

Requests for Specific A.I.D: SZIKELY, Magda

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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 Nazis 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.

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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 Rumania and
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. Stein-
hardt.

They left Constanta, Ruma-
nia, March 24 without Turkish
transit visas or permits to en-
ter Palestine. Fearing this
group of immigrants included
undesirables Turkish authorities
were reluctant to allow them to
land.

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

The Ambassador immediately
called on Turkish Minister of
Foreign Affairs Numan Mene-
mencioglu and after one hour ob-
tained permission for the land-
ing of the refugees.

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Dear Sir

This clipping gave me some ray of hope - maybe there still is 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 Lsekely 62 year old retired professor, mother Ethel Lsekely 59 years old schoolteacher, Sister Kate Lsekely medical doctor and her husband Peter Julian surgeon - who being a young man maybe in the army -

I would give all if I could do something, to get them a visa somewhere - Switzerland or Turkey - or Palestine - ~~they~~ Their 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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Yours sincerely
Magda Lsekely

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