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Dear Miss Schneider:

Your letter of April 14, 1944, to the  
Secretary of State, has been referred to me.

Your interest in the refugee problem  
is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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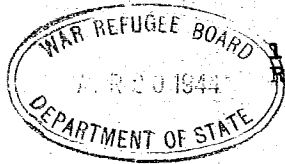
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April 14, 1944

The Honorable Cordell Hull,  
Secretary of State,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

with your kind indulgence, I would like to take up with you an important matter that is on my mind so strongly, as to prompt this action.

After seeing the motion picture - Battle For Russia - showing it a powerful nation of vast land areas and an exceedingly abundance of natural resources - a nation of over a hundred different races - all working together for the salvation of their country - making such inhuman sacrifices with such a display of courage and determination - that as a patriotic citizen I would like to pass my reactions on to you.

In all the plans and negotiations that are being made to handle the Jewish question - which has become an international problem - I have yet to see where Russia has been included in the discussions or asked to share in the responsibility of these oppressed people, especially since Russia is a nation of a heterogeneous breed of people, who have learned through persecution and suffering - to get along together and should be in a position to offer advice and assistance.

There is so much land in Russia that can never be occupied as are the other over-populated smaller countries and with vast virgin forests - extensive coal and oil fields - all metals and gems known to civilization - untouched and of such rich resources and deposits as can ever be used for centuries to come.

Why not ask Russia to open up certain sections to Jewish immigration? This can be done without creating any animosity between the various peoples that shall forestall a lasting Peace - if this be possible.

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especially in Palestine and other places, for it would be unwise for America to let down the bars to European hordes, when we can hardly take care of what we now have.. There seems to be a strain of this race there now and ~~and~~ with plenty of land a mass immigration could more easily be assimilated there through system of government and regulation that Russia has been forced to meet through necessity- than any other place on this earth.

When I viewed the vast expanses of the lands of Russia with the richest resources in the world and then thought of America being drained to the limit- it made me think of the future. Our forests are being liquidated from coast to coast. Our oil supply is depleted. Our mineral deposits are diminishing with no thought of the uncertainty of the future. All in the name of national defense and the protection of our Allies which must be met, but here we are pouring <sup>out</sup> our very life blood and existence in men and supplies into the caldron of war- while the other countries play safe by keeping what they have and getting what they can.

True, Russia is making a good fight and no doubt is saving our neck to a certain extent- but we must not forget that Russia is fighting "The Battle of Russia"- not for today but to settle the score of aggression that she has endured through generations of the past. She expects to make it permanent this time- at all costs and she is not concerned with America.

We are going along in a sort of a daze- hoping that everything will be alright. Where is there any security for us? They are taking all they can get and looking for more. They chide us for our wealth. What is our wealth? Gold stored away in vaults? WE cannot subsist nor as a nation exist on gold! It will not replace our natural resources that makes for independence.. It is more than Goodwill- tolerance- Red Cross- Lend Lease and our brother's keeper.

All these ideals are fine. But, after viewing this forceful picture

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which with accuracy showed the tenacity of purpose and throughout one could sense the terrible force behind it all as is now used against the Germans with success. It also created an atmosphere of foreboding in the minds of people-like some oppression drawing near..

If Russia can sweep on with such organized <sup>force</sup> toward a goal that the Allies do not know- why couldnot this same force be used to dictate the terms of the future. Russia is for Russia and nothing else counts. The Bear will be leaving the American Eagle in its claws if we do not watch out after hostilities cease and the Allies are spent- just think what those natural resources of Russia will mean, converted by our help and ingenuity.

Back to the Jewish question.. I am not intolerant nor have I race prejudice- but the fact remains that the Jews have been persecuted through the ages in every country in the world . There must be some cause for this and if one stops to think-they have much coming to them. This cry of race prejudice only keeps the people stirred up and looking for trouble. It is the Jews themselves who are intolerant and selfish. They need a general reformation of their entire race, in order to gain confidence and trust.

Bringing it down to ordinary life. They are all for themselves and are the biggest cheats in existence. Their religion teaches them that. They do not trust each other for they are too wise to their game, but they like to take an advantage of others.

The Jew does not like to work nor produce. He lives on the skin of others. Takes a small profit- undersells and undermines the market and cheats in weights and measures. In big business he profits by investment on credit. During the depressions they foreclosed mortgages taking over the home of Christians and from good authority it is disclosed that they are now buying up all the real estate they can get- instead of investing their all in bonds. While they are a minority, this will prove a national issue when the war is over. Speaking of war- they do not enlist- let the other *fellow*

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fight their battles and the refugees are taking over the professions, while our boys are at the front.. They are loud, bold and aggressive.

In our sympathy and tolerance we must be mindful of consequences and it is hoped that a haven may be found for these oppressed people, but that the immigration bars will not be let down so that America will be over-run with the hordes of Europe. It will be us who will have to seek a haven-if we don't watch out.

Perhaps Russia would be receptive of Jewish immigration if approached- if only to furnish the land and give them a chance to work out their salvation with the assistance of the Allies in establishing material and supplies to provide habitation and existence.

I dread the post-war period ! the impenetrable stoicism of Russia makes me fearful of consequences.. It is easy to control the conquered- but a formidable victor is another question. I hope you may be guided in the right and that you will have all cooperation and power to meet the serious problems confronting America- both present and future.

With all good wishes to you, I have the honor to remain,

Yours very truly,

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## *The Recruits Farewell*

You come to bid us Godspeed,  
As off to war we go  
With bands and cheers and heartfelt  
tears,  
As a send-off to start the show.

We have taken the oath of allegiance,  
Our flag and country to defend  
We are proud to serve our nation,  
Until the bitter end.

To the cause of Freedom,  
And the brotherhood of man  
We are prepared to pay the price,  
For a valiant victory stand.

Think not at parting from those we love  
Is no crucial test,  
But America is calling her men to arms,  
And valor is manifest.

On the altar of Liberty we offer all,  
Those things that life holds dear  
Our youth—our strength—our future  
careers,  
As destiny's call is clear.

Brave men of the past did their part,  
To establish the land of the free  
And through the years from '76,  
Have made noble history.

The privileges we have enjoyed,  
Until the tyrants sprung  
Are in the balance of Armageddon,  
And again must be won.

You shall not find us wanting,  
In courage, might and main  
We'll face the foe and not return,  
Until world Peace is gained.

To you, left on the home front,  
Will you keep the faith?  
Can we depend on you to see us  
through,  
By producing what it takes?

Will you work and pray and sacrifice,  
And play the game to the limit?  
Keep the ship of state on an even keel,  
And Democracy with it?

We have the pledges you have made,  
By our government as well  
To secure our jobs and give us a break,  
When the Nazi hordes are quelled.

The sinews of war are money,  
The Defense bill must be met  
Buy stamps and bonds and send on the  
arms,  
We'll finish the job yet.

Oh yes, you're patriotic,  
Old Glory waves high and wide  
Bands play—crowds cheer and we're on  
our way  
To meet the Axis tide.

When the conflict is over,  
And we return to our shores  
We must find America worth defend-  
ing,  
And a haven to leave no more.

By—  
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Dedicated to the Inductees  
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