

Berle - Refugees, 1938-1939

C. H. Asserson, 2633 - 15th Street N.W.
Washington D.C.

February 10, 1938

Dear professor Berle,

I have been pleased to hear, from a word of Mrs. Berle, that you had not been too much horrified by my resumé of your book. I hate the way in which it had been edited; but it is a way that European journalism is now imitating from American journalism.

I wrote you, without knowing of your immediate appointment, asking if it were possible to obtain, from the President or other quarters, some statement about Foreign Politics. The "Corriere della Sera", for which I write, is a paper of European circulation; and the statement would not have gone astray. My asking encroached with your nomination; and thus ^{it} did fall in, at ^a wrong moment.

I remain in Washington, at the above address, until the end of march; but, during the second half of this month, I believe I will be around, to Charleston, Baltimore, etc. Consider if something could be done, while I am here; and I will arrange my time and schemes according to the eventualities which likely you could suggest. The situation has much changed, since the new move of England. However I would be very honoured and very glad to put my newspaper and my pen at your disposal, as I did for your ideas and your book.

Believe me,

Yours very faithfully

Emilio Cecchi

c/o H. Asserson , 2637 15th Street N.W.

Washington D.C.

March 16, 1938.

My dear Professor Berle,

thanks for your letter. Every time I write you, the morning after there is a big change in Foreign politics. The time before the last one: Eden's resignation; last time: Hitler's coup. I wonder what I will see in the newspapers to-morrow morning.

From your kind letter, if I have well understood, it would seem possible to do something in the way which I had suggested. I rely completely on you; you can dispose of my paper and of my time, as best you judge useful. It is sure that in no moment, as in the present one, American opinion would be heard, from such quarters as yours, with attention and deep interest, in Europe.

I will remain in Washington a week or ten days yet. Let me hear from you. And don't think I insist only for professional reasons; the world is to-day so confused and dirty that one would give everything to bring to it a word of calm and trust.

Yours very faithfully

Emilio Cecchi

(Emilio Cecchi)

120 BROADWAY

July 29, 1938.

Dear Adolph,

In view of the many courtesies that you have already shown me in the matter of my Viennese relatives, I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of a cable just received.

I know that you are away on your holiday and I dislike bothering you, but in view of the part of the telegram which I have underscored I thought you would not mind my taking this matter up with you.

With many thanks for anything that you can do to help us in this distressing matter, I am,

Yours sincerely,

James

Hon. Adolph A. Berle, Jr.,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

COPY

LONDON

LAZARD
FOR ALTSCHUL
NEW YORK

JUST RETURNED VIENNA Stop FELIX AND BROTHER PRISON
APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS ON TRUMPED UP CHARGE OLD TAXES Stop
CONSUL WILLING INTERVENE BUT WIFE FEELS OWN LAWYER DOING BEST
POSSIBLE AND FEARFUL ADDITIONAL COMPLICATIONS Stop IN VIEW
NATURE CHARGES AMERICAN INTERVENTION DIFFICULT AND ACCORDINGLY
AGREE WITH COURSE FOR PRESENT Stop CHARGES PROBABLY DUE SPITE
OR PRESSURE AUSTRIAN FACTION TO PREVENT SALE BUSINESS TO GERMANS
ON BETTER TERMS THAN AUSTRIANS WILL PAY Stop HAVE OFFERED HELP
PARTY LAWYER KNOWN TO ME BUT SAME NOT WANTED FOR PRESENT Stop
RETURN VIENNA WEEK OR TWO AND IF NO RESULTS THEN WILL RECONSIDER
WITH WIFE CONSULAR INTERVENTION Stop SUGGEST INQUIRY FROM STATE
DEPARTMENT MAY STRENGTHEN FORCE ANY INTERVENTION BUT ANY ACTION
TAKEN VIENNA MUST BE SUBJECT APPROVAL WIFE AS SITUATION NATURALLY
DELICATE

ALFRED

I wrote and said
that you would not be
back until the middle
of January.

11 Corso d'Italia, F. va
18 December 1938

Dear Professor Berle,

I wrote you about twenty days ago; since then, I have seen from the newspapers that you have been in Lima; but I believe you will be back home for Christmas.

I write you again, in order to add some news, concerning the German musician Hans Hermann Meyerowitz, about whom I wrote you last time. He has already obtained the AFFIDAVIT for the United States. He wants only the NUMBER OF QUOTA; which I believe would be easy for you to obtain for him from the Department of Labor, Washington. Even if the NUMBER OF QUOTA is not available for the most immediate future, when Meyerowitz ~~would have~~^{has} obtained it, he can go in England; because England accepts, for a temporary stay, German Jews who have a place where to go abroad. The important thing, now, is to obtain the NUMBER OF QUOTA. This man will be obliged to leave Germany, absolutely, on 27 next January. Thus, there is hurry. Every communication you could have to do, please make send it to the mother, whose address I gave you last time. Meyerowitz has already: AFFIDAVIT, a Visa per Haiti, ticket for New York, and guarantee from people in New York to help him until he has found some works. His situation ought to be almost solved; and thank you again very much, if you can do something for him.

Excuse me for the trouble, and believe me, with the best wishes for you and Mrs. Berle,

Yours very faithfully

Emilio Cecchi
(Emilio Cecchi)

11 Corso d'Italia, Rome, Italy.
25 November 1938.

Dear Professor Berle,

I would have been very glad to see you again, before my leaving the United States; but on my return to New York from Mexico, you were on your holidays. I had your news, a few days ago, from Miss Aldrich. I have posted, registered, a week ago, the French translation of a recent book of mine, on Giotto; the translation has just issued; and I would be very honoured if Mrs. Berle would accept it as my homage.

I would ask you a favour, not for me; that I believe will not cost to you too much. I enclose a schedule concerning the data of a young German musician, Jew, who since 10 November has been sent in ^a prisoners-field in Germany, we don't know where. He had asked, since some months, to be admitted in the United States. He is a well known musician; his family is rich, but we don't know how much he will be allowed to bring with him when he obtains his affidavit for the United States. In the enclosed, are all the details concerning him, the people who can reply for him in America, etc. What I would ask you is to hasten as much as you can the concession of the admission in the United States; and I hope you can obtain it quite easily, if you sent the enclosed to the Department of Labour, Washington, with a word of you. The case is a very pitiful one; the man is a real artistic talent, worth of every help. In case you have something to communicate, you can address directly to his mother, of whom, in the enclosed, is the residence.

Thank you very much for everything you will do in help of this man; remember me to your wife, and believe me, always

Yours very faithfully

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(Emilio Cecchi)

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musician, pianist, conductor

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1918-

1929-

Union Terminal

- Cuba - Council of Naples -
Instruction near Naples -
Young Federal Account

Dash-

{ → Norfolk National Bank of Commerce }
+ Trust Co -
Norfolk, Va. -

Writing - note to -

- Daniel S. Gillmore -
Willcox Cook & Willcox -

Boyd

→ Order to look at books
Station

- Crooked Business
- Go to two places

→ Thompson + Marshall -

Strasbourg - Record -
Newtown Pennsylvania - Post.

{ 226,000 in Record
1,000,000 in Post -

Thinks something crooked -

Wait

Never made money since 1901 -

Go into two parts -

unless - // all common shares under
very control

(2) Whole face of paper must
change -

(3) Policy -

WINSLOW CARLTON
5 EAST FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

January 23, 1939

Mr. Samuel Barber,
8 East 79th Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Barber:

Thank you for sending me the affidavit as well as the information about Mr. Meyerowitz.

I am collecting the necessary documents in support of the affidavit and shall send the whole business, as you suggest, to Signor d'Amico in Rome.

I am sorry to say that I have no idea whether Mr. Berle could do anything to expedite Mr. Meyerowitz's entry. I should imagine the most practical way to get over here would be on a visitor's visa, but I do not know the conditions on which such visas are granted. Obviously, such a visa would do him no good unless he were permitted to work once he got here. I wonder on what basis foreign musicians are permitted annual entry?

I shall, of course, be very much interested to know how your efforts to get Mr. Meyerowitz over here turn out. Please let me know if there is anything further that I can do.

Yours sincerely,
Winslow Carlton

WC:mw

EIGHT EAST SEVENTY-NINE STREET

Mr. Adey A. Berle, Jr.
142 East 19th St, New York

My Dear Mr. Berle:

My friend, Emilio Cecchi, of Rome tells me he has asked your aid for a mutual friend of ours, Hanns Meyerowitz, who can no longer remain in Germany or Italy. He suggested I get in touch with you to find out what could be done for this boy.

I knew Meyerowitz in Rome. Although of Jewish blood, he has been a Protestant from birth. He is an outstanding musician, a friend of all the best Italian musicians; I should like to do anything possible for him. His friends Rudolf Serkin, the pianist, and Otto Klemperer, the conductor, have told me their willingness to do anything to help his coming here.

All I could do was to send Meyerowitz an affidavit signed by Mr. Winslow Carlton, whose letter I enclose. Is there any possible way for Meyerowitz

EIGHT EAST SEVENTY-NINE STREET

to come here before three years, for I am told
the quota is full up to that time.

I would greatly appreciate any suggestion
you would give me for bringing Meyrowitz
here.

Thanking you for considering this matter, I
am

Very sincerely yours -

Samuel Barber

Feb. 2 - 1939.

Thomas. Harry

- One-Legged Robber

Dec. 21, 1938

St. Eve. Post

Has applied for a quota
number - Has not got it. -
State Department wired
to Vienna - Quota number

Dr. Ernst Federn

No. 9122 -

Block 17

Buchenwald

Wife very much worried -
Dr. Faden wants to see
what can be done -
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Ernst Feder -

Weimar - Buchenwald -

- Got an affidavit in June
for a non-quota visa,
approved then by
the Vice. Consul -
- Registration number - a late
one. -
- Friends make it possible
to come to Holland
or England if he
has no quota number
—

D.^r Paul Federn

163

1539
1776

Tel. A-31-5-91.

Wien
VI. Köstlergasse 7/1. Stg. II.

Memorandum to A.A.B.Jr.

April 6, 1939

Mr. Marzullo (of Tony's Sandwich Shop) telephoned to say that he had a letter from his brother in which he said that the American Consul had told him that the papers forwarded on were no good; that the Consul was writing to "the Professor" telling him what papers he would need. Presumably they will come through directly to the State Department, at which time the next thing is to be done.

Marzullo's telephone is Barclay 7-6178.

L.W.B.

March 17, 1939

American Consul,
Naples, Italy.

Dear Sir:

Mayor LaGuardia, of New York, requested me to go into the matter of the application of Vincenzo Marzullo for a visa. It happens that the family is known to me for a number of years, likewise the restaurant business, which is located near City Hall in New York, so that I have some personal familiarity with the facts.

Antonio Marzullo owns the business. Last spring, or summer, he took in a partner in connection with the third restaurant he is adding to his chain, which has been fairly prosperous. I understand that in connection with Vincenzo's application for a passport he required De Leone to turn over this interest to his brother, Vincenzo.

The family is known to us here as a solid, reliable family which has worked up a prosperous small restaurant business, with a gross of something over \$100,000. Antonio Marzullo states to me that he has made his brother, Vincenzo, the absolute owner of a part of this business. I should think it is plain, therefore, that his statements might be believed.

Very truly yours,

Affidavit in connection with
Visa of Vincenzo Marzullo.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : SS.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

ANTONIO MARZULLO, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the United States and am a resident of the City of New York. I make this affidavit in support of the application of my brother, VINCENZO MARZULLO, for a visa permitting him to enter the United States as a quota immigrant.

Papers have already been forwarded to the American Consul at Naples evidencing the fact that Vincenzo Marzullo is now the owner of a fifty per cent interest in a business known as "Tony's Sandwich Shop and Tony's Tribune, Inc.", which is a restaurant business operating in the City of New York. Such papers show that the half interest in said shop was transferred to him by Antonio De Leone. My understanding is that a question has been raised as to the validity of this transfer. The question arises because in a previous affidavit in connection with this visa I stated that I was the sole owner of the business known as "Tony's Sandwich Shop and Tony's Tribune, Inc."

The facts are these: Prior to May 1, 1938, Tony's Sandwich Shop and Tony's Tribune, Inc. consisted of two restaurants in the City of New York, of which I was the sole owner. On or about May 1, 1938, a third restaurant was added to the business, located at 53 Chambers Street. Upon the

opening of this third restaurant, Antonio De Leone acquired a half interest in it from me; but he was advised by me that my brother Vincenzo was planning to come to the United States; and that in any such case Vincenzo would acquire the half interest which De Leone held. This was, in effect, an arrangement by which Antonio De Leone took an interest in the business arising from the new acquisition, but subject to an agreement that his interest could be taken over, at my request, for Vincenzo.

As the further papers show, I subsequently exercised this agreement and requested Antonio De Leone to turn over his interest in the business to my brother, Vincenzo Marzullo, which he has done. In consequence, Vincenzo Marzullo is now the owner of the share of the business known as "Tony's Sandwich Shop and Tony's Tribune, Inc.", he and I being the only owners of it.

(sgd) Antonio Marzullo

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 17th day of
March, 1939.

Irving Mischkind
Notary Public

TONY'S SANDWICH SHOP INC.
282 Broadway
New York City

BALANCE SHEET

as of November 10, 1938

ASSETS

Cash	818 59	
Furn. and Fixtures	4593 65	
Foods and Beverages	925 00	
Accts. Rec'ble	<u>2033 76</u>	
		8371 00

LIABILITIES

Accts. Payable	3424 68	
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CAP. AND SURPLUS

Capital	3000 00	
Surplus	<u>1946 32</u>	
		8371 00

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

Jan. 1st to Nov. 10, 1938

Sales		61194 44
Foods	36599 55	
Cigars and Cigarettes	3031 52	
Payrolls	9173 72	
" Marzulli and DiLeone	2653 91	
Laundry and Ice	1034 60	
General Expense	<u>5562 26</u>	<u>58055 56</u>
Net Profit		3138 88

Jan. 18, 1939

Jack Lehman

Anthony Marzulli
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I, ANTONIO DILNONE residing at 173-45 106th Avenue, Jamaica, Long Island, New York in consideration of One (\$1.00) Dollar, and other good and valuable considerations, to me in hand paid hereby transfers unto VINCENZO MARZULLO, residing at Quaglietta, Province of Avellino, Italy all of my right, title and interest in and to the stock of Tony's Sandwich Shop, Inc., which operates two restaurants at #282 Broadway and 53 Chambers Street, Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York and of Tony's Tribune Inc. which operates a restaurant at #154 Nassau Street, Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York.

The shares of stock above mentioned consist of 50% of the authorized shares of stock outstanding of the two above mentioned corporations.

Dated: November 10, 1938.

Antonio Dilnone

STATE OF NEW YORK)
CITY OF NEW YORK) SS:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

On the 10th day of November 1938 before me personally appeared ANTONIO DILNONE to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Silney Kraft
SILNEY KRAFT
Notary Public, New York County
N. Y. St. Clk's No. 204 Reg. No. 06208
Commission expires March 30, 1940

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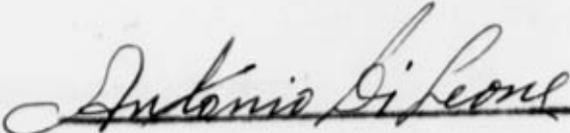
ANTONIO DILNONE, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
That he is the sole and absolute owner of the shares of stock mentioned in the above transfer and that he has full right to sell and transfer the same.

That the said shares of stock are free and clear of any liens, mortgages, debts or other encumbrances whatsoever kind or nature.

That there are no judgments existing against him, in any court, nor are there any replevins, attachments or executions issued against him now in force, nor has any petition in bankruptcy been filed by or against him.

Sworn to before me this
10th day of November 1938.


SIDNEY KRAFT
Notary Public, New York County
N. Y. Co. Clk's No. 234 Reg. No. 0K500
Commission expires March 30, 1940



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Sgt Irving Moskowitz
Stamps + seal
Notary public