From: Headquarters, American Jewish JDC, Moscow,
To: Joint Distribution Committee, New York,
Attention - Committee on Russia.
Subject: Minsk - Relief to Professors.

Minsk has the only university in White Russia. It was established a few years ago and at present is in the process of development and growth. For some time we have been receiving rather distressing information as to the condition of the professors (the majority of whom are Jewish). Dr. Rosen, during my absence, has granted assistance, and now, with the arrival of Mr. Rosenblum, we have made a re-investigation of the situation.

At the present moment the situation has improved over 100% over what it was two months ago, as the professors and their assistants are beginning to get on their feet. This is to be attributed to the salaries which were paid two weeks ago after the same had been held up for three months. Mr. Rosenblum states that the government "paisek" (allowance) now consists of the following food: 20 kilos of dark flour, 5 lbs. of fat, 4 lbs. of sugar and 16 lbs. of grits per month. Mr. Rosenblum further states that:

"During my inspection trip through the university, I was convinced that the need for wearing apparel was very great, for the shabby manner in which the professors were dressed was evidence enough that they were badly in need of clothes."

We have accordingly granted them $700 of Eureleon and 30 clothing packages. These, I believe, will satisfactorily meet the present need and will not require repetition.

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