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REFUGEES REACH BASLE

**320 From Hungarian Capital
Will Be Placed in Camps**

By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BERNE, Switzerland, Aug. 21.—The Swiss Telegraph Agency announced today that the first contingent of Hungarian Jews exported under the new Red Cross convention from Budapest arrived in Basle late this afternoon.

The contingent consisted of 320 men, women and children from Budapest and its suburbs. They will be interned in a refugee camp here.

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Mr. John Peale
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are being deluged with questions from many people who have relatives in Hungary. Everybody wants to help, especially after reading the official statement sent to Hungary via the Red Cross that the British and United States governments are prepared to give asylum to the Hungarian Jews.

There are a lot of false rumors being spread about this question and many people are being taken in by them. Affidavits are being prepared and money collected for travelling expenses etc. To avoid further unnecessary misunderstandings, we would be obliged if you would send us the correct information about this matter.

If there is any way in which we can be of service we shall gladly do so. We want to do our utmost to help in this very humane work of aiding the Hungarian Jews to escape from the Nazi devils!

Anticipating your early reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Gentlemen:

In reference to the article which appeared in the New York Times on August 22nd, announcing that a contingent of 320 men, women, and children from Budapest had arrived in Basle, we would be very much obliged if you could give us a list of the names of these people. We would be glad to defray any expenses incurred in obtaining the list.

We are very anxious to know the names of these refugees because we are being deluged with questions from people who have relatives in Hungary. If the names of these 320 people were published they would be able to receive direct support from their relatives and friends, thus making your work easier.

If you are unable to obtain the desired list, would you be kind enough to advise us or further to take?

Anticipating your early reply,

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