Requests for Specific Aid: Székeley, Magyar
In reply please refer to 429

Dear Miss Szekely:

I have your recent letter requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in aiding your parents and sister to escape to some neutral country.

Your appeal for assistance in rescuing your family from the Nazi meets with the fullest sympathy of the Board. I am sure you will understand, however, that the task of the Board is so great that, of necessity, it cannot deal with problems limited to seeking out and rescuing any specific individuals. We shall, of course, do everything in our power to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

I suggest that you may wish to refer your problem to a private organization. There is enclosed a list of some of the organizations which I am advised may be in a position to be of some help to you.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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Enclosure.
Steinhardt Gains Entry To Turkey for Refugees

By Cable to The New York Times.
ANKARA, Turkey, April 1.—Two hundred thirty-nine Jewish refugees from Romania who arrived illegally in Istanbul last night left by train for Palestine at noon today. Their landing and departure was made possible only through the intervention of United States Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt.

They left Constanta, Romania, March 24 without Turkish transit visas or permits to enter Palestine. Fearing this group of immigrants included undesirable Turkish authorities were reluctant to allow them to land.

The refugees faced being sent back to Romania but Mr. A. Hirschmann, representative in Turkey of the United States War Refugee Board, learned of their state and took up the matter with Mr. Steinhardt.

The Ambassador immediately called on Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs Numan Mene-mencioglu and after one hour obtained permission for the landing of the refugees.
Dear Sir,

This clipping gave me some hope - maybe there shall be something that could be done for my parents and sister awaiting the usual fate of Jewish intellectuals under Hitler. I am American citizen - my parents are Simon Likely, 62 year old retired professor, mother Ethel Likely 59 year old schoolteacher, father Nate Likely medical doctor and his, husband, Peter Julian, surgeon - who, being a young man, maybe in the army.

I would give all if I could do some thing to get them a visa, somewhere - Switzerland, or Turkey or Palestine - they then support in any foreign country would be entirely financed by me.

Please do answer as soon as possible. I would be glad to come for a personal interview if there is anything that could be done.

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Nate Likely