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Cronbach, Abraham (pacifism), 1924-1942.



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January 11th, 1924

Rabbi Abraham Cronbach,  
Hebrew Union College,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Cronbach,

I am in receipt of your statement which you call a Pledge for Jewish Pacifists and which you ask me to sign.

Permit me to refer you to the statement which I made on the floor at the convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis following the reading of your paper. I am not a Pacifist and I do not believe in Pacifism. My people never believed in Pacifism. Judaism is a religion of Activism. Christianity is essentially pacifistic and it therefore has no program for a confused world today.

Peace will never be achieved through pacifism. Mankind will never subscribe to the doctrine that all war is wrong. Human life is sacred but there are things much more sacred than human life. Men have from time immemorial sacrificed their lives for religious, political and economic ideals which to them seemed transcendent.

If any one attacked me or my dear ones I would defend myself or my dear ones with every weapon at my disposal. If any one attacked my country or my religion I would equally defend them with every weapon at my disposal. You too seem to recognize that necessity sometimes justifies murder. In your second clause you say that, "I shall never maim or kill an animal in sport", but why limit it to sport? There is certainly less justification in killing an animal for food when the earth yields abundantly all that man requires for sustenance than it is to destroy an enemy who threatens your life, your freedom, your happiness or your dear ones.

Clause three, five and six could of course be readily subscribed to by any honest man but they have nothing to do with pacifism. Similarly clause seven, eight and nine are irrelevant to the main idea. Altogether your program is utterly unrelated to the main thought of Judaism. I cannot understand why you call it a pledge for "Jewish" Pacifists. Just what is there "Jewish" about it? Judaism believes in organizing social life through law so as to make war less probable, and unnecessary but it has never said "Thou Shalt not Kill", or "If a Man Strike Thee on One Cheek Turn<sup>Thou</sup> the Other."



January 11th, 1924.

Pacifism is a program of apocalyptic visionaries of Buddhists, ascetics and such sects as model themselves on the Messianic program of primitive Christianity. Judaism is prophetic, and the Prophets were not Pacifists.

Very sincerely yours,





# MEDICAL AID TO RUSSIA

## Preparatory Organization

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

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August 29, 1941.

### HONORARY AUDITORS

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Dear Dr. Silver:

In what Hanson Baldwin describes as the greatest battle in history, the Russians are making an epic resistance to the Nazi onslaught. The longer the Russians continue to resist the better for Britain, China and the United States.

As you may possibly have noted in the New York Times of August 20, a number of Americans have been so moved by Russian resistance that they have undertaken to form an American Committee for Medical Aid to Russia.

Enclosed is a copy of the New York Times' story. Since August 20 the plan has received the endorsement also of the Hon. Frank L. Polk, Dr. Stephen Wise, Raymond Gram Swing, Chester Rowell, the Hon. James Byrne, Dr. David Cheever and Thomas Mann.

We very much hope that you will permit us to use your name also as one of the endorsers of this effort. If possible, won't you write or wire me to this effect?

Sincerely yours,

Edward C. Carter  
*per M.S.*

Edward C. Carter.

Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple, East 105 St. & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



# New York Times.

## The International Situation

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1941

A program of medical relief for Russia was announced and gratefully received. [Page 5, Column 1.] Associate Justice Murphy, in an address, noted the American abhorrence of communism but urged aid to Russia as a means of checking Hitler. [Page 1, Column 3.]

### ASKS GIFTS TO SEND SUPPLIES TO RUSSIA

Group Formed to Seek Million for Medical Supplies to Help War on Germany

### EMBASSY TELLS OF NEEDS

Oumansky Expresses Appreciation for Effort to Coordinate Relief Efforts

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19—A medical aid program for Russia involving the raising in this country of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of supplies and surgical instruments "most urgently needed in the Soviet Union to aid its fight against the Nazis," was announced today by Edward C. Carter of New York, secretary general of the Institute of Pacific Relations and chairman of the disbursements committee, United China Relief, Inc.

Mr. Carter, who is serving as chairman of a group which is organizing the American Committee for Medical Aid to Russia, described the movement as a reflection of the spontaneous desire of many persons in every walk of life to "do something" for Russia.

He said the members of the committee, including Allen Wardwell and C. C. Burlingham of New York, Judge Thomas D. Thacher, former Solicitor General, and others, were "so moved by the Soviet resistance that they felt they should indicate to the Russian people that they are back of them in their fight," and voluntarily had taken the initiative in the formation of an organization through which the interest and sympathy of like-minded people might find expression.

"Before proceeding with the organization of the Committee for Medical Aid to Russia, we consulted the President's Committee on War Relief Agencies and received from Joseph E. Davies, its chairman, his full approval," Mr. Carter said.

"We confirmed, through the Soviet Embassy, the fact that medical aid was needed and would be most gratefully received, and we have assurances of full support and cooperation from Mr. Oumansky, the Soviet Ambassador, who on the advice of the Russian Red Cross, has provided us with a list of the supplies most urgently in demand.

"Some of these supplies are available in this country and the Soviet Union can provide facilities for their shipment to the U. S. S. R. Others may be purchased abroad.

Contributions now in hand total between \$500 and \$600, Mr. Carter said, the gifts ranging from \$2 to \$100 during the two weeks that the committee has been functioning.

Together with the list of needed medical supplies, Mr. Carter made public a statement from the Ambassador expressing his "deep appreciation" of the proposed service, and the hope that all Russian relief efforts in this country might be coordinated.

"In view of the magnitude of the war operations, such additional supplies of medicine as you might be able to provide through your committee will be a valuable contribution and a real service to the Soviet people in their fight against the Nazi aggressor," Mr. Oumansky declared.

"The formation of your committee comes at a time when the Soviet Embassy is receiving numerous inquiries from people all over the country as to how they can aid us in this just fight. The offers vary but the spirit motivating them remains the same: the noble spirit of the great American people who hate aggression, who want to see the Nazi aggressor defeated, who know that our cause is the righteous one.

"The Soviet people are unshakably confident that this attack will be victoriously repelled, that the aggressor is doomed and that Nazi tyranny will be annihilated by the joint efforts of all freedom-loving people."

Mr. Carter made public also an announcement by Dr. Henry E. Sigerist of Johns Hopkins University, head of the committee's medical advisory board, to the effect that a study of the list provided by the Soviet Embassy indicated immediate need of easily transportable anaesthetics for field station surgery, sulfathiazine and other newly developed sulfa-compounds, heart stimulants such as adrenaline and caffeine, tannic acid preparations for those suffering flame wounds, serums and anti-toxins, especially tetanus anti-toxin, and instruments and supplies for wound surgery.

Serving with Mr. Carter on the preparatory committee, pending the completion of the national organization, are Joseph Barnes, foreign editor of The New York Herald Tribune; Charles C. Burlingham and F. W. Gehle of New York; Dr. Sigerist, Vilhjalmur Stefansson, explorer and author, and Judge Thacher.

Mr. Carter made public the following list of names as endorsers for the organization of medical aid to Russia:

Dr. Frank Aydelotte, director of the Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton.  
Joseph Barnes, foreign editor, The New York Herald Tribune.  
The Metropolitan Benjamin, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in America.  
Eugene E. Barnett, general secretary, Y. M. C. A.  
Karl A. Bickel, former president of the United Press Associations.  
Myron C. Taylor, director, United States Steel.  
Franz Boas, anthropologist.  
Charles C. Burlingham, attorney.  
Professor Joseph P. Chamberlain, Columbia University.

Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, Union Theological Seminary.

Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, provost of the University of California.

Walter Duranty, foreign correspondent.

Clark M. Eichelberger, national director of the Committee to Defend America.

Homer Folks, chairman, State Charities Aid.

Lewis Gannett, book review editor, The New York Herald Tribune.

Dr. W. H. Gantt, head of Phipps Psychiatric Clinic, Johns Hopkins University.

Mortimer Graves, secretary, American Council of Learned Societies.

John Henry Hammond, lawyer.

Lillian Hellman, playwright.

Maurice Hindus, writer and lecturer.

Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, director, Smithsonian Institution.

Stanley M. Isaacs, President of the Borough of Manhattan.

Rufus M. Jones, former chairman, American Friends Service Committee.

Freda Kirchwey, editor, The Nation.

Benjamin Kizer, lawyer and public leader in the Northwest.

Dr. Walter S. Leathers, member of board of scientific directors, International Health Division, Rockefeller Foundation.

Kenneth Leslie, editor, The Protestant Digest.

Robert Littell, editor, The Reader's Digest.

Dr. J. A. MacCallum, rector of the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.

Dr. William MacNider, editor, Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.

Landon P. Marvin.

Dr. Eric Matsner, Birth Control Foundation of America.

Dr. Adolf Meyer, Johns Hopkins University.

The Rev. Dr. Elmore McKee, rector of St. George's Church, New York.

Francis P. Miller, Fairfax, Va.

Bishop Arthur W. Moulton, Bishop of Utah.

Edgar Ansel Mowrer, Washington correspondent, The Chicago Daily News.

William Allan Neilson, president emeritus, Smith College.

Charles Seymour, president of Yale University.

Dr. Richard P. Strong, professor emeritus, Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Emile Holman, Stanford Hospital, San Francisco.

Dr. W. W. Palmer, director of Medical Service, Presbyterian Hospital, New York.

Professor Ralph Barton Perry, Harvard University.

Clarence Pickett, American Friends Service Committee.

Dean Howard Chandler Robbins, dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Colonel Raymond Robins, head of the Red Cross Mission to Russia in 1917.

Professor Gerold T. Robinson, Department of History, Columbia University.

Dr. Joseph Rosen, joint distribution committee.

Representative A. J. Sabath of Illinois.

Dr. Henry E. Sigerist, director, Institute of the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University.

Mrs. F. Louis Stale.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, author and Arctic explorer.

Alexander Sachs, economist.

Professor Vida D. Scudder, Wellesley College.

Dr. James T. Shotwell, director, Division of Economics and History, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Judge Thomas D. Thacher.

Richard J. Walsh, editor, Asia Magazine, and book publisher.

Allen Wardwell, attorney.

W. W. Waymack, editor, The Des Moines Register and Tribune.

Dr. Mary E. Woolley, president emeritus, Mount Holyoke College.

Efrem Zimbalist, violinist and director of the Curtis Institute of Music.

Edgar V. O'Daniel, American Cyanamid Company.

All inquiries may be addressed to:  
Medical Aid to Russia,  
Room 1006, 56 W. 45th St., N.Y.C.



September 2, 1941

Mr. Edward C. Carter, Chairman  
Medical Aid to Russia Committee  
56 West 45th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Carter:

In reply to your letter of August 29 :  
permit me to state that I shall be very pleased  
to serve on the American Committee for Medical  
Aid to Russia.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BK



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*Secretary*

September 11, 1941

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Following the announcement of our effort to raise funds for medical aid to the Soviet Union, we have heard that it is desirable also to send bundles, food concentrates, and other supplies to relieve the civilian population. For this reason it has seemed wise to broaden the title of our committee to Russian War Relief, Inc. We are, therefore, being incorporated under this new name with the following as The Board of Directors.

Benjamin H. Kizer  
Raymond Robins  
Thomas D. Thacher  
Allen Wardwell  
Henry Sloane Coffin  
Dr. Henry E. Sigerist

Harriet Moore  
Edward C. Carter  
James Byrne  
Charles Burlingham  
John C. Cooper, Jr.  
Vilhjalmur Stefansson  
W. W. Waymack

We trust that this change in title will meet with your approval and that you will wish to endorse the effort of the permanent committee under this name.

Sincerely,

*Edward C. Carter*

Edward C. Carter

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# RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are delighted to receive your endorsement of the work of this Committee. The wide support which we have received from all over the country indicates a general recognition of the importance of sending help to the Russian peoples in their fight.

When a branch is formed in Cleveland we hope we may call on you for advice and assistance.

We shall keep you informed as the plans for the work of the organization develop.

Sincerely,

*Harriet Moore*

Harriet Moore,  
Secretary

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# RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF, INC.

THIRD FLOOR

535 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

VANDERBILT 6-3203

October 18, 1941

To: The Sponsors of Russian War Relief, Inc.

From: Edward C. Carter, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

This is the first opportunity I have had to thank some of you personally for your endorsement of Russian War Relief, Inc. Since I wish to express this appreciation to all the sponsors of our organization, I am writing to you in order to be sure that I have overlooked no one.

Russian War Relief, Inc., as you undoubtedly know, is a humanitarian effort, created by Americans to assist the suffering people in Russia with medical supplies and other creature needs during their struggle against Hitler's forces. The organization was conceived entirely as a humanitarian effort and we are unalterably committed to a relief program, transcending all political implications.

Our attention has been called to some adverse criticism of Russian War Relief as a possible instrument for activities beyond our intention. In order to reassure all our friends, and particularly our sponsors, I want to say that at no time has Russian War Relief gone beyond its relief program, nor will it ever go beyond this program.

The magnificent body of Americans who have responded to our request for sponsorship, is testimony of the overwhelming desire of the American people to send to Russia all possible medical and civilian aid, and gives Russian War Relief a status which cannot be shaken by any sort of political attack.

May I thank you again for your interest and help in sponsoring Russian War Relief, Inc.

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October 30, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105 Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We appreciate very much your fine message of support to the meeting at Madison Square Garden to launch the campaign for Russian War Relief. The inspiring support which we got for this meeting gives us every confidence that our effort to send help to the Russian people at this critical moment will be successful.

Sincerely,

*Edward C. Carter*  
Edward C. Carter, Chairman

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PLEASE ENDEAVOR TO MEET EDWARD C CARTER AT 8:30 FRIDAY EVENING  
DECEMBER FIFTH IN ROOM TWENTY SIX AT HOTEL CLEVELAND. IT IS IMPORTANT  
THAT A FEW MEET TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF SET UP IN  
CLEVELAND. THIS MESSAGE VERIFIES TELEPHONE MESSAGE LEFT AT YOUR OFFICE  
ON WEDNESDAY. THANKS

**ANNE RYLANCE SMITH.**



# RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF, INC.

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December 10, 1941

Rabbit Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A very striking 1942 Calendar has been designed to aid in raising funds for Russian War Relief.

We believe you will want to send these calendars to your friends as Christmas gifts. They are beautiful in themselves -- they will help in bringing our work to the attention of a larger public -- and they will mean more funds for urgently needed medical aid to the Russian people.

Thirteen of America's leading artists have contributed pictures for the calendar -- George Biddle, William Gropper, Georges Schreiber, Adolph Dehn, Rockwell Kent, Ernest Fiene, John Sloan, Bobri, Wanda Gag, Lucille Corcos, Julian Levi, Edgar Levy, and William Steig.

The stunning cover design by Bobri is in four colors -- the twelve drawings for the months of the year in black and white. The calendar is seven by ten, bound in a colorful plastic so that it stands upright. Each calendar comes in an envelope ready for mailing.

The calendars will be ready the week of December 22nd, possibly a few days sooner, and can be secured in any quantity at fifty cents each. We shall be glad to mail them out for you if you will send us a list of names, or we shall deliver them directly to you. Please make all checks payable to Russian War Relief, Inc., 535 Fifth Avenue, New York City -- or telephone the Calendar Division, Vanderbilt 6-3203, at the same address.

We hope to have your orders as soon as possible, and shall give them our careful attention.

Sincerely,

*Rose Gandal*

Rose Gandal

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December 30, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have the rare pleasure to inform you that Professor Albert Einstein has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the Council of Jewish Fraternal and Benevolent Organizations.

It is needless at this time to elaborate on the importance of Russian War Relief, Inc. and its vital campaign to extend aid to the embattled peoples of Russia in the allied struggle against the Hitler barbarians.

Before making final arrangements for the completion of our executive committee, I should like the privilege of inviting you to join this committee as honorary vice-chairman.

Please let me know your decision as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

*Abraham Goldberg*

Abraham Goldberg  
Chairman  
For the Committee

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January 2, 1942

Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel & 105th  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Up to the present neither a Chairman nor a Treasurer has been secured for the Cleveland Committee of Russian War Relief, Inc. This is not good in view of the breadth of interest of Clevelanders, nor is it wise to delay in campaigning in Cleveland for funds. The Russian front line still holds.

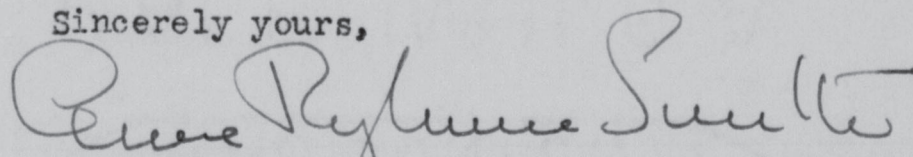
Will you as a National Sponsor of Russian War Relief give time to help me settle this dilemma? Whom do you know as a good leader that would recognize the importance of Russian War Relief today? Too, what banker do you know who would take the extra task of being Treasurer for the Cleveland Committee?

In your city of a million people there certainly are two prominent leaders to fill these parts. Please think over who's who, and let me have your suggestions so that I may contact them on my return to Cleveland the first part of January.

With eight representative Clevelanders as National Sponsors, I feel sure that with your help we can secure a local organization of which you will be proud.

Thank you!

Sincerely yours,



Anne Rylance Smith  
Field Representative  
Russian War Relief, Inc.

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February 5, 1942

Mr. Edward Blythin, Chairman  
Cleveland Committee, Russian War Relief Fund  
Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Blythin:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send  
you the enclosed letter and contribution to the  
Russian War Relief Fund.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

\$ 100



February 5, 1942

Miss Yetta G. Rose, Treasurer  
The Immediate Aid Society  
10216 South Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Rose:

I received, this morning, your  
check of \$100, a contribution of the Immediate  
Aid Society to the Russian War Relief Fund. I am  
forwarding today to that organization which I  
am sure will acknowledge it to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



*Blythin and Mintz*  
*Counselors at Law*  
*Union Commerce Building*  
*Cleveland*

February 6th 1942.

Miss Bessie Kline  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Kline;

I acknowledge receipt of your kind  
note of yesterday enclosing a letter from Yetta G. Rose, Treasurer  
of The Immediate Aid Society with which was included the Society's  
check for \$100.00 to Russian War Relief Inc.

I am to-day forwarding the check to Mr. J. G. Geddes, the local  
Treasurer, and am also writing to Mrs. Rose.

Thank you very much for your good offices in the matter and  
with kind regards and best of wishes to all at The Temple, I remain

Sincerely yours



Chairman, Cleveland Committee,  
Russian War Relief Inc.

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# Russian War Relief, Inc.

535 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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March 19, 1942.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are planning to have printed a folder in the interest of Russian War Relief for distribution among religious groups in the United States. As one of the national sponsors of Russian War Relief, Inc., will you submit to us a brief statement regarding the responsibilities of religious people in this humanitarian cause, which we might use in this folder? The general theme of the message will be "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

Will you also give us permission to list your name on this folder as one of the members of the religious committee for Russian War Relief?

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Einar Oftedahl

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March 24, 1942

Rev. Einar Oftedahl  
Russian War Relief, Inc.  
535 Fifth Avenue  
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My dear Rev. Oftedahl:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter to Rabbi Silver. Rabbi Silver is out of the city and will be gone about ten days. When he returns to Cleveland I shall be pleased to refer your letter to his attention.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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The Temple,  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

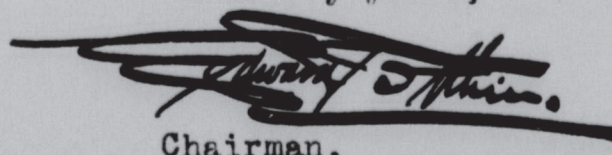
We are in a rather embarrassing position in connection with next Wednesday's Russian War Relief rally because our platform space is very limited, and as matters now stand we must confine the Executive Committee section of the platform to the members of our Committee exclusively, and in order to make final arrangements we are anxious to definitely know who of them will be present. For that purpose, I will ask you to be kind enough to indicate on the enclosed postal card whether you will be present, and to return same at once. I sincerely hope you can be present.

We are going to have with us John Adams High School Band, the Orpheus Male Chorus, Mrs. Nila Magidoff, Mr. Edward C. Carter, National President of Russian War Relief, and Major George Fielding Elliott.

Members of the Executive Committee who will be present are requested to assemble in the Musicians' Room (Room 180) on the West corridor at the platform end of the Hall, at 8:15 o'clock sharp.

Hoping you can be with us, and thanking you in advance for a prompt response, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
Chairman.

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