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CAMP LITTLE NORWAY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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1943 CALLS FOR NATIONAL ADVANCE

Fellow Workers and Friends of Norway:

The National Board of Camp Little Norway Association, Inc., extends its grateful greetings to each and all of you. Our fellowship in the great Cause of Fighting Norway is one of continuous inspiration and future promise. In 1942 we grew into a working unit. In 1943 we pledge ourselves to give of our best, that we may be worthy of the ties which bind us to the heroic people of Norway.

The year 1943 has opened with prophetic indications of the breath-taking and glorious Fight of Liberation which promises to make it the greatest of all years in human history. The Axis tyrants and their malicious hordes are already on the defensive. The fires of Justice and Retribution will be their deserved lot, when the Invasion of 1943 begins to roll them down into ignominious defeat.

During 1942 Camp Little Norway Association was continuously challenged by the spontaneous eagerness with which our friends everywhere rallied to the Cause. Without any great organizational apparatus we have, to date, been able to gather the first one hundred thousand dollars. For this we are deeply grateful to all our friends. However, when we witness the immortal sacrifices, the undying loyalty, the eternal readiness of our kinsmen at home and abroad—in the air, on the treacherous seas, in the concentration camps—then there is only one thing for us to do: *To create and expand a Working Front as never before throughout all the land. Let us build a solid, unified, active Front for Fighting Norway in our hearts and throughout all communities, wherever Norsemen live.*

We need to make full use of our resources, to avail ourselves of every opportunity. We must carry Norway's Cause to all our Norwegian Americans and all friends of Norway. A revitalized spirit of dedication must, in 1943, help us realize what a privilege is ours. And, what a responsibility.

Camp Little Norway Association does not wish to put any fixed goal for our financial efforts. Rather let hard work and creative imagination be our guides, that we during this all decisive year of Liberation may accomplish something far beyond our fondest expectations. That it may truly be said of each and all of us: This was their greatest hour.

PRESS RELEASE, The President's War Relief Board

1942 DRIVES FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

The official 1942 totals for the various Drives in the interest of the United Nations were:

THE THREE "BIG ONES": China (approx.), \$7,000,000.00; Russia (approx.), \$4,700,000.00; United Kingdom (approx.), \$4,400,000.00.

THE OTHER NATIONS: Greece, \$2,248,769.31; Poland (approx.), \$800,000.00; France, (approx.), \$500,000.00; Holland, \$438,550.31; Norway, \$311,906.45; Czechoslovakia, \$80,388.45; Belgium, \$35,640.21.

Does not heroic Fighting Norway call on us for a better showing in 1943?

Please Note: New National Treasurer, Dr. Raymond M. Hoitomt, 827 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Purpose:

To raise funds for Norway and Norwegian Nationals in Canada and U.S.A. for medical care, food, housing, clothing and recreation in hospitals and rest-homes.

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Our New Philadelphia Chapter

Rev. Johs. Aardal reports:

In greater Philadelphia—the third largest city in the United States, with a total population of approximately two millions—close to one thousand first generation Norwegians are to be found. With very few exceptions, they have all become American citizens, but are still very fond of the country of their birth and highly interested in its welfare. They have founded and kept up three Norwegian Churches and further organized themselves in lodges and various societies. But, Norwegian institutional life in Philadelphia has been hindered by the fact that our group is scattered all over the city and its suburbs which cover a vast area. It has, consequently, been a difficult task to bring the Norwegians together, and our activities may not have been as strong as otherwise could have been expected of a group our size.

Shortly after the invasion of Norway a large meeting was called at the Norwegian Seamen's Church by the Norwegian Consul, to discuss ways and means for helping Norway's cause. As a result, a Philadelphia Committee of the Norwegian Relief, Inc., was organized, and since that time quite a substantial amount has been collected to be used as soon as an opening for aiding war-stricken Norway can be found.

However, it was felt that we should also take an active part in Norway's fight for freedom, especially assisting our Forces in training in Canada and, as far as we were able to, help increase the efficiency of their gallant fight. A very ardent Norwegian, Mr. Alf Herschel, President of the Herschel Engineering Co. of Philadelphia, interested himself in this matter, and soon plans were made for starting a Philadelphia Chapter of the Camp Little Norway Association, in our city.

Through the kind cooperation of Consul Mathias J. Moe, a meeting was called at the Norwegian Seamen's Church on the 19th of November, 1942, for the purpose of organizing. We had succeeded in securing Colonel Ole Reistad as our guest speaker, and the church was filled. Approximately 150 became members, and the officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. Alf Herschel; Vice-President, Mr. R. A. Gravdahl; Treasurer, Mr. Peder Kristiansen; Secretary, Rev. Johannes Aardal. The permanent address of the organization is—22 So. Third Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

During the two months that have elapsed since our Chapter was founded, more than \$2,000 have been collected, and a check for this amount has already been forwarded to the headquarters in Minneapolis. A meeting, with a lecture by Dr. Per Host—accompanied by the instructive and beautiful colored film "Wings for Norway," was arranged at the Seamen's Church in December. Sponsored by our Chapter, a concert was given on the 15th of January by the Scandinavian Chorus under their Director, Valdemar Olsen. Approximately 800 people were present, the largest audience seen at any Scandinavian affair here for many years. The proceeds, totaling over \$1,200 will all go to Camp Little Norway.

Further plans are being made for meetings with lectures and entertainment, in order to get our group together for a united effort to help the cause. We also feel sure that the appeal, which has gone out to our members and all friends of Camp Little Norway, will be met with generous response. The Norwegians in Philadelphia want to do their part and are eagerly looking forward to the day when a Norwegian plane carrying the name of our city, takes off. This is our first goal!

**CAMP LITTLE NORWAY ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

January 31, 1943

<i>Receipts—</i>	
Central Division	\$15,426.88
Eastern Division	26,696.06
North Central Division	29,284.41
Northwest Pacific Division	17,255.95
Southern Division	188.50
Southern Pacific Division	7,804.11
National Ski Association of America	2,864.94
TOTAL RECEIPTS, Including Chapters	\$99,520.85
<i>Disbursements—</i>	
Funds Remitted to Dr. T. A. Alstad, Agent:	
For Camp Little Norway	\$74,758.74
For Kongshaug, Chester, N. S.	4,621.55
For Sailors Home, Halifax, N. S.	4,000.00
For Lunenburg, N. S.	100.00
For Eidsvold, New York	1,000.00
Total Funds Forwarded for Relief	\$84,480.29
Funds Expended for Yarn by Chapters	956.54
Disbursed for Operating Expenses, Minneapolis—	
C.I.N.A. Bulletin	\$274.72
Printing and Postage	248.45
Publicity	199.75
Receipt Books and Pledge Cards	152.00
Telephone and Telegraph	62.09
Bank Charges	33.13
Treasurer's Bond—Minneapolis and Toronto	12.50
Total	982.64
Disbursed for Operative Expenses, Chapters—	
Cost of Staging Affairs	\$969.13
Administrative Expenses	729.60
Publicity and Advertising	364.30
U. S. and State Taxes	178.16
Total	2,241.19
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$88,660.66
Balance on Hand, Minneapolis Office	\$6,485.87
Balances on Hand, Chapters	4,374.32
TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND, JANUARY 31, 1943	\$10,860.19

Respectfully submitted,
CAMP LITTLE NORWAY ASSOCIATION,
Dr. Raymond M. Hoitomt, Treasurer,
827 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Pledge Card Totals Reach First \$1,000

Mr. John Akslen reports that as of Feb. 1, 1943, the total income from the pledge card system stands at \$996.00. Mr. Akslen, who handles this item for the National Board, will be happy to answer any inquiries in this matter. His address is 4821 East Thirty-eighth Street, Minneapolis, Minn.

FROM OUR MAIL BAG

Beloit, Wisconsin

The Norwegian Mission Society sends \$16.00 in memorial of Mrs. Johanna Refling Hagen, who died in Norway September, 1942. Mrs. Hagen is the mother of our known poetess, Ingeborg Refling Hagen, who is sick in Ulleval Hospital, where she is a Gestapo prisoner.

Alkabo, North Dakota

Mrs. B. O. Sabo sends \$35.00 for bed spread sold for Camp Little Norway Association.

Superior, Wisconsin

Henry S. Blomberg Post 847, Veterans of Foreign Wars, sends a Christmas check of \$25.00.

Forbes, North Dakota

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Flakoll send a patriotic letter about Norway and includes \$50.00 for Toronto.

Elmore, Minnesota

Mr. S. T. Holland sends \$71.00 which he has gathered from some of his fellow Norwegians of the town of Elmore. Another testimony to what good comes out of concentrated local initiative.

Honolulu, Hawaii

Mr. and Mrs. Einhaug send \$25.00, proving no distance can dampen their enthusiasm for fighting Norway.

State of New Jersey

"Toronto Committee" of Lief Erikson Lodge, S. of N. No. 248 forwards check of \$388.64 for the two first months of 1943, the excellent result of active work.

*Many new letters will appear in the next "National Window."
Forward from Coast to Coast!*

THE MONTH OF MARCH FOR RED CROSS

To All Persons and Organizations Registered with the President's War Relief Control Board:

The President's War Relief Control Board adopted the following resolution at a meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, February 9, 1943.

Resolved, That as the American Red Cross, with the approval of the President, has selected the month of March, 1943, for its annual fund-raising campaign, and in order to avoid any conflicting fund-raising campaigns, all war relief and welfare agencies registered with the President's War Relief Control Board be and hereby are directed to suspend all solicitations and fund-raising campaigns during the month of March.

(Signed) JOSEPH E. DAVIS, Chairman.

February 10, 1943.

The National Board of Camp Little Norway Association, Inc., is most happy to recommend the great National Red Cross Drive of March, 1943, and rests assured that all our Divisions, Chapters and friends will do their utmost to carry the Red Cross Drive through to Victory!

CAMP LITTLE NORWAY FILMS

The following films are available for our friends and supporters:

1. 16mm SOUND film of Camp Little Norway (March of Time Release, "Norway in Revolt"). All one large reel requiring about thirty minutes to run. Also, sound projector must be used in connection with this film.
2. 16mm silent. Black and white film in three small reels, consisting of 1000 feet, requiring about forty minutes to run. The first 200 feet covers some of the destruction in Norway and the occupation by the German army. The other 800 feet are pictures from Camp Little Norway in Toronto, showing the training and the life of the fliers.
3. 16mm silent; COLORED film RECENTLY released, consisting of three reels about 400 feet each. The first part shows some of the destruction of Norway. The balance is from Camp Little Norway Training Centers in Canada, showing the life and training of the fliers. The last part of the film also covers some of the Norwegian Merchant Fleet.

These films are lent out by our organization for specific engagements arranged for the benefit of Camp Little Norway Association. Further information may be obtained from our office at 827 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

TORONTO NEWS

The New Airfield

"Muskoka" bids fair to soon become just as famous as "Toronto" in Norwegian Air History. It is the name of the magnificent new training center of the Royal Norwegian Air Force. Muskoka is built on Norwegian Government soil in Canada, sixty miles north of Camp Little Norway, Toronto, and has already a complete military air field equipment. Moving the airforce training program away from the congested areas of a big city has already shown itself a great improvement. This rearrangement was made possible through the cooperation of the Canadian Government.

Dedication of New Planes

During the month of February, Their Royal Highnesses, Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha again inspected the air forces. During their visit they christened seven new trainer planes, including "The State of Illinois" and "The State of Washington," in this manner honoring the efforts made by our friends and fellow workers within the Chicago CLN Club and CLNA Northwest Pacific Division.

The Activities Continue Full Blast

Winter or summer, day or night, the Norwegian Airforce Training program goes along hitting on all four cylinders. New boys arrive, eager to fulfill their most cherished dreams. Pilots, bombers, gunners and ground crews leave for overseas duty, as they finish their rigid first class training. Norway fights on! That slogan is the life and fire which pulsates through all the ceaseless activity of Toronto and Muskoka. The headquarters of the Royal Norwegian Airforce will continue to stay in Toronto.

The Norwegian Fliers Overseas

At the same time, the Airforce activities overseas have been increasing, and the boys there have got a constant increasing number of enemy planes to their credit, one boy recently being promoted to officer after he was involved in a dog-fight, with two German fighters to his credit when he shot both of them down. The boys also have been successful in several raids over France without a loss of their own, being mentioned in the R. A. F. Communiques several times. A very satisfactory point in that picture is the increasing number of Norwegian Bomber Pilots who have been on many raids over Germany the last month, having the pleasure of dropping the big new Block-Busters over Berlin from the four-engine heavy bombers. Two of our boys were recently reported missing from these operations.

THE NATIONAL WINDOW

Weston, Massachusetts

The First Friendly Parish Society of Weston, Massachusetts, arranged a special Camp Little Norway evening briefly before Christmas and through the co-operation of their town was able to remit a total income of \$375.00. For the fine initiative and the excellent contribution we give our thanks.

Brooklyn, New York

The revitalized Chapter "Jeg vil Verge Mitt Land," of 33 First Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., arranged a great Camp Little Norway evening in the Norwegian Seamen's Church in Brooklyn, on February 4, on which occasion the new colored movie of the Toronto Camp was shown. Among the speakers were Consul General Rolf Christensen as well as the two ministers of the Seamen's Church. The total income of this arrangement was well above the \$600.00 mark. The eager President of this group is Mr. Adolph Johansen.

"Eidsvold," Katonah, N. Y.

This modern and very needed Norwegian seamen's institution was dedicated on Thursday, February 11, in the presence of Norwegian Royalty and officials. To the dedication the Camp Little Norway Club of Chicago sent \$1,000.00, and the National Board of Directors of Camp Little Norway Association presented the Home with a check of \$1,000.00 through our representative, Mr. Rolf Westad, N. Y. C.

Chicago, Illinois

On February 13 a member of the National Board met with the new president of the Chicago Chapter, Mr. Grefstad Jorgensen, as well as with the members of the local Board and its adviser, Mr. J. A. Paasche, in a conference discussing Chicago's place in the national advance of our cause. As time goes on the National Board hopes to have the opportunity to make personal contacts with our divers Chapters and Divisions.

The Chicago Chapter arranged a successful bazaar in the interest of Toronto during the days, February 12 and 13. A breeze of optimism prevails in the Chicago work.

Seattle, Washington

The Norwegian participation in the United Nations' Fair was successful to such a degree that the proceeds of the Booth for Norway has taken the form of a check for \$3,500.00 for Toronto through Camp Little Norway Association. Such a brilliant result is indicative of the tremendous effort and the fine public cooperation behind the arrangements.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

The United Norwegian Singers of Minneapolis had a most interesting Christmas concert and have sent the proceeds to Camp Little Norway Association in the form of a check for \$292.00. Well sung!

The Service Center for Norway

204 Foshay Tower, Minneapolis, Minn.

This great undertaking for the support of Fighting Norway is steadily increasing in scope and importance. Let us all be keenly aware of the vital function of the Center. The Minneapolis Center opened November 2, 1942, and the following production figures as of today bear their own testimony:

3800 pair of trigger mittens knitted; 27 pajamas sent to Little Norway (by Duluth); 16 convalescent robes sent to Little Norway (by Duluth); 2 blankets sent to Little Norway; 44 quilts for the Seamen's Home, Eidsvold; 3 Indian blankets for Eidsvold; 3 Afghans for Eidsvold; 17 pajamas for Eidsvold.

To Eidsvold has also been shipped two large cases filled with tablecloths, runners, towels, bedspreads, curtains, etc., etc.

Nine thousand soldier's sewing kits have been finished; 8,000 of these have been completed with needles, pins, button bags, etc. This work also entailed the making of 10,000 button bags and 10,000 darning yarn holders had each to be wound with 12 yards of yarn.

The work program at the Minneapolis Center has been laid out so the various groups, such as the Norwegian Lutheran Churches, The Lutheran Free Churches, Sons of Norway, Daughters of Norway, Singers Auxiliary have the same day each week with the same lady in charge. This arrangement has worked out very well. The work is supported by voluntary contributions.

The Board consists of Mrs. John Blegen, president; Mrs. Else Lindholm, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Nels Hagen, supervisor of all work; Mrs. M. E. Hauge, publicity; Mrs. J. B. Bekkevold, Mrs. Hjalmar Hansen, Mrs. H. Kildahl. The Center wishes to express its most sincere gratitude for the excellent support received from the some forty associated centers and groups throughout the Northwest.

The Center in Minneapolis, as well as the other Centers, expect in the near future large shipments of yarn for trigger mittens, spiral socks, stocking legs, regular mittens and many other items. *These should all be completed in the shortest possible time.* More workers are urgently needed for this great program. The Centers in Minneapolis, Chicago, Seattle, Los Angeles, and last but not least, the Sewing Room in New York (the mother group) would very much appreciate if any organization, group or individual person interested in this work would contact the nearest Center, at the following addresses:

New York—Norwegian Sewing Room, 21 East 90th St, New York.

Chicago—Mrs. Bjarne Borgerson, 5828 Bernice Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Seattle—Camp Little Norway Assn., Mrs. Tollaksen, 2041 24th Ave. No., Seattle, Wash.

Minneapolis—Service Center for Norway, 204 Foshay Tower, Minneapolis, Minn.

The various Norwegian Sailor Homes could make good use of Rag Rugs and Quilts. Contact the Service Centers.