

ZIONIST SOCIALIST PARTY OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 20, 1944, concerning the plight of the Jews in Europe and quoting a resolution adopted at a recent conference of the Zionist Socialist Party of South Africa.

All practicable measures to protect the Jews in Europe have been and are being taken by this Government in cooperation with other governments and with private refugee organizations. Every suggestion from whatever source concerning the rescue and relief of Jewish refugees has received careful and sympathetic consideration, and in every instance in which it would be practicable to do so these suggestions have been put into practice. With particular reference to the situation of the Jews in Hungary, there is enclosed a copy of the joint statement recently issued by the Governments of the United States and Great Britain.

While these measures have met with only small success, primarily because of the refusal of German authorities to permit the voluntary emigration of Jews from territories under their control, please be assured that we are doing and will continue to do everything in our power to save as many of these people as possible.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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20th July, 1944.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am directed by my Central Committee to bring to the notice of your Executive the following Resolution passed by the Third Biennial Conference of the Zionist Socialist Party of South Africa, held at JOHANNESBURG during the period 8th to 10th July, 1944: -

"This Conference expresses its bitter disappointment at the inadequate measures adopted by the United Nations to provide practical means of rescue for European Jewry. It declares that this failure is in breach of solemn assurances given throughout the war. It records that by the gates of Erez Israel being illegally closed, thousands of lives were lost that could have been saved. It further records that considerable measures for rescue are still practicable, and calls upon the United Nations to provide means for rescue, sanctuaries for the refugees and opening the doors of Erez Israel, to the thousands which it is willing and able to absorb".

I am further instructed to point out that since our Conference has been held, it appears that certain steps in this Direction have been taken.

My Executive expresses the hope that these steps will be accelerated so as to save as many lives as possible.

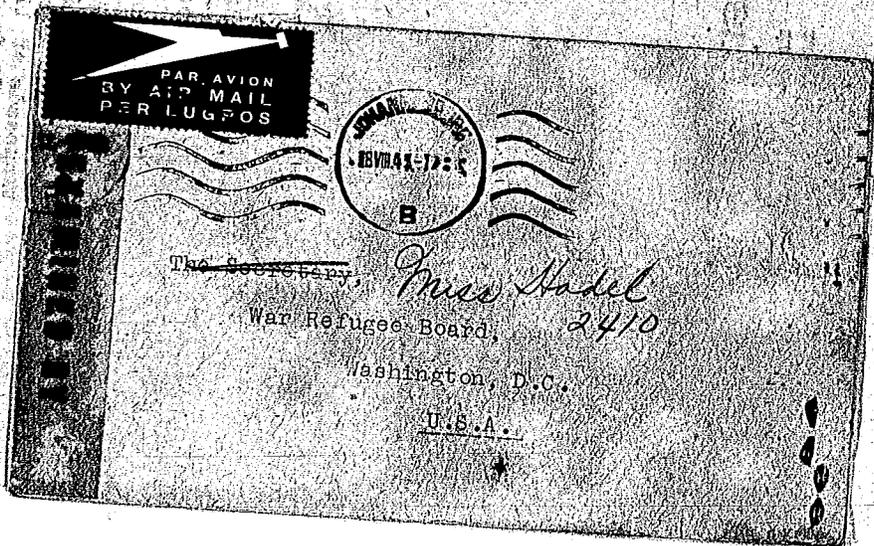
With Zionist Socialist Greetings,

Yours sincerely,

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