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FROM LE JOURNAL D'ORIENT (July 12-th.)
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OPEN LETTER
to the Jewish Public Opinion
by Dr.S.Tiomkin.

This letter of Dr.Tiomkin is in reply to an anonymous attack that appeared against him in the "Nation" of July 8-th. and which was ~~signed~~ supposed to emanate from the Central Relief Committee. ~~Maximovskif~~ Several members of that Committee ^{however} called on the Dr.Tiomkin the very same day it appeared and disclaimed any knowledge of the authorship of the article; moreover they absolutely disproved of it. Evidently it is the work of a few members of the Committee on Refugees with whom Dr.Tiomkin, as Representative of the J.D.C., has had some disagreements. The trouble started when after the departure of Mr.Savitski from Constantinople two member, Messrs.Reisner & Abramovitch, were adjoined to the Committee of Refugees against his advice and without his knowledge.

Two accusations have been made against Dr.Tiomkin:

- 1) That ~~his~~ his traveling expenses, when he went on a mission abroad, have been paid by the Community, and that on his return he has refused to present a report in due time.
- 2) That he is too liberal with the public funds by employing a staff of 32 persons for a work that does not require such a large staff.

Regarding the traveling expenses Dr.Tiomkin admits that having gone on a public mission he has accepted a subsidy from the Community; and so has the second delegate, Mr.Niego, who has been allowed still a larger subsidy. Regarding the report, Dr.Tiomkin, read his report to the Committee, as soon as he had it ready.

What concern his liberality by employing a too large staff of employees, Dr. Tiomkin shows that about 1000 refugees are being taken care of daily, besides those who are being shipped every day to Palestine and other points. The J.D.C. in Paris has even expressed some surprise at the small number of employees that are assigned to such a large task.

Admiral Bristol, U/S. High Commissioner, Major Davis, Director of the Red Cross, Colonel Elds and many other distinguished foreigners, who have visited our Houses for Refugees, have been unanimous in praising the work of the J.D.C.

Dr. Tiomkin reluctantly publishes this appeal to the Jewish Public Opinion, in order to show that the attacks against the ~~work~~ activities of the J.D.C. emanate from some disgruntled individuals, who conveniently hide behind the mask of anonymity.

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