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MAY 1 1944

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I think you will understand that the task of the Board is so great that, of necessity, it cannot deal with problems limited to seeking out and rescuing specific individuals. I assure you we are doing everything in our power to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Persons in the United States seeking assistance for the rescue of specific individuals are being referred to private organizations, which I am advised may be in a position to be of some help in cases of this kind. It is suggested that you may wish to refer your problem to the Australian Jewish Welfare Society, 146 Darlinghurst Road, Sydney, Australia.

Very truly yours.

J. W. Pehle Executive Director

Mrs. Hedi Basch, 26 Katandra Road, Ormond S. E. 9 Vic., Australia.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT WAR REFUGEE BOARD WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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Enclosure.

The Secretary War Refugee Board Care Pepartment of State, ashington D.C.

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Dear Sir,

The attached newspaper chipping appeared in the elbourne "Sun" of the 24th January. The establishment os a Mar Refugee Board is of vital interest to me, being myself a Refugee from Nazi Hell (Austria) and having my parents still in German hands. Hews of the formation of your board seemed like a miracle to me after years of despair.

I was fortunate in being able to come to Australia but was unable to bring my parents. The last letter I had from them dated November 1942, was from

Oslos, Norway, Holbergsgate 21, Gamlehjemet the names being: My father: Friedrich Weiner my mother: Ida Weiner

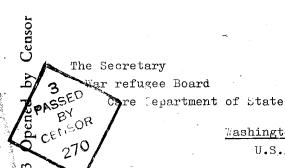
I cannot express in words what it would mean to me to have them here, but even if this were impossible, it would be a tremendous relief for me just to know they were out of reach of Hazi persecution.

I beg of you with all my heart to give this letter your most earnest consideration and to give me all the assistance that lies in your power.

I trust not to have applied to you in vain and remain.

yours faithfully

Hedi Barris





Washington U.S.A.

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Big U.S. Refugee
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Washington, Sunday, AAP,—
President Roosevelt has established a War Refugee Board, composed of the Secretary of State (Mr.
Cordell Hull), the Secretary of the
Treasury (Mr. Morgenthau), and the
Secretary of War (Mr. Stimson), 'to
lake immediate action for the rescue
of as many as possible of the persecuted racial, religious, and political
minorities in Europe."

The board will develop plans for
transportation, maintenance, rellef,
and the establishment of temporary
havens.

President Roosevelt said he expected the co-operation of all the
United Nations and other foreign
Governments.

He stressed the urgent need for
immediate action to forestalt the
Nazi plan to exterminate all Jews
and other persecuted minorities.

A United Press message states that
negotiations for the release of
refugees in occupied countries will
presumably be conducted through
Swiss and other neutrals, and relief
handled by the International Red
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