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

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AUG 17 1944

Dear Miss Land:

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Constance A. Land,
5330 Blackstone,
Chicago 15, Illinois.

Enclosures.

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War Refugee
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RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS
YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

3230
5330 Blackstone
Chicago 15, Ill.

William D. Barrett
Secretary to the President

The President of the United States
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President

I wish to urge you to take immediate
action, especially through the establishment
of "Free Posts" in the United States,
to aid the Jews of Hungary and other
countries of Europe.

Sincerely yours,
Constance A. Rand

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JUL 15 1944

In reply please
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Dear Mrs. Landrum:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 5, 1944, concerning the plight of the Jewish people in Europe.

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 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.

In connection with the problem of finding places of asylum for those who are enabled to escape from enemy-controlled areas, you will be interested to know that the President has recently taken action to establish an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, which will be equipped to care for approximately 1,000 refugees for the duration of the war or until they can be returned 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.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

Mrs. Grace Warren Landrum,
Dean of Women,
College of William and Mary,
Williamsburg, Virginia.

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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*War
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OFFICE OF
DEAN OF WOMEN

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY
FOUNDED IN 1693
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

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W. R. B. HUBBARD
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Ans. *W. R. B. Hubbard*
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July 5, 1944

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

My dear President Roosevelt:

I implore you to give most serious consideration to the distressing situation of the Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe. Let us provide temporary asylums, financial help, food supplies to neutral countries to take care of the refugees there. Let us interpret and apply our existing immigration laws in a humane and liberal spirit.

In thus accepting some of the phrasing offered by the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom I am endorsing their policy, ably endorsed by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick.

For the sake of humanity I urge your endorsement.

Yours sincerely,

Grace Warren Landrum

Grace Warren Landrum,
Dean of Women

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In reply please
refer to: 2368

AUG 30 1944

Dear Mrs. Lang:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of August 15, 1944, concerning the plight of the Jews in occupied Europe.

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.

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With respect to the problem of Hungarian Jews, I enclose a copy of a joint statement recently issued by the United States and British Governments which I am sure will be of interest to you.

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power to achieve its humanitarian objectives.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Arthur H. Lang,
3 High Street,
Merwich, Connecticut.

Enclosure.

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RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING
YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

William D. Bennett
Secretary to the President

3 High Street
Norwich, Conn.
August 15, 1944

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

My dear Mr. President:

Many of my friends and I have made inquiries and have searched through the newspapers for news of concrete action to help the trapped Jews of Europe by providing refuge havens. So far all we could find are expressions of sympathy and of abhorrence.

Surely it is not asking too much to prevail upon the British to open the gates of Palestine -- nor is it asking too much of us -- with this vast country of ours -- to provide rescue camps. With the cooperation of our other allies, this act of humanitarianism could easily be effected.

With our victory drawing closer, these refuge camps would no doubt be only temporary refuges. Human lives are at stake! We shall look for news of immediate action.

With kind greetings and best wishes for your good health, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Sarah S. Lang
(Mrs. Arthur H. Lang)

*To:
War Refugee Bd*

In reply please
refer to: 3129

AUG 12 1944

Dear Mrs. Langsdorf:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 25, 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 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, to the heads of the agencies concerned with the execution of the project are enclosed.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. A. S. Langsdorf,
House of Representatives,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Enclosures.

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LANGSDORF
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5187 CABANNE AVENUE
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SECRETARY



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William ...
Secretary to the President

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MEMBER OF
PENAL INSTITUTIONS
PROBATION AND PAROLE
CHILDREN
ELEEMOSYNARY INSTITUTIONS
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
SOCIAL SECURITY
COMMITTEES

July 25, 1944 -

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, -
Washington, D. C.

My dear President Roosevelt, -

The plight of the Jews in
war torn Europe distresses me ~~very~~ ^{greatly} ~~about~~ ^{in thinking}
person. I urge you in connection with the
other allied powers to open temporary harbors of
refuge for these unhappy people.

Very truly yours

Elsie H. Langsdorf (Mrs. A. S.)

I am one of your most ardent supporters.

JUL 21 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2906

Dear Mrs. Larson:

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.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Della Larson,
19 Rio Vista,
Oakland 11, California.

Enclosures.

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Mrs. Della Larson
Theosophical Society

19 Rio Vista
Oakland Calif

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June 24

U.S. POST OFFICE
U.S. MAIL
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Dear President

As a citizen, I also
 worker I am vitally interested
 issues which curtail monopoly of work for
 the people as a whole. I refer now to
 the price control amendment. We
 hope you will be giving your
 veto

Another issue is, the camps for
 the homeless of foreign countries. Our
 groupe is with you in establishing
 more camps. We have not yet
 had a taste of doing without in this
 country, neither will we need to in
 taking care of many of those camps
 to take care of those starving
 people until they are established in
 their home land.

Mrs. Della Larson.

P.S. The groupe to which I refer
 is the Theosophical Society. Our
 society is back of you 100%.

Della Larson
19 - Rio Vista
Oakland 11 Calif.

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President Roosevelt
Washington
D. C.

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In reply please
refer to: 764

MAY 23 1944

Dear Mrs. Lauter:

Thank you for your recent letter 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

Mrs. Sara D. Lauter,
4640 Sanson Street,
Philadelphia 39, Pennsylvania.

Free Ports

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How. John L. Rehle
Exec. Director, War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rehle,

In reference to the
proposal for a free port for refugees,
I think it an excellent idea.
Will you please use your good
office to so further the establish-
ment of such a port.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours

Larry D. Lambert
4640 Sanson St. Philadelphia 39 - Pa.

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Mr. John H. Pehle

Exec. Director

War Refugee Board

Washington, D.C.

JUN 28 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2047

Dear Miss LaVan:

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

Miss Irene LaVan,
6851 Ogontz Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

cc: Miss Sally Gill,
1227 N. 7th Street,
Philadelphia, 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 Irene Lalan LA VAN

Address 6851 Ogontz ave. OGONTZ

Name Sally Gill

Address 1227 N. 7.

JUL 21 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2004

Dear Mrs. Lawrence:

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.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. M. W. Lawrence,
144 East 24th Street,
New York, New York.

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LAWRENCE 144 East Twenty-fourth Street

JULY 16 1944
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William D. Harrell

The Secretary of the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

NYC
War Refugee
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Dear Mr. President:

I am heartily in favor of the steps taken to provide refuge for Hitler's victims here in the United States. I believe the public would be in favor of expansion of the present program.

I am strongly disturbed by trends in Congress in connection with the OPA. I know you will support its continuation and I am merely registering my approval.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. M. W. Lawrence

JUL 21 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2029

Dear Mrs. Lazarus:

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.

Your support for this program and your interest in measures for saving the lives of the victims of enemy oppression are deeply appreciated.

I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to rescue these persecuted people 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.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Simon Lazarus,
172 South Columbia Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio.

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MRS. SIMON LAZARUS - 172 SOUTH COLUMBIA AVENUE COLUMBUS, OHIO

To the President.
The White House
Washington D. C.

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I am heartily in accord with
your new move to save the victims
of Hitler's terror. I hope that you
can see your way clear to open
more camps for such unfortunate
Refugees -

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs. Simon) Amy W. Lazarus.
172 S. Columbia Ave
Colo. O.

In reply please
refer to: 2958

JUL 17 1944

Dear Miss Engelstein:

I have your letters of July 5, 1944, to the President and to me, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Lena Engelstein,
Secretary,
A. D. Gordon Chapter,
League for Labor Palestine,
256 State Street,
Albany 6, New York.

Enclosures.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
W. R. B.
Secretary to the President

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256 State Street
Albany 6, New York
July 5, 1941

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

My dear Mr. President:

The extreme policy of torture and extermination practiced on the Jews of Europe by the Nazi regime makes us appeal to you to exert your utmost influence to further the program of establishing free ports for refugees in the United States. We believe that a nation which has traditionally stood for justice and liberty and which has just held out anew in the Atlantic Charter the hope of freedom to all the countries of the world cannot stand by and see the systematic and ruthless destruction of a people without attempting to rescue them. The deed is demanded by the lofty humanitarian principles on which our country was founded and under which it has flourished, and will bring us the satisfaction of receiving the confidence and esteem of all the nations of the world.

Yours very truly,
A. D. Gordon Chapter
League for Labor Palestine
By: *Lena Engelstein, Sec'y.*

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WAR REFUGEE BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C.
256 State Street
Albany 6, New York
July 5, 1944

War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

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Yours very truly,
A. D. Gordon Chapter
League for Labor Palestine
By: *Lena Engelstein, Sec'y.*

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State St.
ny 6, N. Y.



War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1113

Dear Sirs:

The President has referred to me a copy of your recent news bulletin 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

League for Labor Palestine,
1140 Broadway,
New York 1, New York.

Enclosures.

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FROM

LEAGUE FOR LABOR PALESTINE

1140 BROADWAY • Tel. LExington 2-8257 • NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

CHAPTERS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES • CANADA

War Refugee Board

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ACT PROMPTLY!!

Respectfully referred to the President
RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
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TO ALL CHAPTER OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the Meeting of the League for Labor Palestine on May 30, 1944, in New York City. *Officers' Meeting to the President*

RESOLUTION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE PORTS

The unfortunate victims of the deliberate Nazi policy of exterminating the Jewish people in all Nazi dominated countries cry out in desperation to the conscience of mankind. As American citizens and as Jews we must act promptly and with utmost vigor.

Previous attempts at rescue and resettlement have been too limited and without the desired results. At last, however, a comprehensive plan for the establishment of temporary asylum in free ports for refugees in the United States has been promulgated. If carried out effectively, there is now real hope for the rescue and rehabilitation of large numbers who at present seem doomed.

The League for Labor Palestine in Conference assembled this 30th day of May, 1944, at an administrative and Chapter Officers' meeting at the hotel McAlpin, New York City, therefore resolve

1. That we pledge our fullest support and cooperation to the task of creating free ports in the United States in order to give temporary haven to refugees to whom these free ports will mean life in a civilized community instead of death by torture.

2. That we call upon the Congress of the United States, the War Refugee Board and the President of the United States to expedite the establishment of free ports as an act of humanity, as a sacred duty to a cruelly suffering people, and as an example for other nations to follow.

3. That we urge all League chapters and members throughout the country to use their influence with their Representatives in the House and in the Senate, and with their local press, to bring about free port action without delay.

WE URGE ALL CHAPTERS TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:

1. adopt this or a similar resolution in your chapter and forward copies to your Congressman, the War Refugee Board, and to President Roosevelt.

2. Write letters to your local newspapers urging favorable comment on the free port plan.

3. URGE local organizations, Community Councils and friendly Christian Organizations to adopt favorable resolutions.

4. Make certain that copies of editorials, resolutions and public statements are sent to the President of the United States.

5. Inform the League National Office of action taken.

FREE PORTS IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD

1. Save Jews now trapped in Hungary.
2. Help to induce Turkey to open its frontiers.
3. Remove refugees from congested camps in Italy, making room for additional refugees crossing from Yugoslavia to Italy.

THERE WILL BE UNFAVORABLE ACTION WITHOUT WIDESPREAD PUBLIC SUPPORT!

LIVES ARE AT STAKE! IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NECESSARY!

In reply please
refer to: 2967

JUL 14 1944

Dear Miss Lederman:

Thank you for your communication of July 9, 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.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Sarah Lederman,
619 East Fifth Street,
New York 9, New York.

Enclosures.

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Sarah Lederman

619 East Fifth Street

New York 9, N. Y.

July 9, 1944

Gentlemen:

In myself as a citizen,
and as chairman of a group of
Social Workers, we want you to
know that many of us seek your
continued strengthening of the Free Post
Plan.

Sincerely,
Sarah Lederman

JUN 15 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1129

Dear Mr. Lehn:

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.

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(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. J. Lehn,
418 No. Gardner St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Enclosures.

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SEP 9 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3286

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lefever:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of August 21, 1944, concerning the plight of the Jewish refugees in occupied Europe.

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.

In connection with the problem of finding places of asylum for those who are enabled to escape from enemy-controlled areas, you will be interested to know that the President has taken action to establish an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, where approximately 1,000 refugees, who had fled from their homelands to Southern Italy, are being cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. Arrangements also have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

Your offer to take some of these unfortunate people into your home is genuine evidence of the personal responsibility you feel for sharing the freedoms which we Americans enjoy. I suggest that you write to Mr. Joseph E. Beck, National Refugee Service, 139 Centre Street, New York City, who may be in a position to be of assistance to you or to give you information as to the procedure to follow in this matter.

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin A. Lefever,
Route #1,
Spring Grove, Pennsylvania.

War Refugee
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Spring Grove, Route 1, Pa.

Aug. 21, 1944

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

Dear Sir,

We feel that the doors of our country should be open to Jewish refugees so that those yet alive may be saved. We are asking that you use your power to this end. Enjoying the blessings of our country makes it incumbent to help our brethren in need, whatever the race or creed. We are not Jews but feel that we could help, perhaps to the extent of taking some in our home. Please do all you can to help these persecuted people.

Respectfully,

Mr. & Mrs. Calvin A. Lefever,

**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

June 10, 1944

Respectfully referred to the
War Refugee Board for attention.

WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

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PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES

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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.

J LEHN

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

JUN 15 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1169

Dear Miss Lehrer:

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 recent 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

Miss F. Lehrer,
932 - 43rd Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

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932--43rd Street,
Bklyn., N. Y.

June 12, 1944.

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

Dear Sir:

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.

Very truly yours,

F. Leher

MISS F. LEHRER.

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F. Lehrer
ROOM 508

276 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK



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

In reply please
refer to: 2630

JUL 24 1944

Dear Mr. Leher:

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.

Your support for this program and your interest in measures for saving the lives of the victims of enemy oppression are deeply appreciated.

I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to rescue these persecuted people 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.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Henry L. Leher, S 2/c
Ships Service,
Unit 2 ABD
Port Hueneis, California.

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Secretary Ans. President

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 Henry Lesher Lt
 Ships Service ^{S 2/12}
 Unit 2 ABCD
 Port Hueneume, Calif.

June 22, 1944

My dear Mr. President,

Your message to Congress (which I have anxiously awaited these many months) to save the victims of Hitler's tyranny in Europe, has my most fervent support.

It is the duty of our Nation governed by democratic principles to avail to as many refugees as it is in our power to aid, a place of refuge until the black cloud of Nazi oppression and persecution has been lifted, and the sun shines once again upon a free Europe.



UNITED STATES NAVY

June 22, 1944

I am sure that you will have the wholehearted support of all free loving Americans in this venture, and earn the undying gratitude of the hapless refugees.

I sincerely pray that the establishment of this welfare camp will prove as an example for the opening of additional havens of mercy for the many persecuted refugees who fled their homelands.

Respectfully yours,
Henry D. Lesker

JUL 21 1944

Dear Mr. Levine:

The President has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter concerning the plan to give temporary asylum to approximately 1,000 refugees from Europe in the Emergency Refugee Shelter being established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

I wish also to thank you on behalf of the War Refugee Board for your support and interest in this program.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Abraham A. Levine
513 Walnut Avenue - Apt. #1
Syracuse, New York

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June 12th 1944

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The President of The United States
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:-

I am with you heart and soul
in your continuous effort to save
the innocent victims of Hitler's terror
by giving them a temporary refuge
in our dear U. S. A.

I am taking the liberty to write
you in order to express my personal
gratitude. Also the hope that to the
oppressed Peoples of the whole world
this act of generosity will show the
true worth of Democracy.

God bless you

Respectfully

Abraham A. Levine

513 Walnut Ave Apt #1
Syracuse, N. Y. ✓

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to : 1072

Dear Miss Levine:

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,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Annie Levine,
765 Hopkinon Ave.
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

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Dear Mr. President. June 6, 1944

We urge
you to open Free ports in
the U. S. now.

Sincerely
Annie Levine

765 Hopkinton ave
Bklyn N. Y.

JUN 11 1944

In reply please
refer to: 986

Dear Mr. Levitt:

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. N. Levitt,
1520 - 48th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

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6/6/44

Dear Sir,

We are in favor of a Free
Refugee Port and ask you to
extend your good offices
and see that this great
project is speedily accomplished.

Yours, truly,
N Levitt
1520-48 St
Bklyn, N.Y.

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6/6/44

Dear Sir,

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,
N Levitt
1520 - 48 St
Bklyn, N.Y.

In reply please
refer to: 1007

JUN 14 1944

Dear Mrs. Levow:

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

Mrs. I. B. Levow,
1655 - 46th Street,
Brooklyn 4, New York.

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June 7, 1944
My dear Mr. John H. Pehle;

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
Hannah Levor

Mrs. J. B. Levor

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My dear Mr. President ^{June 7, 1944}
F. D. Roosevelt:
I and my family are in favor of Free
Ports for Refugees and ask you to ex-
tend your good offices and see that
this great project is speedily accomp-
lished.

Sincerely,
Hannah Levar

Mrs. J. B. Levar

In reply please
refer to: 1033

JUN 17 1944

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Levy:

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. Albert Levy,
1912 East Cambria Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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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 Albert Levy

Address 1912 E. Cambria St.

Name Isa Levy

Address 1912 E. Cambria St.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 906

Dear Miss Levy:

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

Miss Florence Levy,
Social Worker,
Division of Immigration
and Americanization,
Department of Education,
Room 209, Tremont Building,
73 Tremont Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Enclosures.

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In reply please
refer to: 905

JUN 8 1944

Dear Miss Levy:

Thank you for your letter of June 1,
1944, concerning the establishment of temporary
havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appre-
ciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Florence Levy,
Social Worker,
Division of Immigration
and Americanization,
Department of Education,
Room 209, Tremont Building,
73 Tremont Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

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*Division of
Immigration and Americanization*

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Education

Room 209, Tremont Building

73 Tremont Street, Boston

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June 1, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle,
Executive Director
of the War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

May I request your support in the proposal now being discussed to establish a system of "free ports" in the United States which would provide a temporary haven for War Refugees who cannot at the present enter the country under the existing Immigration laws.

I am deeply interested and concerned with the refugee situation and feel that some of the remaining victims of Naziism could be rescued if the United States would offer them refuge in their hour of need.

Very sincerely yours

Florence Levij
Social Worker

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1204

Dear Miss Levy:

Thank you for your letter of June 12, 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 Amba-
sador 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,

J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Florence H. Levy,
115 West 73rd Street,
New York 23, New York.

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115 WEST 73RD STREET
NEW YORK 23, N. Y.

June 12, 1944
Mr John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

The establishment of a system of free ports where war refugees may be given temporary asylum, seems to me such a valuable and important service to humanity that it ought to be made effective immediately.

Very truly
(Miss) Florence H. Levy



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

In reply please
refer to: 1004

JUN 17 1944

Dear Mrs. Levy:

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,

[Signature] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Jane K. Levy,
7709 Juniper Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,

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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 Jane K. Lacy (Mrs)
Address 7709 Juniper Ave
Name _____
Address _____

In reply please
refer to: 3210

AUG 17 1944

Dear Mr. Levy:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 31, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

I am sure you were glad to know 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 in Algiers, and his memorandum to the agency heads 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.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Nathan Levy,
426 East 8th Street,
Los Angeles, California.

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War Refugee
Fund

426 E 8 St.
Los Angeles. July 31, 1944

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

White House
Washington D.C.

RESPECTFULLY REQUEST
FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

William D. Hoover III
Secretary to the President

Dear Sir:

Establishment of free ports of entry for the oppressed
minorities of Europe would help alleviate their condition.

Please use your high office in leading the
countries to save many hundreds of thousand
of lives.

Yours very truly
Nathan Levy.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1071

Dear Miss Libowsky:

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,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Pauline Libowsky,
650 Howard Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

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Dear Mr. President.

June 6 1944

you to open We urge
Free Ports in the U. S.
Now.

Sincerely

Pauline Libowsky
650 Howard Ave. Bklyn N.Y.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1097

Dear Miss Liebbs:

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,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Sonia Liebbs,
265 Riverside Drive,
New York, New York,

Enclosures.

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June 7, 1944

Honorable Sir:

I am in favor of Free Ports for
refugees, and ask you to extend your
good offices to accomplish this end.

Respectfully yours,

S. Liebb

Sonia Liebb ✓
265 Riverside Drive
New York City

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Initial EBJ
Date 7/1/44

Dear Sir -

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,

Mr. Mrs. L. Liberman

No address.

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We are in favor of Free Ports
and ask you to extend your
good office and see that this
great project is speedily accomplished.
Mrs Ray Liberman

No address

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 931

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lindeman:

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. Samuel D. Lindeman,
6039 North Comac Street,
Philadelphia, 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 (Mrs) Elsie Lindeman

Address 6039 N. Canoe St

Name Samuel D. Lindeman

Address 6039 N. Canoe St

In reply please
refer to: 3073

JUL 26 1944

Dear Miss Lipton:

The President has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter concerning the plan to give temporary asylum to approximately 1,000 refugees from Europe in the Emergency Refugee Shelter being established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

I wish also to thank you on behalf of the War Refugee Board for your support and interest in this program.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Theresa Lipton,
2715 Gr. Concourse,
Bronx 58, New York.

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War Refugee
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2715 Gr. Concourse
Bronx 58, N. Y.
July 20, 1944

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FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
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Pres. F. D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.
William V. Hall
Secretary to the President

Dear President Roosevelt,
Your part in rescuing the persecuted peoples in Nazi dominated countries will be remembered as a tribute to your courage and human sympathy.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1058

Dear Mrs. Lish:

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,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Nate Lish,
5843 Hoffman Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. Nate Lish : 5843 Hoffman Avenue : Philadelphia, Penna.

Box. Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of United States

Dear Mr President -

I would urge
you to advocate the establishment
in this country of a Free Port,
as a temporary Haven for War Refugees

Respectfully
Mrs. Nate Lish (Lish)
5843 HOFFMAN AVE.

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 549

Dear Mr. Smith:

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. Samuel Smith,
Chairman, Political Committee,
Long Island Zionist Society,
147-16 35th Street,
Flushing, New York.

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Dear Mr. Smith:

I have received your letter of April 18,
1944.

I am enclosing for your information copies of
the Executive Order establishing the Board, the White
House Press Release of the same date, and the Statement
on Nazi atrocities issued by the President on March 24,
1944.

You will note that the Executive Order declares
it to be the policy of this Government to take all
measures within its power to rescue the victims of enemy
oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and to
afford such victims all possible relief and assistance
consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

I wish to assure you that the Board is doing
everything in its power to achieve the great objectives
for which it was created.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Samuel Smith,
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147-16 35th Avenue
Flushing, New York
April 18, 1944

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

MY dear Mr. Pehle:

On April 15th Samuel Grafton, in his daily column appearing in the New York Post, stated "we need a system of 'free ports' for refugees." He further stated that the logical agency to administer these "free ports" for refugees would be the War Refugee Board.

The possibility of "free ports" for refugees may have been suggested to you before. However, this is the first published account we have seen of any such plan. We would like to know your opinion, as director of the War Refugee Board, of the feasibility and practicability of this proposal, and whether any action along this line has been or will be initiated.

Yours very truly,

Samuel Smith

Long Island Zionist Society
Chairman Political Committee

In reply please
refer to: 3325

SEP 19 1944

Dear Mr. Riche:

The President has referred to me your letter of September 1 and its enclosures setting forth measures to save the Jews of Europe, particularly those in Hungary, suggested by the Los Angeles Citizens' Committee for Free Ports for Refugees.

The suggestions advanced are for the most part along the lines of the basic programs developed by the War Refugee Board to assist persons to escape from enemy-controlled areas, 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.

To protect the Jews in Hungary and elsewhere in Europe, all practicable measures have been and are being taken by this Government in cooperation with other governments and with private refugee organizations. Every suggestion received from whatever source concerning the rescue and relief of Jewish refugees has received our careful and sympathetic consideration, and in every instance in which it was practicable to do so without interfering with the conduct of the war, these suggestions have been put into practice. I am sure you will appreciate that the very nature of our task is such that projected plans cannot be made public without jeopardizing their chances of success.

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Please be assured, however, that we will continue to do everything in our power to save as many of these innocent people as possible.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Aaron Riche,
Secretary,
Los Angeles Citizens' Committee for,
Free Ports for Refugees,
939 South Broadway, Room 1102,
Los Angeles 15, California.

*Original signed by
J.W. Pehle*

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THOUSANDS OF LIVES
WITH
MORE TEMPORARY
EMERGENCY
REFUGEE SHELTERS**

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Los Angeles Citizens' Committee
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BYRON C. HANNA, Chairman

September 1, 1944

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William D. Bassett
Secretary to the President

To the President of the U. S.
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to transmit to you copy of the resolution unanimously adopted by the Mass Meeting held in Los Angeles, August 28, 1944 under the auspices of the Los Angeles Citizens' Committee for Free Ports for Refugees. May I add that the Citizens' Committee includes in its membership the outstanding men and women of this community, representing government, religion, business, labor, civic and fraternal organizations. The Chairman of the Citizens' Committee is Mr. Byron C. Hanna and the Vice-Chairmen are W. J. Bassett, Manchester Boddy, Mayor Fletcher Bowron, Archbishop John J. Cantwell, Philip M. Connelly, Judge Harry A. Hollzer, Supervisor Roger Jessup, Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, Bishop W. Bertrand Stevens and Justice Thomas P. White.

In the name of the people of the Los Angeles area we respectfully request you to use your good offices and those of the State Department to put into effect the objectives named in the resolution.

Very respectfully yours,

Aaron Riche
AARON RICHE
Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS

Meeting in the city of Los Angeles on the 28th of August, 1944, this gathering of American citizens of all creeds re-affirms its abiding faith in the cause for which the armed forces of our nation and those of our gallant allies are shedding their blood on all battlefields. Their magnificent achievements are hastening the day of liberation for all the enslaved peoples of the world.

Heartened by these increasing signs of approaching victory, we nevertheless cannot help but fear that by the time the war is won, the largest part of the Jewish populations in Europe may have been exterminated. Millions have already been but to death, and those who survive live in danger of a similar fate; for the openly-avowed threat of the Nazi regime to destroy every last Jew in the territories under its control has assumed gruesome reality.

We declare that civilization will have suffered an overwhelming defeat if Hitler is allowed to achieve his purpose. We know that the Jew in every land under Nazi control was the first target of Hitler's attack on that land and subsequently on civilization itself. But it is not yet too late to deny victory to Nazism on this front as well and thus save thousands upon thousands for the day of liberation.

In the name of God and humanity, and of those ideals for which the democratic world fights today, we appeal to the President and the Government of the United States and through them to the United Nations and to the neutral nations, to employ the following measures of rescue:-

1. By means of warnings, broadcasts and other forms of communications, the Hungarian and other satellite governments and peoples should be made to realize that they will not be allowed to escape full responsibility for the crimes now being committed on their territories and that they themselves must halt the death march and protect the minority groups under their control.

2. In the light of the acceptance of Admiral Horthy's offer to the International Red Cross to release all Jewish children under 10 who can obtain foreign visas, as well as adults with Palestinian visas, we urge the United Nations to facilitate the evacuation of these people.

3. The protection of the United States and the other United Nations should be formally and openly extended to the helpless victims of Nazi persecution within the occupied territories.

4. The life-saving program of Free Ports for Refugees should be encouraged and expedited. These emergency refugee shelters such as the one already established by the United States and the one to be established in Mexico, are urgently needed to save thousands of those who cannot find any other haven of refuge. We, therefore, call upon the United Nations and the neutral countries to make this program effective by the early establishment of similar Free Ports within their borders.

5. Since Palestine is the nearest country of refuge for the Jews in the Balkan countries, its doors should be fully opened to them by the Mandatory Power, and Turkey, which is the most available country of transit, should be induced to open its frontiers.

6. The United States and the other United Nations should announce that all territories under their administration are open to all who can be rescued, and the neutral nations shall likewise announce that they will facilitate the transfer of these people to the aforementioned territories.

7. Deeply disturbed by the silence manifested by the representatives of the United Nations in their negotiations with Romania, respecting the inhuman treatment of minority groups in that country, we urge that immediate steps be taken to assure the Four Freedoms to all Romanian residents, irrespective of creed or national origin.

We solemnly declare that every hour of delay in implementing these measures, increases the agony and suffering of those who are still under Axis domination, and adds new thousands to the death roll.

We cannot remain silent. We demand and confidently expect that the United States and the other United Nations will move swiftly to rescue those who can still be saved and punish the guilty for their inhuman crimes.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE
CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR FREE PORTS FOR REFUGEES
MASS MEETING - PHILHARMONIC AUDITORIUM
AUGUST 28, 1944

BYRON C. HANNA, PRESIDING

1. STAR SPANGLED BANNER, sung by Mrs. Eva Turbow, accompanied by Mrs. Rose Pullman
2. POSTING OF COLONS, Jean Mathias, County Commander Jewish War Veterans, and Detail
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. OPENING ADDRESS, Byron C. Hanna, Chairman Citizens' Committee
5. HON. ROBERT L. BURNS, President of the City Council and Acting Mayor of Los Angeles
6. HON. JOHN ANSON FORD, Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County
7. MONSIGNOR THOMAS J. O'DWYER, representing Archbishop John J. Cantwell and the Catholic Church
8. FLOYD COVINGTON, SR., Secretary of the Los Angeles Urban League, representing the Negro community
9. REPRESENTATIVE OF CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL, American Federation of Labor
10. RT. REV. W. BERNARD STEVENS, Episcopal Bishop of Los Angeles
11. PHILIP M. CONNELLY, Secretary, Los Angeles Council, C. I. O.
12. BELA LUGOSI, National President, Hungarian-American Council for Democracy
13. RABBI EDGAR F. MAGNIN, President Board of Rabbis of Southern California
14. RESOLUTIONS, Aaron Riche, Secretary of the Citizens' Committee
15. ADJOURNMENT

In reply please
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JUL 3 1944

Dear Mr. Morris:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 22, 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.

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. Charles W. Morris,
Chairman,
Louisville Conference of
Jewish Organizations,
600 Marion E. Taylor Building,
Louisville 2, Kentucky.

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Executive Secretary

Louisville Conference of Jewish Organizations *W. R. B.*

600 Marion E. Taylor Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky ✓

June 22, 1944

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Louisville Conference of Jewish Organizations, the policy making body for the Jewish community of Louisville, Kentucky, urgently solicits your continued cooperation for the securing of Free Ports for refugees from totalitarian persecution.

Inspired by your humanitarian endeavors in the past, fully conscious of your magnificent understanding of human rights, this organization wishes to records its deep appreciation for all that you have done for suffering humanity, and its confidence that you will not deviate in the future from the path which you have so consistently followed in the past.

Respectfully yours,

Charles W. Morris
Chairman, Louisville Conference
of Jewish Organizations

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JUN 17 1944

In reply please
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lowenheim:

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. Lowenheim,
1148 - 52nd Street,
Brooklyn 19, New York.

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Dear Mr. Pedle, —

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 accomplish-
ed.

Thank you
Sincerely yours,
The Lowenherm Family

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
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Dear Mr. Ludwig:

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. J. R. Ludwig,
48 South Front Street,
Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania.
cc: Miss Esther Kaufman,
Mr. George Linsenberg.

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June 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 sinserely urge you to speak favorably on them.

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J.P. Ludwig
Ester Kaufman
Geo. Linsenberg

48 S. Front St.,
Phila., 6, Pa.

JUN 30 1944

In reply please
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Dear Miss Luohn:

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.

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

Miss Beatrice Luohn,
625 Cortlandt Avenue,
Mamaroneck, New York.

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Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

The Free Port Bill will provide the necessary facilities for the assistance of refugees in escaping fascist persecution. It is important that we do everything possible to ease their overwhelming problems. Providing of Free Port will be a great assistance to them.

I urge you to back this measure.

Yours truly,

*Beatrice Lohan
675 Cortlandt Ave
Manhasset, N.Y.*

JUN 27 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1985

Dear Mr. Lynn:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 16, 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. Charles J. Lynn,
Vice President,
Eli Lilly and Company,
Indianapolis 6, Indiana.

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June 16, 1944

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

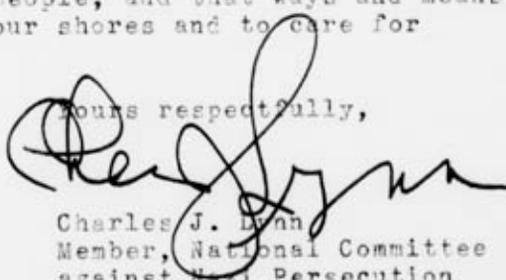
My dear Mr. President:

Of all the tragedies of the present World War, what is more tragic than the situation of the Jew in Europe? His state is deplorable in the extreme in Nazi-occupied Europe, and the Christian nations of the world are faced with a definite responsibility to mitigate it as far as they can possibly do so. Certainly a great Christian Democracy such as ours will not fail in meeting its Christian obligation to the oppressed Jews of the Old World.

It will take a wiser head than mine to plot definitely our course leading to a permanent solution of this world problem, but surely the least we can do as a Christian nation is to so modify the application of our immigration laws as to offer an asylum, even though it be on a temporary basis, for many thousands more than our present quota system will permit. It is a huge undertaking, but if we approach the problem in a spirit of sympathetic brotherhood surely a solution, so far as our immediate obligation is concerned, will be found.

I urge such modification of our immigration laws or such modification in the application of existing laws as will enable us to grant asylum to many thousands of these most unfortunate people, and that ways and means be found to bring them to our shores and to care for them on arrival.

Yours respectfully,



Charles J. Lynn
Member, National Committee
against Nazi Persecution
and Extermination of the Jews