

Requests for Aid to Jews - General: Scherpe, Louise M.

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In reply please
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Dear Miss Scherpe:

Your letter of April 18, 1944, to the Honorable Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., concerning the fate of Jewish refugees in Europe, has been referred to me.

Your concern for the safety of these persecuted people is deeply appreciated, and I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to provide speedy and effective rescue programs to save the victims of enemy oppression and to find havens of refuge for them.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Louise M. Scherpe,
1156 1/2 West 27th Street,
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TO : War Refugee Board - Treasury Department - DATE: May 13, 1944

Mr. Pehle

FROM : WRB - State Department - Mr. Warren

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Herewith is a communication from Louise M. Scherpe of
 1156 1/2 West Twenty-seventh Street, Los Angeles 7,
 California, dated April 18, 1944, which I believe the War
 Refugee Board will wish to answer.

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Hon. Edw. R. Stettinius, Jr.
Dept. of State

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UNDER SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Stettinius:

I would like to plead that our immigration laws be administered so that we can assist more effectively in the rescue of the Jewish people of Europe.

It is more than we can stand in this land of plenty to know that these people are starved and terrorized almost to death by Hitlerian cruelty. Decency demands that we take these people in and not close the door of hope because of immigration laws. As a citizen I am extremely grateful that a "War Refugee Board" was established with an able director in Mr. John Pehle. Either our immigration laws must be liberalized or the members of this board must be given a

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free hand to administer the laws
in such a way that oppressed
people, be they Jews or any other
minority, can enter this country
to find hope at last.

I am convinced also that our
State Dept should vehemently urge
Great Britain to hasten the process
of admitting adult Jews as well
as children to Palestine.

Thanking you in advance

I am, sincerely

Louise W. Scherpe.

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