

Light, Pearl (Rev.)

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Huntsville, Ark. File
Dec. 8, 1944.

Mr. J. N. Pehle

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter. Is there any way in which it can be worked out to bring those Polish refugees to America they want to come. One little boy clung to my nephew and begged to be allowed to stay with him and come to America.

The government could find homes for them here in Arkansas, if they are farming people; small farms right here are lying vacant and on near by Pine creek where there is a game refuge is grazing land for those who would like to raise cattle. There are no large farms; most of the work

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is done by hand. If they want
homes in peaceful surroundings
among kind people they could
live here with, I believe, the min-
imum cash outlay.

Will you please see if there is
a way to bring those people to
the United States? I believe we
need them and surely women
who have been forced to dig trench-
es would find it joy to labor to
build a home.

Arkansas needs industries to give
in peace times our men go away
to find work.

I can not offer financial help
but if there is any thing I can
do to help let me know. I did
not know to whom I should write
but I am thankful Mrs Roosevelt
gave my letter to you.

yours in the Lord service

Pearl Light

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Dear Reverend Light:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to reply to your letter of November 16, 1944, in which you convey the concern of your nephew, Clide R. Bailey, as to the plight of the Polish refugees now in Iran.

The fine spirit that impels you and your nephew to call the plight of these unfortunate people to our attention is deeply appreciated. We know of no current plans to bring these people to the United States.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Reverend Pearl Light,
R. # 3,
Huntsville, Ark.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

December 2, 1944

Mr. Albert Abrahamson
Assistant Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Abrahamson:

The attached letter addressed to Mrs. Roosevelt has been referred to the War Relocation Authority for reply.

As this matter falls more properly within the scope of the War Refugee Board, will you please reply to the Rev. Pearl Light.

Sincerely yours,

Edward B. Marks, Jr.

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Ed. Wash.

In answering the enclosed, please say you are doing so
at Mrs. Roosevelt's request.

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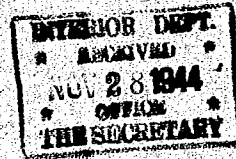
Ed. Marks

Huntsville Ark.

Nov. 16, 1944.

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Mrs Roosevelt.



Honored Madam.

Our nephew Clyde P. Bailey who is stationed with a hospital unit at Arak Iran, wrote us of eight hundred Polish refugees who came thru there

Will they have a chance to come to America?

Dear Madam there is room and land lying idle here in beautiful, healthful Arkansas. We would be better off here for the industry and thrift those people could show us. Clyde wrote of their gratitude for any little act of kindness.

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nor they have known suffer-
ing and hardship (one woman
had drug trenches)

if they could find peaceful
homes here. and kind hearted
Christian neighbors.

If some of them or all of
them one Jewish people can
we not use this opportunity
to show them the love of
Jesus.

Dear First Lady of our
Land will we see if you
can help. for my heart
is in it. I will do all
I can

In His glad service

(Rev.) Gerald Light.

R #3. Huntsville Ark

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