

**Handout**

# Wagner-Rogers Bill Letters to the Editor

**To the *New York Herald Tribune*:**

"Isn't it about time some voice was raised in defense of the native born American child, whose future is menaced by the entrance of these 20,000 German refugee children. It is Europe's problem and there is no reason the United States should assume their responsibility."

—F. B. B., April 26, 1939

**To the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*:**

"Let us here in America not forget our glorious traditions. As far back as our Pilgrim Fathers we opened our arms to refugees for political and religious freedom."

—George B., June 30, 1939

**To the *New York Herald Tribune*:**

"How do you expect American young people to believe this is a land of tolerance, opportunity, and a place to be proud of, when we won't let in even 20,000 youngsters?"

—AMERICAN GIRL, May 5, 1939

**To the *Washington Post*:**

"There are many times 20,000 children in this country with no future! Help the American child. He deserves our help more than the German child."

—AMERICAN BOY, April 24, 1939

**To the *St. Louis Star and Times*:**

"While these emigrant children would not call for any governmental expense, it must not be forgotten they will not remain children, but will grow up soon to compete with our own children for equality of opportunity."

—H. R. R., February 18, 1939