

Requests for Aid to Hungary: Bass, Hyman

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Bass:

I have your letter of August 3, 1944, concerning the plight of Jews in Hungary.

On January 23, 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. Arrangements also have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

With respect to the problem of Hungarian Jews, I enclose a copy of a joint statement recently issued by the United States and British Governments which I am sure will be of interest to you.

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I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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President Franklin Delano Roosevelt
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Washington, D.C.

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William C. Russell
Secretary to the President

Dear President:

The other day I read in the newspapers that Admiral Horthy of Hungaria advised the International Red Cross that he would allow the 400,000 remaining Jews in Hungary to leave the country and escape the loathsome nazis, if they could secure visas for Palestine.

My dear president, this gives you another opportunity to demonstrate your great love for humanity. If you put pressure on Premier Churchill, you can at least persuade him to wave aside the white paper long enough to save these poor, tortured human beings.

Now is the time to act and speedily, before hitler gets his filthy hands on them and murders them in his lust to pull everyone down with him.

**DON'T LET THEM DOWN. LET'S HAVE SOME ACTION
INSTEAD OF TALK.**

Very truly yours,

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