

Requests for Aid to Hungary: SCHWARTZ, Joseph L. (Mrs.)

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Dear Mrs. Schwartz:

Secretary Morgenthau has referred to me your letter of August 22, 1944, concerning the plight of the Jews in Europe and, more particularly, in Hungary.

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 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-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.

With respect to the problem of Hungarian Jews, I enclosed 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. All 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 the 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.

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I wish to assure you that the War Refugee Board and this Government will continue to do everything in their power to save as many as possible of these innocent people.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

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Executive Director

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Mr. Henry Morgenthau Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Morgenthau: —

I wonder  
if you could, un-officially  
use your influence on  
any of the Statesmen  
of Washington, such  
as Cordell Hull, con-  
cerning the Jews

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of Hungary, to prevent them  
from being annihilated.

Could England be urged  
to the leave the "Ports of Palestine"  
open, at least, until the  
European war is won.

Hoping you will  
do what you can for  
the Jewish cause in Europe.

Respect. yours  
(Mrs. Jos. L. Schwartz) Evelyn H. Schwartz  
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