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COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE
PERIOD 7 JUNE - 22 JUNE 1947

Note: The communications listed below do not include communications which have been issued as documents, written testimony in the form of letters already distributed to the Special Committee, or applications for oral hearings. The last-named communications are listed separately in Document A/AC.13/SC.2/1.

A. Communications Submitting Memoranda. (Single copies or a small number of copies)

1. Letter dated 6 June 1947 from Rabbi T. Guttman, Jerusalem, enclosing one copy of a booklet entitled "Die Welt-Organisation der Nächstenliebe und des Friedens" (World Organisation of Neighbourly Love and Peace).
2. Letter dated 8 June 1947 from Dr. Kurt Salomon, Industry Centre, Haifa, enclosing 11 copies of a "prophetic pamphlet" entitled "Des Judenvolkes Natürliches Recht auf Boden" (The Natural Right of the Jewish People to Land).
3. Note dated 9 June 1947 from the International League against Anti-Semitism, Tel Aviv, urging that the United Nations establish a department to combat anti-semitism and racism and enclosing a pamphlet describing the purpose of the International League.

4. Letter dated June 1947 from Mr. E. Hepner, Pardess-Hanna, enclosing a copy of a short note submitted to the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine as a British Dominion.
5. Letter dated 12 June 1947 from the International League against Anti-Semitism, Tel Aviv, urging the United Nations (a) to establish a department to combat anti-semitism and racism, (b) to abolish the 1939 White Paper and (c) to put forward a solution of the Palestine problem favouring the Jewish people.
6. Letter dated 14 June 1947 from Dr. Bernard Ascher, Haifa, enclosing a memorandum on the deflation of land prices.

B. Communications Presenting Petitions.

1. Letter dated 5 June 1947 from Mr. Ephraim Otterman, 6 Dizengoff Street, Tel Aviv, asking the Special Committee to recommend to the Government of Palestine immigration certificates for his nephew David Otterman and his wife and child, now in the Buchloe Camp, United States Zone of Germany.
2. Letter dated 13 June 1947 from Mr. and Mrs. Zinnes, 17 Barzilai Street, Haifa, asking the Committee to investigate the case of their son, Haim Zinnes, who was arrested on 13 August 1944 without trial and deported to Eritrea and subsequently to Kenya.
3. Letter dated 15 June 1947 from Mr. Z. Goldhaber, 35 Arlozoroff Street, Haifa, asking the Committee to help him in his attempt to obtain immigration certificates for his wife, two daughters and son-in-law, who are now in Roumania.

4. Telegram dated 16 June 1947 from parents of Jewish political prisoners requesting the Committee to respond to their sons' invitations to visit them.
5. Letter dated 17 June 1947 from Mrs. Rahel Ber, 24 Lamed Heth Street, Haifa, requesting a hearing before the Committee to present the case of her husband, Josef Ber, arrested on 4 March 1947 without trial and deported to Kenya.
6. Letter dated 17 June 1947 from Mr. Israel Mehulal, 52 Hechalutz Street, Haifa, asking the Committee to investigate the case of his son Arie, who was arrested three and one-half years ago without trial and is now in Kenya.
7. Letter dated 17 June 1947 from Mrs. Deborah Pantofaru, 18 Mem Daleth Street, Haifa, requesting a hearing before the Committee to present the case of her husband Pinhas Pantofaru, arrested on 4 March 1947 without trial and deported to Kenya.
8. Letter dated 18 June 1947 from Mr. Leon Levin, 9 Haneviim Street, Tel Aviv, asking the Committee's help in his endeavours to emigrate from Palestine to any non-European country.
9. Letter dated 18 June 1947 from Mr. Pinkus Hauptschein, 6 Sfat Emet Street, Jerusalem, asking the Committee to intervene with the Government of Palestine on behalf of his parents and sister for whom he has made application for immigration certificates.
10. Letter dated 19 June 1947 from Mr. Menahem Deutsh, 20 Adler Street, Jerusalem, asking the Committee to investigate the case of his son Eliezer Deutsh, detained since 27 January 1947 in Latrun Camp.

C. Other Communications

1. Letter dated 4 April 1947 addressed to the Secretary-General from Dr. Carl Rathjens, Custodian of the Hamburgisches Welt-Wirtschafts-Institut E.V., 19 Poststrasse, Hamburg. Dr. Rathjens urges that the question of the Jewish National Home be studied in relation to the problem of Jews in Arabia and especially in the Yaman. He suggests that Mr. Israel Ishaq Subeiri, a prominent Jew from the Yaman now resident in Jerusalem,

be consulted in this connection.

2. Letter dated 11 June 1947 from Mr. M. Lincoln Hirsh, 152 W. 42nd Street, New York, refuting the standpoint that the Jewish people is primarily a religious sect as put forward in the memorandum submitted in New York to the Committee by the American Council for Judaism. The writer also encloses copies of letters written by him to Mr. Truman and Mr. Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times.
3. Letter dated 12 June 1947 from Mr. S. Bermant, 32 Coniston Court, Johannesburg, S. Africa, stressing that the Balfour Declaration concerned both sides of the Jordan, and that since the granting of independence to Transjordan, Palestine has been virtually partitioned. The writer quotes Sir Henry McMahon's letter to "The Times" stating that in his view the McMahon pledge did not refer to Palestine.
4. Cablegram dated 16 June 1947 from the Annual Convention of the Union of Jewish Students of Switzerland, requesting the Committee to carry on its inquiry in Palestine and the displaced persons' camps in a spirit of justice and fairness, and to facilitate Jewish immigration into Palestine.
5. Letter from Dr. M. Roschwald, 1 Tiomkin Street, Tel Aviv, urging the Committee to use its influence in regard to the commutation of the three death sentences.
6. 1,587 postcards received between 16 and 22 June 1947 stating that the British Army is torturing the Jewish population and endangering the security of Palestine. The United Nations is urged to bring about the evacuation of the British Army from Palestine.
7. 9 letters and postcards setting forth individual viewpoints regarding Jewish immigration, the Arab Higher Committee's boycott, and conveying good wishes to the Committee.