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January 26, 1940

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman  
Albany, N.Y.

Dear Governor Lehman:

The tragedy that has been visited upon innocent men, women and children in Poland needs no further gruesome description. We are all only too well aware of the plight of these unfortunate human beings whose homes have been destroyed and who have been driven to all frontiers to seek asylum.

In America our active sympathies in behalf of these victims of war and racial intolerance are being organized towards some measure of relief of this unparalleled accumulation of human distress. Towards this end, we have obtained the cooperation of Mr. Hurok, whose Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo will give a gala performance at the Metropolitan Opera House on Thursday evening, March 28th, under the sponsorship of the Federation of Polish Jews in America.

The following men and women of the community have accepted membership on the committee which is to sponsor this interesting and vitally important project:

Mr. Philip A. Benson, Mr. Edward C. Blum, Mr. S. Herbert Golden, Mr. Albert Goodstein, Mr. Louis Gordon, Mr. Louis Hollander, Mr. Solomon Hurok, Mr. David Kass, Mr. Benjamin Lazrus, Mr. Max Manischewitz, Mr. George McAneny, Mr. John J. Myers, Mr. David Nemerov, Mr. R. L. Parish, Mr. Israel Sachs, Mr. John Mortimer Schiff, Mrs. Howard S. Gans, Mrs. Henry Ittelson, Mrs. Edwin H. Koehler, Mrs. Oscar M. Lazrus, Mrs. Dorothy L. McFadden, Mrs. R. Wallach Morgenthau, Mrs. Joseph M. Price.

I am writing to you who undoubtedly have a deep concern for the victims of race hatred, and a desire to be of help to them, to accept membership on this committee of sponsors. Will you kindly respond on the enclosed card?

Faithfully yours,

*Miss Rexner*

*Geo. Gordon Battle*

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