

Policy Matters: Board's Position Concerning Relief to Refugees
in Liberated Areas

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The following for McClelland from War Refugee Board is

WRB 521.

Reference your no. 2560 of May 1, 1945.

The Executive Order establishing the War Refugee Board

strictly limits Board's activities to rescue and relief of victims of enemy oppression in enemy-occupied territory.

Accordingly, relief and assistance of refugees liberated from the Germans are not (repeat not) within Board's jurisdiction.

In view of foregoing, all shipments of WRB parcels should cease. You are requested to take stock of all WRB parcels still in Switzerland and report figures and location to Board. Instructions concerning disposition of these parcels and other WRB property in Switzerland will follow.

Requests received by you concerning relief and assistance of refugees liberated from the Germans should be referred to UNHRA, the appropriate military authorities, the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, private refugee organizations or other national or international groups which are authorized to deal with matters of this nature.

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By E.H. Parks Date SEP 13 1972

-2- #1763, May 10, 4 p.m. to Bern

You should begin now to wind up all Board activities in Switzerland and prepare final reports. Board would appreciate knowing how long this will take.

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September 12, 1944
8 p.m.

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War Refugee Board

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The following is for Office from War Refugee Board as its 47. Reference your 272 of September 8, 1944.

Relief to refugees in areas liberated from the Germans not within jurisdiction of War Refugee Board. American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is arranging for assistance through Switzerland to Polish-hungarian refugees in Bucharest referred to in your cable.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 13 1972

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CABLE TO OFFICE, CASERTA, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Reference your 272 of September 3, 1944,

Relief to refugees in areas liberated from the Germans not within jurisdiction of War Refugee Board, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is arranging for assistance through Switzerland to Polish-Hungarian refugees in Bucharest referred to in your cable. Suggest CBS representative Bucharest consult with William Filderman Bucharest concerning aid to these refugees.

THIS IS WRB CABLE NO. 47

2:25 p.m.
September 8, 1944

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 Circular
 The following cable no. 106 is for Hirschmann.

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 September 7, 1944
 6 p.m.

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Several requests have already been received by the War Refugee Board for financial assistance in the relief of refugees in areas liberated by the Allied military forces.

For your information and guidance War Refugee Board activities are to be strictly limited to the rescue and relief of the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, that is, who are still in enemy-occupied territory. Refugee problems in liberated areas are not (repeat not) regarded as being within the Board's functions. Accordingly, if you receive requests limited to the relief and assistance of refugees in areas liberated from the Germans, you should refer such problems to UNRRA, the appropriate military authorities, the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, private refugee organizations, or other national or international groups which are authorized to deal with matters of this nature.

The foregoing shall not be construed to limit the activities of the Board dealing with arrangements for the removal of refugees in liberated areas whose presence serves

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 By R. H. Parks Date SEP 13 1972

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Circular, September 7, 6 pmZ - to Ankara.
to discourage and prevent the rescue of additional refugees
from enemy-occupied areas.

This message has been repeated to the other WRB
Special Representative abroad.

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CODE ROOM: Please repeat, using following opening sentences,
to the missions below.
Stockholm - The following WRB cable is for Olsen.
Lisbon - The following WRB cable is for Dexter.
Caserta - The following WRB cable is for Ackermann.

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CABLE FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO AMBASSADOR STEINHART FOR NIESSEMAN,
ANKARA, TURKEY

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The foregoing shall not be construed to limit the activities of the Board dealing with arrangements for the removal of refugees in liberated areas whose presence serves to discourage and prevent the rescue of additional refugees from enemy-occupied areas.

Repeat this message to the following WRB Special Representatives: Ackermann, Italy; McClelland, Bern, Switzerland; Olson, Stockholm, Sweden; and Dexter, Lisbon, Portugal; Mann, London, England.

THIS IS WRB ANKARA CABLE NO. 106

4:45 p.m.
September 6, 1944

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Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman,
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FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: September 7, 1944
NUMBER: 3094

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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO MCCLELLAND

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and prevent the rescue of additional refugees from enemy-occupied areas.

Other WRB Special Representatives abroad are receiving this message.

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Caserta *Italy*
Dated September 3, 1944
Rec'd 1 a.m., 4th

Secretary of State

Washington

272, September 3, 9 p.m.

FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD

In absence of Ackermann who left this morning on a trip to Northern Italy and Southern France and will be out of touch with us for four or five days, I am telegraphing you urgently to inform you of a situation which perhaps should receive your immediate attention.

A report has just been received at AFHQ from an American member of OSS now in Rumania to the effect that there are several hundred refugees from Poland and Hungary in Bucharest who are in dire straits and need immediate assistance. OSS report requested this office to communicate this information immediately to Ackermann with recommendation that \$5000 should be sent at once to Bucharest for alleviating the tragic situation of these unfortunates. At my suggestion Colonel Early of OSS office at AFHQ is sending 5000 yellow seal dollars with another OSS representative who is flying to Bucharest tomorrow morning with

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-2- #272, September 3, '9 p.m. from Caserta
instructions to hold this money and not disburse it
until authorization is received from him.

Please telegraph what decision you wish me
to communicate to Colonel Early.

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