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SUMMARY

Agnes Adachi, nee Mandl, was born in 1918 in Budapest. She was the only child in a minimally observant Jewish family. She attended a Reformed Church school, where she received some Hebrew instruction. In 1943, prior to the German invasion, she was baptized by a Reformed Church pastor to save her from deportation. Her father was taken away by the Hungarian Arrow Cross and his Christian partner in a textile stored appropriated the business.

Agnes was given asylum in the Swedish Embassy together with many other refugees and helped in the distribution of *Schutzpasses* with Raoul Wallenberg. She describes Wallenberg's wit and daring in dealing with Arrow Cross and German officers. She credits the Swiss Red Cross as well as the Swedish Red Cross for their aid. In 1945, after the war ended, she was in Sweden, where she worked with Count Bernadotte as a teacher of refugees.

Her memoir is Child of the Winds: My Mission with Raoul Wallenberg, Chicago: Adams Press, 1989.

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SUBJECT HEADINGS

Reformed Church - Hungary Arrow Cross - Hungary Raoul Wallenberg - aid to Jews, Righteous Among the Nations Count Bernadotte - aid to Jews Aid by non-Jews - Hungary, Swedish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross