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This country has an earnest desire to find the truth behind the news, to learn the "inside story" of momentous events; it even has institutions solely devoted to the exposure of foreign propaganda.-Well, then, what is the inside story of Anti-Semitism? For, let none of my listeners deceive themselves, this special form of racial hatred does not confine itself to the unspeakable horrors which it is perpetrating on a scale putting all previous atrocities in the shade. Oh, no, the Anti-Semitism of today, the streamlined, artificial Anti-Semitism of our technical age, is no means in itself; it is nothing but a wrench to unscrew bit by bit the whole machinery of our civilization. Or, to use an up-to-date simile: Anti-Semitism is like a hand-grenade tossed over the wall to work havoc and confusion in the camp of Democracy. That is its real and main purpose.

Who says so? Is it my own theory? Oh, no. I quote only. Why, the chief-instigators of World Anti-Semitism themselves openly boast of their cunning devices: how to disrupt strong nations by making them "Jew-conscious" and thereby forgetful of democratic conscience. To them Anti-Semitism and nationalism are nothing but very useful tools in their attempt to conquer the world by "boring from within". Let us look at their technique for a moment.

It works in a twofold way, making friends, unmaking enemies. First of all, Anti-Semitism appeals to those wretched people who, in order to feel bigger, must crush others under their heels. I hear them saying to themselves: "I may be a nobody, but, at least, I'm not a Jew! So I am something - something noble!" - Anti-Semitism, I maintain, is the mob's substitute for nobility.

To those, however, who are wary and ashamed of racial hatred, the arch-seducers speak: "Why bother about all this exaggerated talk" - so they say -

"of persecution, deportation and starvation? This is not your business! Let the Jews" - so they say - "look out for themselves; don't you interfere lest you come to grief yourselves! Leave the Jews to us, and we promise to leave you alone."

Beware of such talk! The peoples of Europe were trapped that way, only to discover later that the onslaught against the Jews was but the starting signal for a general drive against the very foundations of Christianity. That humanitarian creed for which we are forever indebted to the people of the Holy Writ, originated in the old Mediterranean world. What we are witnessing today is nothing else than the ever recurrent revolt of unconquered pagan instincts, protesting against the restrictions imposed by the Ten Commandments. The Jews of Middle Europe had the misfortune, as living exponents of this old Mediterranean culture, to earn the wrath of the younger Nordics first.

The Jewish cause is, therefore, not a Jewish question alone. I am a gentile myself, and I support this Appeal, because I know from bitter experience that the flames in which the Jew burns, will not stop at his stake, but will lap the surrounding houses. We shall all perish if we are not on the alert to quench these flames before it is too late. This fire is as fateful as that conflagration of which the Germanic saga speaks: "Muspili", or The Twilight of the Pagan Gods. Let us hope that this new Twilight will not bring about the pagan gods' resurrection but will be followed by Dawn - let us pray that the martyrdom of the Saviour's people may turn into salvation for a whole suffering world.

I want to speak to you tonight about the great task which American men and women of the Jewish faith have undertaken. The task is done at the command of religion, that religion common to all men and women in the United States, whether they be of Protestant, Catholic or Jewish origin. It is done so that there will be greater justice in the world.

In this spirit we have tried to provide for men, women and children who have been exiled from Europe and have turned their faces to this country for that new life which is the essence of our democracy. The National Refugee Service takes the newcomers who would otherwise be a problem to the general polity of our country and assumes responsibility for them. I know of no more patriotic program in this important field and I know of none that has been sustained with higher spirit and with greater service to our country.

The second beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal is Palestine. Those who turn to the East in reverent recollection of the land of Holy Writ, of the Prophets, of the singers in Israel and of Jesus are amongst the great patriots of our land. Palestine today offers a refuge and a haven to so many thousands of our distressed brethren that it seems again to be to those escaping from Egyptian bondage a "Promised Land." It is to the credit of the Jews who have settled and worked there that out of the rocky surface and thin soil of Palestine a land promising to flow with milk and honey has begun to grow. The United Palestine Appeal finds means from the physical charity and the intellectual generosity of all shades of Jewish opinion to assist in this civilized process and thereby to bring succor to thousands and thousands who would otherwise be completely homeless wanderers upon the face of the earth.

The Joint Distribution Committee has toiled unremittingly since 1914 to relieve distress and to create hope for millions of our fellow Jews and for non-Jews, first in Eastern Europe and in Palestine, and now, because of the war, throughout the world. Its means are limited but its ideals are Messianic.

Let those who feel that they are too weak to help remember that the meek redeem the earth, that those who abate their judgment of the political problems, the economic problems and the theological problems which distress humanity and offer their whole to the poor and needy are just those meek by whom all humanity will be redeemed.

These three organizations I have told you about only in the most general way. They must have their place in the present thinking of all humane men and women as they have earned their places in the history of humanity.

These are noble causes. These are the fulfillment of American ideals and of Jewish hopes. They carry out the mandates of religion, the teaching of the Prophets and the behests of Jesus. Certainly, as Americans, as Jews or as Christians we must rally to those who have undertaken this service and help them to provide means to carry it forward.

As I sit here looking at this microphone, a symbol of how high our civilization can aspire to elevate its mechanics through its mind; as I sit here looking at Thomas Mann, a symbol of how high our civilization may aspire to elevate its flesh through the spirit, I realize that he is here to plead for help for those who have allied themselves with the spiritual and the hopeful of humanity.

Dear Friends:

We are met in one of the gravest hours in human history - in one of the blackest hours of Jewish history. Last year's campaign of our Jewish Welfare Fund was held in what we now know to have been the ominous interlude between the Nazi conquest of Czechoslovakia and the Nazi conquest of Poland. In the former instance, a Jewish community of three hundred thousand souls was shattered; in the latter instance, a Jewish community of three million souls. In May, 1939, we had a million human casualties to care for. In May, 1940, we have four million.

Between the month of May of last year and the month of May of this year there stretches a stupefying year - a vicious and brutal year of aggressions, invasions and conquests, finally climaxed by the war which was long dreaded and expected.

For our people this last year has been an appalling one in which our fortunes touched bottom. Disasters piled up one on top of the other. Jewish persecution widened in area and increased in intensity. To the list of the Jewish centers in Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia which the Nazi fury disrupted in the last few years, leaving a frightful mass of human wreckage for others to look after, there was added, last September, the great Jewish center of Poland, numbering three million souls, which these same barbarians swept by fire and sword. This last disaster is so recent and so vast that it can not ^{even} be grasped in thought and formulated in speech. No one really knows what went on and what is going on behind that dark, impenetrable curtain which the Nazis have rung down over ravaged and riven Poland. All the consuls of neutral countries, including our own, have been asked to leave; for the Nazis do not want any eye-witnesses to their shameful acts of subjugation and liquidation. It has been estimated that over a quarter of a million Jews have perished in Poland since the Nazi invasion of last September, and some two million Poles. Poland was a great spiritual and intellectual reservoir of our people for centuries, the home of world famous

academies and scholars, the stronghold of a vigorous and productive Jewish life. It is today a torn and tortured land under two tyrannies, the one fatal to the spirit of our people, the other to the body as well as to the spirit.

To the tragic survivors in Nazi-occupied Poland we have not been able, as yet, because we have not been permitted, to render much assistance. Nevertheless, half a million people do receive one meal a day - their one and only meal - in the soup kitchens which the Joint Distribution Committee has established in various cities in Poland. The chief of our European office, Mr. Troper, who has been in this country on a brief visit, stated this week, on the eve of his return to his post, that unless we continue to provide at least this minimum of food, one hundred and fifty thousand Jews will die of starvation in the next few months. The funds of the Joint Distribution Committee are almost exhausted; and only the Jewish community of America can replenish these life-saving funds. Every other important Jewish community today is in a country either actually at war, or geared for war, whose national economies will not permit the exporting of funds. Providence has thus singled us out - the Jews of America - as Joseph of old was singled out, to preserve life.

In a sense, the problem of caring adequately for this vast army of human misery is beyond our means. Were we to raise ten times the amount which we hope to raise this year we would still be unable to bring succor to all who stand in need of it. But we cannot forget the admonition of our sages: "Thine is not the duty to complete the task, but neither art thou free to desist from it." Whatever can be done must be done, and "he who saves but one life it is accounted unto him as if he had saved a whole universe."

This last year was another dark year of flight for our people, a year of refugees, of stripped and helpless exiles, crowding the highways of the world, wandering over the face of the earth in quest of refuge and sanctuary - and finding most doors shut. Into exile have gone myriads of our people, even as their forefathers before them. From countries and homes where they had known dignity,

power and position, Jews, in ever-mounting numbers, have been forced to wander forth, bewildered and disillusioned, into a bewildered and disillusioned world, or else to remain where they were, trapped, and doomed to infamy, degradation and slow starvation.

In this nigh universal blackout for mankind generally and for our people particularly are there discernible any faint shimmers of light, any fugitive gleams in the dark, to tell that life is still going on within the heart of the darkness, to encourage the hope that the mind and heart of mankind are still bent upon their eternal tasks, unbroken and undefeated? Or has mankind resigned itself to the final domination of the new barbarism, and has Israel, beaten dumb by prolonged torment and misery, also resigned itself to calamity and death?

To the discerning eye there are strong indications that neither mankind, in its quest for freedom and a decent way of life, nor Israel, in its quest for freedom and the right to live, has reconciled itself to any such defeat. The challenge which was hurled at civilization by the shameless neo-Paganism and the organized state lawlessness of our day has at last been taken up. The eternal, irrepressible conflict has finally broken out, and this time the free spirit of man is no longer dazed, bewildered and beguiled. The empire of insolence and iniquity, which has raged in all its might and fury and befouled the earth must now fight desperately for its mean and savage life. The outcome of the struggle no one can foresee. It will not be an easy victory - if victory it is to be. The retreat of the Allies in Norway ^{Belgium - N. France} will probably not be the last retreat before the final victory. The forces of freedom waited too long. There were beguiled by statesmen who were blind to realities and who when they were confronted by a cynical and brutish imperialism on the rampage talked of appeasement; as if a deadly plague can ever be appeased. A plague is not a "domestic affair", of no concern to neighboring peoples. A plague is a universal menace. It must either be stamped out or the plague-area must be quarantined. In the case of the Nazi plague

of diseased ideas, neither was done.

What could have been done and should have been done and was not done six years ago, when the scientifically stream-lined Terror first reared its ugly head, and when its first sadistic attacks on the innocent and helpless Jews within Germany should have been a warning to the world as to what the Nazis would do later to other minorities and small peoples - will now have to be done at far greater cost and sacrifice, through long months, perhaps years of agony. But it is greatly heartening to know that the triumphant march of Medievalism, which threatened to sweep over the entire earth, has at last been challenged, and that men, by the millions, are now mobilized, physically and spiritually, to destroy it. It is heartening also to know that that loathsome dump of putrefying propaganda, lies, and race obsessions which the Nazis deposited all over the world, to the incalculable hurt of our people, is being cleared away by the same hands which are set to destroy that Nazi regime itself.

For our people there have been other cheering lights in the darkness of the last few years. One is the continuing manifestation of solidarity, group loyalty and responsibility on the part of our people, in all sections and in all parts of the world. We were not found wanting. A great testing hour has not found us a small people! Israel has responded to the attacks which have been made upon it as a living, healthy and sensitive organism would. It quickly rallied and organized its forces to save, to succor, to defend. The body of our people was hurt in a thousand places, but its spirit has not only remained uncowed and unbeaten, but it is emerging even stronger, more alert, more vibrant.

As ever, the wings of our souls have moulted through contact with evil and suffering. Many afflictions have come upon us in recent years, but not, thank God, the greatest of all - the loss of faith in ourselves, in our power of survival, in the heroic quality of our destiny and in the essential worth and dignity of our own lives.

The remarkable outpouring of compassion and help on the part of Jews throughout the world for their fellow Jews who find themselves in the iron crucible of affliction, is superb evidence of an inner soundness and of an undefeated strength. Thoughtful Jews know their history. They know their spiritual resources. They have taken the measure of their enemy. They understand the world significance of their tribulation. And they are determined to see it through!..

We know that we are at war. The Nazis declared a relentless war of extermination upon us long before they came into power, and, sincethen, and for seven years now, they have been prosecuting that war with utmost savagery. They were not content with destroying the Jews of the Third Reich only. They have carried their war to the knife into other lands. Whatever country they invade by force of arms or by treachery, their first act is to destroy the Jewish community, root and branch. It is an essential part of their political creed, just as is that other part - the subjugation and enslavement of Europe.

One logically ^{must} precede the other, so the Nazis are convinced. Dictatorship will never sit secure upon its throne, as long as the Jews, whose love for freedom and social justice, are an irradicable racial heritage, survive to trouble with their prophetic visions the minds and consciences of men, who should be kept properly docile and submissive in a properly regimented and coordinated state. Hatred of the Jew must be aroused, cunningly and systematically, in all lands which the Third Reich has marked off for conquest, for by so doing disunion is sown among the people of those countries, fear and strife engendered, a mood of crisis is created, and those peoples' power of resistance and self-defense is undermined. Anti-Semtism is the Trojan Horse by which the Nazi conquerors enter the citadels of every free people, which they mean to subjugate or to bring within the orbit of their imperial interests.

Thus the Nazis have declared war upon us everywhere and though we are not in uniform and we possess no weapons, we are yet at war. And we are fighting the same deadly foe of civilization which the English, the French and the Belgians and the Norwegians are fighting today, the same deadly foe which, tomorrow, other free peoples who are threatened and who value their liberties will have to fight. Many of these valiant defenders of the elementary decencies of civilized life are today fighting this foe by land and sea and in the air. Many are on the mine-and-submarine infested high seas. Others stand guard at the Maginot line. Our assigned sector is the Maginot line of compassion. Our task in this dread hour when the mighty forces have finally met in the Valley of Decision is to care for myriads of the civilian casualties of this mad Terror, to provide food, raiment, shelter and healing to that section of suffering humanity who are largely our kith and kin. To fail in this appointed task which, at the moment, involves no more than financial sacrifices, is to be guilty of a shameless act of desertion. But we Jews have never deserted our own, or other suffering fellow human beings. Out of our all-too-meager resources which were raised with so much effort and at the cost of so much sacrifice, we, nevertheless, appropriated last year large sums of money to care for Christian refugees, Protestant and Catholic alike, whose lives have also been broken by these same barbarians. As individuals we have also given to Finnish and Polish relief. We Jews survived many sore trials before, because we knew how to hold intrepidly our stationed watch, in all times of crisis, and how to pour out our spirit in acts of sacrificial loyalty when the hour called for it. This is part of our religious mandate and of our ancestral pride. We shall do so again and again!...

When this war ends, my friends, there will be a peace conference - a conference which we hope will be convoked by the victorious allied powers, to attempt to rebuild the shattered harmony of the world after a nobler pattern

of justice and peace. To that conference will come all the small nations and all the oppressed minorities who have suffered from the invasions of these barbarians. They will seek redress, restitution and vindication. The Jewish people will also come to that conference, seeking justice and an end to its vast tribulations. The crimes which were perpetrated against it must never be repeated again. It must never again be victimized by racial intolerance and national chauvenism which have always been a cloak for robbery, expropriation and political racketeering. The rights of man - the rights of all men, regardless of race and creed - must finally and permanently be re-established in the world. No man must ever again be driven from the land of his birth or from his adoptive country, and no state or party must ever again have the right to deprive human beings of their inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. At that peace conference we Jews will make our just demands not only on the basis of abstract moral principles but on the record of our sacrifices and our contributions, material and spiritual, which we made during the years of war - on the record of the load of responsibility which we carried willingly in the days when men's souls were tested in the furnace of suffering, sacrifice, danger and death. Our prestige and dignity as a people, demand that we shall do the things which have to be done at this juncture in our history, and the world's history, with stout hearts, with willing hands and with over-flowing generosity.

Another light in the all-encircling gloom of our world for us Jews has been Palestine. In spite of the impoverishment, persecutions and exhaustion of recent years which made of the whole household of Israel one vast hostelry of pain, in spite of the frightful disruption of numerous old centers of Jewish life, our people was nevertheless able to find within itself the energy, the courage, the resources and the resourcefulness to build in Palestine in the last few short years a new and imposing center of Jewish life, already the fifth largest Jewish center in the world, and certainly the first and foremost in

the richness of its culture and the vitality of its spirit. The ten thousand evidences given daily in Palestine of renewal and resurrection, of dead spirits revived, of broken bodies made whole again, of building upon ruins, of courage, of vision, of hope, of self-sacrifice are an imperishable epic of splendor, the like of which our own people or any other people has not written at any time in its history. What is being done there and how it is being done, what common folk, transfigured by an ideal, can achieve is a tribute not only to our people and to their sires who begot them, but to humanity itself.

Here a people - resolved to live and not to die - is shouting defiance to a world bent upon its destruction. Here it is building upon strong foundations a lasting home to replace the tabernacles which have proved so frail and impermanent in so many parts of the earth. Here hope is restored to men robbed of hope, and pride, to the humbled, and the gift of mission and destiny to those cut off, spiritually dispossessed, and cast out of all inheritance. Here beauty is given them for ashes, and the lost kingdoms of both worlds are restored to them.

Friends: Our Jewish Welfare Fund is not a charitable fund in the ordinary sense of the word - though many worthy philanthropic agencies and institutions, local and national, are embraced within it. It is a war loan to help an embattled people fighting for its life - a loan which will be repaid in the precious coin of the spirit. Our people is a small people and nearly a third of it today is on the rack. With us it is today, in a very literal sense, a question of survival! We must feed men and women whose lives have become bitter to the very bone and who are faced with starvation. We must save their children - our next generation. We must find homes for hundreds of thousands of refugees. We must defend ourselves against those subversive forces which, receiving their inspiration and their support from Nazi Germany, are attempting to Nazify America, to sow hate and discord here, and to betray the dream of a

free, gracious, just and united America. We must maintain intact our spiritual life, and support these institutions which strengthen our spirit and enlighten our souls in these dark days of trial and suffering.

A happier day is coming for mankind, and for us. We are not at the end of a way, at the edge of a wilderness, but only on a long, broken detour. We shall return to the golden highway. Out of the agony of our age, a better and nobler civilization will emerge. Men will not forever abandon freedom, fairness, justice, tolerance. From the deeper sources of human inspiration there will soon well up again the redemptive ideals of human dignity, liberty, tolerance and peace. There is darkness now, but the dawn will come - for it was God who said: "Let there be light". - And the light will be sweet when it comes. Until it comes, let us kindle lamps in the darkness, lamps which will bring light to others and to ourselves, which will cheer others and ourselves - lamps of compassion, of self-sacrifice, lamps of love, the holy lamps which God has placed in the heart of every man to kindle and to replenish.

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Many small nations and minority groups, besides the Jews, are today met by the same water-course, and are drinking of the same bitter waters of persecution. The Jews of America are no longer the only ones who are faced with the necessity of providing relief for their brothers abroad. For some time now, both Catholics and Protestants in the United States have had to do the same thing for the members of their faiths who suffer in Nazi Germany. More recently, invaded and war-ravaged Poland and Finland have been compelled to appeal to the generous heart of America for public loans and private relief aid. Thus a common foe who has brought measureless tragedy to countless human beings, regardless of their race or creed, has finally united men of good will, of all races and creeds, in the common task of human rescue and succor. We have become allies in a ministry of love, to the denied and the dispossessed of the earth, who can survive only because of our active compassion for them, and who will cling to hope only as long as their faith in our humanity is justified.

Through the material help which we dispatch to our fellow human beings who have been beaten in body and harrowed in spirit, who have lost their homes, possessions and careers, or who are hungry, hounded and exiled, we are saying to them: "Be strong and of good courage! You have not been forgotten! Millions of loyal hearts the world over beat with love and solicitude for you! Your day of vindication and restitution is sure to come!"

We who are raising or contributing to relief funds at this time in order to assist the victims of aggression, tyranny and intolerance abroad, are doing much more than extending help to men, women and children in their dark hour of need, and, in so doing, are assuming our elementary and inescapable human responsibilities. In a profounder sense, we are building dykes against the flood of spiritual anarchy which is engulfing our world. We are throwing up a Maginot Line of human compassion across the path of an invasion which has been threatening the very character of our civilization and the whole spiritual life

of man. Increasingly, callousness to human wrong and suffering, and unconcern with the breakdown of standards of human decency have spread among the peoples of the earth. A selfish and comfortable attitude of detachment and non-involvement in the sufferings of a riven and menaced world has steadily manifested itself in our midst. Spiritual isolationism has grown into a far graver threat to civilization than economic isolationism. The common bond of humanity is in danger of being snapped - that mysterious spiritual cord of human sympathy, the quick and loyal response of one man's pity to another man's suffering, the sense of moral outrage at the sight of wanton human cruelty. This moral aloofness and indifference of our times are far more serious than the spread of dictatorship, for they spell the doom of any hope or any effort ever to free mankind from the curse of dictatorship. Such hopes and efforts are nourished only by the spiritual nature of man, by his strong sense of human solidarity, and by the compelling mandates of brotherhood and reciprocity. "It is through fraternity that liberty is saved", declared Victor Hugo. Even political and economic isolationism have proved vain and dangerous doctrines in our day. Spiritual isolationism would completely fragmentize our world, and reduce it to hopeless anarchy.

The great national relief appeals which are being made in our country today, such as the United Jewish Appeal, in behalf of suffering humanity, are encouraging evidences of a strong opposite tendency, of a firm resolve on the part of men and women who are still free, to strengthen the common bond of humanity, to fortify the spirit of universal sympathy and interdependence, and to reintegrate the shattered spiritual life of the world. Whereas other voices - hard and cruel voices - are shouting into the confusion of our day, words of division, of hate, threat and abuse, words freighted with the mischievous conceits of superior and inferior peoples, of master and slave races, or with the dark doctrines of

class struggle, purges and liquidations, the voice of our humanitarian relief appeals, such as the United Jewish Appeal, is the still small voice - but withal, the eternal and undeniable voice - of unity, of love and healing, of brotherhood, freedom and human equality. And as long as that voice remains unsilenced amidst the sound and fury of our world, so long will there be hope for a redeemed humanity.

Life has been particularly hard in the last few years on small nations and minority groups. They are the first victims, wherever and whenever the law of force banishes the law of justice. The Jewish people in Europe was the first to feel the blows of lawless, state violence. All kinds of specious and deceitful reasons were invented to justify the mortal wrongs which were being perpetrated upon this helpless minority. Actually there was but one reason - as other small nations and minority groups were soon to learn - the total breakdown of the reign of law in the heart of Europe, and the enthronement of the reign of lawless men. In quick succession, the peoples of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Albania, Poland, and now Finland, have been made to feel the flail and ships of this cynical and outrageous lawlessness.

Our national relief funds, in themselves, can not, of course, stop these inextinguishable crimes against men and nations, but they are prophetic of a passionate resolve on the part of men who have refused to surrender their spiritual heritage of dignity and freedom, that some day these shall be stopped, that some day aggression and tyranny shall cease, that some day racial and religious minorities shall be protected from despoilation, and that some day, every historic people shall be confirmed in its national and political inheritance.

Three great causes are served by our United Jewish Appeal. First, through the Joint Distribution Committee, food, raiment, shelter and medical care are, as far as possible, provided for men, women and children in the war-ridden and hate-riven areas of Central and Eastern Europe, and wherever possible, assistance is given to

refugees to emigrate and to find new homes. Secondly, through the National Refugee Service, help is extended to those who come to our own shores to adjust themselves as quickly as possible to the American way of life, and to enable them to put at the service of our country whatever ability, gifts and talents they may possess - and many of them are richly endowed and will make valuable contributions to the life of America. Finally, through the United Palestine Appeal, assistance is given to the rebuilding of the land of Israel, as a new homeland for an ancient people, long denied a national home. Palestine, in the last few years, has been the largest haven of refuge for Jews who have been driven out upon the dark and broken roads of exile. For decades, now, and more especially in the last few years, Jews have been building in their ancestral home, a new and noble center of life and culture.-- they who have been building there upon the ruins of ages, planting flourishing colonies amidst the rack and desolation of the centuries, and founding towns and cities where the waste and dreary wilderness once stretched. Five hundred thousand Jews have already found a new home there, and a new life and hope.

In the nigh universal black-out for mankind generally, and for our people particularly, the noble causes which are served by the United Jewish Appeal are bright lamps in the dark, which tell that life is still going on in the heart of the darkness, and that the creative mind and heart of Israel are still bent upon their eternal tasks, unbroken and undefeated. They are grateful reminders that we have not resigned ourselves to the triumph of the new barbarism. Neither mankind in its quest for freedom, and a kindly way of life, nor Israel, in its quest for freedom and the right to live, has reconciled itself to defeat. The darkness is here, of course, gross and almost impenetrable, but within that darkness still burn the inextinguishable fires of God.....

A FEW FACTS ABOUT J.D.C. ACTIVITIES.

I

Since America's entry into the war in December 1941 we have succeeded in bringing out of Europe some 3500 refugees from France, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, North Africa, but also some from Italy, Hungary, Belgium and Holland.

II

The only passenger ships now sailing between Europe and the United States are those chartered or arranged for by the J.D.C. There are no other ships sailing and it is impossible to book passages through any other agencies free.

III

The cost of transportation has gone up tremendously because of lack of ships, because of increase in price of fuel, food, and insurance. It is a tremendously difficult task to arrange for sailings since one must obtain the agreement not only of the companies but also of the Government.

IV

There are at the present time about 500 USA visa holders in unoccupied France alone, about 250 Cuba visa holders and about 100 Mexican visa holders. These must be brought out before the expiration of their visas. We have already arranged for a ship with a capacity of 850 passengers for mid May and are still hoping to arrange for a sailing late in April.

V

Visas to the United States, Cuba, and Mexico are still being issued with the authorization of the respective governments. As long as visas continue to be issued, it is necessary to make every effort to bring these people out.

VI

The entire Jamaica project which offered a haven to 200 Polish, Dutch, Czech and Luxembourg refugees was made possible through the intervention of and guarantee of maintenance and passage by the Joint. Thus, 200 people from Portugal who had no prospects of emigration were saved and now secured for the duration of the war under most satisfactory circumstance.

VII

The J.D.C. is still maintaining a full program of assistance in unoccupied France with its 20,000 interned Jews, not to speak of the many thousands scattered in the cities who need help : in Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Casablanca, Turkey, Tanger, Algeria, It is also through its Swiss Committee in contact with the committees in various occupied countries and is able to bring a measure of assistance to them. A striking example is the medical assistance in the form of anti-typhus serum, sent into the ghettos of Warsaw, Radom, Lublin, and Riga, through our Swiss Committee and with the help of the International Red Cross.

VIII

The J.D.C. is still helping to bring out to Palestine those refugees stranded in Turkey, who are now receiving Palestine certificates. Their emigration to Palestine is possible through J.D.C. funds. We are also trying to bring out a number of people, particularly Youth Alijah groups from Roumania, to Palestine.



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4) Polish - 30,000 - 30 Months - (1/2)

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After War - WRHS



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2/ Black-outs - sepulchral

3/ Food - Spartan - bare necessities

(Egg - Southampton) ~~that~~ - Rationed

Your meal

4/ Taxes - ~~no servants~~

~~Darkest Hour~~ - Defeat ~~Order~~

6/ And yet - no Gumbo - Take it
in their stride - Character - Deep's
greatest patriotism - Sacrifice - more than

7/ Jews - British Subject - Israel -
Refugees - Pol - K. H - Chicago
Liverpool -

~~Nothing about~~ ~~Re~~ ~~that~~

8/ Same Spirit - Am. Citizens - has
Take on added burdens - Increased
Generosity - Spread them

9/ J.D.C. Ishtar - Magnificent work

Since Dec. 1941 - but not 3500 Refugees

Only passenger ships now sailing -

J.D.C. pays for Transportation - Cost of
fuel food - insurance

Arranged for another sailing mid May
850 - who have visas

Visas to U.S. Cuba - Mexico - 50¢
being issued

Recently 200 Dutch Polish - Czech
Luxembourg - Jamaica - guarantee
maintenance for duration

Full program of assistance - Unoccupied
France - 20 000 interned Jews

Many others - Spain - Portugal - Gibraltar
Turkey - Tangier - Algeria

Swiss Com - in contact - Occupied
Medical assistance - Red Cross
anti typhus serum - Shettles
Warsaw - Radom - Zablen - Rega

Days as big as years - ~~moments~~ - ~~Testing~~ Hour -
1/ Testing of Nations - ~~Self~~ -
Organism - (Hurt 1000) - (Many Afflictions)
(Leadership) - (Out pouring) - ~~Self~~ -
(Strong People) - (Often hear) - (Hitler) - (Speech)
(Afraid People) - (Howe halts)

2/ We have ~~not~~ ~~will~~ ~~under~~ (an Testing Hour) But
our Testing is well over - (Darkest Hour)
Other peoples too - (England) - 15



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Then one day as big as years
moments - ~~Testing~~ - ~~Self~~ -
(Testing)

1/ Warrall - Report Eng. - cruel - 2 1/2 yrs - Ordeal
Cruel + Shattering - Destruction - Food - Rationed
Taxes - Block-outs depression - Cities without
Children - Tension - Air-raids - Convey
Strain and Wear - No one escaped the Fire -
Worsening of common privations - Deaths

2/ And yet - Carry on - determination + Fortitude
Take was burdens in their stride -
Meet all demands + Peace - time agencies
Transferred - Spread their Draughts
Unlook was done to sacrifice -
Else -

3/ Jews - Small - Per capita - Liverpool
Recommend their example

4/ Lisbon - J. D. C. - Mr. Schwartz (note)

5/ Polstine - discussed - Not Zion if

6/ "Total" -

- We used to think - "Bas. as usual"
Part of ourselves - "Over value" - and there
- We saw - "Total war" - "Extermination"

can't be! Only in Germany!

+ Borisov - "Breathing" Graves -

- arm-band - ghetto fenced with barbed wire
announcement suddenly posted - partisan
responsible - Day of the Pogrom started -
Houses plundered - (Then) 7000 wounded off
in jumps to outskirts - ordered to dig -

{ Victims lined up + shot by firing squads
Men + Women - no shots wasted on
Children - thrown in alive - occas.
Knocking some then in confusion with
but their reflexes -

Shooting carried on carelessly. Many
victims only slightly wounded when thrown
into graves - Graves were not deep. Harvest
covered -

Non-Jew. population mad to witness
actually saw graves heavy + healthy
for 2 hrs. - during which many
victims apparently still alive -
(Duke) Good

7/ What is our argument? Total Refusal
- Jews (as soldiers) on Refusing - are
averaging Borisc - Shankaro
+ in Russia - etc U.S. -

8/ What is our argument? Cr. hair?
Are we to have no share - Amal
"sit among the sheepfolds, to have the
p'p'ers in the black"

Weapons - Casualties - Refugees -
Heal - Strengthen the heart - Language
Plan for them

+ What other ~~are~~ ^{did} ~~doing~~ at Correspond,
or doing S.W. Peipe - Kalman

{ We are not in Uniform Weapons
only in Uniform clothes to-day.
- Down argument & Free man
- Weapons & Sacred - each accend. This
way down abld -

היה נאמר ויבא. אלה - נא נא. Calab.

= ויהי צדק ושלום - ארץ חיים

Translating - 182

Visions Value - Showing Value!

a better, implacable, unmistakable, unrefragable
will - cut them into!

- Jews born in helplessness + go out in defeat -

= Truth of Benjamin - הוא לבן והוא כלום

פולחן

= הוא לבן והוא כלום - אין לו עתיד

Lawrence - Frederick

- Present Tragedy -

Must know
now! 1917!
beg of even now
Gordon -
Churchill

→ True people share a common danger,
a common suffering, a common hope -

- Let us hope for the best -

David - Moses (who will)

- When will you go after him -

- Army - Reward for - present friends

not "Ben. Bazar" - Must be - wiped out in

