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Bercovici, Re: Quoddy, Maine, 1947.

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Baronovici
re Quoddy - Maine

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Julius :

If as you intimated last night , you do go to Cleveland , it might be a good idea to talk with Dr. Silver on a matter of interest to Senator Brewster as well as to Dr. Silver .

Here is the matter in brief : Thewar left the village of Quoddy , on the coast of Maine , destitute. Hundreds of its people are without gainful occupation , which has caused the Senator considerable concern .

Now comes a man named Frank Cohen , about whom the world of Jewry ought to know much more than it does , presenting a constructive plan which embraces not only the well being of the inhabitants of that village, but hundreds of Displaced Persons . Cohen is an industrialist with a background of success in both his own field and that of humanitarian endeavor . He has suggested that one of his plants , one in which he manufactures tractors , be moved to Quoddy Maine for the purpose also of training Displaced Persons , at a rate of about four hundred ~~and~~ every six months , which would bring under special State Department permit, about eight hundred such persons a year . These trainees would , at the end of their educational period , be transferred to some South American country , such as Brazil , Paraguay or Argentine , where jobs and a better life await them .

Mr. Cohen has already discussed the transfer of the D P to those countries , discussed it with the respective governments , and it appears a satisfactory arrangement has been arrived at between him and those Governments .

It is apparent that Mr. Cohen would not attempt to deal with the representatives of the city of Eastport Maine , which includes the Village of Quoddy , had he not considered the arrangements with the S.A countries more or less a fait accompli .

Cohen does not offer this project as the final solution of the DP problem , but only a temporary palliative, and to be applied and include only those who may be willing to go to S A rather than to Palestine .

The Senator would like you to take up this matter with Dr. Silver , in order that the project may be fully apprised for what it is and for what it aims to do . He intimated to me that Dr. Silver may be disposed to consider the project as one to interfere with the broader Palestine policy and he is anxious to have the matter clarified .

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Frank Cohen , whom I met in Senator Brewster's office , is the head of the Vulcan Iron Works , Wilkesbarre PA head of the Empire Tractor Corporation, Engaged in various Export enterprises , head of a corporation manufacturing Tomato Juice with plants in the United States and South America ; Head of a ~~xxxx~~ Farm Equipment plant , head of a corporation engaged in manufacturing ammunition for England and the United States during the war and a prominent Jewish Welfare worker and contributor to many worthy causes . This may not be a fully detailed account on the Gentleman , but it is indicative of his position in society .

Bercovici .

