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IMMIGRATION

~ IMMIGRATION FROM POLAND INTO KENYA

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IMMIGRATION.

? Put by.

C. Rozmus
3/8/37

Sir C. Bottomley

Major Dale tells me he has noticed a great increase in enquiries from Poland (nearly all Jews) about Kenya. Jews without money would be no asset to Kenya. They might find employment in shops & so on but they would lower standards all round & they could hardly compete with the Indian.

So I suggested a warning to our Consul. It may help to deter them.

(Of course one Jew will get going and start a business of sorts in a small way. Then as it grows he'll import his cousins to help and then they start out also. That happens in Whitechapel & is hard to stop.)

J.E.O. Hand
1.9.

They could only stand on credit, & I imagine that the most liberal Kenya bank would be a bit shy of them.

Put by, but G.D. showed me:
This may be part of a general move from Poland.

W.E.S.
1/9/37
at once

R.F.O.-1

Seen thanks.

There is evidence on the general info that a number of Poles want to emigrate to various parts of the British Empire.

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C.I. Nominal

2 P.S. to H.M. 6.9.37
Has letter from Kiwa Sign seeking
permission to emigrate to Kenya.

C.I. Nominal

3 David Salzberg. 1.9.37.
Seeks permission to emigrate to Kenya.

? Send Nos 2 & 3 to the F.O.
Ref No 3 on 47012/23/37 X
Suggest that the petitions
should be returned to the
Sender via the Consul at
Warsaw with the comment
that status has not been planned
to give any directions thereon;
at the same time the Consul
might be asked to inform the
petitioners in the sense of
para 2 of our letter to the
F.O. of the 3rd of August.

C. I. (nominal)
1872

C.I. Nominal.

- 4. Mons. Aron Mac (Via H.M.'s P.S.) 19.8.37.
Seeks permission to emigrate to Kenya.
- 5. Isidor Buchwald (Via H.M.'s P.S.) 24.9.37.
Seeks permission to emigrate to Kenya.

? Same action for 4 & 5 as suggested
for 2 & 3

Clarke White
5/10

Sturges
7/10

advising that in particular a deposit
or entry cannot be remitted & that no assistance
is given towards passages.

J. S. W. Ford
7.10. 1937

6 To. F.O. (W/C 2,3,4+5) as dft. 15.10.37

M.H.

Mr Jones, Treaty Dept, F.O. telephoned about No 6.
The practice is not to return petitions from
foreigners saying they have been refused, but
saying foreigners have no right to petition the
King at all. See CO Code of Procedure
para 144 (b. 49). He asked for a letter
cancelling para 2 of No 6 and substituting
a request in our latter sense. He also
suggested that a quicker method still of
getting rid of such petitions might in
future be used. Draft herewith.

X

Clarke White
26/10

The Palestine Dept. has dealt with petitions
in the lines suggested; but Palestine not a
very safe precedent to quote.

Paragraph 144(1)(a) of the Colonial Office
Code of Procedure does not cover these petitions,
since it merely deals with (a) petitions on matters
which occurred outside H.M.'s jurisdiction and
(b) petitions on matters which occur while the alien
is in British territory.

These petitions, however, are for permission
to reside in a territory under H.M.'s jurisdiction.
Nevertheless, I assume that the rule that petitions
from foreigners (other than those residing in H.M.'s
Dominions) should not be submitted, will apply.
I submit a revised draft accordingly.

As regards 'X' I assume that this means
that the Foreign Office would regard the waste-paper
basket

basket as an appropriate depository for such communications. In the letter to the F.O. I have accordingly included the words "If Mr. Eden considers it desirable that replies should be returned to the petitioners...".

J. J. P. 28/10

I agree that the action taken in No. 6 was inappropriate as the petitioners were either not resident in British territory.

We have in recent years received a number of petitions from abroad either asking permission to enter British territory or complaining of the action or inaction of British representatives abroad. In many of these cases the standard form of reply laid down in para 144 (a) of the C.O. Code of procedure has not seemed suitable. In some cases it has been possible to overcome the difficulty by "putting by". In cases where some reply is necessary I am disposed to think that it is better to ignore the fact that the petition is addressed to H.M. and to adopt the course taken

in No. 11 in 2215/37 form. A reply is however required as to the course to be adopted in future as there have been many Palestine cases I pass the file through Mr. Martin for any comments he may wish to offer.

I shall like to see the decision reached

W. J. P.
30/10

Petitions to the King from aliens in the land and elsewhere, asking for permission to settle in Palestine, are received in such numbers that it would be virtually impossible to apply the normal procedure. It is in fact, in practice, more for the King to advise on such petitions unless they contain circumstances of importance which have to be referred. The circumstances are, however, abnormal and the procedure adopted does not furnish a useful precedent:

For Luke
8/11

The question of what should be done with petitions of this nature has now been raised generally on 7092/1/37 9. v. W. J. P. 9/11 over

M. Paskin

In view of the minutes on 7092/1/37
you will probably wish to ask F.O. to
take no action on 6.

I should like to have 7092/1/37 back when
you have seen it

log Supp
16/11

? write to F.O. as in 8.

J. J. Cassin
19/11

7 To F.C. ————— 25 11. 37.

8 ~~Small request~~ 26 11. 37.

Request prospectus of British Uganda & Kenya which he
intends to visit for commercial reasons.

Is it a request for information only.
? transfer to E.A.T. & I.O.

Cloughwhite
1/12/37

J. J. Cassin
2/12
at once.

9 To E.A.T. & I.O. (1/8 in orig) 10 - 6.12.37.

8.12.37

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

? Put by

J. J. Cassin

R. 297

11.12.37

at once
13/12/37

~~W.D.W.~~

C.I.
Nominal

11. T. M. Cymbalista (Via H.M.S.P.S.)

10.12.37

Petition to be allowed to settle in Kenya with his relatives.

? Waste paper basket (see minutes under
(6) above)

Cloughwhite
26/12

ie. Put by

J. J. Cassin
21/12
at once

C.I.
Nominal

12. Judda Spiegler (Via H.M.S.P.S.)

23.12.37

Petition to be allowed to settle in Kenya.

? Put by

Cloughwhite
30/12

J. J. Cassin
31/12
at once

To

His Majesty The King of Great-Britain

George V

London

PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
29 DEC 1937
This letter has not been
sent to the King

RECEIVED
30 DEC 1937
G. O. REGY

In occasion of the New Year, I (an unknown
man in a depraved little place of a fare land ... Poland,
but a great worshipper of His Majesty as the King of the Bible
Nation) take, in the permission to wish with my own
poor words, to His Majesty the King of Great-Britain
and the Sovereign of many colonies,

a Happy New-Year. God shall give
strength to carry the heaviness burden (load) of reign
to His Majesty, and to be favourite (popular) by all...
His Majesty shall excuse me, a 15-year boy, when I write
to His Majesty, a long time swirled into me the desire
to apply to His Majesty and therefore my first letter with
the selflearned english language I write to His Majesty.

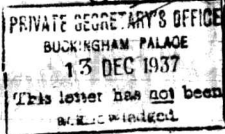
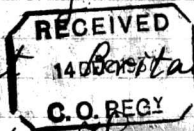
How happy I shall be, when His Majesty shall fulfil
my request (my prayer)... and this is...
to make possible for me to go to Kenya, then they shall
be the deliverance from my position here, without a future
and my hope.....

Juda Spiegler

Wojcieszka the 23rd December 1937. Poland, Wojcieszka by Pzemyśl

To his Majesty the King

of Great Britain



Dear and beloved King!!

As my relations are residing at Nairobi Kenya East Africa my only desire is to live with them together for I live in Poland under very sad circumstances. therefore I beg the great goodhearted King to grant me a permit to travel to the above country. I will always pray to God for your long reign and a happy life.

I am young and energetic
als a good tradesman

I hope my wish wint be in vain

Your servant

J M Gymbalista
Łosnowice

Mosięzkiego 33.
Poland

J M Gymbalista

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C. O.

C O
R 22-10V
Blk
1/37.

Mr. Pa. 1/37.

Mr. Bigg 12/11

Mr.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Perms. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

25th November, 1937.

Sir,

DRAFT.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

(6)

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 15th of October in regard to communications addressed to His Majesty the King by certain Poles seeking His Majesty's permission to emigrate to Kenya, I am etc. to request you to inform Mr. Secretary Eden that it has been brought to his notice that the action suggested in the second paragraph of that letter is not appropriate.

2. Further consideration has now been given to the question of

FURTHER ACTION.

of the action which should be taken on such petitions from aliens not resident in British territory, and it has been decided that, unless in a particular case there are special circumstances which render it desirable to return a reply, no notice should be taken of such petitions.

3. I am accordingly to request that no action should be taken in the cases under reference.

I am, etc.

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

C. O.

Mr. Colby White 8/10
Mr. Paskia Sme 8/10
Mr.
Sir H. Moore.
Sir G. Tomlinson.
Sir C. Bottomley.
Sir J. Shackburgh.
Perm. U.S. of S.
Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

DRAFT.

Under Sec of State
FO.

(No 3 on)
(47012/23/37)

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Fm KIWA FIDV 6/19/37

2
Fm DAVID SAZBERG 19/37

3
Fm IZV DOR BUCHWALD 24/19/37

5
Fm ARON KAZ 19/8/37
(translation in press)

FURTHER ACTION.

38087/2/3/6

15. October 1937

C. D.
R 8-OCT
D 13-

Sir I am etc to refer to the letter from this office of the 3rd of August No. 47012/23/37 regarding the admission of immigrants into the British Dependencies in Africa. I am also to transmit copies of three letters, and a copy of a translation in press of a fourth letter, from four poles seeking his Majesty's permission to emigrate to Kenya.

It will be appreciated, provided Mr Secretary Eden sees no objection, if the four petitioners may be informed that H. M. has not been pleased to grant

permission for them to immigrate,
on the grounds stated in para
2 of the letter under reference,
and, further, that neither ^{case} the
deposit on entry ~~can~~ be
remitted nor assistance given
towards the finding of
passage-money.

Dam etc.

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

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sent
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1st 2nd

*With the Compliments of
His Majesty's Private Secretary.*

RECEIVED
30 SEP 1937
C. O. REGY

29 September, 1937.

PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
29 SEP 1937
This letter has NOT been
RECORDED

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IZYDOR RUCHWAŁ
BRZEŃSKA n/B.
Dąbrowskiego 23, tel. 6.
Poland.

September 24th. 1938

To

The King's Most Excellent
Majesty George VI.

London
England.

Sir,

I beg to refer to your Majesty with
the following humble appeal:

I have learned that there are possi-
bilities of settling in English Colonies, and es-
pecially owing to my profession as a former
I have interested in Kenya.

I am a former and now merchant
and in that capacity I supplied agricultural
products to the Polish Army, but due to politi-
cal changes and being a Jew, I cannot any
more deal with the Government, and therefore
I am completely ruined.

I would like to take with me my son,
who is 24 years of age, has studied at the Ge-

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city of law, has a knowledge of English and German languages, and has no hope of finding any situation here. He would like to emigrate together with me.

As I am now in financial difficulties I cannot afford to pay all the expenses connected with the journey, and therefore I appeal to your Majesty to enable me to go there by granting me a free visa and crossing.

I am quite sure, that owing to my profession I shall soon be able to earn my living there, and also to be able to pay back with gratitude all the expenses.

I hope that your Majesty will consider my appeal, and assist me in my difficult situation.

Awaiting the favour of your Majesty's reply I remain

Your Majesty's faithful and dutiful servant

[Handwritten signature]

TRANSLATION

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Monsieur Aron Kac, Wisniowiec, Pow. Kozemieniec,
Wojew. Wolyńskie, Poland, to the King, dated August 19,
1937.

RECEIVED
15 SEP 1937
C. O. DEPT.

Précis

The writer is a carpenter who lives with his
wife in poor circumstances.

He wishes to emigrate with his wife to Kenya,
and has written to that effect to the Information
Department Office of His Majesty's East African
Dependencies, London. In reply he has received a
letter in which he was informed that persons wishing
to enter Kenya must pay a deposit of £50.

As he has no such sum, he appeals to the King
to cause permission to be granted to him to enter Kenya
without paying the necessary deposit.

Copy. F.O. C

Hegomość Król Wielkiej Brytanji
Londyn.

Excellency!

RECEIVED
15 SEP 1937
C. O. REGY

PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
- BUCKINGHAM PALACE
25 AUG 1937
This letter has not been
acknowledged.

Jestem obywatel^{em} polskim, zamieszkałym w małej
miasteczce bliźniaczej jestem z zawodu stolarem. Niedawno
sis osiedliłem, mieszkałem sis do samego głodu aby zarobić
na kawałek chleba, aby żyć z nadzieją w przyszłość.

A gdy sis osiedliłem z tą myślą aby sobie polepszyć
stan materialny - wtedy moje życie jeszcze sis
pogorszyło.

Warunki życia w Polsce nie dają mi możliwości
jako rzemieślnika, kwalifikacyjnego żyć w tym kraju
gdzie sis wrodziłem gdzie sis mieszkałem od samego dzieci
ciństwa - dopiero stałem obywatel^{em} moralnym, obywatel^{em}
który chce sobie stworzyć materialnie życie rodzinne.

Widziałem że w Polsce jest miejsce dla wszystkich
a jednak dla jednej kategorii ludności a mianowicie:
dla mniejszości żydowskiej do której przynależam -
wszystkie źródła zarobkowe są zamknięte. Wszelkie
otwartymi oczami w przyszłość widziałem przed sobą
tylko jedną drogę ratunkową - emigrację.

Wystaje nadzieja o Afryki, mój sis bardzo spo-
dobato kolonia Brytyjska Kenja. Pragnąc wyje-
żdżać do kolonii Kenja skierowałem sis po infor-
macji do "Information Department, Office of H. E.
Mr. East African Dependencies, Trafalgar Square
London, W. C. 2. Sąd otrzymaniem odpowiedzi, iż trzeba
aby być wysłany do kolonii Kenja - stojąc

depozyt £ 50. od osoby, co dla mnie wynosi wraz
ze swojz zozn £ 100. a taka suma nie posiadani.

Mam wtacny mieszaniz ~~szkic~~ moglym sprzedac
i z wielkim trudem zbierac na koszt podrózy.

Hisz zwracam sig uproszenie do Jego Moeści Króla
Imperji Wielkiej Brytanji jako do Najwzysze-
go Czynnika najliberalniejszej Imperji na swiecie
z wielka prosba - o umozliwienie mi emigrowac
do kolonji Kenya bez stozenia depozytu - co
wraduje moje zycie.

Z wycozien, uosnowaniem
Aron Kac

Mój dotychczasowy adres:

Aron Kac

m. Kiszynowicz,

pow. Kremenetski
wojew. Wołyński
Poland.

m. Kiszynowicz, dn. 19/VII - 1937r.

PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

8 SEP 1937

This letter has not been acknowledged.

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Cracow 1/9 1937. 3

His Majesty!
King George VI.
King of the British Empire!

RECEIVED
- 9 SEP 1937
C. O. REGY

His Kingly Flight!

In course of my difficult economic situation; and unability to create here any life conditions I'm obliged to emigrate.

I decided to quit Cracow and to look for a new life; I elected the Kenya colony, Nairobi or another town.

I'm 27 y. old, alas without error. To Kenya I intend to emigrate with my wife.

I work seven years in a goat-house and now it is in liquidation and

I've no here conversation and I don't know
how they must be used.

I rest in the hope that His Highly
Majesty will be gracious for my
begger; and I thank very very much.

Sally.

DAVID SALZBERG

МААКОВЪ XII.

BOCZNA MONOPNICZES 10A. M. S

POLAND

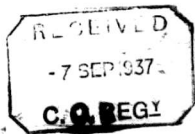
a new employment they cannot met.
As I informed must be deposited
50 £. for each person, that makes for
me 100 £. such many money I can't
depose, because I've no where to take
from.

Hereby; I Turn me to His
Majesty, and I beg His Majesty
to give me the permission of
emigrate into the Idonya Colony
without duty to depose the
necessary sum of 100 £.

I hope that His Majesty
King of the Empire will show
His gracious for a Non-Britaniam
as for His own subjects.

At the same time I please
to forgive my courage that I wrote
to His Majesty, and for the best
use of the belonging Title, because

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE.



*With the Compliments of
His Majesty's Private Secretary.*

6th September 1937.

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Horodziej 31 August 1937/2

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Honourable and Gracious King of
The British Empire and all His
Dominions.

I beg most dutifully to thank Your Majesty
for the honour which has befallen upon me to be
awarded with Your Majesty's most Gracious Reply of
the 4th June this sent through The Immigration
Branch, Canada Department of Mines and
Resources file 26. F. 1061.

I take again the liberty of applying
most humbly to Your most Noble Majesty with
the request to grant me a permission of immigra-
tion to Kenya, or to any other British Colony
as under the existing immigration Regulations to
Canada are especially strict.

I believe that only under the Rule
and Protection of Great Britain one can
find a quiet and safe life.

I take leave of addressing myself to
your Majesty Who as King of the British Empire
alone is able to bestow upon me this Grace.

I beg to submit my heartiest thanks
to your most Excellent Majesty.

I remain with respect
Your truly servant

King Fine

King Fine
Horodziej
pov. Niemcewicz
Poland

1937. 8. 31

PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
6 SEP 1937
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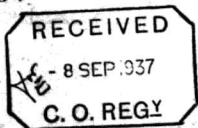
TELEPHONE: WHITEHALL 5701/2.
CABLES: EAMATTERS, LONDON.
TELEGRAMS: EAMATTERS, RAND, LONDON.



TRADE & INFORMATION OFFICE,
GRAND BUILDINGS,
TRAFALGAR SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.2.
(ENTRANCE IN THE STRAND)

REF. CHD/DKH.

7317/37



27th August, 1937.

Sir,

IMMIGRATION

In accordance with my conversation with Mr. Flood I have the honour to enclose herewith, a copy of a letter which I have to-day addressed to the British Consul at Warsaw with regard to immigration from Poland to Kenya.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Commissioner.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

C O P Y

CHD/DKH.

27th August, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice the fact that this Office has recently begun to receive a large number of notifications from Polish citizens (chiefly of the Jewish faith) of their intention to immigrate to Kenya in order to obtain employment there.

2. As you are aware, all foreigners are allowed into Kenya on the same terms as British Subjects, provided they are in possession of a valid passport (vis^{ed} where necessary) and comply with the Immigration Regulations.

3. Most of these applicants claim to be in possession of £1/200, which is sufficient to cover the deposit and allow a small margin of landing money.

4. I would however inform you that opportunities for employment in Kenya (even for skilled workmen) are few and far between, and it is considered very inadvisable to proceed to Kenya on the chance of obtaining employment.

5. The main opportunity which Kenya offers to newcomers is farming, for which a capital of £3,000 is essential and generally regarded as a minimum.

6. I should be greatly obliged therefore if you would do your best to discourage intending immigrants, with very little money, from proceeding to Kenya, as in all probability, their journey will be in vain, and having exhausted.....

H.B.M. Consul,
The British Consulate,
Warsaw,
Poland.

exhausted their means of subsistence, they will be sent back to Poland.

7. For applicants with £5,000 capital upwards, the position, of course is quite different.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient, Servant,

(SIGNED) C.M. DALE.

Commissioner.