mayor J. H. Riffe of Girard, Ill.:

"I am making arrangements with five churches and Sunday schools to give us a donation Sunday, January 29, and you may send me a quantity of hand bills to distribute among the church people next Sunday, and that will help stimulate the interest some."

The governor of Arkansas, Thomas C. McRea, is ready to go.

His secretary writes the committee, asking us to indicate what week we PREFER that his proclamation for Russian famine relief be issued.

And then there's a letter from Governor Lee M. Russell of Mississippi, offering a suggestion that appeals also be made through state superintendents of schools, so that children will have a chance to help.

Governor N. E. Kendall of Iowa also is on the job.

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Bellwood Pastor Gets Tragic Plea

There are pathetic letters, too.

"Members of my congregation receive letters from their relatives telling of the terrible conditions in the hunger stricken towns along the Volga river," writes Rev. H. Meyer, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church in Bellwood, Ill. "Many letters tell of deaths of parents, brothers and sisters. I received one of the first letters, written by one of my parishoners, a young lady who left last spring with her parents, sisters and brother for Russia. In this letter she describes the terrible conditions among the peasants along the Volga river, in Samara and Saratov, of their own terrible sufferings and privations, and she pleads and begs that I do everything in my power to bring them back to the United States."

"We had it so good in the United States, and now we have nothing," she says.

"Our money is gone. There is nothing to eat. Some eat the bark of trees, field mice, etc. If we don't get help soon, we must all starve. Please help!"

**INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS
COMMITTEE
INTER ARMA CARITAS**

**206th Circular
RECOGNITION OF THE RUSSIAN RED CROSS
(OF THE SOVIET REPUBLIC)**

Geneva, 15th October, 1921.

To the Chairman and Members of the Central Committees of the Red Cross
GENTLEMEN:—

The 10th International Conference of the Red Cross, in its plenary session of the 4th of April, 1921, at Geneva, recognized that the International Committee had taken proper action with regard to the Soviet Red Cross, and advised it to continue the negotiations with the Soviet Government in order to obtain for the delegates of the International Committee and of the Red Cross Societies which should request it, authorization to enter Russia to bring relief to the population.

Pursuant to this suggestion, the International Committee informed the Soviet Russian Red Cross by wireless of the 6th of July that, on inspection of the report of its delegate, Dr. W. Wehrlin, who had returned from Russia, the committee was ready to recognize and maintain official relations with it, if normal intercourse were established between the two organizations, and particularly if the Committee's delegate were allowed to go to Moscow to there represent the International Committee in the offices of the Soviet Red Cross and Government, as the delegate of the Russian Red Cross at Berne represented it in the offices of the International Committee.

An affirmative and satisfactory answer having reached us under date of the 6th of August, and our delegate having been able to return to Moscow, we have the honor to make known to you that we can now officially recognize the Red Cross of Moscow as the National Red Cross Society in Russia, i. e., in the part of the Russian Empire which constitutes the territory of the "Soviet Russian Federative Socialist Republic."

This Society, in fact, satisfies the essential requirements which have to be met by every National Red Cross Society.

The Swiss Department of State has certified to us that present day Russia was always considered as one of the signatory states of the Geneva Convention.

The Red Cross has been recognized by the Soviet Government as a National Society and as an auxiliary to the official Health Service (ordinances of the Soviet Government dated the 7th of August, 1918, and the 8th of July, 1920, which we copy below); and the official representative of the Red Cross in Russia, Dr. Bagotzky, at Berne, has by letters of the 28th of August and 7th of September, 1920, formally stated to us that no other National Red Cross Society will be recognized in the territory of the Soviet Republic.

It has at its head a Central Committee, the membership of which we give below. It admits to the organization all its nationals without distinction of sex, faith or political opinion, and includes in its sphere of action the whole territory of the Soviet Republic. The by-laws show that the other requirements are likewise satisfied.

By thus recognizing the Russian Red Cross of the Soviet Republic, the International Committee does not intend to renounce the de facto relations which it has with the former Russian Red Cross organization, in view of the humanitarian activity which it has demonstrated and is still carrying on outside of the territory of the Soviet Republic on behalf of the Russian refugees in foreign countries.

The Central Committee of the Russian Red Cross at Moscow is at present made up of the following members:

Dr. Zenobius Solovieff, Chairman;
Dr. Alexander Goloubkoff, Vice-Chairman;
Eugene Korovin, Secretary;
Dr. Michel Baranof, Member;
Maxim Litvinof, Member;
Alexander Dogadof, Member;
Michel Urivayef, Member.

Its address is: Leontievsky 11, Moscow.

Please accept, gentlemen, the assurance of our very high regard.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE

PAUL DES GOUTTES,
General Secretary.

GUSTAVE ADOR,
Chairman.

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Collect message to

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I accepted membership on the Advisory Council of the American Committee for Russian Famine Relief under definite impression that it was a purely humanitarian movement, organized for no other purpose but that of relieving the terrible distress of millions of our fellowmen. It was understood the moneys raised would be used exclusively for relief purposes. Until it is definitely established that this organization has ulterior motives, I shall, of course, remain on the Council.

Rabbi A. H. Silver



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