25 May 1944

TO: Mr. Hoehler

FROM: Governor Lehman

RE: Jewish Colonization Association of London

I am sorry I did not see the attached telegram from Mr. Louis Oungré. Apparently it was routed through to you. Mr. Oungré is an old friend of mine and he may think it strange that I did not show him the courtesy of an acknowledgment, particularly as some years ago I was for a considerable period a director of the Jewish Colonization Association of London. I want to write to him and explain the situation, but before doing so I would like to know what the present situation is. I would appreciate it, therefore, if you would let me know whether he was satisfied after his discussion with you and whether I can tell him that the matters which he laid before you are receiving careful consideration.

Will you please return the memorandum and telegram to me with your reply.

H. H. L.
May 22, 1944

The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman,
Director General,
United Nations Relief and
Rehabilitation Administration

Dear Governor:

Attached is a telegram which was received at your office from Mr. Louis Oungre.

I had occasion when I was in New York recently to spend a good half hour with him and discussed the opportunities which his organization expects to create for resettlement. I also told Mr. Oungre that I would discuss this matter with Sir Herbert Emerson and Malin.

Mr. Oungre asked me particularly to present his sincere regards and best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Fred K. Hoehler, Director
Division on Displaced Persons.

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22 may 44
Mr. R. A. Palmer, Acting President
International Cooperative Alliance
"Orchard House"
14, Great Smith Street
London, S. W. I.
England

Dear Mr. Palmer:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 6, 1943, offering the help of the International Cooperative Alliance in the work of relief and rehabilitation, and requesting representation for the Alliance on the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and on the Administration's European Regional Committee.

I am profoundly grateful for your generous offer of help. The Administration is well aware of the potentialities of cooperative organizations in the areas which will receive UNRRA assistance, and it is our hope and expectation that, together with other institutions and organizations, cooperatives will be of greatest assistance to the Administration and to the governments of the areas in the distribution of relief and rehabilitation supplies. As you no doubt know, the Council of the Administration gave explicit recognition to cooperatives in the resolutions adopted at its recent Atlantic City Conference.

Under the UNRRA Agreement, of course, representation upon the Council and on its Committees is restricted to official appointees of the member governments; hence, it is impossible for the Director General to offer such representation to any persons other than those so designated. I am interpreting your request therefore as relating to attendance of your representatives as observers at meetings of the Council and of its European Regional Committee.

I am referring your letter to the Secretariat with instructions, and to the Committee of the Council for Europe, and you may be sure that your request will be borne in mind in connection with invitations to
future meetings of the Council and of the committee where the character of the agenda suggests that the attendance of a representative of the cooperative movement would be appropriate and mutually helpful.

Members of my staff and I shall want to keep in touch with your organization, and we shall welcome at all times and shall value highly your advice and suggestions, your technical assistance and your support.

Very sincerely,

Herbert H. Lehman
Director General
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Mr. Abraham Herman, President
Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society
425 Lafayette Street
New York 3, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Herman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 7th in which you generously offer to UNHRA the experience and trained personnel at the disposal of your organization.

Until UNHRA begins active field operations it will, of course, be impossible for us to know just what services will be required and the needs to be met. I do want you to know, however, that we hope to enlist the cooperation and support of the private agencies in the important task ahead of us.

Very sincerely,

Herbert H. Lehman
Director General

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Atlantic City, New Jersey
November 27, 1943

My dear Dr. Magnes:

I am very grateful indeed to you for your cable. We appreciate greatly your offer of cooperation and assistance.

The Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration has been in session here in Atlantic City for the last two weeks. The work has progressed very well indeed and there has been a splendid spirit of cooperation shown by all the nations. It is hoped that our work here will be completed some time next week. Immediately thereafter we will take the first steps to set up an operating organization.

I can assure you that whenever you or the Hebrew University can give assistance, I will have no hesitation in calling upon you.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Magnes, in which Edith joins me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Judah Magnes,
Hebrew University,
Jerusalem, Palestine.
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CAN WE HELP IN YOUR MIGHTY TASK=
JUDAH MAGNES.

PONTO LC HERBERT LEHMAN=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE.
February 7, 1943

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein

offer to place Hadassah facilities for training personnel at our disposal and indicating desire to cooperate with UNRRA
October 26, 1943

Dear Mrs. Pool:

I appreciate your having sent me a copy of your letter of October 20 addressed to Dr. Warren Kelchner. Because of my familiarity with the work of Hadassah, I can readily understand your interest in receiving an opportunity to present your point of view at the forthcoming UNRRA Conference.

At the present time, however, I am not in a position to give you any definite information with respect to your request. It is contemplated that the question of admitting representatives of private welfare agencies to sessions of the Conference, and of giving them an opportunity to describe their activities and present their plans for future operations, shall be presented to the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration at Atlantic City.

It seems likely that the Council will refer this question to an appropriate Committee which will make its recommendations on the subject to the Council. In advance of the meeting of the Council, and the appointment of such a Committee, I cannot give you any indication of the position which the Council is likely to take with respect to your request at this time.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Warren Kelchner.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Lehman
Washington, D.C.

Mrs. David de Sola Pool, National President
Hadassah
1619 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

cc: Dr. Warren Kelchner
Division of International Conferences, U.S. Dept. of State
1712 "H" Street, N.W., Metropolitan Club Annex
Washington, D.C.

Greenstein: jb
Mr. Alfred Markus
20 Dongan Place
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Markus:

The work of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in Hungary will be determined by agreement between the Allied Military Command and duly constituted local authorities provided that the Council, composed of representatives of forty-four nations, approves the matter.

As you can readily see, it is impossible to predict when relief and rehabilitation will be undertaken by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. However, at the present time, in reality, every American citizen is contributing to this work by accepting rationing and by paying his share of the financial contribution to be appropriated by Congress.

Just how your organization might participate in any specific plan, it is too early to say. However, may I assure you that we thoroughly appreciate your offer, and it will be carefully considered at the appropriate time. It is only by such individual spirit of helpfulness that we can altogether accomplish the large task of emergency relief and rehabilitation.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Lehman
Director General
LO/HP

Mr. Herbert Lehman,  
Director General  
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration  
1344 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington 25, D.C.

6 June 1944

Dear Mr. Lehman:

Since I was out of town I did not receive your gracious letter of 31 May until very recently, and wish to thank you for it. I was extremely sorry to hear of your accident at the time I sent you my telegram, and I quite understand that you were not able to do anything about it. I am none the less grateful to you for having turned the problem over to Mr. Hoehler and I am delighted to have been able to speak to him personally regarding matters which are of interest to all of us, and to have been able to offer him the cooperation of our Association. May I renew in the name of our Administration, as well as in mine, this offer of cooperation.

I am eager to see you again and shall accept your kind invitation to call upon you on my next trip to Washington. I am touched by your gracious recollection of the work we did together in the past. Everyone in our Association, and I in particular, remember it with great pleasure.

I hope that this letter will find you completely cured, and I am looking forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Louis Cungré
Tom

Note last paragraph. Shouldn't it be answered?
January 17, 1944

Herbert H. Lehman

Mr. Mathews Woll

part that labor will play in voluntary war relief program of UNRRA.
10/19/43

The Governor sent correspondence relating to Bishop Oxnam's letter of 10/4, together with the letter itself, to

"FLEXNER: Please see me about this."
October 9, 1943

My dear Bishop Oxnam:

I am in receipt of your letter of October fourth addressed to Governor Lehman. He is away at this time, but I am sure that he will be most interested in seeing your letter upon his return.

Very sincerely yours,

Carolin A. Flexner

The Very Reverend
G. Bromley Oxnam,
Chairman, The Crusade for a New World Order,
581 Boylston Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

CAFlexner:jg
October 9, 1943

TO: Dr. Jessup
FROM: Miss Flexner

The Governor has received the attached letter from Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Chairman of THE CRUSADE FOR A NEW WORLD ORDER.

I do not know whether people like Dr. Warnshuis and the religious groups are going to be invited to the meeting on the 29th and 30th. If so, I thought that you should know of Bishop Oxnam's interest.

Carolin A. Flexner

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THE CRUSADE FOR A NEW WORLD ORDER
Led by the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Chairman
Bishop Paul B. Kern, Vice Chairman
Bishop Raymond J. Wade, Secretary

581 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.
810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
79 West Adams Ave., Detroit, Mich.

October 4, 1943

The Honorable Herbert Lehman
Director of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation
Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor Lehman:

When you so generously received the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church last February, I stated in presenting them, that it was our desire to mobilize Christian public opinion in support of those measures which in the judgment of experts are necessary to establish world law and order based on justice and brotherhood. I am happy to report that all of the major agencies of The Methodist Church are cooperating in a significant endeavor that seeks to realize this objective.

This letterhead outlines some aspects of the Crusade. Not mentioned here is the revision of the curriculum of the 80,000 Adult Classes and the 40,000 Youth Divisions of the Church Schools. As a result, 3,500,000 persons will be studying during a period of three months lessons designed to deepen international understanding, to create support for international collaboration, and to face the highly complex problems such cooperation involves. We have called upon the 131 colleges and universities related to The Methodist Church to bring this issue to the attention of student bodies and faculties. The devotional booklet "The Upper Room" which has a circulation of 2,000,000 will give the daily devotional studies of three months to a consideration of the Christian bases of world order. A radio program, professionally done, will carry the message by transcription each week for three months over more than 200 stations. A house-to-house visitation which will reach every home of our 8,000,000 members will follow the Mass Meetings, and leaders will go out, two by two, to present the moral issues involved in international collaboration. I cannot here outline the endeavor. I trust the above will indicate something of the significance of this movement and its extent.

This is simply to say that, without crossing the line that properly separates Church and State, it is our desire that leadership seeking to create an ordered world may have the full support of the moral forces of this nation, and that without becoming partisans, we do become a force for a just and enduring peace.

In very great respect, believe me

Ever Sincerely yours,
/s/ G. BROMLEY OXNAM
G. Bromley Oxnam

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