

Arrival in Scandinavia



Former prisoners liberated from German concentration camps arriving in Denmark on 20 April 1945.
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Danes greeting liberated concentration camp prisoners in April 1945.
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A nurse, probably a member of "Danske Kvinders Beredskab", looking after a survivor on Padborg quarantine ward in April 1945.

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A Norwegian survivor at Ramlösa Brunn sanatorium, Sweden.

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Affidavit

United States Consul
Zeurich
Switzerland

158 Walnut Avenue
Roxbury, Massachusetts
October 10, 1945

Dear Sir:

I am very anxious to have my brother Salo Siegfried Blechner come to this country. The only one of my family still in Germany is this brother. He was just released after six years of horrors in various concentration camps. We have been separated since 1938 and are very anxious to get together again and for him to get a new start in life in this country.

I feel that my brother will become a good American citizen and will be able to contribute to the welfare of this country. I will certainly see to it that he will never become a public charge and will look out for his well-being. I also will guaranty to provide passage for my brother whenever the visa is granted.

Enclosed you will find documents to the accompanying affidavits.

I would appreciate it very much if you would grant a visa to him. It would certainly mean very much to both of us.

Respectfully yours,

Leon David Blechner

Leon David Blechner, the brother of Neuengamme survivor Salo Blechner, signing an affidavit for his brother to enable him to emigrate to the USA. Friends or relatives of people wanting to emigrate to the USA had to swear an affidavit and act as the immigrant's guarantors.
(Privatbesitz Blechner Family Collection, Boston, London, Zürich)