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**SAVED.** Children snatched from the grasp of the Nazis pose at their haven in France. Their parents either disappeared in death camps or were slain outright. American and European relief agents are now trying to help the youngsters reconstruct their lives.

### The Demand That Damns

Himmler's demand for \$5,000,000 (20,000,000 Swiss francs) for 300,000 lives is mentioned in this cable, from the files of the underground. Message from Berne, Switzerland, to Vaad Hatzala started the wheels turning for "redemption" of Nazi victims.

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Cable from Bern November 21, 1944

After finishing negotiations with Himmler our delegate informed us about the possibility to evacuate 300,000 Jews for the amount of 20,000,000 Swiss francs to neutral states. Such evacuations could be accomplished in groups of 15,000 persons monthly, the money has to be deposited in a Swiss Bank in proportionate notes of 1,000,000 Swiss francs after arranging the evacuation of each group.

On principle we have accepted this proposition. Our delegate is a very influential and important personality.

We confirm you by cable for immediate decisions exclusively addressed to us for utilizing perhaps this only chance for rescue of a great number of Jews. In this moment we need only your cable agreement through the American Embassy, afterwards we send immediately our delegate to Berlin. Further cables we beg to dispatch hitherto by usual way.

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