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Port and Dock Committee May May
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During the year May 1945 to May 1946 the Port and Dock Committee of the New Orleans Section of the National Council of Jewish Women included Mrs. Irwin Isaacson, Mrs. Louis Slater, Mrs. Louis Newman, Mrs. Isidore Bach, Mrs. Roy Schwarz and Mrs. Isaac Lowenburg. We met 14 ships and assisted 74 people. Perhaps this does not sound like a very impressive number, but the fact is that 43 of these immigrants arrived here during the past six weeks, and we expect a steady increase as soon as more space is available on ships.

Prior to six weeks ago practically all the ships carrying passengers came from South America but now they have begun to come directly from Europe --- where most of the Jewish immigrants have been interned in concentration camps. Of course disembarking on this soil is, in their words, "stepping out of hell into paradise".

The War Shipping Administration is still dictating to the steamship lines and the whole shipping world is a very confused affair to deal with, but we hope that the difficulties will be alleviated in a few months.

Ninety percent of the immigrants we assist are destined to relatives in New York City.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Louis Slater