

Requests for Specific Aid: ZUPNICK, ISRAEL

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FAT PRODUCTS CO., INC.
Office: 629 Water St.
New York, N. Y.

Aug. 9, 1944

Mr. Norman Denzer
545 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

As per conversation, I wish to give you the following information:

My wife - Dora Zupnik - 44 years old
Children - Herman " 17 years old
 Moses " 13 years "
 Joseph " 11 " "
 Judith " 9 " "
 Eva " 7 " "
 Abraham " 6 " "

All residing at Zunyi, 9, Kassa, Hungary, the last time I heard from them, March 1944.

The State Dept. had already approved the visas for my family in November 1941, but because of Pearl Harbor, they were kept back.

I am willing to pay all expenses to take my family out of Hungary. If the State Dept. would approve the visas again, or allow them in as guest on a free port, then the Red Cross would have the power to rescue them. My congressman is Samuel Dickstein. - As the government is taking people without support in, I, as a head of a family, already 5 years in this country, am surely entitled to some consideration, as I will support my family, myself.

The same applies to a small organization that we formed. The organization consists of 25 members, and they are all

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willing to go through with all the expenses as I will.

/s/ Osrael Zupnik

Also, I would greatly appreciate, if the Red Cross could send a message to my family and bring one too.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours truly,

/s/ Nut-Ola Fat Prod. Co.
Israel Zupnik

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Congress of the United States
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington

September 2, 1944.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

Mr. Israel Zupnick, of 629 Water Street, New York City, has contacted me in an effort to assist his wife, Dora, and their children, Herman, Mozes, Jozseef, Judit, Eva, and Abraham Zsupnik (please note difference in spelling of family name), who are in Kassa (Zrinqu utca 9) Hungary.

Some time ago, Mr. Zupnick received a report from the International Red Cross that his family were alive and residing at the address mentioned above. Recently he requested the Swedish Consul in New York to obtain a report for him regarding the welfare of his family, but he has not as yet received any response.

In November, 1941, the State Department granted advisory approval for the issuance of visas to Mr. Zupnick's family, but it proved impossible for them to leave Hungary. They have been issued visas by the British Government for admission to Palestine.

Mr. Zupnick is very anxious to obtain some word as to their present safety and would like very much to arrange for their travel to Palestine, in case it proves possible for arrangements to be made for their removal from Hungary. It is his hope that from Palestine they could later be brought to the United States.

I should appreciate your looking into this matter and doing anything possible to help.

Sincerely yours,



Hon. John W. Pehle, Director General,
War Refugee Board,
Treasury Department Building,
Washington, D. C.

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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/s/ Sol Bloom

Hon. John W. Pehle, Director General,
War Refugee Board,
Treasury Department Building,
Washington, D. C.

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SEP 5 1944

Dear Mr. Berle:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated September 2, 1944 from Representative Bloom, and my reply thereto. I would appreciate very much your prompt verification of the information given in the third paragraph of Mr. Bloom's letter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director.

Mr. A. A. Berle,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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SEP 5 1944

Dear Congressman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 2, 1944, concerning the family of Mr. Israel Zupnick.

It would appear that the Zupniks come within a program, devised in collaboration with the Department of State, to aid, among others, the wives and minor unmarried children of American citizens and resident aliens, and persons for whom American immigration visas were authorized on or after July 1, 1941. Just as soon as the Department of State can check its files and verify that visas were authorized for the Zupniks after July 1, 1941, the Board will make every effort to bring them whatever benefit the program can supply. While no assurance of success can, of course, be given, it is hoped that the Zupniks can be resumed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle,
Executive Director.

Honorable Sol Bloom,

House of Representatives.

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NORMAN DENZER
REAL ESTATE · INSURANCE

VANDERBILT 6-1193

545 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

September 26th, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director
For Refugee Board
Main Treasury Bldg.
15th & Pennsylvania Aves.
Washington, D. C.

Re: Family of Israel Zupnik

My dear Mr. Pehle:

I wish to thank you for the very kind attention you gave me on September 25th, in reference to the rescuing of the Zupnik family from Hungary. Upon my return to my office today, I reported to Mr. Zupnik and he advised me that his wife is boarding in the town of Humene, Hungary, although their home is in Kassa, Hungary. I thought I would give you this information to add to the other information you have, so in case the Zupnik family have not returned to Kassa, they can be found in Humene, which is near Kassa, Hungary.

Unfortunately, and I suppose you have found the same, these foreigners are not quite as accurate in their information as we Americans.

I again wish to thank you for your courteous attention and for your efforts on behalf of Mr. Zupnik and his family.

Yours sincerely,

Norman Denzer

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MEMBER OF REAL ESTATE BOARD OF NEW YORK

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SEP 28 1944

Dear Mr. Denzer:

Reference is made to our conversation concerning the family of Mr. Israel Zupnick.✓

I find that this matter was referred to the Board by Representative Bloom under date of September 2, 1944. On September 5, Congressman Bloom was advised that it appeared that the Zsupniks came within a program devised by the Board in collaboration with the Department of State, and that just as soon as the Department of State confirmed to the Board that American immigration visas were authorized for the Zsupniks after July 1, 1941, the Board would make every effort to bring them whatever benefit such program could supply. On the same day, we wrote the Department of State enclosing a copy of Representative Bloom's letter and requesting its verification of the statement that American immigration visas had been authorized for the Zsupniks in November, 1941. We have not as yet had any reply to our inquiry. I am calling the matter to the attention of the Department of State again today.

You may be sure that we have this matter very much in mind and will do anything we can to be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Norman Denzer,
545 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

*Original signed by
Mr. Pehle
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NUT-OLA
FAT PRODUCTS CO., Inc.

629 W 4th St
Office: 315-317 Stanton Street
New York, N. Y.

September 28, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

I asked my good friend, Mr. Norman Denzer, who has a daughter living in Arlington and who is going to visit her, to call upon you, which he did last Monday and he told me how very attentive and kind you were to him and I want to add my thanks and blessings to you for your help. I know you understand my feelings that, although I have prospered in this country, all this money means nothing unless I can have my family.

I have not heard from them since March of this year and I know you realize how worried I am. Please believe me when I say that I am so obliged to you for what you are doing and I cannot let this word from Mr. Denzer pass without adding my many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Israel Zupnik



Prepared under the Supervision of—and Endorsed by the Rabbinical Council of the
Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.



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SEP 28 1944

Dear Mr. Denzer:

Reference is made to our conversation concerning the family of Mr. Israel Zsupnick.

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Mr. Norman Denzer,
545 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

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SEP 28 1944

Dear Mr. Berle:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 23, 1944, your reference VD 511.111 Refugees/2821.

We appreciate fully the task involved in checking the lists of persons claimed to have been the beneficiaries of visa authorizations since July 1, 1941. On the other hand, unless each such claim can be authoritatively verified with all possible dispatch, we will have no alternative except to assume the correctness of the claim and act accordingly. We are, of course, wholly without information as to the basis on which a belief may be formed in any individual case that the alleged beneficiary of a visa authorization has or has not been removed from what are now liberated areas to enemy occupied areas.

I call your attention to my letter of September 5, enclosing a copy of a letter from Congressman Bloom with respect to the Zsupnik family. I would appreciate the earliest possible response thereto.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director.

Mr. A. A. Berle, Jr.,
Assistant Secretary of State,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington, 25, D.C.

In reply refer to
VD 811.111 Zsupnik, Dora R.

October 7, 1944

My dear Mr. Pehle:

I refer to your letter of September 5, 1944 in which you request information concerning the visa cases of the members of the Zsupnik family.

I take pleasure in informing you that authorization was sent on November 7, 1941 to the Legation at Budapest, Hungary, for the issuance of immigration visas to Dora, Herman, Mozes, Jozsef, Judit, Eva and Abraham Zsupnik.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. A. Berle, Jr.

Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

Mr. J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Executive Office of the President.

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AIRMAIL TO MINISTER JOHNSON AT STOCKHOLM AND CLERK FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please refer to Department's telegram No. 1801 of July 20,
WRB's 58.

The Department of State has confirmed to the War Refugee Board that American immigration visas were authorized on November 7, 1941 for Sara Zupnik and her six minor children, to wit Herman, Moses, Joseph, Jekit, Eva, and Abraham. The last known address of the Zupniks is Army, 9, Kassa, Hungary. They are the wife and children respectively of Israel Zupnik, who resides in New York City.

THIS IS WRB STOCKHOLM CABLE NO. -106-

9:05 a.m.
October 12, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodol,
Lesser, Hannon, McCormack, Files

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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DIVISION OF
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Oct. 16, 1944.

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*SEE: issuance + Resurreance
of U.S. Visas*

Please refer to Department's telegram No. 1501 of July 28, WRB's 58.

The Department of State has confirmed to the War Refugee Board that American immigration visas were authorized on November 7, 1941 for Dora Zsupnik and her six minor children, to wit: Herman, Moses, Jozsef, Judit, Eva, and Abraham. The last known address of the Zsupniks is Euny, 9, Kassa, Hungary. They are the wife and children respectively of Israel Zupnik, who resides in New York City.

This is WRB Stockholm message no. 106.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-77
By: R. N. Peters Date: SEP 12 1980

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
VF 811.111 Zsupnik, Dora R.

NOVEMBER 7, 1941

Mr. Nathan Sinkman,
11 West Forty-second Street,
New York, New York.

Sir:

With reference to your interest in the visa case of Dora, Herman, Mozes, Jozsef, Judit, Eva and Abraham Zsupnik, I take pleasure in informing you that, after careful consideration of the documents submitted, the Department has given advisory approval to the appropriate American Officer at Budapest for the issuance of immigration visas.

Notification of this action has been transmitted by telegraph. A statement of the exact telegraphic charges will be sent to you at a later date.

Very truly yours,

/s/ A. M. Warren
Chief, Visa Division

Visa Form L-2

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NORMAN DENZER

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VANDERBILT 6-1193

345 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

February 16th, 1945

War Refugee Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington, 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

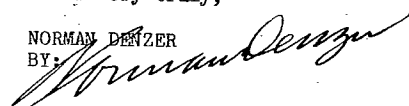
May I refer to your letter to me dated September 28, 1944 and signed by Mr J. W. Pehle concerning the family of Israel Zupnick. As explained to you at that time, the Zupnick family were residing in the town of Kassa, Hungary. They have, under date of November 7, 1941, approval of their immigration visas, and a copy of which you have in your possession.

As Kassa, Hungary has been liberated some time and as you have stated you would try and get some information regarding the Zupnick family, I am again respectfully asking you if you would look into this matter and inform me if any information has been received.

Many thanks in advance, I am

Yours very truly,

NORMAN DENZER
BY:



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FEB 21 1945

Mr. Norman Denzer
545 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Denzer:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 16, 1945.

In reply, I wish to inform you that the names of Israel Zupnick and his family were cabled on October 18 to the U.S. mission in Switzerland as persons to whom American Consulates abroad are authorized to issue immigration visas. The U.S. mission in Switzerland was requested to transmit this information to the Swiss authorities for communication to the German Government with a view to insuring that the Zupnick family be placed on the list of those eligible for exchange with a view to affording them protection pending their release by Germany.

The Board does not possess information whether the Zupnicks have been found in the liberated parts of Hungary or Czechoslovakia, and it is not expected that such information would reach the Board in the near future. Should that family be found in liberated territory, further consideration of the matter of their immigration to the United States would rest with the Department of State. On the other hand, should this family be in German-occupied territory, it is hoped that the protective measure referred to above will result in a certain measure of protection and in their eventual release by German authorities.

Very truly yours,

(S. 2nd) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

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Congress of the United States
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington

April 17, 1945.

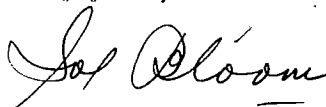
My dear General O'Dwyer:

I should appreciate your looking into the cases of Dora, Herman, Mozes, Jozsef, Judit, Eva and Abraham Zsupnik, of Kassa (Zrinou utca 9) Hungary.

The State Department on October 7, 1944 informed the War Refugee Board that authorization was sent on November 7, 1941 to the Legation at Budapest, Hungary for the issuance of immigration visas to these people. Relatives of these people in the United States have asked me to communicate with you to see if it will be possible to try and assist in bringing them to some neutral territory.

I should appreciate your looking into this matter and advising me at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,



Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer,
Executive Director, War Refugee Board,
Washington, D. C.

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APR 23 1945

My dear Mr. Bloom:

I have your letter of April 17, 1945, further concerning the Zsupnik family, whose last-known address was Kassa, Hungary.

If the Zsupniks were removed from Hungary to German-occupied territory, there is no way in which the Board can arrange specifically for their transfer to neutral territory. The Board is actively engaged in a broad program of general measures for the rescue and protection of civilians detained by the Germans, and some additional protection may be afforded in this particular case as a result of the action taken by the Board in communicating to the German Government through Swiss authorities the information that Mrs. Zsupnik and her children are eligible for exchange. However, since the selection of individuals actually included in an exchange group or otherwise released from detention is determined by German authorities, there is no action which the Board can take to secure the release of any specific persons.

If, on the other hand, the Zsupniks are in Hungary or another liberated area, there would appear to be no immediate urgency for their removal to neutral territory. While I am not informed as to whether emigration from such areas to this country is possible under practical and technical difficulties which now exist, I would suggest that Mr. Zsupnik seek the help of a private organization in arranging for the immigration of his wife and children to the United States when facilities for this purpose are available. I am enclosing a list of agencies which I am informed are qualified to assist in problems of this nature.

In the meantime, if relatives here have had no recent news of Mrs. Zsupnik and her children, I can suggest two possible channels for obtaining information concerning their whereabouts and welfare. A local Red Cross chapter may be able to help to send a message through the International Red Cross, or the priest at any Catholic rectory may be asked to send an inquiry through the Vatican message service. With respect to the latter, it is my understanding that the request will be directed through the Apostolic Delegate in Washington to the Vatican and that efforts will then be made to obtain the desired information through the Nunciature and the Catholic clergy in Hungary.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Honorable Sol Bloom,

House of Representatives

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