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	<p><u>ALLEGATIONS AGAINST UNRRA</u></p> <p><u>UNFAIR DISCRIMINATION BY UNRRA RE GARDING HEBREW CHRISTIANS</u></p>

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18<sup>th</sup> March

Mr. Ford.

This matter was  
raised also by the  
Foreign Office, as you  
will doubtless recall.

A draft reply to Col.  
Hammer is attached.

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Let

Pl. link this up to F.O. enquiring  
with our request to Arolsen.  
Also ~~see~~ that reminder is  
sent to ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup>. D.W.  
Mr. Stephens 19/3

Right!

Let

18 March.

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To: Welfare and Re-atriation Branch  
(attention Colonel Charley)

From: Louis C. Stephens, Legal Advisor.

Subject: Hebrew Christians

1. Sorry these were delayed in dispatch to you, owing to absence of my Secretary.

2. You will recall Aickin's feeling that we should ask Germany to report definitely on this old enquiry - even if negatively.

Louis C. Stephens  
Legal Advisor.

6th August, 1946.





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To: Mr. van Hyning

From: J. R. Carter J.R.C.

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Col Charley

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Ex. Key

It will be noted that Colonel Charley has already drafted a minute which was sent off to Germany some days ago drawing attention to the condition of non-Aryan Christians, suggesting an explanation and asking that the matter be looked into and reported back to ERO. The cable from Dr. Hutchison Cockburn was sent to us by the Bishop of Chichester and formed the basis of that enquiry. I suggest that this file should be forwarded to Colonel Charley in order that he may draft a reply to MacKillop as soon as further information is received from Arolsen.

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8.2.46.

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1st August, 1946.

Lt. Col. V.M. Hammer,  
The War Office, for Control Office,  
Hotel Victoria,  
Northumberland Avenue,  
London W.C.2.

Dear Hammer,

Sometime ago you enquired as to the accuracy of reports that UNRRA had refused to help Hebrew Christians in Germany. As Mr. Ward informed you in his letter of 19th March, we have requested our H.Q. in Germany to check these reports and inform us of the result.

Germany has not been able to discover any instances of such exclusion. Hebrew Christians are of course eligible for UNRRA care.

Our check was handicapped by the lack of any particulars accompanying the reports of exclusion. In any case your enquirers may be assured that exclusion of Hebrew Christians would be contrary to UNRRA policy.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Aickin  
Legal Adviser



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94451-11

1st August, 1946.

I. L. Henderson, Esq.,  
Refugee Department,  
Foreign Office,  
London S.W.1.



Dear Henderson,

Our German headquarters have been unable to discover any instances of exclusion of displaced Hebrew Christians from UNRRA care, which was the subject of your letter of 23rd July and earlier enquiries.

These people are of course eligible, and need only present reasonable evidence of their status in order to obtain help.

The reports that UNRRA help has been refused Hebrew Christians do not contain any particulars which would facilitate further checking. If they could be furnished, we should be very glad to check them specifically.

I am sorry it has not been possible to make an earlier reply to your enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Aickin  
Legal Adviser.

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(WR 1659/32/48)

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

23rd July, 1946.

Dear Stephens,

enc (10)  
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Would you please refer to your letter to me of the 20th June about reports concerning the possible withholding of U.N.R.R.A. aid from Hebrew Christians in Germany.

I should be very grateful for any further information you may be able to obtain.

Yours sincerely,

L. C. Stephens

See enc (12)



L.C. Stephens Esq.,

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration,

11 Portland Place,

W.1.

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20th June, 1946.

I. L. Henderson, Esq.,  
Refugee Department,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

Dear Mr. Henderson,

Enc 9

In Mr. Ward's absence I should like to reply to your letter of 13th June, in which you follow up your earlier enquiry about reports concerning the possible withholding of UNRRA aid from Hebrew Christians in Germany.

I regret to say that although our German Headquarters has been requested to investigate these reports and inform us concerning them, we have not yet received that information. We are, however, following the matter up again and will let you know as quickly as possible what has been found.

Louis C. Stephens  
Legal Adviser

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.

(WR 569/32/48)

13th June, 1946.

Dear Dudley Ward,

Enc 6

Would you please refer to van Hyning's letter LWC/JHH/A.113 of 15th February about reports that relief is being withheld from Hebrew Christians in Germany?

We should be grateful if you could kindly let us know whether you are now in a position to let us have the further communication promised in the last sentence of that letter.

Yours sincerely

Ian L. Henderson

(I.L. Henderson)

F.Dudley Ward, Esq., C.B.E.,  
U.N.R.R.A.,  
European Regional Office,  
11, Portland Place,  
W. 1.

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19 March 1946

Lt. Colonel V.M. Hammer,  
The War Office, for Control Office,  
Hotel Victoria,  
Northumberland Avenue,  
London, W. C. 2.

Dear Hammer,

No 8

The Foreign Office had previously raised with us the question contained in your letter of 12th March concerning alleged reports of UNRRA's refusal to assist Jewish Christians in Germany.

We have so far received no reply from our Headquarters in Germany to our request to check these reports. We are again reminding them of the matter.

Yours sincerely,

DW

Dudley Ward  
General Counsel

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ABBEY 1272  
Ext. 389

From Lt. Colonel V.M. Hammer - C.A. (D.P.)

THE WAR OFFICE, for Control Office,  
HOTEL VICTORIA,  
NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE,  
LONDON, W.C.2.

**IMMEDIATE**

M.P. 202.

12th March, 1946.

*New Ward*

*Can you pl. follow this up? I  
mean the enquiry was made by Aitken  
through DRS.  
Mr. Stephens*

I spoke to Aitken at the end of last month, in  
reference to an allegation that had been made in a  
cable from Geneva that UNRRA had been reported as  
refusing help to Jewish Christians in Germany.

Aitken gave me to understand that you had called  
for a report from Germany on this subject, and promised  
to let me know the result.

I dealt with the matter on an interim basis,  
pointing out that UNRRA dispenses relief without  
discrimination because of race, creed or political  
belief, but expect the enquirer to return to the  
attack.

I should be greatly obliged if you could let me  
have any information on the subject.

*Yours  
V.M. Hammer*

D. Ward, Esq.,  
U.N.R.R.A.,  
E.R.O.,  
11, Portland Place,  
LONDON, W.1.

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LWC/JHH/A.113

15th February, 1946.

D. Mac Killop, Esq.,  
Foreign Office,  
S.W.1.

ENC (5)

Dear Mr. Mac Killop,

I have been asked by Mr. Dudley Ward to reply to your letter of 29th January concerning reports that relief is being withheld from Hebrew Christians in Germany.

I would mention that these reports have already reached us through the Bishop of Chichester and we have asked General Morgan to look into the question and furnish us with a statement of the position. This will, of course, take a little time and his report is not to hand.

In the meantime we can only assure you that there is no official UNRRA policy which countenances the withholding of such relief. Obviously, Hebrew Christians were discriminated against by Nazi legislation and are therefore entitled to UNRRA relief. But as these Hebrew Christians are presumably outside Assembly Centres they may have been difficult to trace and identify as such. In any case, we will communicate with you further as soon as we have General Morgan's detailed report.

Yours sincerely,

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Conrad van Hynning,  
Director,  
Welfare and Repatriation Division.



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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

(UR 256/256/854)

29th January, 1946.

Dear ~~ward~~, *Dear Dudley Ward*

I am enclosing for your information and for any action you may consider necessary, a copy of a letter with enclosures from Dr. James Little, M.P. which the Prime Minister has passed on to the Minister of State. I also enclose a copy of Mr. Noel Baker's reply. — ENC (4) ENC (3)

Like so many other complaints we have received about unfair discrimination by U.N.R.R.A., these allegations are very vague and no indication is given of the source of the reports that relief is being withheld from Hebrew Christians. If however you have any observations to make, now or after further enquiry, which could be passed on to Dr. Little, I should be grateful if you would let me have them.

yours sincerely,

*D. MacKillop*

*Can you pl. consider these papers & supply any material you may have or can obtain in confirmation of the charges?*

(D. MacKillop)

*In van Hyning*

F. Dudley Ward, Esq., C.B.E.,  
U.N.R.R.A.,  
11 Portland Place,  
W.1.



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30th January, 1946.

(UR 256/256/854)

No 3 My dear Little

The Prime Minister has passed on to me your letter of the 5th January enclosing letters from Dr. Arnold Frank and the Reverend N. Levison about the alleged unfair treatment by U.N.R.R.A. of Hebrew Christians in Europe.

We have in the past received complaints about the operations of U.N.R.R.A. in the field, including suggestions that U.N.R.R.A. was withholding help from certain sections of the population of liberated countries. Such allegations are always carefully investigated, but most of them have been found on enquiry to be groundless.

U.N.R.R.A. is, however, always anxious to investigate any specific complaints of discriminatory treatment. I am therefore forwarding a copy of your letter and enclosures to the European regional office of U.N.R.R.A. in London for appropriate action, though I fear it may be difficult for them to produce a conclusive/

Dr. James Little, M.P.,  
Castlereagh House,  
Belfast



conclusive reply without a more precise indication of the circumstances. U.N.R.R.A. is working over very wide areas, and it would have been easier to follow up the complaint if it could have been more specific, and substantiated by some definite evidence. The telegram from Geneva quoted by Dr. Levison merely speaks of an apparently vague general report.

Yours sincerely

(sgd.) P. Noel Baker

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Castlereagh House,  
Belfast.

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5th January, 1946.

Dear Prime Minister,

ENC 2  
I should be obliged if you kindly looked into enclosed letter which I have received from Rev. Dr. Arnold Frank, formerly Missionary to the Jews in Hamburg, and also the accompanying letter to him from the Rev. N. Levison.

Kindly get into touch with U.N.R.R.A. for the purpose of seeing that Jewish Christians get a fair deal. It is only right that they should. ENC 1

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) James Little

Rt. Hon. C.R. Attlee, M.P.  
(Prime Minister),  
10 Downing Street,  
S.W.1.



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109 Marlborough Park, S,  
Belfast.

4th January, 1946.

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Dear Dr. Little,

You told me to send you a letter about the subject I mentioned to you at presbytery last Tuesday

Enclosed is the letter which contains the information about U.N.R.R.A.'s unfair management regarding Jewish or Hebrew Christians.

I marked with red pencil the part of Mr. Levison's letter which deals with that matter.

I am very sorry to trouble you with such an unpleasant affair, but I am sure you will endeavour to help the baptized Jews, and the Jews who married Christians and vice versa. There are many mixed marriages on the European Continent.

It is sad that such a great Organisation - chiefly supported by Christians - should act in such an unjust way.

Don't return the enclosed letter, and accept my warmest thanks!

I am, sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Arnold Frank.



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The International Hebrew Christian Alliance,  
St. Ninian's Manse,  
150 Ferry Road,  
Edinburgh, 6,  
Scotland.

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28th December, 1945.

Dear Dr. Frank,

Many thanks for your very kind letter of the 21st inst. You are very generous in your evaluation of my work. I have not sought honour, or reward in the work I have been enabled by His grace to do, my principle has been if there is something to do, do it and leave the rest to Him, I am still young in many ways, but I can say as far as I have gone I have a clear conscience before God and my fellows, mindful at the same time that had I listened more carefully to the guidance of the Holy Spirit I should have done very very much better.

As regards the I.H.C.A. It is now twenty years since I became associated with it, and through these years I have done my best for it I have not spared, labour, money, or personal interest, it along with my work in my parishes came first, and at times it came before my parish work. Since 1933, every case of suffering touch me deeply, and I have sought as it lay in me to help each individual with all possible means. As you know it has not been an easy task, and at times the hindrances were so great that I felt inclined to throw it all up, but I could never bring myself to that final step.

My present position as I pointed out to you is that I am not able to continue working my parish and doing the I.H.C.A. work as I see it needs doing. Had I the money to live on I should not hesitate for one moment of giving up my parish work and giving my whole time to the I.H.C.A. but the Lord has not granted me this joy, and so I shall have to give up the I.H.C.A. work, and go into a small country parish which will also allow me to do some literary work.

I have offered my services to the I.H.C.A. but it does not seem to need that, so I have only one choice.

I also had a long letter from Dr. Cahn, and I get reports of his work at the Committee meetings, it is a great joy to me to see him doing such great and good work, I had to fight hard to get him his proper status, but now the Committee is very grateful that I gave heed to my pleas on his behalf.

I heard from Pastor Deutsch, he told me that you advised him that daughter should go to work with Cahn. I think it is best to leave the matter to the Committee to send her where she is most needed, but I shall do my best to get her appointed to Jaffa.

We shall do our best to get help to the Hebrew Christians in Czechoslovakia, Robert Smith is due home soon, and we shall be able to get things properly organised as soon as he set up the machinery there.

I saw Rad and told him to make the application for the permission for his daughter's coming, and we will stand behind him in every way. It is better that the application should come from him. I was at the Home Office when in London last week, and got quite a few pointers about various matters.



I received the following cable from Dr. Hutchison Cockburn, (the general secretary of the Christian Council of Churches in the course of formation).

GENEVA 49 21 2210-

ELT - LEVISON 150 FERRY ROAD EDINBURGH 6.

OUR MATERIAL AID AND REFUGEE DIVISION PLANNING HELP  
JEWISH CHRISTIANS GERMANY STOP UNRRA REPORTED REFUSING HELP  
SUCH AS NOT ORTHODOX JEWS STOP SUGGEST YOU URGE GOVERNMENT  
CHANGE UNRRA POLICY ALSO ALLOW YOU SEND ME MONEY  
SWITZERLAND STOP ORGANISING SUPPLIES FROM SWITZERLAND -  
COCKBURN.

I am going to do everything in my power to get U.N.R.R.A. to change its policy, I am seeing our member of Parliament tomorrow and hoping to arrange an interview with the minister concerned. Am also sending copy to Bishop of Chichester, and one to Pletz, to approach the U.S.A. authorities, will also get something done by our Church, and am sending copy to Samuel to whom I have already phoned contents, and will ask him to get into touch with the Missionary Council, and the other Missionary organisations.

It would help very much if you could get your Ulster M.P. to take up the matter with the Government, and the Convenor of your Jewish Mission Committee. It seems unbelievable that UNRRA should act in that way, but most of those working for UNRRA are Jews, and the Gentiles do not know the difference between a Hebrew Christian and a Jap.

well dear doctor Frank, I must write quite a few letters so will have to close with our very best wishes for a most Happy New Year for you and yours.

with kindest regards,

very cordially yours,

(sgd.) N. Levison.

P.S. I think we should request the Government that one or two Hebrew Christians should be placed on the U.N.R.R.A. staff to deal with matters concerning Hebrew Christians.