



RESCUED children are shown in France with Isaac Sternbuch (rear, right-center), chief agent in Switzerland for Vaad Hatzalah. The women in the photo is believed to be Mrs. Sternbuch, who risked her life by going right into Germany to bargain for refugees' lives.

My dear Rabbi Kalmansonite:  
I am sure you will be happy to know that the War Refugee Board representative in Bern has just advised the Board that 200 Hungarian Jews transferred to Camp Bergen-Belsen, arrived in Switzerland on August 21 and that 200 more are due to arrive in Switzerland in the next few days. These people are principally from Budapest and Katowice and are a mixed group of both sexes ranging from two to eight-plus years. Mr. McCalland further

### Messages Of Mercy

Above and at right are excerpts from two official documents indicating happiness over the liberation of more than 1,700 persons. In one letter, John W. Pehle, executive director of War Refugee Board, reveals safe arrival of the first 320 refugees from infamous Camp Bergen-Belsen. Second letter hails the "tremendous humanitarian" undertaking.

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Dear Rabbi Kalmansonite:  
I have received your letter of December 11, 1944, in which you express your joy over the news of the safe arrival in Switzerland of 135 Jews from Bergen-Belsen. Some of this kind brings hope to all of us who are working unrelentingly to save the oppressed Jews remaining in enemy territory.  
The tremendous humanitarian undertaking assigned to the War Refugee Board has been fraught with many obstacles and disappointments but the fact that thousands of lives have been saved through its efforts and those of private organizations such as the Vaad Hatzalah Emergency Committee has brought hope to the unfortunate people in Europe and encouragement to those who continue to work for their rescue and relief. Your Committee is so commended for the contribution it has made to this great life-saving project.  
Very truly yours,  
John W. Pehle  
Executive Director