

Requests for Specific Aid: MAUDE, Sig

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My dear Senator LaPollette:

I have your letter of August 1, 1944, enclosing communications from Sr. Mandl and from the Department of State.

The War Refugee Board does not arrange for the exchange of persons with the German Government. Such matters are handled in their entirety by the Department of State. Under rules prescribed by that Department, persons in the category of Mr. Mandl's sister and her family are not eligible for exchange.

Please be assured, however, that the War Refugee Board is doing and will continue to do, everything within its power to rescue and bring relief to the victims of Nazi persecution in Czechoslovakia and elsewhere. I sincerely hope that the Board's programs have benefited Mr. Mandl's sister and her family.

Very truly yours,

(Signed J. W. Pehle)

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Honorable Robert M. LaPollette, Jr.

United States Senate.

Request for Special Letter Original signed by Mr. Pehle

Copy to Mr. Pehle

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August 1, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Recently I submitted to Secretary Hull the enclosed papers on the Berthold Wachsman family. The file comes to me through Mr. Sig Mandl of Milwaukee, with whom I have a long personal acquaintance.

I am enclosing a carbon of the letter from Secretary Hull and hope that there is now something your Board can do. I am very much impressed with the merits of this case.

Sincerely yours,

Paul L. Hunt

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 enclosure

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July 27, 1944.

In reply refer to
SWP 811.111 Wachsmann, Berthold

My dear Senator Lafollette:

I refer to your letter of July 5, 1944 enclosing a letter from Mr. Sig Mandl requesting that the names of his sister, Mrs. Regina Wachsmann, and the members of her family be placed by the Department on a list of refugees held in German concentration camps for inclusion in exchange agreements with the German Government.

While we are working on the possibility of saving as many of the victims of German persecution as we can, the Department has not yet undertaken to make up lists but has endeavored to create a situation in which persons held by the Germans would be saved from mass execution. You may wish accordingly to take the matter up with the War Refugee Board. As yet the German Government has not reached the point where it agrees to receive from this Government lists of people it wishes to have included in an exchange but it has tendered to this Government lists of persons within recognized categories in return for similar lists of Germans in the United States submitted by this Government.

The letter from Mr. Mandl and its enclosures are returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure:

CORDELL HULL

From Mr. Sig Mandl,
June 29, 1944, with
enclosures.

The Honorable

Robert M. Lafollette, Jr.,

United States Senate.

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Senator LaFollette

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June 29, 1944

Office of the
Hon. Robert M. LaFollette, Jr.
U. S. Senator from Wisconsin
Washington, D.C.

In reply refer to
File SK/629

Attention: Miss Grace Lynch, Secretary

Ref: State Dept. re: DA-D811.11
Achsman, Berthold, Regina, Hans, Eva
formerly Olomouc-6 (Hejcin) Girylovo 3,
Moravia
now at Concentration Camp, Theresienstadt,
(Bohemia)

Dear Miss Lynch:

I am enclosing a photostatic copy of a newspaper clipping from which it appears that the U.S. government is now trying to save some of the refugees held in German concentration camps. I believe that my sister and family, if still alive, would qualify for this exchange.

Please forward the enclosed data together with a kind word from your offices to the proper party in the State Department and use your best influence to have the names of the above refugees placed on the exchange lists.

As in the past, your kind assistance in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Yours very truly,
BLACKHAWK MFG. CO.

Sig Mandl
Sig Mandl
Chief Development Engineer

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American Republics to Cooperate in Rescuing Refugees Held by Nazis

Cordell Hull Reveals Plan to Save 2,000 Refugees in Exchange for Like Number of German Nationals Held in the Americas

Washington (JTA) — In an effort to save 2,000 refugees now confined in concentration camps in Germany or German-occupied countries, the United States and other American nations have decided to attempt to secure their release in exchange for a like number of German nationals held in the Americas, it was revealed here by Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

The refugees, it was learned, are persons who hold visas issued by various American countries but who have never been permitted to leave Nazi territory. An explanation statement issued here, simultaneous with release of a resolution of the refugees adopted by the Emergency Advisory Committee for Political Defense at Montevideo, says that the refugees are apparently being detained by the Germans in an effort to use them as a medium of exchange for German nationals abroad.

The statement says that it has been learned that the Germans are prepared to adopt the same reciprocal measures toward these refugees who up until now have been treated fairly recently, as have been applied to most persons held by the Nazis.

Governments to take Definite Steps

"Therefore," it continues, "only the most urgent and decisive steps will prevent the annihilation of the persons under reference. These steps would include: 1) That the American Governments make definite representations to the German Government that the documents issued or the permits granted in their name to these individuals must be respected by that Government; and 2) that exchange proposals be promptly worked out on a collective basis for the purpose of liberating such persons."

At the same time, the State Department released the text of a letter written by Mr. Hull to Dr. Alberto Guani, president of the committee. The letter said: "I note that this (the committee's) resolution proposes that the American republics concert and intensify their efforts to rescue from German hands some thousands of oppressed minorities holding non-European documentation; that this be done by joint proposals to exchange German nationals from the American republics for these persecuted groups; and that these exchanges be achieved consistently with security considerations surrounding exchanges previously formulated by your committee in the interests of hemispheric defense. My Government will be most happy to participate actively in such an inter-American program."

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REPLY—REPOSE

Message to be sent to inquirer—Message à renvoyer au demandeur

(not more than 25 words, family news of strictly personal character.) (25 mots au maximum, nouvelles de caractère strictement personnel et familial.)

Unsere Vielgeliebten
Tenniszeiten freuen uns
Wir sind gesund Bertl Familie
sind in Terezienstadt
Marla Hulda Polen
grüssen Küsse auch



Poldi Melitta

Date — Date 13 Oktober 42

Signature

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Milwaukee, Wisc., June 28, 1944

DATA ON REFUGEES:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Civil State</u> | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Berthold Wachsmann brother-in-law | Merchant | May 16, 1892 | 52 | Wuerbitz (Vrbice) Moravia |
| Regina Wachsmann (nee Mandl) sister | Housewife | Sept. 24, 1895 | 48 | Aussee (Usov) Moravia |
| Hans Wachsmann nephew | Student | March 7, 1928 | 16 | Brueen (Brno) Moravia |
| Eva Wachsmann niece | School Girl | Feb. 23, 1932 | 12 | Mueglitz (Mohelnice) Moravia |

All above are Czecho-Slovak Citizens formerly residing at Mueglitz, Ringplatz 18, Moravia and Olmuetz 6, (Hejcin) Cirylovo 3, Moravia.

Registered for U.S. Emigration with U.S. Consulate Prague February 6, 1939, under Czecho-Slovak quota

Papers transferred to U. S. Consulate Vienna (Austria)

Application for U.S. Entry permit filled with State Department, Washington, D.C. File DA-D-811.11

Visa approved by U.S. Consulate Vienna, April 25, 1941.

\$1,482.00 was deposited for transportation expenses with S.D.C. New York, April 7, 1941 and refunded, after U.S. entry into war.

Above refugees last known to be shipped to Concentration Camp at Theresien Stadt (Bohemia).

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Milwaukee, Wis., June 28, 1944

DATA ON SPONSORS:

Main Sponsor:

Sigmund Sig. Mandl, Born Oct. 1, 1898, at Aussee (Usov) Moravia.
Residing at Milwaukee, Wis., since Oct. 3, 1921.
U. S. Citizen by naturalization.
Now residing at 2973 North 77th St., Milwaukee, Wisc.- Zone 13.
For more than 15 years Chief Development Engineer, Blackhawk
Manufacturing Co., Milwaukee, Wisc.
Owner of two duplex flats, own residence, stocks, bonds,
cash, etc. - Net Value in excess of \$40,000.
Total yearly income - \$7,000.
Married: wife, Eva Mandl, no children.

Other Sponsors: - two brothers

Hugo Mandl, born April 12, 1900, at Aussee (Usov) Moravia.
Residing at Milwaukee, Wis., since September 14, 1939.
Czecho-Slovak citizen (U.S. citizenship applied for).
Clothing designer, Jos. Goodman & Sons, Milwaukee, Wisc.
Cash on hand - \$4,000.
Yearly income- \$3,500.
Single - no dependents.

Adolph Mandl, born March 30, 1912, at Mueglitz (Mohelnice) Moravia.
Residing at Milwaukee, Wisc., since August 27, 1939.
Czecho-slovak citizen (U.S. Citizenship applied for).
Designing Engineer, Alfa Machine Company, Milwaukee, Wisc.
Cash on hand - \$3,000.
Yearly Income- \$4,500.
Married: wife, Lillian Mandl, no children.

A fully furnished five-room
flat at 1139 North 44th St.,
Milwaukee, Wisc., owned by
brother Sig Mandl and now
occupied by brother Hugo
Mandl and father, Ludwig
Mandl would be available
for refugees if there were
to come to the U.S.A.

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