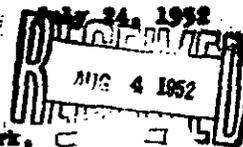


Memorandum to the Deputy Chairman

Subject: Talks with [ ] in Paris



Regarding Nikolaevsky's activities in New York, [ ] assured me that he knew little about it. He told me that he has not told Nikolaevsky to deal directly with our Committee in New York. However, there seem to be some misunderstandings on this question. Mr. Melgunov told me that Nikolaevsky took over to New York the draft on the proposed future relationship between the Russian Center and the Committee. In answer to my question why the draft was taken to New York, he told me that this was decided at the suggestion of [ ]. Thus there seems to be some ground for Nikolaevsky's contacting the New York office and due to his personality, Nikolaevsky exaggerated his task, probably intending to conduct all the negotiations himself.

Nikolaevsky's suggestion of having a future Center established in Paris was also discussed with [ ]. There seem to be good reasons for having the Center in Paris as long as the leaders of four of the 10 participating organizations live presently in Paris. Having their businesses in Paris, they will not be able to move to Munich. On the other hand, the leaders living in Munich do not have fixed connections here and could move to Paris.

[ ] has conducted negotiations with Mr. Nikolaevsky regarding the organization of an association of new escapees. Mr. Abramovich, the president of the League, is coming to Germany to organize this association. [ ] asked me to facilitate Abramovich's work by providing transportation to some of the new escapees to permit them to meet Abramovich. I don't think that the new escapees should be organized by a Marxist organization such as the League as most of these escapees are violently anti-Marxist. Mr. Dallin, on behalf of the League, tried to organize them but failed because of the opposition by most of them to his Marxist background. [ ] believes that if we assist financially the establishment of the new organization, we will be able to exert a certain control. I believe we should let Abramovich take the preliminary steps and see what happens.

Several months ago Mr. Lyons and [ ] made an arrangement with Dr. Gersuni of Paris who specializes in collecting material on anti-semitic activities behind the iron curtain. He is the editor of an anti-communist, French-language, Jewish weekly in Paris. The agreement called for Dr. Gersuni to send us a bi-weekly bulletin on anti-semitic activities in the Soviet Union. This agreement was for three months and ended in July. [ ] recommends strongly to renew the agreement on a month to month basis as he believes some valuable propaganda material can be obtained from Dr. Gersuni. I would also recommend that this be done.

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[ ] participated in some of my conferences with various leaders in Paris. He told me that he was glad I came there because of misinterpretation some of the leaders were becoming extremely nervous & critical of the going on in Russia. My talks with these leaders, [ ] said, have left them in a good mood.

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