

# **RELIEF FOR JEWS IN LANDS HELD BY ENEMY**

***By State Department's Permission Funds Have Been Sent to Holland for Distribution.***

By permission of the State Department, the Joint Distribution Committee of the Funds for Jewish War Sufferers, of which Felix M. Warburg is Chairman, will furnish relief to Jews in countries held by the armies of the Central Powers as well as to Jews in other lands. As a result of negotiations carried on with the State Department since the United States entered the war, the Joint Distribution Committee has sent funds to the Dutch Ambassador at Washington, to be forwarded by him to his Government and in turn transmitted to the local committee of Jews engaged in distributing relief in the various countries. The committee appropriated \$150,000 for Poland and Lithuania in German occupation, and \$100,000 for Poland in Austrian occupation.

The committee also appropriated \$50,000 for feeding and clothing the children in the Hebrew schools in Warsaw, and \$40,000 for Rumania, which is to be entrusted to Mr. Vopicka, United States Minister to Rumania, who is now in this country, but will shortly return to his post. When in Moscow, Mr. Vopicka will purchase food with this money and, with the co-operation of the Russian Government, will distribute it among the Jews in Rumania. In addition, the committee appropriated \$45,000 for Palestine, this being the usual \$40,000 monthly appropriation for relief work in Palestine; \$2,000 for the Dreyfus Soup Kitchen; \$2,000 for the Nathan Straus Soup Kitchen, and \$1,000 for the Health Bureau at Jerusalem. In view of the situation that has been reported as existing in Palestine, the committee also appropriated \$50,000 to be distributed at the discretion of S. Hoofien, Director of the Anglo-Palestinian Bank at Jerusalem, who has been appointed by the Dutch Government as its special representative in Palestine for the Jewish Relief Work of the Joint Distribution Committee.

"The conclusion of these arrangements with the American State Department by the Joint Distribution Committee through its representative at Washington, Fulton Brylawski," the committee announced, "now ends all doubt as to how the \$10,000,000 being raised by the Jews of the United States is to be distributed to their coreligionists affected by the war, and is expected greatly to stimulate contributions to the fund."