

Requests for Aid to Jews - GENERAL: HOLZMAN, BLANCHE (MRS.)

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In reply please  
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Dear Mrs. Holzman:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 14, 1944, concerning the plight of the Jewish people in Europe.

On January 22, 1944, the President created the War Refugee Board for the purpose of taking all possible measures to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and to afford them all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

To accomplish the purpose for which it was created, the War Refugee Board has initiated numerous measures to assist persons to escape from enemy and enemy-occupied countries, to find havens of refuge for them, to obtain better treatment for those for whom escape is not possible, and to induce the satellite countries to desist from cooperating with the Nazi policy of persecution and extermination of minority peoples. The Board has stationed representatives in strategic countries in order to expedite these measures.

In connection with the problem of finding places of asylum for those who are enabled to escape from enemy-controlled areas, you will be interested to know that the President has recently taken action to establish an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, which is equipped to care for approximately 1,000 refugees until they can be returned to their homelands at the end of the war.

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives, knowing that the measure of its success will be the number of lives saved.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

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W.R.B. Recd July 14, 1944  
Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt  
White House  
Washington, D. C. *William's*  
Secretary to the President.

My dear Honorable President,  
I am an American woman whose parents were born in Hungary and Poland. Today my relatives in these countries are being slaughtered mercilessly by ruthless butchers. You are a beacon light in this terrible

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Respectfully yours,  
(Mrs.) Blanche Holzman

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Brooklyn 5, N. Y.

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dom loving people look  
to you to save these  
unfortunate Jews who have  
no place to go.

My husband is a  
member of our illustrious  
Army overseas.

Please use all your  
power to save these  
Jews of Europe.

May God grant you  
the best of health to  
carry on in these  
trying times.

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