

TOSCANINI, WALLY (MRS. WALLY PIERCEY SILVANO)

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MARGHERITA DE VECCHI 333 EAST 57TH STREET

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July 1, 1944.

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Date *7/20/44*

J.W.Pehle Esq.
Executive Director. War Refugee Board.
Washington.D.C.

Dear Mr.Pehle:

Thank you for sending me the message
from Wally Toscanini from Berne, dated June 22, 1944.

With best wishes ,

very truly yours,

Margherita De Vecchi

Toscanini

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July 10, 1944.

*Did you
see her
7/10/44
JH*

✓ Margherita de Vecchi - 333 East 57th Street, NYC

Miss de Vecchi is an American Catholic of Italian origin. Her father was an Italian-American doctor. She was born here and is about 50 years of age. She lives modestly with her aged mother whom she supports.

Miss de Vecchi is a dear friend of Toscanini who gets help in English from her especially pertaining to personal matters. She is interested in music and has some connection with NBC. She is a fine, reliable person.

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JUN 27 1944

Dear Mrs. Devecchi:

The following confidential message for you from Wally Toscanini was received from Bern, under date of June 22, 1944:

"An Italian committee including all political parties has been formed at the Italian Consulate in Lausanne to help still oppressed Italians and Italian refugees in Switzerland. Hope you will sponsor this urgent appeal and form a committee in America among compatriots possibly presided over by my father, propose collecting funds for our work here. Money already sent through American Friends and Unitarians helping considerably but not enough meet widespread relief needs among Italians in Switzerland and elsewhere. Love"

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle

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Executive Director

Mrs. Margherita Devecchi
333 East 57th Street
New York, New York

FH:ro 6/27/44

[Handwritten signature]

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CORRECTION

June 27, 1944

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This telegram must be
paraphrased before being
communicated to anyone
other than a Governmental
agency. (~~RESTRICTED~~)

JUN 28 1944

In telegram #4005, June 22, 8 p.m. from Bern
line 3, delete "from ", insert "for". Now reads
"Further for Margherita" et cetera.

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*J. W. R. Ref
Bd
(m.
Behl)*

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FBM-926
This telegram must be
paraphrased before being
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other than a Government
Agency. (~~RESTRICTED~~)

Bern

Dated June 22, 1944

Rec'd 6:38 p.m.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

4005, June 22, 8 p.m.

FOR WRB FROM MCCLELLAND.

Further ^{for (?)} ~~from~~ Margherita Devecchi, 333 East
57th Street New York, from Wally Toscanini.

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parties has been formed at the Italian Consulate
in Lausanne to help still oppressed Italians and
Italian refugees in Switzerland. Hope you will
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in America among compatriots possibly presided
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HARRISON

RR WSB

*6/27/44
Message sent
Devecchi
H.S.*

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*was Refugee Bd
Mr. Palle
copy only*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington,
TO: AMLEGATION, Bern,
DATED: April 27, 1944
NUMBER: 1460.

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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO HARRISON

Please deliver the following message from

Edward Cahill of the Unitarian Service Committee to

Joel Field, 12 Rue de Vieux College, Geneva:

On recommendation Toscanini urge you

contact Mrs. Wally Piercy Silvahof, Berne"

THIS is WRB BERN CABLE NO. 8

RECEIVED
WASHINGTON, D.C.
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date **SEP 12 1972**

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CABLE TO BERN

From War Refugee Board to Harrison

Please deliver the following message from Edward

Gahill of the Unitarian Service Committee to Noel Field,
12 Rue de Vieux College, Geneva;

"On recommendation Toscanini urge you contact
Mrs. Wally Piercy Silvahof, Berne"

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 8

April 24, 1944

3:00 p.m.

FH:lab 4/24/44

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M. EMERSON, CHAIRMAN
T. GANO, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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Unitarian Service Committee

25 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

TELEPHONE CAPITOL 3660

EDWARD A. CAHILL
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



REGISTERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S
WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL WAR FUND
THROUGH REFUGEE RELIEF
TRUSTEES, INC.

April 21, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Dr. Joy informed us last week that, due to a new ruling, we would be permitted to contact our representatives in Switzerland by means of the Consular Code. Dr. Joy instructed me to submit our cables to you; in simple language, that your office would take care of the procedure, billing us later. Would you be so kind as to transmit, through this method, the following cable:

NOEL FIELD
12 RUE DE VIEUX COLLEGE
GENEVA

ON RECOMMENDATION TOSCANINI URGE YOU CONTACT

MRS WALLY PIERCY SILVAHOF BERNE

EDWARD CAHILL

Thanking you for your service in this regard, I remain

Yours very truly,

Edward A. Cahill
Assistant Director

EAC:DGE

was Refused

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON
TO: AMLEGATION, BERN
DATED: APRIL 1, 1944
NUMBER: 1097

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FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO HARRISON.

Please deliver the following message to Saly Mayer,
St. Gall, from M. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee:

"Wally Piercy Silvanof Berns cables requesting
aid for Italian political refugees musicians Jews
and other friends. For your personal confidential
information she daughter of Arturo Toscanini.
Please contact her for such help as possible would
appreciate report. Understand Switzerland received
assurances from United States Government that
American visas will be available for up to four
thousand children entering Switzerland since Janu-
ary 1, 1944".

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 12 1972

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March 29, 1944

3:30 P.M.

TO: Mr. Warren

FROM: J. M. Pehle

It will be appreciated if you will have the attached cable despatched at once to Saly Mayer, St. Gall, from Mr. M. A. Leavitt, Secretary, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and bill the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., for the cost of the message and any answer thereto.

Attachment.

 FH:lab 3/29/44

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CABLE TO BERN

From War Refugee Board to Harrison

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St. Gall, from F. A. Leavitt of the American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee:

"Wally Piercy Silvahof Berne cables requesting aid
for Italian political refugees musicians Jews and other
friends Stop For your personal confidential informa-
tion she daughter of Arturo Toscanini Stop Please
contact her for such help as possible would appreciate
report Fullstop Understand Switzerland received
assurances from United States Government that American
visas will be available for up to four thousand children
entering Switzerland since January 1, 1944"

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MARCH 28, 1944.

*Draft copy
to New York
3/29/44
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DRAFT CABLE TO SALLY MAYER, STGALL, SWITZERLAND

WALLY PIERCY SILVAHOF BERNE CABLES REQUESTING AID FOR ITALIAN POLITICAL
REFUGEES MUSICIANS JEWS AND OTHER FRIENDS STOP FOR YOUR PERSONAL
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SHE DAUGHTER OF ARTURO TOSCANINI STOP PLEASE
CONTACT HER FOR SUCH HELP AS POSSIBLE WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT FULLSTOP
UNDERSTAND SWITZERLAND RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM ^{United States} ~~US~~ GOVERNMENT THAT AMERICAN
VISAS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR UP TO FOURTHOUSAND CHILDREN ENTERING SWITZERLAND
SINCE JANUARY 1, 1944.

LEAVITT

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