

GIVE FOR LIFE, FOR FREEDOM, FOR DEMOCRACY

A Call To All Members of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order for the
\$250,000 Campaign for the Rehabilitation and Cultural Fund

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

These are serious times. The forces of democracy, peace, and progress are engaged in a death struggle with the forces of reaction, those who wish to turn back the clock of history, who wish to bring back fascism. It is therefore incumbent upon us, the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, to aid the progressive forces of the Jewish people who throughout the world are carrying on the struggle for the peace and security of our people. In Jewish life, as in American life generally, the front of peace and democracy is the greatest bulwark of the future existence of our people.

Strengthen the Progressive Forces in Israel

In Israel, whose recently won independence is now threatened from outside as well as from inside, the progressive forces are waging a determined struggle to direct the new state into paths of progress and democracy. These progressive forces do not receive any assistance from the various Jewish agencies. They receive nothing from the millions of dollars raised annually in the United States. Our help is therefore of the utmost importance to them. To help them means to help strengthen the forces that are fighting for a truly independent and free Israel.

Heal the Wounds of the Jews in Poland, Romania

In Poland, Romania, and the other eastern European countries, the Jewish communities, fully supported by the people's democracies, are again rebuilding their lives. They know very well what complete equality means and they receive the fullest cooperation of their governments. Our help can make it easier for them to heal the wounds created by fascism and war. We can help them with the necessities of life, we can help maintain and support the new generation. We will thus increase their opportunities to contribute to the democratic development of those countries.

Fraternal Aid to the Jewish People in France, Belgium

In the western European countries, such as France and Belgium, the progressive forces are engaged in a most serious struggle against war and fascism. While building their own shattered lives, the Jewish people in those countries are helping to build the general front of peace and democracy.

We must continue our aid to the Jewish people there.

In these countries the representatives of the Jewish Labor Committee have lately become especially active. Their only aim is to hinder the rebuilding of the Jewish institutions in those countries.

Let us once more recall that the aid extended by the JPFO to those in-

stitutions and people has always been fraternal aid, the help of brothers to brothers, the help of progressive America to the progressive Jewish masses in those countries. It is quite true that the Jewish population in those countries is quite capable of rehabilitating its existence. We cannot do it for them. But we can help them and by our aid will their efforts to rebuild their life become lightened. But most especially can we aid the progressive forces among the Jewish people in those countries, those forces which have never been aided or which have stopped receiving aid by the various official Jewish agencies because their policies are not the policies of these agencies.

The Rehabilitation Fund of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order is an expression of solidarity with the Jewish communities of Europe and Israel. Our aid makes a vital contribution to the strengthening of the forces of democracy, peace, and freedom, to the strengthening of these forces in Jewish life, the forces which in fraternal cooperation with all the progressive forces throughout the world are the only guarantee for the future existence of the Jewish people. There can be no greater task for us at the present time.

Strengthen Progressive Jewish Culture in America

With this fund we wish to strengthen the progressive cultural institutions, the progressive Jewish culture not only overseas, but in our own United States as well. To strengthen the progressive Jewish culture in the United States means at the same time to strengthen the democratic and labor forces in Jewish life.

During the period that it has been in existence the Rehabilitation Fund of the JPFO has contributed ambulances, materials for homes and kindergartens; funds for the establishment of a tuberculosis wing in the Hadasa Hospital in Jerusalem; for the founding of a progressive Yiddish newspaper in Israel, "Free Israel." To the Jewish communities of Poland, France, Romania, Belgium the Rehabilitation Fund contributed money and material for the establishment of a number of children's homes and cultural institutions, cooperative workshops. It has also sent tens of thousands of books for libraries and schools, as well as tons of food and clothes; it has also sent a steam shovel to Biro-Bidjan, linotype machines for Yiddish newspapers and publishing houses, etc.

Brother Gedaliah Sandler, the Executive Secretary of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, who has recently returned from a visit to Europe and Israel, has told us how the people in those communities love and revere our organization, to what extent our aid is appreciated not merely as something which is necessary for their existence, but as an expression of solidarity and cooperation in order to help build mighty fortresses of democratic life for the Jewish people throughout the world.

The Resident Board of the JPFO is aiming to raise in the present Rehabilitation and Cultural Fund drive \$250,000. When we call upon you, brothers and sisters, with the request once more to become active in this important task, we are fully confident that as you have fulfilled our pledges in the past so will you at the present time. You will thus express to our brothers and sisters overseas your devotion and loyalty, your devotion and loyalty to the progressive Jewish culture. We are fully confident that you will raise the full amount of \$250,000 for freedom, for democracy, for progress, for progressive Jewish culture.

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