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Dear Sir/Madam,

April 6th, 1941, the day when Hitler's cruel hordes, without any previous declaration of War, invaded Yugoslavia and laid waste this Country, is still fresh in your memory, as also the reports of the sufferings of the people in this occupied Country, which has put up such gallant resistance against the enemy.

Little, however, is known to the outside world of the terrible plight of the 200,000 Yugoslav Prisoners-of-War in Nazi hands. Yugoslavia, has only a Provisional Government, which has little or no influence on Germany holding its men, and as its Prisoners-of-War have not the protection of wealthy and powerful Red Cross Societies such as Countries which are not occupied by the enemy, there is an alarming increase in deficiency diseases, T.B. being the most common amongst these prisoners owing to the fact that practically no supplementary food, clothes, or comforts of any sort can be sent to them from their own Country.

May I, therefore, appeal to you who have the fate of human beings, and more particularly Prisoners-of-War, at heart, to spare a thought for the fate of these men who fought so valiantly to make the invasion of the Continent possible, and then to make constructive attempts to ease it.

Will you help your fellow men who are in distress by sending a donation to our fund to enable something being done for them.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

A. B. HOFMEYR,  
Chairman.

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