October 19 & October 20

Dear Rabbi,

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A number of things ought to be discussed at your leisure(?)

and when we have time.(?)!

1) We should discuss some aspects of the J.C. - to plan towards the future and see if we can overcome some of the negative talk that is around by positive action.

2) I spoke to Kake Rabinowitz. He was the Rabinovitz in Pittsburgh who spoke with Mr. Garnisht. This man is a member of Rabbi Silver's syngag. in Harrisburg, and should be spoken to by Rabbi Silver before Reich goes to the hearing on November 4 or 5.

3) The attached correspondance with NYANA is self-explanatory. I spoke with Mrs. Orenstein tonight, and of course, she asks to be anonymous vis a vis NYANA for she works there; she relates how things are going from worse to worser!

I think the time has come for you to write to Michel or Robert Forman his assistant. As an "excuse" for writing you could mention how startled you were when people came to you requesting English at the J.C. when you had thought all were now being offered English at schools that NYANA uses. Then, one must lace into the UJA for its failure to act in revamping NYANA from the top, removing from it the social welfare agency status and eliminating the lack of common courtesy from the ambassadors of the Jewish community, viz. the workers and employees of NYANA, toward the immigrant. The New York committee - Queens, Bronx, Brooklyn (both Brighton and Flatbush) and yours truly plan a confrontation with the UJA as soon as Mrs. Everett returns from Israel(I believe that to be this Wed. coming) so that it no longer comes only from me.

You might include the enclosed letter, poorly written as it is. It speaks fot itself. Platzer is a nice guy, who unfortunately gets himself involved emotionally.

- 4) What do we do with the letter that came from Belgium? Ignore it? Take no action? Bring it to someone's attention? Whose?
- 5) The enclosed was sent to Bendheim by me.

I said "ye".

6. We have to find a way, and start to pay Mrs. Bilus. Brooklyn Coalition is not yet tax exempt. We could use SSSJ?

7. Can we write, if you'd like over my signature as "Chairman" (oy vat a job) of the NY Coordinatin Committee a letter to various chosen schuls, i.e. 76th Street, and perhaps some reform and conservative temples, asking for contributions for the Committee. Or perhaps, letters over your signature on JC paper to such places where they may be looking for a cause such as this and become part of the committee, financially as well as otherwise.

Sorry to trouble you and share the burden, but what can I do except my Saturday nights at this?

tophus

I just rec'd a phone call informing me that there are some 20 new people at the Collingswood Hotel on West 35 Street, on top of the 29 that have been there since Tishri 1. The Bretton Hall has less than 12, the Embassy a handful.

There are three differences between the Bretoon Hall and The Collingswood. The latter is more expensive than the former. Guests at the Bretton Hall are amused by cockroaches, at the Collingswood the space is shared by mice. At the Bretton Hall the FREE ladies and the West Side Committee for Refugees attempts to help the newcomers, at the Collingswood there is no residential community available. - You can draw your own conclusions - we've drawn ours. Mrs. Desgun at NYANA has stated that volunteers are meddlers, and Pruzan wants no part of us. Incredible?

As to the sanitary conditions, in the two hotels, my source is not only Russians, but also Maurice Swergold who has had "customers" at the Collingswood.

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