

Requests for Specific Aid: Segee, L. (Mr.)

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Dear Mr. Segos:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 9, 1944, with enclosures.

Pursuant to a program worked out by the Board in collaboration with the Department of State, parents, spouses, and minor children of American citizens, wives and minor children of resident aliens, and persons to whom immigration visas have been issued or authorized since July 1, 1941, who are in enemy controlled areas may benefit from special measures calculated to facilitate their reaching American consular offices in neutral territory. This program does not apply to persons in the category of your sister and her fiancé.

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 victims of enemy persecution in Hungary and elsewhere. In carrying out its general programs, the Board can not possibly seek out specific individuals. I sincerely hope, however, that these activities will have benefited your sister and her fiancé.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. L. Segos,
35 East Seventh Street,
Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

Request for Special Aid

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September 9, 1944

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Date _____

War Refugee Board
U. S. Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. John Pehle

Gentlemen:

In response to my request to the State Department for assistance in bringing my sister, Lilly Szego, and her fiance, Dr. Imre Vas, to the United States for a temporary stay, as per enclosed copy, I was referred to your Board in a letter just received, copy of which is also enclosed.

I should be very grateful to you for information concerning procedure and steps for initiating action in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ladislav Segoe

Ladislav Segoe
Planning Consultant

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(C O P Y)

Address official communications to
The Secretary of State
Washington 25, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington 25.

September 4, 1944

In reply refer to
VD 811/111 Szego, Lilly

My dear Mr. Segoe:

I have your letter of August 10, 1944 with its enclosures pertaining to the cases of your sister, Lilly Szego and her fiance, Dr. Imre Vas, whom you are anxious to bring to the United States from Hungary.

As there are still no American consular visa services available in Hungary there is, unfortunately, nothing that can be done at this time with a view to providing your sister and her fiance with visas for residence in the United States. However, whenever they may be able to reach a territory where they can appear at an American consular visa issuing office the Department will be pleased to indicate the procedure to be followed in obtaining appropriate visas for their entry into the United States.

It is suggested that any information you may desire regarding this Government's participation in plans for the rescue of refugees abroad be requested of the War Refugee Board which is under the direction of Mr. John Pehle of the Treasury Department.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Howard K. Travers
Chief, Visa Division

Mr. L. Segoe
35 East Seventh Street,
Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

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August 10, 1944

Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

This is an application for the granting of visas or such other document as will enable the Red Cross to make an attempt to bring my sister and her fiance, who may be her husband by now, out of Hungary to the United States, to remain here with me until such time as they may safely return. We haven't had any word from them for nearly a year and, being both of Jewish faith, we are greatly concerned about their safety, in view of the steps taken by the President and your Department to intercede as well as the alarming reports in the press about the treatment of Jews in Hungary since the Nazis took over.

I have discussed our problem with officials of the Red Cross and was told that they may be able to obtain the release of my sister and Dr. Vas from the Hungarian authorities, provided I can secure from your Department a permit for their admittance to the United States.

In support of this application for such a permit, I am submitting enclosed two affidavits, one for my sister Lilly Szego and another for Dr. Imre Vas. I am also submitting enclosed my professional record containing rather detailed information concerning the nature of my work and status. To this I wish to add that I came to the United States in February 1921, and that I became a naturalized citizen on June 28, 1926 - Certificate No. 2275054.

For information about my character I am referring you to the following persons:

Harold D. Smith, Director U.S. Bureau of the Budget
John B. Blandford Jr., Administrator, National Housing Agency
Senator Robert A. Taft

Mr. Smith and Mr. Blandford are personal friends of long standing, and Senator Taft has also known me for a good many years.

Please advise me in case this application has to be made in different form or through another procedure, so I may resubmit it promptly. Your favorable consideration of this application will be deeply appreciated.

Respectfully,

Ladislav Segoe

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Summary of Professional Record

LADISLAS SEGOE
Planning Consultant

1921-1926 - Associated with the Technical Advisory Corporation of New York City as resident city planner and later as junior member of firm.

Participated in the preparation of comprehensive city plans for -

East Orange, N. J.
Passaic, N. J.
Elizabeth, N. J.

Perth Amboy, N. J.
Paterson, N. J.
Worcester, Mass.

Springfield, Mass.

Had direct charge of designing comprehensive city and regional master plans for -

Cincinnati, Ohio
Dayton, Ohio

Also of city-wide plans of railroad facilities and grade separation program for Louisville, Ky.

1926-1928 - First planning engineer and secretary in charge of staff of the Cincinnati City Planning Commission. During the same period, prepared a comprehensive traffic study for Louisville, Ky. - including traffic ordinance, traffic regulations, major street plan, and transit plan.

1928-to date Planning consultant on design and supervision of numerous private land subdivisions, housing and other engineering projects; preparation of city and regional master plans, zoning ordinances, traffic surveys, studies of housing, plans of park and recreation systems, railroad facilities and grade separations in:

*Cincinnati, and
*Hamilton County, Ohio
*Middletown, Ohio
Norwood, Ohio
Silverton, Ohio
Deer Park, Ohio
Milford, Ohio

*Indian Hill Village, Ohio
Reading, Ohio
Columbus, Ohio
*Dayton, Ohio
*Oakwood, Ohio
*Piqua, Ohio
*Greenville, Ohio

Louisville, Ky.
*Lexington, Ky.
*Covington, Ky.
Pontiac, Mich.
*Madison, Wis.
*Charleston, W. Va.
*Tucson and Pima
County, Ariz.

*Comprehensive Master Plans

Between 1929 and 1932, acted as consultant for the Cincinnati Union Terminal Company and collaborated in the planning and construction of Cincinnati's new Union Passenger Terminal and accessory facilities. In such capacity, was responsible for coordinating the terminal project with the city plan; also for the design of the station approach, plaza, and the traffic and transit facilities at the passenger station, and the location of several freight houses and other freight and express facilities.

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Between 1935 and 1938, under the chairmanship of C. A. Dykstra, then city manager of Cincinnati and now president of the University of Wisconsin, was director of the Urbanism Committee of the National Resources Committee in charge of a nationwide study of American cities. This study covered about twenty-five major aspects - physical, social, economic, governmental and planning - of the conditions, trends, and problems in American cities of various types and size categories, and put forward recommendations for meeting or ameliorating these problems. (Published thus far: Our Cities - Their Role in the National Economy; Urban Government; and Urban Planning and Land Policies.)

Other planning engagements since 1934:

Planning consultant to -

National Resources Planning Board
Tennessee Valley Authority
FWA Housing Division
United States Housing Authority
Federal Works Agency - Public Buildings Administration

Ohio State Planning Board
Kentucky State Planning Board
Indiana State Planning Board
Michigan State Planning Board

Consultant to the local housing authorities of -

Columbus, Ohio
Lexington, Ky.

Covington, Ky.
Tucson, Arizona

Principal author of textbook on Local Planning Administration, International City Managers' Association (Institute for Training in Municipal Administration.)

United States Delegate to the Second Inter-American Congress of Municipalities, held in Santiago, Chile, September 15-21, 1941.

Since 1930, lecturer on city planning in the post graduate school Training for Public Service at the University of Cincinnati; lectured also at the School of City Planning, Harvard University.

Current planning engagements:

Consultant on preparation of master plans for -

Detroit, Michigan
Buffalo, New York
Niagara Falls, New York
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Preparation of comprehensive city plan for -

Piqua, Ohio

Consultant to -

Tennessee Valley Authority

Lecturer -

Carnegie Institute of Technology

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Membership in professional societies: American Institute of Planners (AIP)
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE)
American Society of Planning Officials (ASPO)

Committee memberships: Committee on Research, AIP (Chairman)
Committee on Urban Land Policies, AIP
Committee on Zoning Principles and Standards, AIP
Post War Traffic Planning Committee, ITE
Committee on Highways and Transportation, ASPO
Committee on Planning Personnel, ASPO
Highway Research Board Project Committee on
Origin and Destination Survey Technique
(National Research Council)

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