Requests for Specific Aid: D'Orazio, Tony
In reply please refer to: 2987

My dear Mr. Graham:

I have your letter of July 13, 1944, requesting information concerning the establishment of refugee camps in the State of New York, and enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Myron E. Bowley, written on behalf of Mr. Tony D'Orazio, who desires to have his sister and niece included in the 1,000 refugees to be brought to the United States from Southern Italy.

The only refugee center established in the United States is the recently announced Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. As indicated in the enclosed documents, this operation provides for approximately 1,000 persons, for the most part women and children, who have fled from their homelands to Southern Italy, to be brought to the United States outside of the regular immigration procedure, similar to the arrangements by which civilian internees from Latin America and prisoners of war have been brought here. These refugees will be placed in the shelter under appropriate military security restrictions and will be returned to their homelands upon the termination of the war.

In connection with Mr. D'Orazio's desire to have his sister and niece brought to the shelter, I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Bowley which is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Honorable Louis E. Graham,
House of Representatives.

Enclosures.

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Jul 24 1944

Dear Mr. Bowley:

The Honorable Louis E. Graham has referred to me a copy of your letter of June 21, 1944, concerning Mr. Tony D'Orazio's desire to have his sister and niece included in the 1,000 refugees to be brought to the Emergency Refuge Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

I am enclosing for your information copies of the President's recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project. You will note from these enclosures that the individuals brought to the shelter will be people who have fled from their homelands to Southern Italy. They will come to the United States outside the immigration laws and will be placed in the camp under appropriate military restrictions until the end of the war, when they will be returned to their own countries. This is strictly an emergency measure, and since the persons to be given asylum here will be brought in outside the regular immigration procedure, none of them will, as a result of their admission under this project, acquire any of the rights and privileges of legal immigrants.

Mr. D'Orazio's desire to have his sister and his niece brought to this country meets with the fullest sympathy of the Board. I know you will understand, however, that the task of the Board is so great that, of necessity, it cannot deal with problems limited to seeking out specific individuals.
I am enclosing a list of private organizations which I am advised may be in a position to be of some help to you in this matter, and suggest that you refer your problem to any one of them.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pohle

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

Mr. Myron E. Rowley,
Rowley & Smith,
380 Franklin Ave.,
Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

Original, signed by
Mr. Pohle

Copy to: Rep. Lewis C. Shaler
Mr. John Fehler,
Director of the War Refugee Board,
430 C Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fehler:

Please find enclosed my letter which I have received from Hon. Byron E. M. Holley of Aliquippa, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Holley's letter is self-explanatory and I have already advised Mr. Holley that Mr. Tony D'Ursizio's sister, Angela D'Ursizio Domenico, and his niece who are now residing near home, Italy, must obtain an appropriate immigration visa before entering this country under the declaration made here in Italy but at the present time there are no American consular visa services available in Italy.

I am writing to you with particular reference to the marked paragraph of Mr. Holley's letter in which he refers to the two refugee camps now being constructed in the State of New York. Will you kindly furnish us with any information available on the subject and advise us whether or not there is any possibility of Mrs. Domenico and her daughter being brought to this country as refugees.

Thanking you for your anticipated courtesy in this matter and with best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

LOUIS E. GRAHAM
22nd Dist., Pennsylvania

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 1, 1944.
Myron E. Rowley

June 21, 1944

Dear Louis L. Graber,

I have been approached by Carmine D'Orazio, an Italian who lives here in Allentown. His father, Carmine D'Orazio, was also born in Allentown, come to this country years ago and became a naturalized citizen in 1925. On November 11, 1940, Carmine D'Orazio was a prisoner in the United States. We have been in touch with the year 1894 in Italy. She never came to this country. She married three years after she had two children, a son aged about thirty-five and a daughter aged about twenty. The son was in the Italian Army and has not been heard from for a long time. He is either dead or a prisoner of the Germans.

Aunt Emanuela lives with her husband and daughter near Rome. The town where they live has been burned to the ground. Everything that they own has been lost. They have written to the father, Carmine D'Orazio, at Allentown, asking for aid and telling him that they have neither food, clothing or shelter.

The young lady came to this country in one of the large ships that his sister, Angela, was a citizen of the United States. I am not an expert on these matters but I do know that she is not a citizen.

In any event, Carmine D'Orazio would like to bring his daughter and grandson to this country and is willing to guarantee that they will not become objects of public charity.

I do not know what our government is doing in cases of this kind. I did see in the paper that two refugee camps are being constructed in the State of New York.

Is there any possibility of getting this woman and her daughter to this country, and, if so, what is the proper procedure?

The daughter's name and present address is as follows:

Angela D'Orazio

Puccio Lattarina

Marchetta Via

Roma No. 100

Grossano Prov.

di Matese

Italy

Yours very truly,

Myron E. Rowley

(Mgd) Myron E. Rowley