HUNGARIAN-AMERICANS COALITION FOR DEMOCRACY

Hungarian American Council for Democracy

JUL 28 1945

Dear Dr. Simon:

Since receipt of your letter of July 3, 1945, I have made inquiries concerning the possibilities for American relatives and friends to assist displaced Hungarian civilians who were found in concentration camps.

I am sorry that facilities are not available yet for individuals to send material assistance to such persons, and it appears that it may be some time before such facilities are available.

However, I am informed that the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration has programs under way for sending bulk supplies for displaced persons and that its Division for Contributed Supplies will be glad to receive inquiries from interested persons. The address of this organization is 1344 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Kodel

Florence Kodel
Assistant Executive Director

Dr. D. Simon,
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July 3, 1945

Mr. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Since the Hungarian language newspapers started to publish the names of Hungarians liberated from various concentration camps in Europe, we have been deluged with inquiries from the American relatives and friends of these Hungarians. These inquirers are extremely eager to send aid in any form, to their loved ones. Many American Hungarians have received pleas for help via letters from American soldiers stationed in Europe. At first, information came only by way of these American soldiers who were willing and able to make inquiries about the displaced Hungarians. However, we understand that now letters are being sent directly from the civilians in concentration camps to their relatives in America. Each message contains a fervent appeal for assistance, so, naturally, American relatives and friends of Hungarians become all the more anxious to do something for them.

We would be very glad to be of assistance in this matter, but we are at a loss for what to do. We would therefore, be deeply grateful for any advice you could give us concerning possible aid to the displaced Hungarians. We shall all be most happy to render our services in that direction.

Many thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

HUNGARIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY

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Dr. M. Simon,
Exec. Sec.

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MAY 9 - 1945

Dear Dr. Simon:

I have your letter of April 27, 1945, requesting copies of lists of escaped Hungarian and Hungarian Jewish refugees.

I am sorry that the War Refugee Board has as yet received no information concerning individual Hungarian or Hungarian Jewish refugees evacuated from enemy territory or liberated by the Allied armies. Since the compilation of such lists will undoubtedly require some time, it is not expected that data of this nature will be immediately available.

It is possible that the International Red Cross may have some information which will be helpful to you, and I suggest that you communicate with that organization for such information as they may be able to give you.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

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April 27, 1945

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

Dear Sir:

We would greatly appreciate your sending us copies of any lists of escaped refugees which you may have, concerning Hungarians and Hungarian Jews.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

HUNGARIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY

M. Simon

Dr. M. Simon,
Exec. Sec.

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AUG 30 1944

Dear Mr. Lugosi:

I have your letter of August 21, 1944, requesting information concerning the recent replies sent to the Hungarian Government by the Governments of Great Britain and the United States regarding the Hungarian proposal to permit emigration of Jews. A copy of the Department of State press release concerning the joint statement issued by the British and American Governments on this matter is enclosed.

As you can well imagine, the present situation in Hungary and the neighboring countries has become complicated by recent military and diplomatic developments. Nevertheless, the War Refugee Board, together with other interested groups, is prepared to take all practicable steps to effectuate the declaration of the two governments. As soon as there are concrete developments to report, we shall communicate with you.

I regret that we do not have the list of names which you requested in your letter of August 23, nor are we informed as to the availability of such a list from another source.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Bela Lugosi,
President,
Hungarian-American
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23 West 26th Street,
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Original signed by
Mr. Pehle

Enclosure.

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August 23, 1944

War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

In reference to the article which appeared in the New York Times on August 22nd, announcing that a contingent of 320 men, women, and children from Budapest had arrived in Basle, we would be very much obliged if you could give us a list of the names of these people. We would be glad to defray any expenses incurred in obtaining the list.

We are very anxious to know the names of these refugees because we are being deluged with questions from people who have relatives in Hungary. If the names of these 320 people were published they would be able to receive direct support from their relatives and friends, thus making your work easier.

If you are unable to obtain the desired list, would you be kind enough to advise us of further to take?

Anticipating your early reply,

Sincerely yours,

HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY

Bela Lugosi
President.

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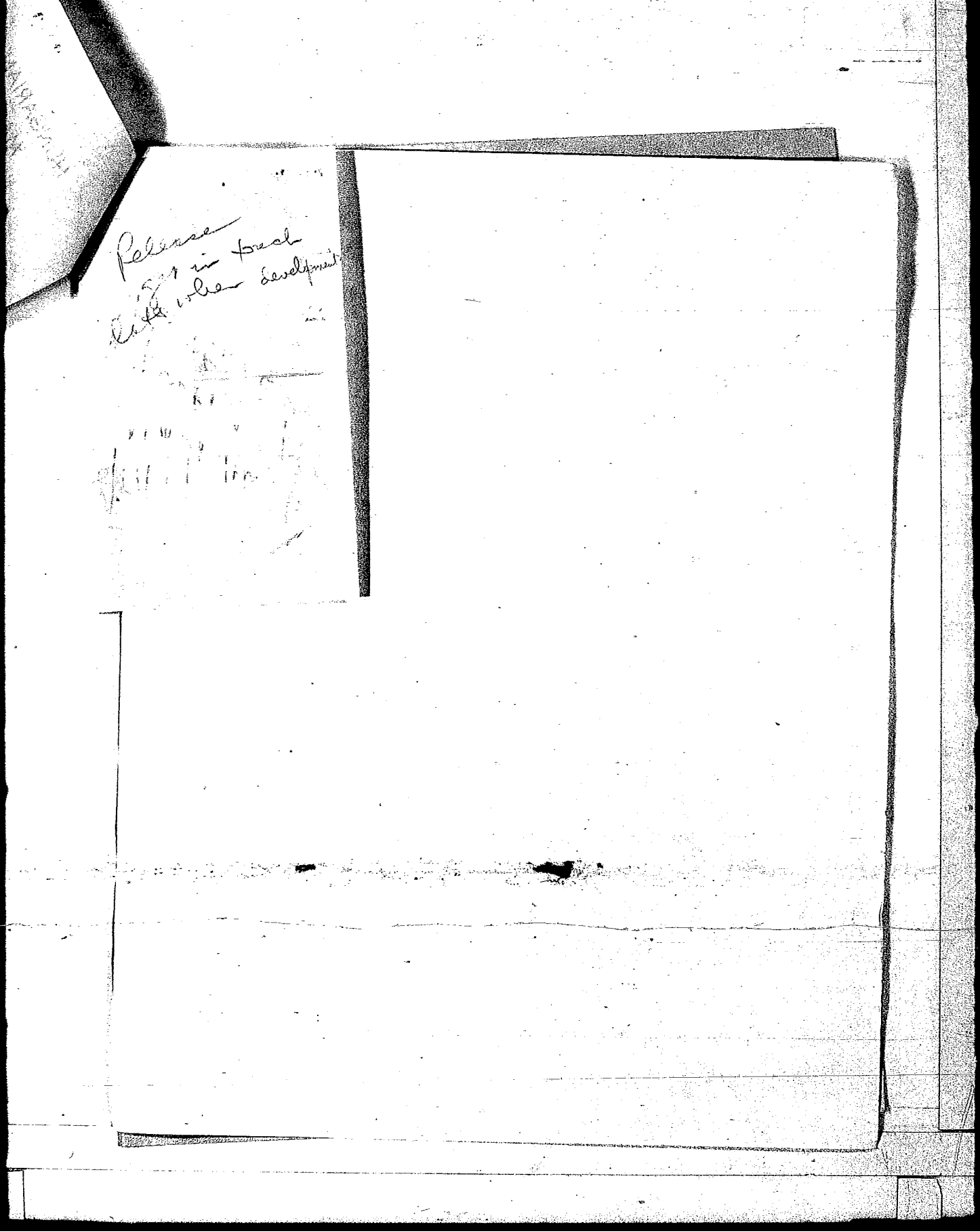

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August 21, 1944

Mr. John Peale
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are being deluged with questions from many people who have relatives in Hungary. Everybody wants to help, especially after reading the official statement sent to Hungary via the Red Cross that the British and United States governments are prepared to give asylum to the Hungarian Jews.

There are a lot of false rumors being spread about this question and many people are being taken in by them. Affidavits are being prepared and money collected for travelling expenseso etc. To avoid further unecessary misunderstandings, we would be obliged if you would send us the correct information about this matter.

If there is any way in which we can be of service we shall gladly do so. We want to do our utmost to help in this very humane work of aiding the Hungarian Jews to escape from the Nazi devils!

Anticipating your early reply, I am

[redacted] Sincerely yours, [redacted]

HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY

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Bela Lugosi,
President

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