

RADIO: Howe, Quincy

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February 25, 1944

Dear Mr. Howe:

Morris Ernst very kindly passed along to me the carbon of your radio script giving a boost to the war refugee board. You know how grateful we are. I am sending a copy to OWI which is carrying our story overseas.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) John W. Pehle

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February 23, 1944.

John W. Pehle, Esq.  
Executive Office of the President  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear John:

1. Enclosed find copy of letter received from Quincy Howe,  
together with his broadcast.
2. I will follow up on the rest.
3. I have already pitched a few balls in regard to our Irish  
friend.

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Yours,  


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COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC  
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Dear Morris:

I got an unexpected chance to give a boost for the War Refugee Board. I have been given the job of pinch hitting for Kate Smith (that shows how much you knew when you thought CBS hired me to make up for the loss of Elmer Davis) and it provided a perfect opportunity to get the story over to a huge audience of American housewives. I thought you might like to see the carbon. I know that I have spelled Paley's name wrong - isn't it Pehli? - so I hesitate to inform him but if you think he would be interested you might ship the script on. Your dinner therefore did me a good turn in providing such good material. I hope it will have other benefits.

Sincerely

Quincy Howe

February 21, 1944.

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~~There are not many items in today's war news that can give much satisfaction to our enemies. The Japanese have taken beatings in the Central and southwest Pacific. The German retreat in Russia continues; in fact, the Germans admit that they have begun to withdraw in two regions on the central and southern fronts where the Russians have not yet claimed any gains. In Italy, the American and British troops on the Anzio beachhead just south of Rome have stopped the heaviest German attack yet - inflicting big losses on the enemy. And American and British bombers are ~~maintaining~~ steadily stepping up their attacks on Germany's vital aircraft industry.~~

The final defeat of Germany and Japan never looked so certain as it does right now. But it is equally certain that we cannot hope to make that defeat complete without still greater efforts and sacrifices. Our fighting forces have now gained the initiative and gone onto the ~~an~~ offensive almost everywhere. But any offensive is a costly, risky business. It's therefore none too soon to begin asking what we expect to gain and accomplish ~~the~~ ~~fighting fronts~~ as a result of our efforts and sacrifices - past, present, and future.

A short time ago, President Roosevelt ~~made~~ ~~the~~ ~~world~~ ~~made~~ clear to all the world at least one of the things that this country proposes to do. ~~He~~ He set up a new organization known as the War Refugee Board. The purpose of this War Refugee Board will be to save the lives of some two or three million persons in Europe whom the Germans are going to try to exterminate

before the war ends. As you know, Hitler has already made it the settled policy of Germany to kill every one of the five million or more Jews who were living in various parts of Europe ~~when the war began~~. So far he has ~~managed~~ gotten rid of nearly half of them. But it is not only the Jews that Hitler is after. The Germans have also exterminated hundreds of thousands of Poles - and in every country that the Germans ~~have~~ occupied, thousands of men, women, and children are marked for annihilation at the hands of the Nazis.

Now that the fortunes of war have swung our way, President Roosevelt has decided that the time has come when the United States of America can do something to save all these ~~people~~ people - who number several millions. He therefore selected an extremely able young administrator - John Paley - to set up a small, efficient organization with wide powers to get these intended victims of the Nazis out of Nazi hands. Most of the intended victims live outside Germany in the various satellite countries - especially <sup>Hungary + Spain</sup> Rumania. The satellite countries do not persecute the refugees from Germany as ruthlessly as the Germans do - and as the satellites begin to lose faith in a German victory they <sup>will want</sup> ~~are likely to try~~ to get in well with the winning side by ~~refusing~~ refusing to play Hitler's game. In some cases, the leaders of the satellite countries are only too glad to break away from the Germans; in other cases, they are reluctant. But the determining factor will not be their own preferences, but our power and our policy.

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