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With particular reference to Palestine, you will recognize that this question involves complicated political considerations.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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Executive Director

Honorable Sol Bloom,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

*Original signed by
Mr. Pehle*

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Congress of the United States
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington
August 31, 1944.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

At the suggestion of the State Department, I am sending you herewith for any comment you may wish to make, copies of H. Res. 622, 623, 624, and 625, relating to the rescue of Jews from Hungary and the establishment in Palestine of emergency shelter.

Sincerely yours,

Sol Bloom

Mr. John W. Pehle, Director
War Refugee Board,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

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78TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 622

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 24, 1944

Mr. SOMERS of New York submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Government of Hungary has specifically expressed its readiness to release those Jews who could enter Palestine, which is easily accessible from Balkan countries by land route and calls for little or no shipping space, and whose six hundred thousand Hebrews are clamoring for an opportunity to shelter and feed their tormented kin; and

Whereas the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States have accepted the proposal of the Hungarian Government made on July 17, 1944, to the International Committee of the Red Cross for the release of Jews, and have officially and publicly stated that they "will find temporary havens of rescue where such people may live in safety": Now, therefore, be it

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79th CONGRESS
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3 lishment of mass emergency rescue shelters in the mandated
4 territory of Palestine, similar to the emergency shelter at
5 Oswego, New York, so that the Hebrews of Europe may
6 find there haven from the ordeals of persecution.

79th CONGRESS
2d Session
H. RES. 622

RESOLUTION

That the Congress recommend and urge the President and the Secretary of State to use their offices in effecting the establishment of emergency shelter in Palestine for persecuted Jews of Europe.

By Mr. SOXENIS of New York

Approved August 24, 1944
Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

78TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 623

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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2d Session
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78TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 624

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 24, 1944

Mr. SCOTT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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79TH CONGRESS
2d Session
H. RES. 624

RESOLUTION

That the Congress recommend and urge the President and the Secretary of State to use their offices in effecting the establishment of emergency shelter in Palestine for persecuted Jews of Europe.

By Mr. SCOTT

Approved August 24, 1944
Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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78TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 625

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 24, 1944

Mr. BALDWIN of New York submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

78TH CONGRESS
2d Session
H. RES. 625

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By Mr. BALDWIN of New York

ADOPTED August 24, 1944
Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Bern

TO: Secretary of State, Washington

DATED: July 10, 1944

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The following message refers to the Department's June 28 circular cable concerning resolution regarding refugees in Europe by the House of Representatives.

On June 29 the text of this resolution was communicated to the Government of Switzerland. The Swiss press published the resolution widely. A copy for possible transmission to Hungary was furnished to a leading Hungarian.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 14 1972**

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CIRCULAR, TWENTY-EIGHTH.

The cable below is from War Refugee Board.

The following is the text of a resolution which was unanimously approved today by the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives:

QUOTE Resolved, That the House of Representatives hereby expresses its deep concern over the plight of the threatened millions in Nazi-occupied and Nazi-dominated territories. The House of Representatives expresses its approval of the activities of the War Refugee Board, which is facilitating the actual rescue of persons so exposed, furnishing relief to such persons by making available food and other supplies, and attempting to influence through psychological and other measures the attitudes of both the leaders and rank and file populations in those territories where extermination of minority groups is imminent, and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives is not content merely to join with those who have expressed their horror at the barbarism of the governments involved in the cruelties herein condemned, but hereby expresses its determination that the criminals who are guilty of this inhuman conduct shall be brought to justice, and hereby requests the Secretary of State to convey, through such means as he may find appropriate, this concern and determination of the House of Representatives. This concern and determination, while addressed to all Nazi-controlled territories, is particularly directed to Hungary, where the lives of a million Jews hang in the balance. At this historic moment, when the tide of military battle has turned decisively in favor of the United Nations, the House of Representatives of the United States of America calls upon the Nazis and all their satellites to stem the tide of inhumanity toward helpless peoples UNQUOTE.

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You are requested to convey the contents of this resolution to the appropriate authorities and to use all possible means to give the resolution the widest possible publicity, particularly in Europe. The cooperation of OWI should be solicited.

In addition, through such channels as may be available to you, this action of the House of Representatives should be brought to the attention of the Hungarian Government.

Sent to London

Repeated to Ankara, Madrid, Lisbon, Stockholm and Bern.

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CODE ROOM: Please repeat to Ankara, Madrid, Lisbon, Stockholm and Bern.
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78TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 610

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 1944

Mr. BLOOM submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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3 millions in Nazi-occupied and Nazi-dominated territories.
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78TH CONGRESS
2d Session

H. RES. 610

RESOLUTION

Protesting the extermination by the Nazis of
minorities in Hungary and other Nazi-con-
trolled territories.

By Mr. Bloom

JUNE 22, 1944

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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78TH CONGRESS } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES { REPORT
2d Session } { No. 1742

PROTESTING THE EXTERMINATION BY THE NAZIS OF
MINORITIES IN HUNGARY AND OTHER NAZI-CON-
TROLLED TERRITORIES

JUNE 23, 1944.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. BLOOM, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 610]

The Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 610) protesting the extermination by the Nazis of minorities in Hungary and other Nazi-controlled territories, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the resolution as amended do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Page 1, line 6, strike out the semicolon and the words "and the" and insert a comma after the word "exposed".

Page 1, line 7, strike out the word "of".

Page 1, line 8, strike out the word "is".

The resolution is as follows (the deleted wording is shown within black brackets):

[H. Res. 610, 78th Cong., 2d sess.]

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2 PROTESTING EXTERMINATION OF MINORITIES BY NAZIS

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