Subject: REFUGEES

TO: UNITED JEWISH REFUGEE & WAR RELIEF AGENCIES.

FROM: CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS

date: July 4th, 1946

Mr. Z. Warhaftig, who has just arrived in Montreal via Japan and Vancouver, has shown me evidence that he and Shupakevich are members of the Palestine Commission for Refugees from Poland, Lithuania and, later, Japan, which was appointed by the Jewish Agency for Palestine. This Commission has supervised the transfer of thousands of refugees, for which the Joint Distribution Committee, World Jewish Congress, Jewish Agency and others, have supplied and do now supply the necessary funds.

He brings to our attention a special group of chalutzim, refugees from Poland, who succeeded in reaching Bombay, India, where they are now waiting for means and a ship to take them to Palestine. Such a ship leaves India the second or third week in July and will navigate through the Red Sea to Palestine. A minimum sum of $1500 is required for transportation. This group is not included in the larger groups which are looked after by the Joint Distribution Committee and other agencies mentioned.

Mr. Warhaftig has asked the Congress to appeal to the United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies to consider this as a Canadian project and to provide the necessary $1500 for the purpose of enabling this group to reach Palestine. Their names are as follows:

Ganc, Ichok Mendel
Leiward, Izaak
Leiward, Miriam
Rozen, Szloime
Friedman, Simon
Szapier, Mowse
Kotler, Michel
Lewi, Josef Chaim
Coworeczyk, Rachmil
Szmidt, Salome
Lichtensztejn, Abram
Although I have seen evidence that Mr. Warhaftig is a responsible person, he has assured me that he and his work are well-known to Nahum Goldmann, the President of the World Jewish Congress, to whom he refers us for references.

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