

Requests for Specific Aid: CASS, YOLAN (Mrs.)

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Dear Mrs. Cass:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 1, 1944. Unfortunately, the Hungarian authorities have been unwilling or unable to carry out the proposal which was accepted by the Governments of the United States and Great Britain.

However, the Board has, with the collaboration of the Department of State, developed a program calculated to assist persons in enemy controlled areas for whom American immigration visas were authorized on or after July 1, 1941, as well as persons who are so closely related to American citizens and resident aliens as to be entitled under the statutes to non-quota and preference-quota visas.

Although we cannot give any assurances of success, we will undertake to secure for your mother and sister such benefits as such program may confer.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle

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Executive Director.

Mrs. Yolán Cass,
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Denver, Colo.
Oct. 1, 1944.

Mr. John Pehle
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On Nov. 7, 1941, my mother Mrs. Irma Schoen and sister Miss Margit Schoen were issued immigration visas, by an American officer at Budapest, Hungary. My relatives, to the best of my knowledge, are still residing at Nagyatadi Szabo St. 50. sz., Budapest, Hungary. It is my wish and prayer to remove them to a neutral country and eventually to the United States, when that is possible.

The enclosed clipping in a Denver, Colorado newspaper has raised my hopes that that day may be near. I wrote to the State Department at Washington, D. C., in reference to this clipping and Mr. Howard K. Travers, Chief of the Visa Division, in his answer suggests that I write to you for information, advice and guidance as to what steps it will be necessary for me to take in order to re-open the case of my relatives to facilitate their eventual immigration to a neutral country or the United States when that is possible.

An Answer from your office with this information would enlighten me and brighten my thoughts about the future welfare and status of my mother and sister.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Yolán Cass

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HUNGARY AGREES ON RELEASE OF JEWS TO ALLIES

Washington, Aug. 17.—(A. P.)—The state department announced Thursday night that the United States and Great Britain have accepted the offer of the Hungarian government for the release of Jews and that Anglo-American authorities will arrange to take care of Hungarian Jews who reach neutral or United Nations territory.

The announcement, made jointly with the British government in London, said that the international committee of the Red Cross had transmitted to the governments of the United Kingdom and the United States an offer of the Hungarian government regarding the emigration and treatment of Jews.

"Because of the desperate plight of the Jews in Hungary, and the overwhelming humanitarian considerations involved the two governments are informing the government of Hungary thru the international committee of the Red Cross, that, despite the heavy difficulties and responsibilities involved, they will arrange to take care of Jewish refugees from Hungary and see that they find temporary havens of refuge."

The state department said "the governments of the United Kingdom and the United States emphasized that, in accepting the offer which has been made, they do not in any way condone the action of the Hungarian government in forcing the emigration of Jews as an alternative to persecution and death."

Notification of these assurances, the department said, is being given to the governments of neutral countries who are being requested to permit the entry of Jews who reach their frontiers from Hungary.

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