

Requests for A.I.D. to Hungary: BUSSEY, GERTRUDE C.

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In reply please  
refer to: 3308

SEP 19 1944

Dear Miss Bussey:

I have your letter of August 31, 1944, concerning the plight of the Jews in enemy occupied 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. 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 Great Britain which I am sure will be of interest to you. All

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practicable measures to protect the Jews in Hungary have been and are being taken by this Government in cooperation with other governments and with private refugee organizations. Every suggestion received from whatever source concerning the rescue and relief of Jews in Hungary, and there have been many such suggestions, has received our careful and sympathetic consideration. In every instance in which it was practicable to do so without interfering with the war effort, these suggestions have been put into practice.

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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Executive Director

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Enclosure.

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Aug 21, 1944.

Mr. J. W. Pehle  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. Pehle,

I see that many people are urging that air planes be used in rescuing the Jews from Hungary - as victory seems near, we must not lose any possible chance of saving those that are the horrible victims of this struggle. Some way must be found to keep the Jews from being destroyed.

Sincerely yours  
Bertrude G. Bussey

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In reply please  
refer to: 408

APR 7 1944

Dear Miss Bussey:

I have your letter of March 27, 1944,  
urging speedy relief to the Jewish refugees in  
Hungary.

The interest which you have expressed  
in the problems with which the Board is confronted  
is greatly appreciated. I assure you that every  
effort will be made to rescue and save the victims  
of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of  
death.

Very truly yours,

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March 29, 1947

Mr. John W. Pehle  
Director War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Pehle,

I am writing to urge you to do your utmost to save the Jews now caught in Hungary. I realize that the obstacles are very great, and that we can not save them all, but let the U.S.A. cut every possible bit of red tape, and use all possible speed to rescue the victims of cruel tyranny. We can not stand idly by, and watch our fellow men tortured and massacred. Whatever the permanent arrangement

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may be, we can at least grant them  
a temporary refuge here in America,  
and can use our influence with  
Great Britain to prevent the closing  
down of immigration to Palestine  
on March thirty-first. We have talked  
much about the cruelty of the  
Nazi philosophy, but we are accus-  
plies of the crime if we do not  
ourselves left a finger to save  
them. Can we not use our shipping  
for this purpose as we used it to  
bring prisoners here.

It would be a glorious way to  
keep the Easter season to give to  
at least some of the Jews a hope of  
new life.

Sincerely yours,  
Arthur G. Bausky

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