

APPEAL

TO

ALL FREE NATIONS, STATES AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS

ON THE 10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BALTIC DEPORTATIONS

Today the peoples of the republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania look back on the most sorrowful decennium in their history. In the night of June 14, 1941, a year after the forcible occupation of the Baltic States, the Soviet occupational authorities organized a mass deportation of Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians, intentionally and treacherously violating the basic human rights and universally accepted norms of international law. Deportations similar to the one of June 14, 1941, have occurred at later dates, destroying homes, separating families and causing the death of thousands of innocent victims.

The iron curtain isolating the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian peoples from the West prevents them from telling the free world of their sufferings and the persecution they are subjected to.

For this reason we, the free Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians, feel in duty bound to represent and defend the rightful claims and interests of our countrymen.

Having met today, on June 14, 1951, in Stockholm, we protest jointly against the cruel treatment of our peoples by the Soviet occupational authorities, which will eventually result in their annihilation.

On the basis of the Declaration of Human Rights and the statutes of UNO we venture to request UNO to demand from the USSR a full account of the fate of the victims of Soviet terror, above all the leading citizens of the republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Of these citizens we mention particularly:

Konstantin Päts, President of the Republic of Estonia
Johan Laidoner, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Estonia

Karlis Ulmanis, President of the Republic of Latvia
Janis Balodis, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Latvia

Aleksandras Stulginskis, former President of the Republic of Lithuania

Juozas Urbšys, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania.

Simultaneously we also request all the free nations and states and their governments to give every support to UNO in all steps taken in this connection.

Stockholm, June 14, 1951.

August Rei

Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, chairman of the Estonian National Council

Johannes Klesment

Minister for Justice of the Republic of Estonia, vice-chairman of the Estonian National Council

Rudolf Penno

Minister for Industry and Trade of the Republic of Estonia, vice-chairman of the First Chamber of the Parliament of Estonia, vice-chairman of the Estonian National Council

Alfred Maurer

Vice-chairman of the Second Chamber of the Parliament of Estonia

Heinrich Laretei
Former Minister of the Republic of Estonia in Sweden, Norway and Denmark

Aleksander
Metropolitan of the Apostolic Orthodox Church of Estonia

Hans Rebane
Chairman of the Estonian National Foundation

Aleksander Varma
Vice-chairman of the Estonian National Committee of European Movement

Eduard Tubin
Chairman of the Estonian Institute in Sweden

August Mälik
Chairman of the Association of Estonian Writers Abroad

Harald Wellner
Chairman of the Estonian Cultural Foundation

Johannes Nyman
Chairman of the Estonian Young Men's Christian Association

Janis Tepfers
Vice-chairman of the Council of the Latvian National Foundation in Scandinavia

Arveds Švabe
Professor, chairman of the Latvian PEN Club

Janis Terinš
Dean of the Lutheran Church of Latvia

Antons Vorkulis
Chairman of the Latvian Catholic Association in Sweden

Arvids Ore
Chairman of the Latvian Young Men's Christian Association

Vladas Zilinskas
Former Secretary of the Lithuanian Legation in Stockholm

Jonas Pajaujis
Vice-chairman of the Swedish section of the Association of Former Political Prisoners of the Lithuanian Anti-Nazi Resistance

Johan Kõpp
Archbishop of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Estonia

Richard Maasing
Colonel

Timoteus Grünthal
Chairman of the Estonian Committee in Sweden

Harald Perlitz
Vice-chairman of the Estonian Learned Society in Sweden

Johannes Aavik
Chairman of the Estonian PEN Club

Valev Uibopuu
Vice-chairman of the Union of Free Estonian Journalists

Artur Reintam
Vice-chairman of the Federation of Free Estonian Farmers

Valdis Ginters
Chairman of the Executive of the Latvian National Foundation in Scandinavia

Valdemars Kreicbergs
Former Secretary in the Latvian Legation in Stockholm

Julijs Kikulis
Lt.-Colonel, chairman of the Stockholm section of the organization „Daugavas Vana-gi” in Sweden

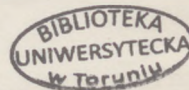
Karlis Vilnis
Dean of the Catholic Church of Latvia

Pauls Kundzinš
Professor, chairman of the Latvian Academic Association in Sweden

Zigurds Melkis
Chairman of the Latvian Association in Sweden

Vytautas Staneika
President of the Lithuanian Association in Sweden

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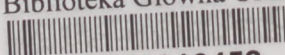
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