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Immediate Objective

While every plan that offers any hope should be examined, while emergency makeshifts may have to be resorted to and while even more permanent programs necessarily will be far from satisfactory in some respects, moderation within Germany must remain the chief immediate objective in dealing with the persecution of minorities by the Nazis.

The situation is so acute and complex that various steps will be necessary. All proposals should be carefully scrutinized in search of effective means of resistance and relief. But it is unrealistic to hope that anything but a curb upon Nazi excesses can offer much immediate encouragement in the situation.

Immigration into the countries where the refugees would prefer to go is not likely to be permitted to an extent anywhere near large enough to meet the situation.

The plans for resettlement of refugees in under-developed colonies may help greatly in time, but under the most favorable cooperation it would take years fully to develop such a solution. And there are many obvious problems concerning how the refugees would make a contented living in such places under conditions of mass emigration.

Moreover, while urgent need may force many steps far from being altogether satisfactory, there would be a great measure of defeat for humanity in the acceptance of the necessity of herding these poor people off together in a great mass pioneering enterprise.

We agree with Mr. Lippmann that moderation in Germany must continue the urgent objective.
