

Requests for Specific Aid: PARKER, SAM (DR.)

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE April 4, 1945

TO Miss Eastin for General O'Dwyer
FROM Mr. McCormack

The other case that Dr. Sam Parker of New York City was interested in at State was that of Dr. Hans Spitzer, who is currently employed by the Dutch Government at Curaco in the Dutch West Indies and who has an application pending for admission to the United States. Dr. Parker is one of Dr. Spitzer's sponsors, and in that capacity has received notice of the denial of the application for entry visa.

Mr. Warren secured the following information for me which was transmitted by telephone to Dr. Parker on this date: The denial of visa was made by what is called a Primary Committee in the Visa Division and was automatic since Dr. Spitzer was born in Austria. This classifies him as an enemy alien, notwithstanding his present status of Dutch citizen. Since this case will automatically go before a Review Committee, it is important that all sponsors fill out and send in the I.V.R.C. application form and appear on behalf of the alien they are sponsoring. This appearance need not necessarily be personal, but can be satisfactorily handled by having a memorandum of support go forward with the I.V.R.C. form. If the sponsor takes no action, this lack of action on his part is so noted in the case of the alien and tends to prejudice the decision of the Review Committee. Dr. Parker indicated that he would fill out the form and send his memorandum in on behalf of Dr. Spitzer.

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March 9, 1945

Mr. Katzki

Mr. McCormack

The attached letter from Dr. Sam Parker to General O'Dwyer was the subject of our conversation this afternoon on the telephone.

Dr. Parker secured the following additional information for me:

Mrs. Ehrlich's maiden name - Eva Anna Levin
OR
Jeva Aiah Levin
" " daughter - Tamara, age 12
" " son - Falik, age 6
Last known address: 184 Lenin, Kowel (or Kovel), Poland

When you arrive in Switzerland, I thought you might put this inquiry in the hands of the International Red Cross for the purpose of securing a welfare and whereabouts report on her.

Attachment.

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FJ McCormack:ar 3/9/45

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February 19, 1945.

Judge William O'Dwyer,
Mayflower Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge O'Dwyer:

This is the information about our telephone conversation concerning the refugee problem.

Mrs. Eva Ehrlich was last known to be in Kowel (Kovel), Poland at the time of the German invasion of Poland, September 1939. She was between 30 and 35 years of age and had two children under eight. Her husband, Ruvin (Reuben) Ehrlich was on a concert tour of South America and had just arrived in Buenos Aires. He has remained in Buenos Aires because of the war situation to this date. His address is Corrientes 2834, Buenos Aires, Argentina. From the inception of the war, no word has been heard from Mrs. Ehrlich. It is not known whether she was a victim of the German invasion or whether she may have been evacuated into Russia either before or after the beginning of the German attack on Russia.

Ruvin Ehrlich and his wife, Eva, were dear and close personal friends of mine in Vienna for many years at a time when he was a well known pianist and pedagogue. If it were possible for some personal inquiry of the whereabouts or death of this woman and her children to be made in Poland, either through agents of the Red Cross, or through agents of refugee organizations or otherwise, I should be very grateful. Let me add that I am in a position to obtain any necessary details concerning age, personal details, including pictures of Mrs. Ehrlich as well as the children, at any time that should be desired.

Gratefully yours,

Sam Parker

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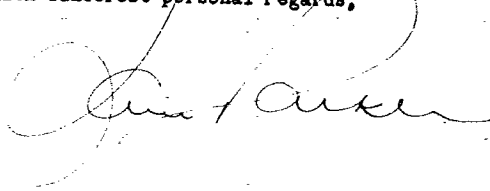
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My dear Judge O'Dwyer:

Referring to the application of Dr. Hans Spitzer for a permanent visa to enter the United States, I can give you the following highlights of this man's background which recommend him for admission. I have been personally acquainted with Dr. Spitzer since 1924. We studied and graduated together at the University of Vienna from 1924 to 1927 when we received our medical degree. He subsequently left Vienna and joined the Medical Service of the Dutch Colonial office. He has been continuously stationed in the Dutch West Indies since the beginning of his service about 1928. He has done exceptional medical service for which he was decorated by Queen Wilhelmina. He has been a Dutch citizen for some years now. He has been professionally successful and most, if not all, of his savings are on deposit in New York City. I have already made preliminary arrangements for his admission to the New York State Medical Licensing Examination. He is married to a Dutch woman who was a school teacher in the Colonial service. They have three children at least two of whom were born in New York City and are thus American citizens. Mrs. Spitzer possesses a permanent visa to the United States even though her husband does not have one as yet.

While Dr. Spitzer's application has been pending in our State Department, a new and unfortunate turn of events in his family life has occurred, which in my estimation makes it almost humanely imperative that his application be favorably allowed. A few days ago I received a letter from Dr. Spitzer informing me for the first time that Mrs. Spitzer has been a patient at Lake Saranac since December 1944. In order partly to relieve Dr. Spitzer, she took their oldest child, aged nine, with her to Saranac, leaving the two smaller children with her husband.

Needless to say, I am available for any further information or assistance in this matter. With sincerest personal regards,



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