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19. Letters and Cables of Congratulations

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In reply please
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MAY 6 1944

Dear Dr. Pool:

Your letter of January 31, 1944, to President Roosevelt, concerning the War Refugee Board, has been referred to me.

Your interest in the work of the Board is indeed appreciated, and I assure you that everything in our power will be done to provide speedy and effective rescue programs to save the persecuted minorities of Europe.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Rev. Dr. D. De Sola Pool,
President,
The Union of Sephardic Congregations, Inc.,
99 Central Park West,
New York, New York.

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January 31, 1944.

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TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

Secretary to the President

My dear Mr. President,

Our Union has been happy to learn of your appointment of a War Refugee Board. We have high hopes that this Board may be able to save many of the surviving remnants of the tortured peoples of Europe. Our own interest is the greater because thousands of the membership of the congregations constituting our Union have members of their family in Yugoslavia, Greece, and other Balkan lands devastated by the Gestapo.

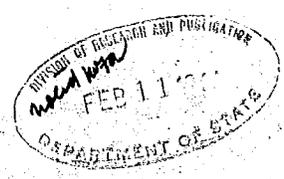
It is our prayer that the work of the War Refugee Board may be blessed with the speedy and far-reaching saving of life.

I remain, Mr. President,

Sincerely yours,

Davidson
President

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MAR 3 1944

Dear Mrs. Adler:

Your letter of January 26, 1944, to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest which you have expressed in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is greatly appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mrs. Racie Adler,
2041 North Broad Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President,
I wish to send you my appreciation
of your creation of the War Refugee
Board, with the hope that it will answer
the prayer for help of all persecuted
peoples.

Dr. Adler, throughout his life,
had faith in his country's inter-
vention, whenever there was vio-
lation of the principles of the laws
of Nature, and for actions at
this time has justified that faith.

In all sincerity,
Raciel F. Adler

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt
 The White House,
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FEB 8 1944

Dear Mr. Alfange:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your Committee in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Your offer of service and help to the Board is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Dean Alfange,
Co-Chairman,
Emergency Committee to Save the
Jewish People of Europe,
1 East 44th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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HONORABLE FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR TIMELY EFFECTIVE AND COURAGEOUS ACTION IN CREATING THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO FORESTALL THE PLAN OF THE NAZIS TO EXTERMINATE ALL THE JEWS AND OTHER PERSECUTED MINORITIES OF EUROPE. THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE IS CONFIDENT THAT YOUR DECISION WILL FULFILL THE HOPES OF THE MARTYRED JEWS OF EUROPE. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PLACE AT YOUR BOARDS DISPOSAL THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES AS WELL AS THE

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FEB 22 1944

Dear Mrs. Alpert:

Your letter of February 7, 1944, to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mrs. H. H. Alpert,
President,
Jewish Home for Children,
701 Sherman Avenue,
New Haven, Connecticut.

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FEB 7 1944

Dear Miss Bardack:

Your letter to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

Your interest in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Miss Rose Bardack,
1233 Princess Avenue,
Camden, New Jersey.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1944

Respectfully referred to the
Secretary of the Treasury for such
acknowledgment as may be deemed ap-
propriate.

Attention: Mr. John W. Fehle

M. C. LATTA
Executive Clerk

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*Bread
Miss Beble*

1233 Princess Avenue
Camden, New Jersey
January 27, 1944

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I wish, humbly and sincerely, to convey to you my gratitude and appreciation for the action you took last Monday in creating the War Refugee Board.

It has been very discouraging to those of us of the Jewish faith that the world has paid so little note to the suffering of our people. It is especially gratifying that the American government has been the first to hear the cry of these tortured human beings.

Words can never be found to express what those people will feel who will be saved from barbarous extermination by your action. But I know that, for all time, my people will remember the name of Franklin Roosevelt with gladness and thanksgiving.

Gratefully and sincerely yours,
Rose Bardack
(Miss) Rose Bardack

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FEB 25 1944

In reply please
refer to: 208

Dear Mr. Behr:

Your letter of February 5, 1944, to President Roosevelt, concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest which you have expressed in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Julian J. Behr,
Julian J. Behr Company,
Dixie Terminal Building,
Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

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Approved by
Mr. Biddle
War Refugee Board

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AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Your Excellency:

As a militant Democrat and one of your most loyal supporters since your first nomination, I have immense satisfaction in noting your creation of the War Refugee Board.

It is such actions as these that stamp you as the foremost humanitarian ever to sit in the White House. Like millions of Americans I love you for your great heart. Millions of other love you for the enemies you have made!

RJR

Appreciatively Yours,

JULIAN J. BEHR

Julian J. Behr



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FEB 7 1944

Dear Mr. Bergson:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your Committee in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Peter Bergson,
Co-Chairman,
Emergency Committee to Save the
Jewish People of Europe,
2317 15th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IN SETTING UP THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD YOU HAVE CREATED AN INSTRUMENT
COMMESURATE TO THE MAGNITUDE OF THE DISASTER WHICH HAS BEFALLEN THE
JEWISH PEOPLE. AS A REPRESENTATIVE AND SERVANT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE
OF EUROPE AND PALESTINE I BEG TO PRESENT MR PRESIDENT OUR BOUNDLESS
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR NOBLE AND COURAGEOUS ACTION. WE FEEL CONFIDENT
THAT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR BOARD THE UNITED NATIONS WILL WIN
THE BATTLE AGAINST MASSACRE EVEN AS THE IRRESISTIBLE ONSLAUGHT OF
THEIR ARMIES IS CRASHING THE ENEMIES MILITARY MIGHT. FOR THE AXIS

JAN 24 1944

WASHINGTON DC

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IS THE ESSENCE OF EVIL WHICH CAN NEVER HOPE TO WITHSTAND A JUST
CAUSE. WE ARE A NATION MORE ANCIENT THAN MANY YET NEVER HAVE WE
FORGOTTEN AN ENEMY NOR HAVE WE EVER FORGOTTEN A FRIEND. OUR CHILDRENS
CHILDREN WILL TELL THEIR SONS HOW YOUR HELPING HAND WAS STRETCHED
OUT TO US OVER THE OCEANS IN THE MOMENT OF OUR DIREST NEED. THREE YEARS
AGO I CAME TO THESE SHORES WITH MY COLLEAGUES OF THE FREE PALESTINE
COMMITTEE TO BEG FOR THE HELP OF YOUR NATION WE RAISED THE CRY OF OUR
TORTURED AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE. IT MAY BE THAT IN OUR ANGUISH MR
PRESIDENT WE SOMETIMES RAISED OUR VOICE OUT OF TUNE YET THAT TOO WAS
UNDERSTOOD AND GAVE US RENEWED STRENGTH. THESE THREE YEARS HAVE
TAUGHT US THE MEANING OF DEMOCRACY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE HEEDED
OUR CRY AND YESTERDAY YOU MR PRESIDENT HEEDED THEM . BY YOUR ACTION YOU

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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HAVE BECOME TO US A LIVING SYMBOL OF DEMOCRACY. AMIDST THE BATTLE
THUNDER OF A WORLD MADE CALLOUS BY CATAclySTIC HORROR YOU HAVE
YOU HAVE GIVEN BACK THE DIGNITY OF MAN TO MY ANCIENT AND HONORABLE
PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ROBBED OF IT BY INSANE PERSECUTION. BY
UNDERTAKING THIS INITIATIVE FOR THE SALVATION OF THE JEWISH
PEOPLE THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE AN ESSENTIAL STEP TOWARDS
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HUMAN DECENCY WHICH IS THE ONLY GUARANTEE
OF LASTING WORLD PEACE. RESPECTFULLY

PETER BERGSON COCHAIRMAN EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE THE
JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE.

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JAN 31 1944

Dear Dr. Berlowitz:

I have received your letter of
January 23, 1944, concerning the new War
Refugee Board. Your interest in this
matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) H. Morgenthau, Jr.

Dr. Wolf Berlowitz,
586 Oliver Street,
North Tonawanda, N. Y.

[Handwritten initials]

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WOLF BERLOWITZ, M. D.
48 CHURCH AVENUE
NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y.
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586 Cliver Street

1.23.1944.

Mr. Morgenthau
Secretary of Treasury
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Morgenthau:

I just read in the newspapers that you have been appointed a Member of the War Refugee Board and I am taking the liberty of making a suggestion concerning the aims of that board. The leaders over there know that they have forfeited their life because of the various crimes they committed. The same is true of many members of the Gestapo. They therefore will not mind committing even more crimes. But, if the Gestapo not only the leaders will ~~know~~ learn that for every innocent person killed from now on, a member of their own family will be killed, ~~also~~ too, there is at least a little hope that the danger for the life of their family might prevent some new bloodshed. I know very well that no government could take such steps officially, but according to the newspapers the assistance even of the underground movement should be used. The way of carrying out the death sentence of these family members would be by means of the underground movement, even after the war is over. That institution is a German invention, called *Penne*, in former times. The way would be the same *Petljura* was killed afterwards in France and the French Court did not pass a sentence on the young fellow who had taken vengeance for the killing of his parents and so many other innocent victims.

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Maybe that the knowledge of the fate which would await their relatives will have some influence on the ruthless murderers.

As there are still relatives of mine in Germany, I should be very much obliged for keeping my name in the dark.

I have the honor to be

yours very truly,

J. Baer

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This statement by Stimson is
of interest.

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J. W. PEHLE
DIRECTOR, FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL

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February 19, 1944

Mr. Jacob Blaustein,
Chairman, American Jewish Committee,
American Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Jacob:

Thank you for your friendly letter of February 19, 1944. Your kind comments on my recent appointment as a member of the War Refugee Board and the generous offer of the American Jewish Committee and yourself to be of all possible assistance to the Board in accomplishing its mission are deeply appreciated.

As a member of the Board, I want to assure you that every effort will be made, consistent with military necessity, and the policy of unconditional surrender, to alleviate the hardships and sufferings of all innocent victims of the war and to take all practicable measures for the relief of inhabitants of territory now occupied by the enemy.

At the present time the work of the War Refugee Board is still in the formative stage. It is hoped that we will soon be enabled to turn to good use the proffered services of such organizations as yours with their world-wide interest in the relief of all oppressed peoples. I have no doubt that the practical experiences of the American Jewish Committee will prove of great benefit to the War Refugee Board. In the meantime, I am pleased to hand your letter to Mr. John Fable, Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury and Acting Executive Director of the Board.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War.

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TO: *Mr. Friedman*

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This statement by Stinson is of interest.
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J. W. PEHLE
DIRECTOR, FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL

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COPY

February 19, 1944

Mr. Jacob Blaustein,
Chairman, American Jewish Committee,
American Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Jacob:

Thank you for your friendly letter of February 12, 1944. Your kind comments on my recent appointment as a member of the War Refugee Board and the generous offer of the American Jewish Committee and yourself to be of all possible assistance to the Board in accomplishing its mission are deeply appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ Henry L. Stimson

Secretary of War.

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FEB 29 1944

In reply please
refer to: 223

Dear Miss Dickison:

Your letter of February 18, 1944, to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board, has been referred to this office.

The interest your Association has expressed in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Miss Mary Ellen Dickison,
President,
High School Teachers' Association
of Los Angeles City, Inc.,
305 Embassy Auditorium,
847 South Grand Avenue,
Los Angeles 14, California.

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WASHINGTON

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Attention: Mr. John W. Pehle.

M. C. LATTA
Executive Clerk

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War Refugee Board
**High School Teachers' Association
of Los Angeles City, Inc.**

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WILLARD H. WILT
Auditor

February 18, 1944

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The High School Teachers' Association of Los Angeles wishes to compliment you on the appointment of a War Refugee Board. We are concerned not only with the protection of Jews but we feel that all minority groups should be given the same treatment.

We note that your War Refugee Board is to attempt to rescue "the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death".

Respectfully yours

Mary Ellen Dickison
Mary Ellen Dickison,
President
High School Teachers' Association
of Los Angeles City,

FRANCES NUGENT, Education
EDITH KALLMEYER, Ethics
PEARL PARSLEY, Extension
ZELMA L. HUXTABLE, Journal

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ALMA KINKADE, Women's Club

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FEB 8 1944

Dear Mrs. Epstein:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Your offer of service and help to the Board is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mrs. Moses H. Epstein,
National President,
Hadassah the Women's Zionist
Organization of America,
1819 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

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The White House
Washington

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PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC

HDDASSAH THE WOMENS ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA SPEAKING
FOR ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY THOUSAND MEMBERS HAILS THE
HISTORIC STEP YOU HAVE TAKEN IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
WAR REFUGEE BOARD STOP WE KNOW THAT YOUR EXECUTIVE ORDER
LAYS THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PROGRAM TO
CHEAT THE FASCIST MURDERERS OF MILLIONS MORE OF THEIR PREY
STOP IT MAKES US PROUD TO SEE THE AMERICAN TRADITION AT
WORK IN THIS WAY AND IT IS WITH GRIM DETERMINATION TO HELP

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YOU FULFILL YOUR GOAL THAT WE PLEDGE EVERY SUPPORT WE CAN
GIVE TO THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD IN THE FUTURE

MRS MOSES H EPSTEIN NATIONAL PRESIDENT HADASSAH

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FEB 26 1944

Dear Mr. Ettlinger:

A copy of your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Bernard Ettlinger,
President,
South African Jewish Board,
Johannesburg,
Union of South Africa.

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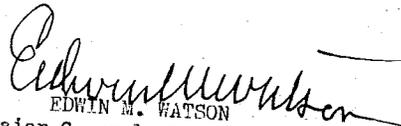
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 22, 1944

Respectfully referred to
Mr. John W. Pehle, War Refugee
Board.

The original of this message
has been forwarded to the Secre-
tary of State.



EDWIN M. WATSON
Major General, U.S. Army
Secretary to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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THE PRESIDENT^v

THE WHITE HOUSE

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD DEPUTIES REPRESENTATIVE BODY
JEW'S UNION SOUTH AFRICA UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TRANSMIT YOU
WARM EXPRESSION GRATITUDE YOUR HUMANITARIAN ACTION ESTAB-
LISHMENT WAR REFUGEE BOARD.

BERNARD ETTLINGER PRESIDENT

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

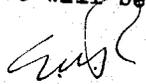
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February 4, 1944

FFC - Treasury - Mr. Pehle:

Re: Refugees

Attached hereto is a translation of
a telegram received in the Department from
Mexico, which I believe will be of interest
to you.


William I. Riegelman

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

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TRANSLATION

From
Mexico City
Rec'd. January 27, 1944
Noon

Secretary of State,
Washington.

We desire the greatest success of the Board of War Refugees constituted on the initiative of President Roosevelt for the purpose of saving thousands of refugees menaced by a new wave of Nazi terror in a period of bloody and desperate reaction before imminent rout. The work of saving those persecuted by Nazism and its satellites meets the support of nations and men of good will who condemn the Hitler savagery. We deem it necessary to point out to that Board the advisability of concerning itself with saving thousands of European refugees who are in occupied France, among them numerous parties of Spanish refugees and combatants of international brigades who are interned at sinister Camp Vernet Dariege and other hellish places. These defenders of Spanish liberties are the first victims of Nazi-Fascism of enduring terrible punishments and sufferings for years past, for which reason their salvation will be a title to glory for the United Nations. We consider it just and humane to include plans of saving the Spanish anti-Fascist refugees and those of other nationalities who are interned in Portugal, having fled by underground means from the implacable Nazi and Falangist persecution. The anti-Fascist refugees in Portugal lack the right of asylum and guarantees of life, it being necessary to establish a system for protection. Lastly, we consider it just and humane that the work of rescue include the combatants of the Spanish international brigades and other anti-Fascist refugees interned in the Spanish concentration camps of Miranda de Ebro and other Franco camps and prisons, who have been suffering imprisonment since the close of the Spanish War and could be rescued and transferred to Portugal.

With courteous greetings. For the Federation of Organizations for Aid of European Refugees:

Professor Jose Mancisidor, Doctor Enrique Arregui,
Engineer Camilo Arriago, Deputy Norberto Aguirre,
Ricardo Castellote.

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Dear Mr. Fife:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Your offer of service and help to the Board is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Elias Fife,
President,
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1133 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION FOR LITHUANIAN JEWS HAILED WITH PROFOUND
 GRATITUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT BY YOU OF THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD WHICH
 IS AUTHORIZED TO DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO RESCUE THE
 SURVIVING VICTIMS OF NAZI TERROR. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT NOTHING
 LESS THAN THE UTMOST EFFORT OF OUR GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE
 AGENCIES WHICH BELIEVE IN WORKING TO ACHIEVE THIS SUBLIME ERRAND
 OF MERCY CAN ASSURE EVEN PARTIAL SUCCESS.

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Gentlemen:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your Committee in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Your offer of service and help to the Board is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Messrs. Israel Goldstein,
Henry Monsky, Stephen S. Wise,
Co-Chairmen, Interim Committee,
American Jewish Conference,
521 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE REPRESENTING THE ORGANIZED RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY AND MEETING IN NEW YORK TODAY DIRECTED US TO EXTEND TO YOU, ON BEHALF OF MILLIONS OF AMERICAN JEWISH REPRESENTED IN THE CONFERENCE, OUR DEEP AND PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR YOUR EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING A WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESCUING THE PERSECUTED VICTIMS OF NAZI TYRANNY. IT IS AN ACT OF GREAT HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE. THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM FOR RESCUE BY THIS BOARD WILL SIGNALIZE

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TO THE OPPRESSED OF ALL PEOPLES ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT THE HIGH
HUMANITARIAN PURPOSE AND IDEALS FOR WHICH THIS WAR IS BEING WAGED,
AND TO WHICH YOUR MORAL AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IS DEDICATED, THE
AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE BEGS TO PLACE AT YOUR DISPOSAL, AND THAT
OF THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD, THE WHOLE HEARTED COOPERATION OF ITS
COMMISSION ON RESCUE WHICH WILL MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION
TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE NEW AGENCY TO THE END THAT THE
OBJECTIVES OF YOUR EXECUTIVE ORDER MAY BE FULFILLED

DR ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN HENRY MONSKY DR STEPHEN S WISE
CO-CHAIRMAN INTERIM COMMITTEE AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE.

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Dear Mr. Goldstein:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Samuel Goldstein,
President,
United Galician Jews of America,
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New York, N. Y.

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PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

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THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED GALICIAN JEWS OF AMERICA,
REPRESENTING OVER TWO HUNDRED AFFILIATED BENEVOLENT, RELIGIOUS,
AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, EXPRESSES ITS DEEP GRATITUDE
FOR YOUR GREAT HUMANITARIAN MOVE IN APPOINTING A REFUGEE
BOARD TO SAVE THE REMNANTS OF EUROPEAN JEWRY, OPPRESSED
BY NAZI TYRANNY. GOD BLESS YOU AND GIVE YOU STRENGTH TO
CONTINUE YOUR GREAT LEADERSHIP AS OUR COMMANDER IN CHIEF.
RESPECTFULLY YOURS FOR A SPEEDY VICTORY AND EVERLASTING
PEACE

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Dear Mrs. Goldstein:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

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THE PRESIDENT

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MIZRACHI WOMENS ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA THE REPRESENTATIVE
ORTHODOX WING OF HE ZIONIST MOVEMENT ASSEMBLED AT THEIR
EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT THE HOTEL COMMODORE NEW YORK
WHILE LAUNCHING ITS CAMPAIGN FOR A FEW REFUGEE CHILDRENS VILLAGES
IN PALESTINE. TAKES THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR
ADMIRATION AND KEEP GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GREAT HUMANITARIAN ACT IN

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APPOINTING A REFUGEE BOARD IN BEHALF OF NAZI VICTIMS AND TO
SAVE THE REMNANTS OF EUROPEAN JEWRY OPPRESSED BY NAZI TYRANNY
GOD BLESS YOU AND GIVE YOU STRENGTH IN YOUR GREAT LEADERSHIP
AS OUR COMMANDER IN CHIEF FOR A SPEEDY VICTORY AND ETERNAL
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MIZRACHI WOMENS ORGANIZATION MRS SAMUEL GOLDSTEIN.

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FEB 9 1944

Dear Miss Greenberg:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Miss Naomi Greenberg,
President,
Junior Misrachi Womens
Organization,
1133 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

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Mr. White	Mr. Smith
Mr. Gamble	

Mr. Bartelt	Mr. Julian
Mr. C. S. Bell	Mr. Kilby
Mr. Birgfeld	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Broughton	Mr. Mack
Mr. Collie	Mr. Pehle
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Miss Diamond	Mr. Surrey
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 3, 1944

Respectfully referred to the
Secretary of the Treasury for such
acknowledgment as may be deemed ap-
propriate.

Attention: Mr. John W. Pehle.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

THE JUNIOR MIZRACHI WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA OF THE
RELIGIOUS WING OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT ASSEMBLED AT THEIR
MIDWINTER CONFERENCE AT THE HOTEL WALDORF ASTORIA, NEW YORK
CITY AT SAME TIME LAUNCHING ITS CAMPAIGN FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN'S
NURSERY IN MIZRACHI WOMEN'S CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, TAKES THIS
OCCASION TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR YOUR HUMANITARIAN ACT IN
APPOINTING WAR REFUGEE BOARD ON BEHALF OF NAZI VICTIMS. GOD
GIVE YOU STRENGTH IN YOUR GREAT LEADERSHIP

NAOMI GREENBERG PRESIDENT JUNIOR MIZRACHI WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICA

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FEB 6 1944

Dear Mr. Guskin:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Your offer of service and help to the Board is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Reuben Guskin,
President,
National Executive Committee,
Workmen's Circle,
175 East Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC

SIR: PLEASE ACCEPT, IN BEHALF OF OUR 72,000 MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, OUR DEEPEST THANKS FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT OF A RESCUE COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF YOURSELF AND THREE MEMBERS OF YOUR CABINET. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THIS IS AN ACT OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE AND WILL DO MUCH TO SAVE THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF EUROPE AND TOGETHER WITH THEM, THE JEWS WHO HAVE AS YET EVADED NAZI EXTERMINATION.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS RESCUE COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL, IN

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TERMS OF YOUR INSTRUCTIONS DEDICATE ITSELF TO THE TASK OF
SAVING THE VICTIMS OF NAZISM WHO CAN STILL BE SAVED IS IN ACCORD
WITH THE NOBLEST DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS OF OUR LAND AND IS
EQUALLY IN ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION.
WE HOPE AND TRUST THAT THIS RESCUE COMMITTEE WILL DEVOTE ITS
FULL ATTENTION TO THIS GREAT HUMANE AND HUMANITARIAN TASK TO
BRING SUCCOR TO THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF EUROPE AND TO THOSE
OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN EXTERMINATED BY THE
NAZIS AS THEY HAVE ALREADY EXTERMINATED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS,
INDEED, MILLIONS OF JEWS.

THE WORKMEN'S CIRCLE PLEDGES ITSELF, MR PRESIDENT, TO COOPERATE
WITH YOU AND WITH YOUR COMMITTEE. THE FULLEST EXTENT . IT

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GENERAL COMMITTEE

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REGARDS THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE AS A MAGNIFICENT CHAPTER IN
THE STRUGGLE OF OUR COUNTRY AND OF THE UNITED NATIONS AGAINST
OUR ENEMIES AND FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WORKMEN'S CIRCLE REUBEN
GUSKIN, PRESIDENT JOSEPH BASKIN, GENERAL SECRETARY

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FEB 7 1944

Dear Mr. Guskin:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Reuben Guskin,
President,
United Hebrew Trades of the
State of New York,
175 East Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

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THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON DC

IN BEHALF OF OVER 450000 ORGANIZED WORKERS IN NEWYORK WE
WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU UPON YOUR NOBLE STEP IN CREATING
A WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO RESCUE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE OF THE
PERSECUTED MINORITIES FROM THE NAZIS. THIS MOVE ON YOUR
PART GIVES US ADDED INSPIRATION AND STIMULUS TO CONTINUE OUR
CEASELESS EFFORTS IN BEHALF OF OUR BELOVED COUNTRY AND THE
UNITED NATIONS TO HELP WIPE OUT ALL OPPRESSORS OF MANKIND

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AND CIVILIZATION.

UNITED HEBREW TRADES OF THE STATE OF NY

REUBEN GUSKIN PRESIDENT

MORRIS TIGEL VICE PRESIDENT

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175 EAST BROADWAY NEWYORKCITY.

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In reply please
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FEB 23 1944

Dear Dr. Herzog:

A copy of your telegram to President Roosevelt from Ankara concerning the new War Refugees Board has been referred to this office.

I am indeed grateful for the interest and good wishes which you have expressed in this undertaking, and I assure you that every effort will be made to realize the objectives of our Government in the establishment of the Board.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Dr. Isaac Herzog,
Chief Rabbi of Palestine,
Jerusalem, Palestine.

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Respectfully referred to
Mr. John W. Pehle, War Refugee
Board.

The original of this mes-
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Secretary of State.

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Executive Clerk

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ANKARA, FEBRUARY 17, 1944

THE PRESIDENT.

ON BEHALF OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN PALESTINE AND THE JEWS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD I EXPRESS MY MOST PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR YOUR HISTORIC ACTION IN CREATING THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD WHICH HOLDS OUT PROMISE FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF THE JEWISH SURVIVORS OF NAZI PERSECUTION. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF YOUR HIGHLY ESTEEMED AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY IN IMPLEMENTING THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE WAR REFUGEES BOARD WAS CREATED. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GREAT HUMANITARIAN ENDEAVOUR AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WHOM YOU SO NOBLY REPRESENT.

DR. ISAAC HERZOG CHIEF RABBI OF PALESTINE

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FEB 9 1944

Dear Rabbi Herzog:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of the people of Israel in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Rabbi Isaac Herzog,
Chief Rabbi of Palestine,
Jerusalem, Palestine.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 4, 1944

Respectfully referred to the
Secretary of the Treasury.

A copy of this message has been
forwarded to the Secretary of State.

Attention: Mr. John W. Pehle.

H. C. LATTA
Executive Clerk

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MLT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

FROM AND THROUGH JERUSALEM CITY OF GOD THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF
ISRAEL IN CONCERT LOVERS OF HUMANITY BLESS YOU AND AMERICAN
NATION FORMATION COMMITTEE RESCUE STRUGGLING SURVIVORS SHATTERED
REMNANT EUROPEAN JEWRY. MAY GIVER OF LIFE GRANT ITS ENDEAVOURS
MAXIMUM SUCCESS. STOP. MOST RESPECTFULLY AND CORDIAL PERSONAL
GREETINGS. ISAAC HERZOG CHIEF RABBI PALESTINE.

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FEB 15 1944

Dear Mr. Jacobsohn:

Thank you for your letter of January 28, 1944,
enclosing a clipping from "The Springfield Union".

Your expression of interest and good wishes in
the President's new program of help to the persecuted
minorities of Europe is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Morris E. Jacobsohn,
92 Somerset Street,
Springfield, Massachusetts.

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MORRIS E. JACOBSON
92 SOMERSET STREET
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

January 28, 1944.

The War Refugee Board .
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen.

I am taking the liberty to inclose a clipping containing a letter by the undersigned . Having learned of the appointment of your organization by our great humanitarian President Roosevelt , I am sure that you are inspired with enthusiasm for the arduous tasks before you .

As one who has suffered much in early childhood from persecution, I fully appreciate the importance of the work ahead ,and am extending my best wishes to you in your undertaking . And wishing you Godspeed good health ,and the pleasure of good accomplishments , I remain

Respectfully yours,

M.E. Jacobson
M.E. Jacobson.

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Jewish Question World "Hot Potato"

To the Editor of The Union
Sir: A letter by one of your correspondents in today's edition (Jan. 21)—E. B. Wright—is very commendable. The writer suggests some methods for the protection of the oppressed Jews in the Hitler domains, particularly in the occupied countries. The following remarks may be a timely addition and helpful in the furtherance of a correct public opinion.

This problem—the Jewish question—has long ago graduated from local or national category and assumed world proportions. By now it is the proverbial "hot potato" of the universe. The proof may be found in the fact that even those who are in a position to help in the alleviation of the sufferings, and do some constructive deeds toward the eventual solution of the perplexing problem shudder at the thought of tackling it. Therein lies the great difficulty and may be the valid reason for a "laissez-faire" policy on the part of many capable and responsible persons, including our present-day leaders. And the suffering of the Jews goes on sadly. If the enmity, hatred, and feelings of obnoxiousness, all expressed in aloofness, anti-Semitism, coercion, and oppression, could be reduced to a vanishing minimum, this world would be a much nicer place to live in, for everybody. This could be accomplished only if a natural and simple philosophy could be brought to all minds. The simple fact that only variations exist, the same as may be found in the differentiation of species all through the entire animal kingdom.

We have yet to learn of scraps between lions because of different color shadings, or among leopards because of geometrical differences in their spottings. The variations in creeds, customs, conventions, modes of living and philosophies that we find within the multivariety of races and nationalities of the world, if made a basis of study for comparison or contrast in a true impartiality, we would all be the wiser and happier—enjoyable rewards the compensation.

Right now, and in the memory of mankind we are a mess of bitterly contesting particles, and a most widely-spread of worldly incompatibility. (An essay by Ludwig Borne "In Defense of the Jews" is a remarkable exposure of a world fallacy. And may be helpful to seekers of truth and understanding.)

Right now is as good a time as ever to start the colossal job. At a time when all ideologies, personal interests and desires, good and bad, conditions affecting all human beings are mixed up in a most terrible pell-mell, and the task of our big leaders and all public men consists of the job to untangle, to clarify and sort out grievances, settle differences, and bring about the happy millennium of a world at peace, this one question that has been a thorn, at the same time a butt and a club—the Jewish question—is due for full attention. An earnest attempt to bring about a solution will create the harmony that the world at large is craving.

The ~~remarks~~ suggestions suggested by your worthy correspondent are quite sensible. However, they are destined for

only a temporary alleviation. At present the means to punish the guilty are very limited. But the outline to the guilty of what they may be awaiting in retribution for their misdeeds, a sort of reading to them the riot act should have a deterrent effect. Especially now, since the intoxicating effects of the early victories of the Hitlerites is cleared from their evil minds, the fear of punishment is bound to have the desired results. A good beginning now, at home and abroad, will lead the world in a procession toward far reaching beneficial effects.

Incidentally, it may be remarked that the immediate appearance of sincere resolutions, supported by practical endeavors, for the eventual solution of this most pertinent and troublesome problem, a humane approach and treatment by those who are able and possess the powers will add much strength to any threat of punishment for the guilty. It is imperative that any law or regulation forbidding crime be backed by signs of sincerity and readiness for enforcement. This will give the actual and prospective victims full protection against the barbarism that has been rampant to the detriment of humanity at large.

M. E. JACOBSOHN
Springfield

*From the Springfield Union
Springfield Mass
1/23/44*

FEB 7 1944

Dear Dr. Kulik:

Your letter to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

Your interest in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Dr. J. Kulik,
Hotel Delmonico,
Park Avenue at 59th St.,
New York, N. Y.

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Hotel Delmonico

PARK AVENUE AT 59TH STREET

New York, N. Y.

CABLE ADDRESS
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January 25, 1944

My dear Mr. President:

Please forgive me for taking your precious time with my letter.

I, along with many, many millions, bless every move you make, and beg God to give you strength to have the power to carry out every noble and great plan which comes out of such a brilliant and holy mind as yours; because any thought or word that comes from you is blessed by God.

When I read today in the paper, your ideas and plans to save the lives of millions of unfortunate refugees of the world who stretch their hands and their souls to you to save them; your golden heart shivered, and I am sure that your heart instantly felt their pitiful pleading to be saved from the hands of these terrible pirates who started a world fire to destroy all civilization; people who worked so many hundreds of years to bring mankind to a high pedestal of civilization.

When I read of your plan, there was no end to my happiness, because just as I read of your message, I was sure God heard "their" pleading and tears, and sent an angel through you to save and help these unfortunate and blameless souls. Not every one can understand, and not all can feel the suffering of an innocent folk.

I am sure you know, my dear Mr. President, what it means when millions of people are murdered, millions of homes are broken, millions of innocent children are torn from their parents forever, and die somewhere from hunger, sickness and murder.

Why? Because they were born in another

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nationality?

Is not God the Father of all on earth?

Is there a different God for different nations?

I can say, "No - there are many nationalities, but one God. He is our God. We are His children."

No matter how one prays to Him, the prayers are still for one God. Every one must know that. We must not forget that we are all brothers and sisters.

In our blood must flow the love and pity one for the other, and each one of us must feel the pains and suffering of the others.

This is the right way; each one of us must make this his ideal and goal to achieve.

When I read your message, I was the happiest person, because I saw your greatness and deep mind in directing the people in the right way.

* When all the people of the world follow such noble ideas as yours, I am sure that everyone that has power to help, will stretch out his hand to you to help to carry out your ideas.

They will all feel the suffering of all the unfortunate of the world, then God will turn back to all of us, and will help us to end this terrible war, which started this big fire, which cost so many millions of lives. And He will give us strength to destroy all the pirates who are the cause of this terrible war.

God will help and bless us to end this

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tragic war soon, and give you long life and healthy years that will enable you to see the happy world in action, for whom you have given up your energy and strength for all mankind. Amen.

God bless you, my dear Mr. President, in all your undertakings.

With great love and respect to you,

Sincerely,

Dr. J. Kulik

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FEB 8 1944

Dear Mr. Perlow:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your Committee in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Your offer of service and help to the Board is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Max Perlow,
Acting President,
Jewish Peoples Committee
22 East 17th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE JEWISH PEOPLES COMMITTEE MEETING JAN
24 IN THE COMMODORE HOTEL DESIRES TO EXPRESS ITS HEARTFELT
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR EXECUTVE ORDER ESTABLISHING A WAR
REFUGEE BOARD. OUR ORGANIZATION OFFERS ITS FULLEST SUPPORT TO
YOU AND SECRETARIES HULL STIMPSON AND MORGENTHAU WHO HEAD THIS
BOARD.

MAX PERLOW ACTING PRESIDENT JEWISH PEOPLES COMMITTEE

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Dear Mr. Perry:

Your letter of February 8, 1944, concerning the new War Refugee Board, has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I am confident that every effort will be made to realize the objectives of our Government in the establishment of the Board.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Ralph Barton Perry,
Chairman,
American Defense,
Harvard Group,
Room P, Widener Library,
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts.

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Respectfully referred to the
War Refugee Board for such acknowl-
edgment as may be deemed appropriate.

Attention: Mr. John W. Pehle.

M. C. LATTA
Executive Clerk

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February 8, 1944

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Dear Mr. President:

The Steering Committee of American Defense-Harvard Group desires to express its warm approval of your appointment of a commission to study the possibilities of remedying the plight of oppressed minority groups in Europe. In view of the imminent danger in which the German policy of deliberate extermination places them, we urge that the United States Government take every step which is compatible with military necessity to secure their escape, and that the United States together with the other United Nations provide at least temporary asylum for such refugees. This policy, we believe, would bring renewed hope and courage to many whose present outlook, despite the promise of ultimate victory by the United Nations, can only be one of fear and desperation.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Barton Perry
Ralph Barton Perry, Chairman

The President
White House
Washington, D. C.

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FEB 8 1944

Dear Mr. Proskauer:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Your offer of service and help to the Board is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Joseph M. Proskauer,
President,
American Jewish Committee,
386 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE HAILS WITH PROFOUND SATISFACTION AND HEARTFELT GRATITUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT BY YOU OF THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD WHICH IS AUTHORIZED TO DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO RESCUE THE SURVIVING VICTIMS OF NAZI TERROR THIS STEP IN COMPLETE HARMONY WITH THE HUMANITARIAN TRADITION OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ALMOST SINCE ITS INCEPTION FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS THE PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF STATE HAVE EXPRESSED THE

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EMPATHY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WITH VICTIMS OF OPPRESSION
IN OTHER LANDS AND THE ABHORRENCE OF BARBARITY AND
PERSECUTION WHENEVER POSSIBLE OUR GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO
TAKEN PRACTICAL MEASURES TO EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO SUCH
VICTIMS YOUR LATEST STEP IS THE LOGICAL SUCCESSOR TO OTHER
MEASURES PREVIOUSLY TAKEN BY YOU IN THIS DIRECTION THE
TASK LYING AHEAD OF THE NEW WAR REFUGEE BOARD WILL NOT BE
AN EASY ONE YOU RECOGNIZE THIS BY INSTRUCTING THE STATE
DEPARTMENT TO APPOINT SPECIAL ATTACHES WITH DIPLOMATIC
STATUS WHO ARE TO BE STATIONED ABROAD AT STRATEGIC PLACES
FURTHERMORE YOU ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR YOUR INSTRUCTION
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WAR REFUGEE BOARD AND THE STATE TREASURY AND WAR
DEPARTMENTS TO ACCEPT THE SERVICES OR CONTRIBUTIONS
OF ANY PRIVATE PERSONS PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS STATE
AGENCIES OR AGENCIES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN CARRYING
OUT THE PURPOSES OF YOUR ORDER NOTHING LESS THAN THE
COOPERATION OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHICH
BELIEVE IN WORKING TO ACHIEVE THIS SUBLIME ERRAND OF MERCY
CAN ASSURE EVEN PARTIAL SUCCESS THE AMERICAN JEWISH
COMMITTEE WHOLEHEARTEDLY PLEDGES ITS AID AND WILL
VIGOROUSLY COOPERATE IN MOBILIZING PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS
AND ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THIS VITAL PROJECT OF
SAVING HUMAN LIFE

JOSEPH M. PROSKAUER PRESIDENT 386 FOURTH AVE. NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

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In reply please
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FEB 19 1944

Dear Miss Richard:

Your letter of February 6, 1944, to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

Your expression of interest and good wishes in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Miss Hetty H. Richard,
1060 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

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Respectfully referred to the
War Refugee Board for attention
and such acknowledgment as may be
deemed appropriate.

Attention: Mr. Pehle.

M. C. LATTA
Executive Clerk

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WASHINGTON
AMERICAN HOUSE

Handwritten:
P. 2-2-44
Mr. P. H. Richard

1060 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Memorandum 2-4769

February 6 1944

Dear Mr President,

I want to congratulate you and thank you, for the forming of the refugee board it was a very timely and important move, as the failure of the Bermuda conference had left a very unhappy and uneasy impression.

It is now very important to secure the best leadership for this board, a man of outstanding qualities, for the forming of this committee ^{personnel} has met with universal favor, as I see it. Personally I thank you for taking this constructive step in the midst of your terribly strenuous and crushing responsibilities.

Yours Sincerely,

Handwritten signature: Kelly H. Richard

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In reply please
refer to: 43

FEB 11 1944

Dear Miss Richard:

Your letter of February 6, 1944, to Mr. Morgenthau concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

Your interest in the President's new program to help the persecuted minorities of Europe is greatly appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Miss Hetty H. Richard,
1060 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

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The Hon Henry Morgenthau
Secretary of the Treasury

Dear Mr Morgenthau,

I want to congratulate you and thank you for the forming of the refugee board, it was a very timely and important move, as the failure of the Bermuda conference had left a very unhappy and uneasy impression. It is now very important to secure for this board, the best leadership, a man of outstanding qualities, for the forming of this board has met with universal favor, as I see it.

Personally, I thank you for taking ^{part in} this constructive step in the midst of your terribly strenuous and crushing responsibilities.

Yours Sincerely,

Henry H. Richard.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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To the Hon, Cordell Hull
Secretary of State
Dear Mr Hull,

I am so thankful to hear of the forming of the refugee board, it was a very timely and important move, as the failure of the Bermuda conference had left a very unhappy and uneasy impression. It is now very important to secure for this board, a man of outstanding qualities for the forming of this committee has met with universal favor, as I see it. Personally, I thank you for taking this constructive step, in the midst of your terribly strenuous and crushing responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

Wiley H. Richard

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IAN 31 1944

Dear Mr. Rickman:

I have received your letter of January 26, 1944, notifying me of the resolution recently adopted by your Congregation with respect to the President's recent action in creating the War Refugee Board.

I appreciate having this resolution called to my attention. I am certain that the War Refugee Board will do everything in its power to rescue the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. Morgenthau, Jr

Mr. Henry E. Rickman,
Secretary,
Congregation Berith Sholom,
167 Third Street,
Troy, N. Y.

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Congregation Berith Shalom

167 Third Street
Troy, New YorkHENRY E. RICKMAN
Secretary
360 Sixth Ave., North
Troy, N. Y.

January 26, 1944

The Honorable Henry Morgenthau
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The members of Congregation Berith Shalom of Troy, New York, at their 77th Annual Meeting, held on January 23rd, adopted the following resolution which they have requested that I respectfully transmit to you:

"We wish to commend the action of our President in setting up a War Refugee Board, and we hope that it will energetically and successfully pursue its task of rescuing from Nazi extermination as many as possible of the persecuted minorities of Europe.

Respectfully yours



Secretary

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Robbins:

Your letter of February 11, 1944, to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. J. T. Robbins,
Chairman,
Arion Lodge No. 342,
Knights of Pythias,
39 Graham Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 15, 1944

Respectfully referred to the
Secretary of the Treasury for such
acknowledgment as may be deemed appro-
priate.

Attention: Mr. John W. Pehle.

M. G. LATTA
Executive Clerk

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February 11, 1944.

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
White House, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Arion Lodge No. 342 Knights of Pythias,
pauses, for a moment, from its own intensive war work, to
congratulate you upon your appointment of a War Refugee Board.
We know that this appointment was one of pride and fulfillment.

Our membership of 300 business, pro-
fessional and work men, of all political shades and opinions,
have always found in you a true humanitarian. Many of us are
familiar with your entire public life and realize how happy you
must be at the opportunity of saving the persecuted and the
refugees.

Some of Arions members were present
at your induction into the Pythian ranks at the White House.
It was an event which cemented a bond of friendship of which
every Pythian is proud.

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Sincerely and fraternally
J. T. Robbins
J. T. Robbins, Chairman
Dr. Louis D. Gross, Co-chairman
War and Forum Committee.

Address all communications,
39 Graham Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y. ✓

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FEB 8 1944

Dear Mr. Rosenheim:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Your offer of service and help to the Board is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Jacob Rosenheim,
President,
Agudas Israel World Organization,
226 West 97th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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THE PRESIDENT

WHITE HOUSE WASHN DC

IN THE NAME OF MY ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING ORTHODOX NONZIONIST
JEWRY ALL OVER THE WORLD I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE
FOR THE CREATION OF THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD STOP MAY THE ALMIGHTY
BLESS THE WORK OF THE BOARD GRANTING TO ITS LEADERS WISDOM AND
BOLDNESS TO SAVE IN THE LAST MOMENT THE REMNANT OF JEWRY IN
OCCUPIED EUROPE FROM THE ENEMIES DRAWN MURDERING SWORD. STOP
OUR HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON AND OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN NEUTRAL
COUNTRIES ARE ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE WITH ALL POSSIBLE MEANS

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IN ANY KIND OF DESIRABLE ASSISTANCE
JACOB ROSENHEIM PRESIDENT AGUDAS ISRAEL WORLD
ORGANIZATION 226 WEST 97TH STREET NYC.

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FEB 16 1944

Dear Mr. Sachs:

Your letter to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. M. Bertram Sachs,
Oheb Zedeck Congregation,
Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1944

Respectfully referred to the
Secretary of the Treasury for such
acknowledgment as may be deemed ap-
propriate.

Attention: Mr. John W. Pehle

M. C. LATTA
Executive Clerk

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Treas.
Mr. Sacks

Gheb Zedek Congregation

Pottsville, Pa.

Jacob Hochman, Rabbi

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President of United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Jewish community
of Pottsville, I want to express our
deepest appreciation for the establishment
of an effective agency to rescue Jews
and other oppressed people from Nazi
terror.

Sincerely yours
M. Bertram Sacks

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FEB 6 1944

Dear Mr. Saltzman:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Your offer of service and help to the Board is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. R. Saltzman,
National Secretary,
Jewish American Section,
International Workers Order,
80 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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The United States
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PRES. FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT
WHITE HOUSE WASHN DC

IN THE NAME OF 43,000 MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH AMERICAN SECTION
INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER WE GREET YOUR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
WAR REFUGEE BOARD. OUR ORGANIZATION JOINS WITH THE ENTIRE JEWISH AMERICAN
COMMUNITY AND THE ENTIRE NATION IN AHILING YOUR ACT AS AN IMPORTANT
CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHT AGAINST FASCIST BARBARISM. *

EVERY VICTIM SAVED FROM THE HANDS OF THE FASCISTS MURDERERS WILL

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WILL BE A LIVING TESTIMONY OF DEMOCRATIC AND HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS. WE KNOW HOWEVER THAT ONLY COMPLETE VICTORY OF OUR
ARMIES IN THE FIELD OF BATTLE CAN INSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL THE
SUFFERING PEOPLES IN OCCUPIED EUROPE AND WE PLEDGE TO YOU THAT WE
WILL DO IN OUR POWER TO GUARANTEE THE FULL SUPPORT OF OUR JEWISH
AMERICAN COMMUNITIES BEHIND EVERY HOME FRONT MEASURE THAT WILL AID
THE COMPLETE SUCCESS OF OUR ARMIES

JEWISH AMERICAN SECTION INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER R SALTZMAN
NATIONAL SECRETARY.

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FEB 7 1944

Dear Rabbi Schneersohn:

Your letter to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Rabbi Joseph I. Schneersohn,
President,
Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch,
770 Eastern Parkway,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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הרב ח. מ. א. חלקוב
סוכר דרשי:
הרב ניסן י. מינדל

By the Grace of God
3rd of Shevat, 5704
January 28th, 1944.

HONORABLE FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO EXTEND TO YOU, ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR BIRTHDAY, MY GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE JEWISH CHILDREN UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION, THE MERKOS L'IN-YONEI CHINUCH.

IN THESE CRUCIAL DAYS FOR THIS OUR BELOVED COUNTRY, FOR THE STRICKEN AND TORTURED JEWISH PEOPLE, AND FOR THE WORLD AT LARGE, OUR JEWISH CHILDREN PRAY TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD THAT HE GUIDE YOU ARIGHT AND GRANT YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR NOBLE EFFORTS TO UPROOT THE EVIL FORCES THREATENING HUMANITY, AND BRING RELIEF AND PEACE, IN BODY AND SOUL, TO THE VICTIMS OF THE PRESENT WORLD CONFLAGRATION.

WE NOTE WITH GRATIFICATION THAT THE FLIGHT OF OUR POOR, INNOCENT JEWISH BRETHREN AND THE HORROR OF THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN, FACING THE BRUTAL AND SAVAGE NAZI EX-TERMINATION SQUADS, HAVE FOUND AN ECHO IN YOUR NOBLE HEART, AND THAT YOU ARE DETERMINED TO EXTEND THEM A HELPING AND RESCUING HAND THROUGH THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD YOU HAVE RE-CENTLY SET UP.

OUR HEARTS GO OUT IN PRAYER TO GOD ALMIGHTY THAT HE BLESS WITH SUCCESS ALL YOUR NOBLE AND HUMANE ENDEAVORS, AND GRANT YOU, MRS. ROOSEVELT AND YOUR CHILDREN, GOOD HEALTH, LONG LIFE AND TRUE HAPPINESS.

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,
Joseph I. Schneerson
RABBI JOSEPH I. SCHNEERSOHN,
PRESIDENT.

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FEB 8 1944

Dear Mr. Segal:

Your letter to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Your offer of service and help to the Board is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Louis Segal,
General Secretary,
Jewish National Workers'
Alliance,
45 East 17th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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Attention: Mr. John W. Pehle.

M. C. LATTA
Executive Clerk

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Jewish National Workers' Alliance



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January 26, 1944

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
 President of the United States
 The White House
 Washington, D. C.

Dear President Roosevelt,

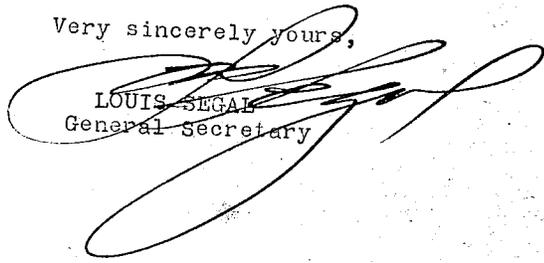
I am indeed glad to inform you that at the last meeting of the General Executive Committee of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance, a fraternal educational order representing 20,000 members in over one hundred communities in the United States, a resolution was unanimously adopted to express to you our profound gratitude and deepest appreciation for the Executive Order recently issued by you to establish a War Refugee Board, which is to undertake immediate action to rescue the potential victims from Nazi tyranny.

Your action will be a source of joy to millions in this country and the world over who are seeking for a long time help for those unfortunates who are doomed to annihilation by the Hitler murderers.

Our organization stands ready to cooperate with the War Refugee Board in every possible direction, should such cooperation be sought by them.

With the hope for a speedy victory over the dark forces, I am

Very sincerely yours,



LOUIS SEGAL
 General Secretary

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Rabbi Eliezer Silver,
President,
Agudas Israel of America,
1123 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

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PRESIDENT

WHITE HOUSE WASHN DC

ORTHODOX JEWRY OF AMERICA EXPRESSES OUR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR MOST
IMPORTANT STEP TO SAVE THE REMNANT OF OUR UNFORTUNATE BRETHREN
IN EUROPE BY CREATING A REFUGEE BOARD STOP MAY THE ALMIGHTY
BLESS ALL YOUR UNDERTAKINGS FOR THE LIBERATION OF MANKIND AND
A SPEEDY COMPLETE VICTORY

AGUDAS ISRAEL OF AMERICA RABBI ELIEZER SLVER
PRESIDENT.

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In reply please
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MAR 3 1944

Dear Miss Solomon:

Your letter of February 21, 1944, to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest which you have expressed in this undertaking is appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Miss Reva T. Solomon,

New London, Connecticut.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 25, 1944

Respectfully referred to the
War Refugee Board for appropriate
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Attention: Mr. John W. Pehle.

M. C. LATTA
Executive Clerk

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NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT ✓

President Roosevelt

Dear Sir:-

I should like to express my
deep gratification upon hearing of
your establishment of the "War Refugee Board"
since I believe that humanity and justice
call for the maintenance of the open
door to Palestine for the tortured remnants
of European Jewry. May I urge you to
call upon the British Government to
abrogate the white paper due to go into
effect on March 31st.

Respectfully yours
Mrs. Reva T. Solomon

Feb. 21-1944

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FEB 7 1944

Dear Mr. Teitelbaum:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Emanuel Teitelbaum,
President,
Johnstown Jewish Community
Council,
Johnstown, Pa.

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THE PRESIDENT

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JOHNSTOWN JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTING ALL RELIGIOUS
 CULTURAL AND SOCIAL AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN GREATER
 JOHNSTOWN AREA EXTENDS EXPRESSIONS OF HEARTFELT GRATITUDE
 AND APPRECIATION FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMISSION
 TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM OF IMMEDIATE RESCUE OF PERSECUTED
 MINORITIES INCLUDING JEWS FROM NAZI OPPRESSION. IT IS OUR
 FERVENT PRAYER THAT YOU WILL USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO HELP
 THOSE JEWS WHO SO DESIRE IT TO REACH PALESTINE THAT THEY MAY

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MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR HISTORIC HOME IN THE SPIRIT OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS MANDATE OF PALESTINE AND ATLANTIC CHARTER STOP THE APPOINTMENT OF THIS HISTORIC COMMISSION IS A GREAT HEARTED STOP IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT AND HIGH IDEALS TO AMERICANISM

EMANUEL TEITELBAUM PRESIDENT JOHNSTOWN JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

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Gentlemen:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Union of Orthodox Rabbis of
America,
132 Nassau Street,
New York, N. Y.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC

IT IS WITH GREAT JOY AND SATISFACTION THAT WE HEARD ABOUT YOUR HUMANITARIAN ACT TO APPOINT SPECIAL BOARD TO DEAL WITH RESCUE OF JEWISH PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING EXTERMINATED BY THE GODLESS ENEMY. THE FACT THAT YOU APPOINTED SUCH IMPORTANT LEADERS OF THIS NATION AS SECRETARIES HULL MORGENTHAU AND STIMSON PROVES WHAT GREAT AND IMPORTANT SIGNIFICANCE YOU ATTACH TO THE TASK OF THE BOARD.

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CERTAINLY A NEW LIGHT OF HOPE IS BORN. WE PRAY TO THE ALMIGHTY TO
BLESS YOU IN ALL YOUR EFFORTS FOR OUR BELOVED COUNTRY AND FOR THE
OPPRESSED. MAY THE GLORIOUS AMERICAN TRADITION TO HELP THE
PERSECUTED BY THE TORCH WHICH WILL LIGHT THE DARKNESS SURROUNDING
MILLIONS OF INNOCENT VICTIMS OF NAZI BARBARISM IN EUROPE

UNION OF ORTHODOX RABBIS OF AMERICA RABBIS ROSENBERG SILVER
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Gentlemen:

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

United Sons of Israel,
148 Delancey Street,
New York, N. Y.

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PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT
WHITEHOUSE

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE UNITED SONS OF ISRAEL MAIN
OFFICE 148 DELANCEY STREET NEW YORK CITY WISH TO EXPRESS
THEIR PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR YOUR TIMELY AND HUMANITARIAN
ACTION IN ESTABLISHING A WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR THE RESCUE OF
PERSECUTED MINORITIES AND THE SURVIVING JEWS OF EUROPE FROM
EXTERMINATION AT THE HANDS OF THE NAZIS. THE APPOINTMENT OF
THE SECRETARIES OF STATE TREASURY AND WAR TO THE MEMBERSHIP
ON THIS BOARD ASSURES US OF IMMEDIATE AND SUCCESSFUL ACTION

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IN COLLABORATION WITH NEUTRAL AND ALLIED NATIONS TO CARRY OUT
THE PURPOSE OF YOUR DECISION. WE REJOICE IN THIS FORWARD
STEP TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING OF OUR PEOPLE AND WE PRAY TO
THE ALMIGHTY TO STRENGTHEN YOUR HANDS SO THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE
TO CARRY ON IN BEHALF OF HUMANITY AND TO HASTEN THE HOUR OF
VICTORY FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND PERMANENT PEACE FOR ALL
MANKIND VERY TRULY YOURS

UNITED SONS OF ISRAEL INC REV JULIUS ROSEN PRESIDENT
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Dear Dr. Von Weisl:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Dr. Von Weisl,
Chairman,
New Zionist Organization,
Tel-Aviv, Palestine.

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MOST SINCERE APPRECIATION ON OCCASION OF ESTABLISHMENT WAR REFUGEE
BOARD STOP EXPECT URGENT CONCRETE MEASURES BE TAKEN FOR RESCUE OF JEWS
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NEW ZIONIST ORGANISATION PALESTINE DR VON WEISL CHAIRMAN ARAZI
POLITICAL SECRETARY

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FEB 8 1944

Dear Mr. Winter:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

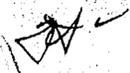
Your offer of service and help to the Board is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Benjamin Winter,
President,
American Federation for Polish Jews,
225 West 34th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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The White House
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PRESIDENT

WHITE HOUSE WASHN DC

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION FOR POLISH JEWS EXPRESSES TO YOU ITS
PROFONDEST APPRECIATION AND THANKFULNESS FOR APPOINTING A
WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO TAKE ACTION FOR IMMEDIATE RESCUE OF THE
VICTIMS OF NAZI SAVAGERY AS A NATIONAL AMERICAN ORGANIZATION
WHICH FOR 35 YEARS HAS BEEN ACTING ON BEHALF OF POLISH JEWRY WE
FEEL THAT YOUR HUMANITARIAN ACT WILL SAVE MANY THOUSANDS OF OUR
BRETHREN THE POLISH JEWS WHO HAVE SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF THE
NAZI BARBARIANS. MORE THAN ANY OTHER PEOPLE APPRECIATING THIS

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ACT OF GENEROSITY WHICH REFLECTS YOUR NOBLE CHARACTER AS THE
LEADER OF WORLD DEMOCRACIES WE OFFER WILLINGLY OUR SERVICES
AND UTMOST COOPERATION WITH THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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MAR 3 1944

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of the Jewish citizens of St. Louis in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Dr. Alex S. Wolf,
Chairman,
Public Relations,
United Hebrew Temple,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
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Dear Mr. Goodman:

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Very truly yours,



J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Dr. Wolf - Alex S. Wolf
Mr. I. R. Goodman, *Chairman*
United Hebrew Temple, *Public Relations*
St. Louis, Mo.

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Dear Mr. Goodman:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of the Jewish citizens of St. Louis in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. I. R. Goodman,
United Hebrew Temple,
St. Louis, Mo.

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HON. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHITE HOUSE
AT THE MASS MEETING OF JEWISH CITIZENS OF SAINT LOUIS HELD
TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 25, 1944, AT THE UNITED HEBREW TEMPLE
A RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED AND ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION AND
RISING TO EXPRESS TO OUR BELOVED PRESIDENT THE HEARTY
APPRECIATION AND UNDYING GRATITUDE OF THIS JEWISH
COMMUNITY FOR HIS GREAT GENEROUS HUMANITARIAN ACT IN
APPOINTING SPECIAL BOARD OF THREE CABINET MEMBERS
RESPONSIBLE TO HIM PERSONALLY TO ACCORD MORAL SUCCOR AND

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INSTITUTE STEPS FOR PHYSICAL RESCUE OF THE HELPLESS
VICTIMS OF ALL RACES AND CREEDS THAT FELL PREY TO NAZI
TERRORISTIC PERSECUTIONS, THE WORST SUFFERERS AMONG THEM
BEING THE JEWS IN ALL COUNTRIES OCCUPIED BY THE FORCES
OF THE ANTI-CHRIST OF BERLIN THE UNDERSIGNED WERE CHARGED
WITH BRINGING THIS MANIFESTATION OF OUR AFFECTION TO THE
NOTICE OF THE PRESIDENT. RESPECTFULLY

I R GOODMAN CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING
DR ALEX S WOLF CHAIRMAN PUBLIC RELATION.

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Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Charles S. Zimmerman,
Secretary-Manager,
Dressmakers Union Local 22 ILGWU,
218 West 40th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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HON FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT PRESIDENT

WHITE HOUSE WASHN DC

MAY I CONVEY TO YOU THE HEARTFELT THANKS OF THE 26000 MEMBERS OF OUR ORGANIZATION FOR YOUR ACTION LAST WEEK IN SETTING UP A WAR REFUGEE BOARD. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS STEP WILL PROVE A VERY IMPORTANT MOVE TOWARDS SAVING THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS OF NAZI PERSECUTION IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY, THE JEWS WHO ARE NOW THREATENED WITH EXTERMINATION BY THE NAZIS. NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND HAS A PEOPLE BEEN SUBJECTED TO SUCH BRUTAL AND INHUMAN TORTURE AS HAVE THE JEWS IN EUROPE IN THE PAST FIVE

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YEARS. THEIR PLIGHT IS A CHALLENGE TO THE CONSCIENCE OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD. THEY ARE LOOKING TO US AND TO THE OTHER UNITED NATIONS BESEECHINGLY TO SAVE THEM FROM UTTER ANNIHILATION. YOUR ACTION OFFERS THE ASSURANCE THAT SOMETHING WILL BE DONE AT LAST TO RESCUE THESE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE AND AFFORD THEM A REFUGE IN THEIR HOPELESSNESS AND DESPAIR. PERMIT ME AGAIN TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AND THE HOPE THAT YOUR ACTION MAY LEAD TO A TRULY EFFECTIVE PROGRAM ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE.

CHARLES S. ZIMMERMAN SECRETARY MANAGER DRESSMAKERS
UNION LOCAL 22 ILGWU.

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Zucker:

Your telegram to President Roosevelt concerning
the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's
new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe
is greatly appreciated. I assure you that everything in our
power will be done to see that effective action is taken to
carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims
of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Frank Zucker,
Secretary,
First Krasner S and B Society,
1638 Pitkin Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

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Attention: Mr. Pehle.

M. C. LATTA
Executive Clerk

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HON FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

WHITE HOUSE WASHN DC

THE 263 MEMBERS OF THE FIRST KRASNER S AND B SOCIETY OF
1638 PITKIN AVE BROOKLYN NY DESIRE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF
EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND DEEP GRATITUDE FOR
YOUR SPLENDID EFFORTS IN BEHALF OF AND THE FORMATION OF THE
WAR REFUGEE COMMITTEE.

BY FRANK ZUCKER SECY.

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