

AID FOR YUGOSLAVS IS SOUGHT IN U. S.

Group of 29 Americans Asks
Contributions to Be Made
Through Red Cross

NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Appeal Is to 'Encourage a
Brave People as They Meet
Shock of Nazi Arms'

An appeal to the people of the United States to give "material and spiritual evidence" of their support for Yugoslavia by contributing through the American Red Cross to Yugoslav relief was made yesterday by a group of twenty-nine Americans.

The signers asked that help be given to "encourage a brave people as they meet the first shock of Nazi arms and enter what at best must be a protracted and bitter struggle." At the same time it was announced that arrangements had been made through Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross and Constantin Fotitch, Yugoslav Minister to the United States, for the expenditure of all contributions directly on relief.

The funds collected, it was said, would be administered on the spot by representatives of the Red Cross in the Balkans and the announcement made clear that "none of the money will be used for administrative purposes or for overhead."

Text of Statement

The statement read:

"The Yugoslav people have chosen to fight for freedom. They knew what resistance to Hitler meant. They knew it meant invasion, bombing, the killing of fighting men and civilians alike, a desperate campaign against a formidable foe. They knew it very possibly meant the exile of their young king, and that once again the soldiers of a Karageorgevitch might find themselves fighting on alien soil while at home each man's family lived in the clutches of a brutal foe.

"Yet they chose to fight. They chose to fight, no matter the cost, rather than become Hitler's slaves and instruments, even passive ones, in his conquest of other peoples. They chose dignity and suffering today in order to have dignity and freedom tomorrow.

"The undersigned Americans desire to give material and spiritual evidence of their support for the Yugoslavs in their fight for freedom. We feel that thousands of our fellow Americans will wish to join us. We beg them to do so. We beg them to help us encourage a brave people as they meet the first shock of Nazi arms and enter what at best must be a protracted and bitter struggle.

"Fortunately an agency for the effective and prompt transmission

be spent by the American Red Cross exclusively for Yugoslav relief purposes, in collaboration with the Yugoslav authorities and the Yugoslav Red Cross. Not one cent will be used for overhead. All will go for direct relief on the spot—for medicine, surgical instruments, food, doctors. Incidentally, like all contributions to the American Red Cross, these contributions will be deductible for income tax purposes.

"Salute to the Yugoslav people, who have chosen to die on their feet, if need be, rather than live on their knees! But let our salute be more than a gesture. Let us substantiate it with American medicines for the soldier wounded and with American relief for their bombed and desolate families."

Signers of Appeal

The signers of the appeal were: Hamilton Fish Armstrong, editor of Foreign Affairs; President Isaiah Bowman of Johns Hopkins University; William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to France; Colonel William J. Donovan, Buffalo; David Dubinsky, president, International Ladies' Garment Workers Union; Marshal Field, William Green, president of the A. F. of L.; John Gunther, author; Right Rev. Henry W. Hobson, Episcopal Bishop of Southern Ohio; Mayor La Guardia, Tomas W. Lamont, Archibald MacLeish, librarian of Congress; James G. McDonald, president, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences; Mayor Maury Maverick, San Antonio, Texas; Frank L. Polk, New York; Professor John Dyneley Prince, former Minister to Yugoslavia, New York; Roy Roberts of The Kansas City Star, Professor Lindsey Rogers, Columbia University; President Charles Seymour of Yale University, Vincent Sheean, author; Robert E. Sherwood, playwright; Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of THE NEW YORK TIMES; Raymond Gram Swing, radio commentator; Dorothy Thompson, columnist; Walter Wanger, Los Angeles; James P. Warburg, W. W. Waymack, editor of The Des Moines Register and Tribune; Edward Weeks, editor of The Atlantic Monthly; Wendell L. Willkie, Dr. Harold Dodds, president of Princeton University; Robert G. Sproul, president of the University of California; Booth Tarkington of Indianapolis and Charles C. Burlingham of New York.

of aid and relief already exists and stands ready and anxious to act. No new organization needs to be created. No overhead costs need to be met. We ask every American who wants to help the Yugoslavs in their fight for freedom, who wants to give tangible proof of faith in their final victory, to send a gift to the American Red Cross specifically for this purpose.

Where to Send Funds

"Make out your check or money order, large or small, to 'American Red Cross for Yugoslav Relief.' Put it in an envelope addressed 'American Red Cross for Yugoslav Relief,' and either send it in care of your local chapter of the American Red Cross or in care of the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

"All the money so received will