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OF REFUGEES INTO THE U.S.

Admission of Refugees to U.S.
(Free Ports and Emergency Shelter)

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June 20, 1944

Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear President:-

Those people who have felt the sting of Fascism have been shifted around Nazi-occupied Europe, torn away from their homes and families, must indeed be rejoicing at the combined advances of the Allies.

It is certainly our duty to see that these persecuted victims are restored to their pre-war rights of citizenship.

I urge, therefore, respectfully that you do everything possible to effect the passage of the Free Port Bill.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Isidor Farkas

No address -

In reply please
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MAY 6 1944

Dear Mr. Cavert:

Thank you for your letter of April 19,
1944, concerning the possibility of establishing
"free ports" for refugees.

Your interest is much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Samuel McCrea Cavert,
The Federal Council of the
Churches of Christ in America.
297 Fourth Avenue,
New York, New York.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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THE FEDERAL COUNCIL
OF THE
CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA
297 Fourth Avenue, New York

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April 19, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
Director, War Refugee Board
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am greatly pleased to read in the press this morning that the War Refugee Board is giving serious consideration to the establishment of "free ports" of temporary residence in the United States for refugees from Nazi Europe. It is my earnest hope that you may receive sufficient support for this project to justify undertaking it. I imagine that the number of refugees who would or could take advantage of such a haven would be small but it seems to me that the moral influence of making the proposal would be very great and put the Government of the United States in a far stronger position in its negotiations with other countries in behalf of refugees.

With grateful appreciation of your leadership in this humanitarian enterprise, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Samuel McCrea Cavert
Samuel McCrea Cavert

P. S. The Federal Council of Churches is on record as favoring the setting up of camps as temporary havens for refugees.

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J. W. Pehle

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Copy for Mr. Pelile

May 4, 1944

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I warmly welcome the announcement in the press that the War Refugee Board of the Department of State is considering a plan for establishing "free ports of entry" for refugees whose lives are in danger unless they can be removed from Europe. I write to express my great interest in this proposal. It seems to me that our country would be in a far stronger moral position in appealing to other countries to provide assistance to refugees if we had ourselves made some such offer as that which is suggested by the War Refugee Board.

In my judgment, the proposal that refugees should be admitted temporarily and cared for in camps, with the understanding that at the end of the war they would be returned to their European homes, is one which will have hearty support in the constituency of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Very sincerely yours,

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Samuel McGree Covert
General Secretary

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF
THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.



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Mr. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

JUN 14 1944

In reply please
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Dear Mr. Feiner:

Thank you for your recent cards to the President and to me concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Max Feiner,
1576 - 49th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

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Brooklyn, N.Y.
1576-49 Street
June 7 1944.

Gentleman:

I am in favor of Free Ports for Refugees, and
ask you to extend your good offices, and see that this
great project is speedily accomplished.

Respectfully yours

Max Feiner.

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Brooklyn, N.Y.
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Honorable President.
Washington, D.C.

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and ask you to extend your good offices, and see that this
great project is speedily accomplished.

Max Feiner.

In reply please
refer to: 2902

JUL 13 1944

Dear Mr. Feldman:

I have your letter of June 29, 1944, regarding House Resolution 576 concerning the matter of providing temporary asylum in this country for refugees.

I am sure that you were glad to see the accounts of the President's recent action for the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am enclosing as a matter of interest to you copies of his message to Congress on June 12, 1944, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the plan.

Your interest in measures for saving the lives of the victims of enemy persecution is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Simon Feldman,
299 Broadway,
New York, New York.

Enclosures.

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SIMON FELDMAN
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW
299 BROADWAY
NEW YORK CITY
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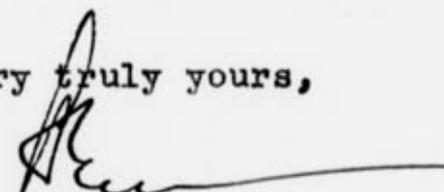
Hon. John W. Pehle, Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Treasury Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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I strongly urge the adoption of H. Res.

Very truly yours,



SIMON FELDMAN

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Dear Mr. Frenyear:

Since my reply to your recent letter concerning temporary havens in the United States for refugees, the President has taken action for the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am sure you will be interested in reading the attached copies of the President's recent message to Congress, his cablegram of June 8, 1944, to Ambassador Robert Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of the same date to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the plan.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you again for the interest which you have expressed in this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Marion Frenyear,
Secretary,
Refugee Committee of the Fellowship of
Reconciliation,
Room 614,
45 Astor Place,
New York 3, New York.

Enclosures:

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MAY 29 1944

In reply please
refer to: 740

Dear Mr. Frenyear:

Thank you for your letter of May 17, 1944,
concerning the establishment of temporary havens for
refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
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Mr. Marion Frenyear,
Secretary,
Refugee Committee of the
Fellowship of Reconciliation,
Room 614,
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REFUGEE COMMITTEE
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MARION FRENYEAR, Secretary

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Honorable John Pehle,
War Refugee Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Appalled by the plight of refugees in Europe, many concerned people have been seeking for something immediate and effective we here in the United States can do to actually save lives and build hope and faith in these hunted people. We believe free ports for refugees is such a plan. If we go ahead with this, it will then be possible for our War Refugee Board to suggest that other countries take similar action.

For these reasons the Refugee Committee of the Fellowship of Reconciliation wishes to register its hearty approval of the plan for free ports for refugees and to urge you to do all in your power to set such a plan in operation.

Very truly yours,

/s/ MARION FRENYEAR

Marion Frenyear
Sec'y
Refugee Committee of the
Fellowship of Reconciliation.

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Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive
War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

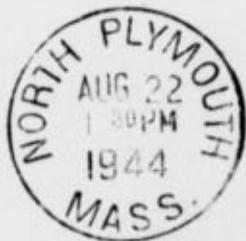
This is to acknowledge with many thanks, your kind and detailed letter of Aug. 17 in regard to the U.S. facilities for European war refugees, and for the enclosures accompanying your letter.

I was much interested in the article in this week's "Life Magazine" and the pictures it reproduced of the refugees in the camp near Aseuego, N.Y. We can only wish and hope that many thousands more will find such comfort and safety as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,
Thimie B. F. F. F. F.
Branch Librarian

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Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director,
War Refugee Board
Washington 25,
D. C.

AUG 17 1944

In reply please
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Dear Mrs. Figmic:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 29, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you were glad to learn of the President's action in establishing the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned with the execution of the project are enclosed.

I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to rescue the victims of enemy persecution and to find havens of refuge for them where they can remain in safety and be cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. In this connection, you will be interested to know that arrangements have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. John A. Figmic,
Box 236,
South Duxbury, Massachusetts.

Enclosures.

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South Duxbury, Mass
Box 236
July 29, 1944.

The Honorable Franklin W. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

William D. Harwell
Secretary to the President

Dear Mr. President:

It is my earnest hope that the
appeals which are reaching you
from the "Emergency Committee to
Save the Jewish people of Europe,
Inc.", will meet with your determined
effort to make it possible that there
will be a refuge for these unhappy
people in this country and that
these places of refuge will be
opened to these suffering people
as soon as it is humanly possible
to do so.

This letter is from one of your
faithful followers, a consistent
supporter of your views since

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you first ran for office. My
faith in what you are able to
accomplish, when once your heart
is in it, is boundless.

I feel deeply confident that
your heart is in this plan to save
what is left of the Jewish
people of Europe. May this
plan become a reality before
it is too late!

Faithfully yours ✓
Minnie Burke Fignic ✓

(Mrs. John A.)

JUL 21 1944

In reply please
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Dear Mr. Filler:

The President has referred to me your recent letter concerning the Emergency Refugee Shelter being established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, to give temporary asylum to approximately 1,000 refugees who have fled from their homelands to Southern Italy.

Details of the plan were outlined by the President in his message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the project. Copies of these documents are enclosed as a matter of interest to you.

I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to rescue the victims of enemy persecution and to find havens of refuge for them where they can remain in safety and be cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. In this connection, I am sure you will be interested to know that arrangements have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

Very truly yours,

Signed: J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. A. Filler,
2928 Jerome Avenue,
New York, 58, New York.

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2925 Jerome Avenue
New York (58) N. Y.

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June 13, 1944

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. President

It was with great appreciation and pride that I read of your establishment of temporary haven at unused camps for refugees rescued from diabolical Hitler and his Nazi followers. Your initiative in setting an example for other nations is in line with your practice of facing problems and applying the practical solution.

I entreat you to continue your good work and to increase the facilities to be made available to all those whom we are able to rescue, Christian and Jew alike.

I also wish to take the opportunity to express my appreciation for all social and humanitarian progress made under your guidance.

Sincerely yours,

A. Fuller

In reply please
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MAY 6 1944

Dear Mr. Finchell:

Thank you for your letter of April 20, 1944,
concerning the possibility of establishing "free ports"
for refugees.

Your interest is much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Bernard Finchell,
116 Seaman Avenue,
New York, New York.

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116 Seaman Avenue
New York, N. Y., April 20, 1944

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Executive Director
War Refugee Board
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My dear Mr. Pehle:

I am extremely gratified to learn that you are giving earnest consideration to the "Free Ports for Refugees" plan, recently publicized in the New York press.

As the originator of a similar, "Free Zone Areas" plan, which, incidentally, I have presented to Mr. Samuel Grafton, of the New York Post, in my letter addressed to him on Dec. 18, 1943, I take pleasure in sending you an enclosed ~~copy~~ appeal I had sent, at my own initiative and expense, on Jan. 15, 1939, to hundreds of prominent persons and groups throughout the country.

I hope and trust that my idea, by whomsoever revived, modified and claiming paternity, will be brought, at last, to belated fruition.

I remain, my dear Mr. Pehle, with kindest personal regards and good wishes for your personal welfare and the success of your devoted and capable labors,

Sincerely yours,
Bernard Finshell
Bernard Finshell

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Seldom has any human enterprise gained the support such a plan would receive, for rarely, if ever, has any been more deserving. Singly and collectively, individuals and organizations, all will cheerfully contribute, in greater measure than ever before, to the successful issue of such an undertaking. And, at long last, will a haven of safety have been attained by the unfortunates over whose tragic plight we are supposedly concerned. It will also spare them from being subjected to insults added to injury, through the elimination of callously contrived projects envisaging their exodus and banishment to forsaken wildernesses.

This great country, faithful to the ideals of its venerated founders, in grateful recognition of the services rendered by groups and individuals of varied races, and true to its noblest traditions, has seldom withheld aid and assistance from the peoples of the world in their hours of adversity. No nation had ever been presented with such --fortunately rare -- opportunity of serving mankind. None has ever been as favored by circumstances and potentialities to avail itself of it, as the United States of America, at the presenttime. Humanity expects us to perform our duty. Evading it, would mar the records of this nation's history. Heeding the call of this duty, would serve as a worthy, exemplary deed on the part of a worthy people, and as renewed evidence of its faith in democratic government and institutions.

Aside from the purely humane motives, which, alone, should move all of us to contribute, in proportion to this country's vast means, toward the early solution of the refugee problem, the United States would derive, as in the past, untold moral, physical, intellectual and material benefits through the urgent adoption of the presently suggested "Free Zone Area" plan, details of which will gladly be furnished upon Request.

Recalling the ancient adage: "By the deeds of its leaders shall be judged the ethical and moral standards of a people", this ardent appeal is addressed to your good self, one of this country's outstanding citizens, in the fervent hope that you will grant this extremely urgent problem your valuable consideration and moral support.

I am eagerly looking forward to early and kind suggestions and opinion regarding this matter, and remain, with cordial greetings and good wishes for your personal welfare,

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Finchell.

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Fischer:

Thank you for your recent card concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944 to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fischer:
1109 Prospect Avenue,
Melrose Park, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

We are vitally interested in the establishment of "free ports" in the United States for refugees from stricken lands of Europe. We understand that proposals regarding these ports are now being discussed in Congress and we sincerely urge you to speak favorably on them.

Name Joseph F. Fischer

Address 1109 Prospect Ave. Melrose Park Pa.

Name Joseph Fischer

Address 1109 Prospect Ave Melrose Park Pa.

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Flaschen:

Thank you for your recent cards to the President and to me concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. M. Flaschen,
5000 - 15th Avenue,
Brooklyn 19, New York.

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June 7, 1944

Dear John W. Pellé,
I am in favor of Free Ports
for Refugees and ask you to extend
your good offices and see that this
great project is speedily accomplished.

Yours truly,
M. M. Flaschen

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June 7, 1944

Dear President F. D. Roosevelt,

I am in favor of
Free Ports for Refugees and ask you
to extend your good offices and
see that this great project is
speedily accomplished. Respectfully yours,
W. R. B. Hasden

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Fleisher:

Thank you for your recent card concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944 to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Fleisher,
6642 Ogoutz Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Phila. Pa. May 8, 1944

Dear Sir:

We are vitally interested in the establishment of "free ports" in the United States for refugees from stricken lands of Europe. We understand that proposals regarding these ports are now being discussed in Congress and we sincerely urge you to speak favorably on them. Dr & Mrs Humphreys 6642 Agouty Ave

HARRY FLEISHER

JUN 15 1944

In reply please
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Dear Rev. Flint:

Since my reply to your recent letter concerning temporary havens in the United States for refugees, the President has taken action for the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am sure you will be interested in reading the attached copies of the President's recent message to Congress, his cablegram of June 8, 1944, to Ambassador Robert Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of the same date to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the plan.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you again for the interest which you have expressed in this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Rev. James C. Flint,
289 Fourth Avenue,
New York 10, New York.

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In reply please
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MAY 23 1944

Dear Rev. Flint:

Thank you for your letter of May 18, 1944,
concerning the establishment of temporary havens for
refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
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REV. JAMES C. FLINT
Director

May 18, 1944.

Mr. John W. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:-

I write to express my hope that you will use your good offices to make possible the establishment of "free ports" for refugees. I want you to know that as a citizen of the United States, I'd be proud to have our country make such facilities available to refugees.

I would further state that the organization which I have the honor to represent considers it a privilege to give every assistance within its means to these refugees during their period of temporary haven and in making plans for their individual permanent adjustments.

Cordially yours,

/s/ James C. Flint

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In reply please
refer to: 1053

JUN 19 1944

Dear Miss Fogie:

The President has referred to me your recent card concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944 to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. W. Pehle".

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Yetta Fogie,
949 - 49th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

JUN 19 1944

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(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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Executive Director

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Enclosures.

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President F. D. Roosevelt
White House,
Washington D.C.

June 6, 1944
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132 W. 107th St. N.Y.

Dear Mr. President;

We are in favor of Free
Ports for Refugees and ask you to
extend your good offices and see
that this great project is speedily
accomplished.

Yours truly,
Yetta Fogel

JUL 29 1944

In reply please
refer to; 3050

Dear Mrs. Foreman:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 18, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

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J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Reuben Foreman,
3814 Rogers Avenue,
Baltimore 15, Maryland.

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War Refugee Board
Dear Mr. President,

If we can find so much room for prisoners and Japs interned here, why can't we find room for the poor refugees? Please open up the doors of the United States to them even interning them if you have to do so.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Foreman
(Mrs. Reuben Foreman)

July 18, 1944

3814 Rogers ave. Balt 15 rd -

JUN 27 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2042

Dear Mrs. Fox:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 20, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Irving G. Fox,
80 Overlook Road,
New Rochelle, New York.

Enclosures.

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June 20th
1944

The President
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It seems essential at this time when our men and women are fighting in France, pushing back the Nazis in Italy, and bombing Tokyo, that we should make clear to the victims of ravaged Europe, that they will be restored to the status of full citizenship in their pre-war countries.

Since the use of our ports is vital in assisting them to this adjustment of which they are so richly entitled, I urge you to use all influence in supporting the Free Port Bill.

I have the honor to remain,

Most respectfully yours,

Sadie R. Fox
(Mrs. Irving G. Fox)
IRVING G. FOX

OVERLOOK ROAD
80 Overlook Road
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President Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

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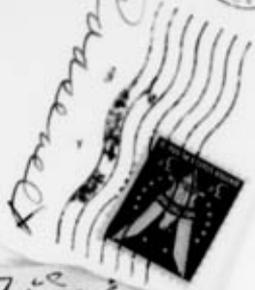
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Honorable Sir:-

Emmella Weiss
Secretary to the President

The undersigned plead with you to use your good office for the establishment of Refugee Reports 659
this country AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE so that the lives of many may be saved from deportation 8/11/44
In this way, our own humanness in providing sanctuary to the oppressed for the duration of
the war, will give courage to people of the earth everywhere that Justice still prevails.

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Hon. J. W. Fable
War Refugee Board
Washington, 25, D.C.

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Honorable Sir:

The undersigned plead with you to use your good office for the establishment of resettlement
in this country, as quickly as is possible, so that lives may be saved from death
In this way, our own humanness in providing sanctuary to the oppressed for the duration
of the war, will give courage to good people of the earth everywhere that justice still
prevails.

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~~Have. J. W. Pukle
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.~~

JUN 23 1944

In reply please
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Dear Miss Frankel:

Thank you for the petitions which you recently forwarded to the President and to me concerning temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure that you and those who joined with you in requesting that refugees be granted asylum in this country will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Deborah Frankel,
350 Central Park West,
New York, New York.

Enclosures.

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Hon. J. W. Pehle,
War Refugee Board,
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Honorable Sir:-

The undersigned plead with you to use your good office for the establishment of Free Ports in this country, as quickly as is possible, so that lives may be saved from Nazi murder. In this way, our own humaneness in providing sanctuary to the oppressed for the duration of the war, will give courage to good people of the earth everywhere that Justice still prevails.

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- Mrs. David M. Scherell 698 West End Ave N.Y.

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

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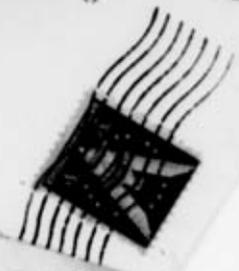
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Secretary to the President

Franklin D. Roosevelt
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Honorable Sir:-
Agent Franklin D. Roosevelt
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Washington, D.C.

Deborah Macbeth
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JUN 29 1944

Dear Dr. Franklin:

Thank you for your telegram of June 16, 1944, to the President and to me, concerning the matter of giving war refugees temporary asylum in this country.

I am sure that you were heartened by the President's action for the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am enclosing as a matter of interest to you copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the heads of the agencies concerned with the execution of the plan.

Your interest in measures for saving the lives of the victims of enemy persecution and finding havens of refuge for them is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fahle

J. W. Fahle
Executive Director

Dr. S. P. Franklin,
Dean of the School of Education,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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JOHN PHELE, EXEC DIR

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JUN 15 1944

In reply please
refer to: 977

Dear Mrs. Friedman:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944 to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

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(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Jerome S. Friedman,
5036 Gainer Road,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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MRS. JEROME S. FRIEDMAN

5036 GAINOR ROAD, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 5, 1944

Mrs. John W. Peble
 Executive Director
 War Refugee Board
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Kindly do all in
 your power to help our
 President establish "Free
 Ports" for war refugees,
 as soon as possible.

Sincerely
 Florence C. Friedman
 (Mrs. Jerome S. Friedman)

977



Hon. John W. Peble
Executive Dir. War Refugee Board
Washington
D.C.

In reply please
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JUN 14 1944

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Friedman:

Thank you for your recent cards to the President and to me concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

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(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Friedman,
1451 - 52nd Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

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June 6 1944
Dear Mr. Peble

" We are in favor of Free
Ports for Refugees and ask
you to extend your good offices
and see that this great
project is speedily accomplished."

Sincerely yours, Friedman
Mr. Louis Friedman
Members of Organization
Nat'l Council of Young Israel

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June 5 1944.
Dear President Roosevelt,

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Sincerely yours.

Mr & Mrs. Louis Friedman
Members Organization of Young Israel

In reply please
refer to: 890

JUN 5 1944

Dear Mr. Freiman:

The President has referred to me your telegram of May 30, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. S. Freiman,
4856 Page Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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CRITICAL STATUS OF MILLIONS OF EUROPEAN LIVES NECESSITATE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY HOMES IN AMERICA AND OTHER FREE COUNTRIES TO SHELTER THOSE WHO ARE RESCUED. WE URGE IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR SUCH FREE PORTS AS RECOMMENDED BY MESSRS. IRA HIRSHMAN AND J. W. PEHLE

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Friend:

The President has referred to me your telegram of June 9, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. I. Friend,
428½ No. Sierra Bonita Ave.,
Los Angeles, California.

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PLEASE SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE PORTS FOR THE DURATION AND SAVE MANY UNFORTUNATE REFUGEES. HUMANITY LOOKS FORWARD TO YOUR HELP.

I FRIEND

428 1/2 to Sierra Bonita Ave

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

JUL 21 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2985

Dear Mrs. Fromkes:

Thank you for your communication of July 12, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you were glad to see the accounts of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Frieda Fromkes,
228 Amboy Street,
Brooklyn 12, New York.

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228 Conboy St.

Bklyn, N.Y.

July 12, 1944

War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Support the Free Port
Plan. If we can house &
feed our Prisoners of War,
the least we can do for
the exiled Jews of Europe
is give them the same.

Propose more liberal
amendments to this plan
if you can.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Frieda Fromka

JUL 21 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1998

Dear Mrs. Furie:

The President has referred to me your recent letter concerning the Emergency Refugee Shelter being established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, to give temporary asylum to approximately 1,000 refugees who have fled from their homelands to Southern Italy.

Details of the plan were outlined by the President in his message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the project. Copies of these documents are enclosed as a matter of interest to you.

I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to rescue the victims of enemy persecution and to find havens of refuge for them where they can remain in safety and be cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. In this connection, I am sure you will be interested to know that arrangements have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Erving Furie,
286 No. Winsoski Ave.,
Burlington, Vermont.

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Burlington VT

June 18-1944

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His Excellency
 President F. D. Roosevelt
 The White House
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to take the opportunity
 of telling you how heartily I approve
 of your move to shelter 1000
 refugees in this Country for the
 duration.

However 1000 is such a small
 number compared to the vast
 number of human beings who
 will either be killed or starve
 during the crisis now going
 on in Europe.

I urge you, Mr. President,
 to do all that is possible to
 increase this number of

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people whose lives & future
depend on the shelter we
will offer them.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Erving Surie

AUG 12 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3160

Dear Miss Furman:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 25, 1944, concerning the plight of refugees.

On January 22, 1944, the President created the War Refugee Board for the purpose of taking all possible measures to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and to afford them all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

To accomplish the purpose for which it was created, the War Refugee Board has initiated numerous measures to assist persons to escape from enemy and enemy-occupied countries, to find havens of refuge for them, to obtain better treatment for those for whom escape is not possible, and to induce the satellite countries to desist from cooperating with the Nazi policy of persecution and extermination of minority peoples. The Board has stationed representatives in strategic countries in order to expedite these measures.

It was in connection with the problem of finding places of asylum for those who are enabled to escape from enemy-controlled areas that the President took action to establish the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am sure you will be interested to know that arrangements have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives, knowing that the measure of its success will be the number of lives saved.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Blanche Furman,
105 North Fulton Avenue,
Mount Vernon, New York.

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July 25, 1944.

Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
White House,
Washington, D.C.

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William D. Russell

Secretary to the President

Dear Sir:

Never in world history has it been impossible for those ground down by, tyranny to escape to some free place.

Yet today, when we hear so much lamentation over the fate of those exterminated or to be exterminated by the most ruthless tyranny of all, a shocking and unusual closing of the gates is the rule wherever asylum is asked for.

We have started a noble precedent for others to follow in opening a refuge^o camp for the first thousand victims of Hitler to be accepted by us. Let us carry a good idea beyond the stage of a gesture and provide for the temporary transportation and care of the many more thousands still waiting on European shores.

Such a precedent would be followed by other countries in the Western hemisphere who have

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shamed us in the past by their comparative open handedness to European refugees.

I urge you to do everything in your power to cause this country to honor its often expressed humanitarian promises.

Yours truly,

Blanche Furman
105 North Fulton Ave
Mt Vernon N.Y.

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JUL 6 1944

Dear Mr. Mazza:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of June 20, 1944, to the Honorable Samuel Dickstein, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

The concern of your organization for the fate of refugees and its interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Richard Mazza,
Manager,
Furniture Workers' Union,
Local 76-B,
13 Astor Place,
New York 3, New York.

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June 20, 1944

Hon. Samuel Dickstein, Chairman
House Immigration and Naturalization Committee
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

The 3200 members of the Furniture Workers' Union, Local 76-B wish to express their complete support of H. Res. 576 which provides "Free Ports" at which a number of refugees could be housed for the duration.

A gesture such as this would do much to strengthen the bond between the victims of ravaged Europe and our own people who realize only too well that their fight is our own and would therefore willingly extend the use of our country as a homeland for the duration.

We urge you again to report favorably on this bill and wish to assure you that it has our support.

Respectfully yours,

FURNITURE WORKERS' UNION, LOCAL 76-B

Richard Mazza, Manager

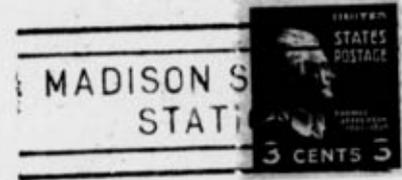
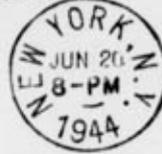
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War Refugee Board

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