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CONSTANTINOPLE CHAPTER  
**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

*Constantinople, September 25, 1922.*

Professor C. W. Lawrence,  
Chairman, Disaster Relief Committee,  
Smyrna.

Dear Professor Lawrence:

I was sorry to be obliged to leave by destroyer on Friday night at such short notice that I could not write you, but I felt at ease as we had organized the Disaster Relief Committee in such a manner that my leaving automatically made you Acting Chairman, and I dropped out.

We had a meeting of our Committee here to-day, comprising Mr. Jaquith of the Near East Relief, Mr. Boyde of the Y.M.C.A., Miss Woodsmall of the Y.W.C.A., and a representative of the Joint Distribution Committee who has just arrived and is authorized to spend \$10,000 for Smyrna relief, which I understand will go, if not entirely, at least largely to the Jews, and will, therefore, relieve you of their burden.

The American Womens' Hospital has also donated \$10,000 for relief at Smyrna, but just how this is to be spent I am not yet aware. On the whole, we have apparently about \$100,000 in sight for Smyrna relief, and, therefore, feel that you can safely go ahead and use up all the flour in Patterson's warehouse, if necessary, and should get out as many ~~numbered~~ rations a day as necessary to cover the situation until the evacuation is completed.

We were delighted to hear how well the evacuation is going on, and we hope that you will have no refugee problem in Smyrna after the 1st October, or at least a very small one.

Appeals for relief are coming in for assistance from Mytelene, Athens, and various other places

in Greece, which we will try and cover.

We are sending by the destroyer LITCHFIELD to-night bread and about fifty tons of flour for the refugees at Mytelene, which should cover their immediate wants. You will of course keep us fully informed as to your needs through the Senior Naval Officer present.

The Y.M.C.A. are planning to send two of their men to-night with the flour. I understand they will be Mr. Phillips and Mr. Brady. One may stay at Mytelene for a few days at least, and the other will go to Smyrna to assist you. The Y.W.C.A. are sending Miss Nolan to Mytelene to do Home Service work.

One of the Y.M.C.A. men, I understand, is to report in Salonica in a couple of weeks time, and, therefore, I think he would be an excellent man to go over on one of the ships to Salonica with the refugees.

I was hoping to be able to return to Smyrna in a few days' time, but Admiral Bristol tells me he needs me here for at least the next few weeks.

I should like to take this opportunity for again thanking you and all the members of the Disaster Relief Committee for the honor you did me in electing me your Chairman, and the splendid support you gave me.

With kindest remembrances for all,

Yours very sincerely,

*C. Claflin Davis*

C. Claflin Davis, Chairman,  
Disaster Relief Committee,  
Constantinople Chapter,  
American Red Cross.

P.S. The member of the Joint Distribution Committee plans to arrive by the next destroyer.