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1938

38087/2

CO 533/492  
KENYA

38087/1

Immigration

Immigration from Central European States into Kenya

Previous

1937

See 35233/0708  
(German General  
Settlement)

Subsequent

sub files

2A, 2B & 2D

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? Puffy

Clonke White 28/1

Attom

A. M. Dave  
27.1



C.1. (1)

State that there is a ... of Poland, who is to ... to Kenya: requests necessary forms together with notes of such particulars as he may be required to furnish.

! Ack and say that we correct authority to approach is the Colonial Secretary, Nairobi Clonke White 7/4

Mr. Dave

As this is a request for information about immigration formalities perhaps it would be simplest to transfer to EAT & to as was done in the similar case on 38132/70/36 below - & inform the under Lt. that this has been done.

Clonke White 8/4

Attom  
A. M. Dave

B. To Anderson Dunlop & Co. 2/3

A To L.A. Post Office (1/2) 2/10

11 APR 1930

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6 Seares & Tubulson (Via H.O. P.S.)

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to be allowed to emigrate to Kenya without paying necessary deposit

In accordance with the decision

under No 7 on 7/37, this can be

Put by

J.J. Passer

12/4

*[Handwritten signature]*

6 Seares & Tubulson (Via H.O. P.S.)

to be allowed to emigrate to Kenya without paying necessary deposit

In accordance with the decision

2/14

J.J. Passer

12.4.30

W.H. Jones

at once 22.4.30.

*[Handwritten signature]*

8 Zankiel Kramay & Mordeko Szwarc 2.5.38<sup>3</sup>

Request permit to enter Kenya & a visa  
of Polish general consulate at Warsaw.

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9 Seares & Tubulson (Per: O)

to be allowed to emigrate to Kenya without paying necessary deposit

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No 8 is similar to No 6 and can be put by

No 9 although not addressed to the King is

of the same nature. There is no ruling

in the Code of Procedure over petitions

addressed to Cabinet Ministers. Perhaps

this can best be regarded as a personal

letter to the Hon. Belisha.

? Put by.

Clarks White

14/6

10 Passport Office (Linn).

16.5.38.

to. app. relating to the appl. of Aron Razaner,  
Polish national, for grant of visa to enter  
Kenya

(Mr. Rankin is on  
leave)

Mr. Bigg

I have failed to find recent pp. which  
I remember as which a similar  
enquiry was received from the  
Passport Office.

If Mr. Razaner fulfils the  
immigration regulations there is  
immigrate no objection to a visa being  
granted usually but if I rightly  
remember we ask Kenya for visas  
before writing to the Passport Office, in

from the repatriation of the immigrant loses  
 his money out in Kenya. In  
 this case it would seem that  
 there will be no danger of  
 an Raganer losing his nationality  
 and thus becoming homeless, <sup>which</sup>  
 there is in the case of German  
 Jews. So? Tell Passport  
 Office that there is no objection  
 to send Kenya copy camp Lt.

Clotby White  
 2/6

I see no objection to the grant of a  
 visa in this case. The grant of a  
 visa is of course no guarantee of  
 admission to Kenya.

Clotby  
 4/6

11. Passport Office \_\_\_\_\_ 28/5/38  
 Find of relating to Helmut Heubelstein & enquire  
 whether he was ever in Kenya

Draft dealing with (10) & (11) submitted.  
 Clotby White 6/6

To Passport Office (referred to 10 & 11). 10 JUN 1938

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13. Dr. Drumm Freund 12.6.38  
 Applies for permits for settlement in Kenya  
 or some other Colony where he would be  
 allowed to practise  
 This is an appeal from a young German  
 Doctor to the S.O.S. to be allowed to go and  
 settle in Kenya or another British Colony  
 and practice medicine there.

Transferred  
 to 240/38  
 Egan

R. 303  
 11 June 38  
 C.O.  
 Bureau came  
 for Lt. 7/6

13. Aliens Dept. Home Office 557766 20.6.38  
 No app. relating to appln of Siegmund  
 Erdmann (stateless) to reside in Kenya for  
 aliens

This man is a stateless citizen and  
 we must be careful.

Further copies  
 waiting in  
 A297

? Send one app to Kenya for  
 consid; keeping other one Kenya C.O.

W.S. King  
 4/7/38

J.P. Parson  
 5/7  
 done

To Passport Control Dept - 70. (13 Accpt) - 18/7/38  
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15  
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 Kenya - 417 (9 original in 13) cons. }  
 16 to Kenya - 418 (70, 10, 11 & 12) A/H - } 19/7/38

17. Ruben Aguirregi. 4.7.38.  
Asks permission to emigrate to  
Kenya.

18. Karl Rubin. 6.7.38.  
Asks for terms on which a permit  
may be obtained to enter Kenya.

19. C. S. Collier. 11.7.38.  
Regarding appln. from Mr. Eugene Blan  
for issue of his passport for Kenya.

20. FO 558376. 12.7.38.  
Is copy of report from Passport Control  
Officer, Paris, dated 28.6.38 regarding  
Eugene Blan.

21. FO 558376. 14.7.38.  
Is further ltr from Passport Control Officer,  
Paris, dated 2.7.38 regarding Eugene Blan.

17 ? Put by - of No 62

18 ? Transfer to EAT 210. - it is  
a request for information only.  
(no copy need be kept)

19 } Mr Blan is in a position  
20 } to comply with the immigration  
21 } regulations as far as money  
is concerned. There would  
appear to be no objection to  
granting him a visa. ? So  
reply to FO. Sending copies of  
Gnat letter x No 20 to Kenya  
Ltr. wif. ? And ask  
No 29 (Mr Parkin's signature) saying

22 to P.O. (10 cases).

23 to Berlin (19 cases)

22 JUL 1938

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22 to Kenya - (P.M. '19 cases + 22' AFI - 23/7/38

to E.A. to P.O. (w/ 18 in orig) 2/10. 23 JUL 1938

26. Joseph Harpassky (?) 15.7.38  
Asks permission for issue of visa to enter  
Kenya to work there on his boat as journey

27. Friedrich Rubinstem. 20.7.38.  
Asks permission to immigrate to Kenya  
with his wife.

28. Ernst Mr. Gutmann. 20.7.38  
Asks for an appln. for permit to enter  
Kenya as he wishes to immigrate there but  
international postage bill.

29. Karl ...

No 26 is a person of the 1938 from  
an unemployed Hungarian ? Put by

No 27 is vaguely worded but  
presumably is intended to be a  
request for permission to enter  
Kenya. As there is a chance  
that Herr Rubinstem will be  
able to comply with the immigration  
regulations, when aware of them,  
? transfer to EAT 210.

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Compare original. No need  
to keep copies of 2) or 28.

Cloture white

25/7

No proposed and done no. 26

also please

h. Smigle

25/7/38

at once

transferred { 29. FO 358849 22.7.38  
to 36152/112/38 In. appln form from Brown Deschitz

30 To J. Horpasky (26 and.) }  
31 F. Rubinslein (27 and.) } 2/3 } 12/8/38  
32 E. Gutmann (28 and.) }  
33 E. A. T. & I. O. (all nos 26, 27 & 28 in orig.) }  
3pm

h. S. Kalman

29/7/38

33 L. H. K. Kemerade  
Enquiries as to conditions for immigration into  
Kenya  
h. J. Nominal.

34 Put by  
35 Transfer to B.A. 100 (+ Voucher)

Cloture white 1938

h. Smigle

29/7/38

at once

36 To Com. Eastern African Des. J.I. office 4/35 wing, cables 3 P.M. } 16/11/38  
37 To Dr. H. Ferruccio 3 P.M. 9/3

38 E. A. T. & I. O.

12/8/38

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39 Mordecai E. Feldman (via Buckingham Palace & D.O.)  
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Requests permission to settle in Kenya  
h. J. Nominal. 21/7/38

Please see minute of 19/5 above

38 ? Put by

39 ? Put by

Cloture white 1938

h. Smigle

18/7/38

at once

**A**

40 J.I. 1/60/30

20/7/38

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h. J. Nominal.  
(40 + 41)  
This copy of letter, from Passport Control Officer,  
Prague, regarding Albeaus Prager and  
enquiries what reply should be made.

41 (2) Waldeman Berliner

24/7/38

Requests form of application for settlement in Kenya.

40

This will have to be referred to Kenya as  
the question of repatriation arises.  
Shore Dept. is asking what reply may be  
returned direct [from suitable Dept. in Kenya]  
copy of draft to...

41 Transfer to EAT 46.

Clark White 28/8

26/8/38

23/8/38

FO. 5/6017

This copy letter from Passport Control Dept. Brussels regarding David & Analia Leissner.

This is similar to 40 and should be dealt with in the same way in the same draft.

Clark White 27/8

27/8

42 m. B. B. B. (to H.C.) - 6.8.38  
Applied for permission to emigrate to ...

Cp No 6

Ret by

Clark White 7/9  
above

... 27/38  
... permission  
... government  
... appl.

To Passport Control Dept

ref 14 enclosing end to

(44) in original & paras

~~1 & 2~~ 2 & 3 of (44)

saying that Mr. McDonald

has not carried the application

To Director Passport Control Dept. (27/8/38) 21.9.38  
Encl to 44

DEB  
21/9/38  
Action on 4/4

46 To Kenya 564 (1/2 10/1/1938 in orig) + 12) 26.9.38

47 To: EAD.T.I.O. (27/04/41) B10 (3PN)

48 To: F.O. (17C 46) B12

49. Mr. C. G. P. P. Kenya 9/9/38  
Encl copy of letter addressed to Government of Kenya regarding two Austrian emigrants

50. F.O. 5/61030 15/9/38  
This letter from Passport Control Officers Brussels, dated 1/9/38 regarding Mr. Oscar Haber

Transferred to sub file 2B

51. F.O. 5/61196 21/9/38  
This letter from Passport Control Officer, Paris, dated 8/9/38, with enclosures, regarding Mr. Erich Pick.

52. Comité International pour le Placement des Intellectuels Réfugiés 21/9/38  
Enquiries whether Dr. László Halasz and his wife Dr. Zita Halasz may have visa prolonged and whether they may carry out medical profession in Kenya immediately

49. N.F.A. unless Mr. ...  
has a date to Kenya ...  
to him on return.  
two ... a friend

No. ...  
Clark White 9/10

16/9

has to refer to Kenya. This shows  
to some extent that... 1950  
Shas to go:  
51. And then 7 miles to Kenya

52. ... to the ...  
... to the ...  
... to the ...  
... to the ...  
3/7/38

Undersecretary ... No. 52

3/7/38

With regard to No 52. They  
are presumably not qualified  
for medical registration in  
Kenya which requires a  
qualification equivalent in  
the U.K. But reference to  
Kenya is in any case  
unnecessary on the visa question  
etc. So proposed as proposed.

3/7/38

4/1/38

[Spoken to the ...]

In future all "doctor" cases are to  
be dealt with by G.O.

53 Arthur Stegweid 4/10/38  
States intention to immigrate to Kenya enquires  
as to conditions, and whether to expect help from  
Government Requests early reply

6 J Nominal  
3/2/38

54 To: Sec  
C.I. Paul Stewart (52 Head)  
des. I. Reference

7/11/38

2 copies sent  
to ...

NOW SEE SUB-FILES 2A, 2B & 2D



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54<sup>9</sup>

C. O.

Mr. Roberts 29.10.

Mr. B. D. Edmonds *if*

Mr.

Mr. A. J. Dawe.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Perm. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

(52)

DRAFT.

Le Secrétaire,

Comité International

pour le Placement des

Intellectuels Réfugiés

**FURTHER ACTION.**

2 November, 1938.

Sir,

I am etc. to acknowledge

the receipt of your letter of the 21st of September, and to

inform you that Dr. Ladislav

Halasz and Dr. Zita Halasz,

who desire to be permitted

to practise in Kenya, should

communicate direct with the

Chief Secretary to the

Government of Kenya in the

matter, furnishing full

full particulars of such professional  
degrees as they may hold.

I am etc.

(Signed) J. J. PASKIN.

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL  
POUR LE PLACEMENT DES  
INTELLECTUELS RÉFUGIÉS

Adresse télégr.: Intellectuels Réfugiés

GENÈVE,

52, RUE DES PAQUIS

TELEPHONE 27.222

September 21st 1938.

Colonial Office,  
Whitehall  
L O N D O N.

re: Dr. Ladislav Halasz and  
Dr. Zita Halasz.

*Asad by 54*  
Sirs,

I venture to approach you on behalf of Dr. Ladislav Halasz and his wife, Dr. Zita Halasz. Both are Jewish Hungarian citizens, desirous to emigrate. They have visas for a stay of one year in Kenya and are anxious to know if it would be possible to get this visa prolonged. They would also like to know if, upon entering Kenya, they would be permitted at once to carry out the medical profession. For the moment they are in Italy (27, Corso Umberto, Mantova)

Dr. Ladislav Halasz is a member of the London Medical Society.

Hoping that you will be able to do something in what the Committee is very severely pressing.

Sire,

Yours faithfully,

*Ernest Bevin*

P/Rem.Kenya.

Mr. Costley-White,  
East Africa Department,  
Colonial Office.

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Referring to our telephone conversation of the 7th September regarding the payment by Major H.V. Landsberg of the sum of £100 in respect of two Austrian emigrants to Kenya, I enclose, for your information, a copy of a letter which we have addressed to the Government of Kenya in the matter.

9.9.38.

*AmAlbin*  
"P" Department.  
Crown Agents' Office.  
9th September 1938.

P/Ren. Kenya.

9th September 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that, with the approval of the Colonial Office, we have received the sum of £100 from a Major H.V. Landsberg on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Knopp who, we understand, are sailing by the s.s. "Timavo" from Trieste for Mombasa on the 21st September, en route to Kenya as Austrian emigrants (Passport No. 931794). The amount will be found credited in our September account. Major Landsberg has stated that under the emigration regulations Mr. and Mrs. Knopp will not be allowed to land in Kenya unless they have in their possession the sum of £50 each and difficulties may arise if he attempts to remit the amount direct to them owing to certain restrictions on the export of money from Italy.

We have to ask that the necessary arrangements may be made for the £100 to be paid to Mr. Knopp on arrival at Mombasa on production by him of the receipt for the money given by us to Major Landsberg (H.V. Landsberg Esq.). We have advised Major Landsberg for the information of Mr. and Mrs. Knopp that the amount is accepted by us without prejudice and that its acceptance does not in any way guarantee entry into Kenya of these emigrants.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for CROWN AGENTS.

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C. O.

Mr. *Whitmore* 24/9

Mr.

Mr.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

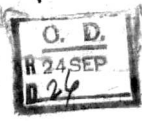
Perms. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

*Ls*

*86*



26 Sept., 1938.

Sir,

I have etc. to

to to you the accy copies

76.

of specimens enclosing

copies of letters from the

British Passport Control Officer at

Prague & the Acting

British Passport Control

Officer at Brussels

regarding applications

received from Alexis

Prager & David Leisner

& his wife, respectively,

**DRAFT.**

*Keriga*

no: 564

*God.*

*22. 8. 38*  
*Copy of 40 anal. with sub. well*  
*23. 8. 38*  
*(42 & anal.)*

FURTHER ACTION

*Copy, 10. 8. 38, to 7. 6. LF. ref. 42 No. 128*

*Action on 41*

to Kenya.

2. I shall be obliged if  
you will consider these appeals  
and cause replies to be sent,  
as soon as possible, direct to  
the Passport Control Office, Prague,  
and the Acting Passport Control  
Office, Brussels.

I have etc.

(Signed) MALCOLM MARDONALD

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KENYA  
No. 12

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
NAIROBI  
KENYA

8 September 1938.

Sir,

15 I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 417 of the 19th July, forwarding a letter, with enclosures, from the Passport Control Officer, Germany, covering an application by Siegmund Erdman, a stateless person, for a visa to enable him to proceed to Kenya and to take up employment with the Continental Furriers and Fur Storage Company in Nairobi.

2. The letter from the Continental Furriers and Fur Storage Company of Nairobi, intimating the intention to employ the applicant, appears to be of little value as a contract and contains no acceptance of obligation in the event of Erdman leaving that employment. The firm in question has recently been started by two German Jews, one of whom, Mr. I.M. Bendzel, arrived in Kenya in June 1937 and was admitted on a conditional permit, since cancelled. The other, Mr. Simonsohn, arrived from Germany in March, 1938, and was admitted on a cash deposit of £50, which is still held. The business concerned is believed to be the sole source of income of these two partners, and the scope of their operations makes it unlikely that it will provide a livelihood for a third European member or employee, i.e. Mr. Siegmund Erdman.

*moving to (45)  
asked office  
7 Para 2, 3 & 4  
only 1st part (45)*

3. In the circumstances I regret that I am not prepared to agree that permission should be granted in this case.

4./

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.



4. The application in original is returned  
herewith.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

*Gov. Wade*

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

C. O.

Mr. Rivers 20.7.

Mr. Bayard <sup>17</sup>/<sub>1</sub>

Mr. Serrage 21/7 fs.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Partly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

Fr. 22 59

22 July, 1938.

fb

Sir,

I am etc to ack the receipt of your letter ~~with reference to your notes,~~

etc

(No. S. 58378, of the 12th and 14th

of July, regarding an application submitted by Jenö (Eugene) Bear,

a Hungarian, for a visa to enable

him to proceed to Kenya, and

~~to take up employment as a~~

planter, and I am etc to inform

you that ~~there~~ no objection to the

~~permission being granted in this~~

case.

I am, etc.

Appt. H. Serridge

DRAFT.

(20)

(21)

The U.S. of S.  
Foreign Office

(21)

copy to Henry a

24.7.38 zett

FURTHER ACTION.

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. S/58578

and address—not to any person by name, but to

The Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office, London, S.W.1

REC  
12 JUL 1938

THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, and, in transmitting herewith, by direction of the Secretary of State, a copy of the under-mentioned paper, would be glad to be advised what answer should be returned to the Passport Control Officer, Paris.

Foreign Office,

12th July, 1938.

Reference to previous correspondence

Description of Enclosure

Name and Date.	Subject.
From the Passport Control Officer, Paris, dated 28th June, 1938.	Jeno (Eugene) BLAU.

Handwritten notes: 12, Copy to ...

Similar letter sent to

BRITISH PASSPORT CONTROL,  
PARIS.



Family Name BLAU Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christian Names Jenő (Eugene) Patronymic \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 87 Boulevard de Strasbourg, Paris  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place and Date of Birth Budapest, 1906  
 Sex M Profession Clerk Nationality Hungarian  
 Arrived in France 27.6.38 Coming from Budapest  
 Destination Kenya  
 Reason for Journey plantation  
 Duration of Proposed Visit indefinite  
 Means at Applicant's Disposal see below  
 Date of Previous Visits to U.K. \_\_\_\_\_ In what capacity \_\_\_\_\_  
 Previous Address in U.K. \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCES IN UNRECORDED

(1) Mr. N. HEILIG  
B.P. 611  
Nairobi

(2) Mr. B. HEGL  
B.P. 611  
Nairobi

Passport No. 377953 Issued at Budapest On 1.6.38 Valid until 31.8.39

Return Visa(s) to None Valid until \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date

REMARKS

28.6.38

This applicant has just arrived in France coming from Hungary. He informs us that he formerly lived in Abyssinia and worked in conjunction with the two references given above. In Abyssinia, he was first of all a planter and later a bank clerk. Reference No.1 apparently arrived in Kenya in 1937 and is now employed as a clerk by a firm called TAWS LTD. Reference No.2, who is apparently a chauffeur and garage attendant, has been in Kenya since March last.

Applicant states that he did not apply for his visa for Kenya before leaving Hungary as he did not wish to reveal the fact that he had capital abroad. As a matter of fact, he is at present in possession of a sum of £91 in cash. He states that he could receive about the same amount from his two references and that friends in Hungary, who have capital deposited abroad, would also be willing to help him. His intention is to be a planter in Kenya.

As I am not sure that the local authorities want immigrants of this type with such problematical means of support, I am not prepared to grant a visa without your authority. Applicant states that if it is necessary for the Colonial Office to forward his application to the Government of Kenya he would like the reference to be made by air mail at his expense.

May I have your instructions please?

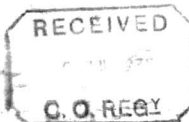


ASST. PASSPORT CONTROL OFFICER  
FRANCE

From C. S. COLLIER

TEM. 3316

JAGARANDA LONDON



1919  
Bush House, Aldwych,  
London W.C.2.  
Monday  
4th July 1938

Dear Mr. Lee,

An ex-employé of the Bank of Ethiopia, Mr. Eugène Blau, writes me that he has made application through the Consulate in Paris for the visa of his passport for Kenya.

This man is a Hungarian in the thirties, and occupied a responsible position in the Bank in Addis Ababa. He is a quiet hard-working fellow, able to look after himself, and if my recommendation is of any value in his favour I gladly give it.

Should Mr. Blau be allowed to enter and reside in Kenya he will not be without friends on the spot, as a compatriot of his, by name N. Heilig, also an ex-employé of the Bank, is already there in a business post.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,



N.G. Lee Esq.  
Colonial Office S.W.1.

Ans (33)

Brussels, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1938 170

Sire,

May it please Your Majesty to read this letter of one, who has very few rights to implore Your goodness not being even your subject. I am twenty years old, of Jewish nationality, born in Wilno, Poland. My parents were rather well off, but were ruined by the crisis and finished up by the boycott. However I could achieve my college studies. The university was closed for me as Jew and so I left for Brussels where by aid of some relatives I could go on with medical studies for two years, that is to say until now. At present I am deprived of all help from parents and relatives and, not having the right to work in Belgium I must cease them, though they were always my chosen ones. From the age of fourteen, I intended studying medicine and leaving as doctor for the tropics later. Now I cannot pursue my studies not only because I have no means, but also because I must help my mother who needs help. I want not to return home, to Poland, because there I shall be only a burden on my family and no help. The intellectual Jewish youth is most touched by the political conditions there existing. Government, State and municipal situations are shut-up. The same banks and other great undertakings. I may expect finding a job of a third-rate clerk with two pounds a month and no hope for better. The only way remaining is emigrating. I will emigrate to Kenya and thus, in some measure, satisfy my dreams. I do not regard Kenya as a land where I could make money, and there, having made it, return to Europe, but as a home, as my country. I am seeking for freedom and bread. This, I believe, Kenya can give me. Unfortunately for me, every emigrant has to deposit for a year the sum of fifty pounds on entering the Colony. This sum I cannot afford. I dispose of a sum sufficient for the passage and three, four months' living in Kenya. And this is the cause why I am addressing myself to Your Majesty's benevolence to beg whether I could be freed of depositing the sum. This sum has to be paid to prevent from falling an emigrant as a burden on the Colony of heavy charges, perscrutation and education do still count, I dare say, I shall not be a burden never. I intend becoming a farmer. But after my arrival, I believe I have chance to get a job of an office clerk or secretary on account of my knowledge of foreign languages. I know quite well French, German, and of course English.

In the case of a foreigner's entering the British Empire not only financial circumstances are considered, I believe. And therefore I may say that in my person the Empire will have as good a citizen as any. I have always believed that Englishmen are not taking an undeserved pride in their being born born English. English ideas, English history, I regarded always

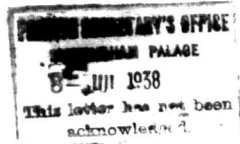
as mine. The British Commonwealth of Nations I regard as the  
model humanity will organize itself after. I had tried to enlist  
in the British Army when I had read that it needs soldiers.  
I had written to the British Embassy in Warsaw, in Brussels, to  
the War Office, but of course the result was a negative one. I did  
not that for mere love of adventure, for then I could  
easily enlist in the French Foreign Legion, neither for money,  
because I required of the pay in all the letters I wrote.

I send this letter with one wish: May it reach Your  
Majesty's hands. It is difficult to express one's feelings on  
paper or even in speech. My whole life depends on Your Majesty's  
answer. But should it even be negative, please, do me this last  
favour and let me know.

I have the honour to remain, Sir, Your  
Majesty's most dutiful servant

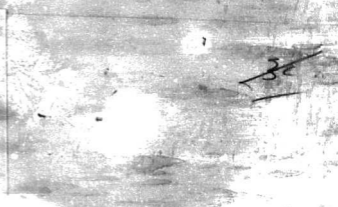
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Application of *[faint handwritten text]*

Sequim d Erdmann





Our Ref: BG/54792.

June 13, 1938.

Siegmund ERDMANN (Stateless)

The application of the above named Stateless person for permission to proceed to Nairobi, Kenya Colony, for residence is submitted for decision.

2. He has been engaged for a period of two years by the

Continental Furriers & Fur Storage Co.,  
Theatre Royal Buildings,  
First Floor, Room No.9,  
Delamere Avenue,  
P.O.B. No.1487,  
Nairobi,  
Kenya Colony.

copy of whose contract is attached.

Passport Control Officer,  
Germany.

The Director of Passport Control,  
London.

## THE CONTINENTAL FURRIERS &amp; FUR STORAGE CO.

Manufacturing Furriers.

Remodelling and  
Repairing Specialists.Importers, Tanners and  
Dyers of Skins.Theatre Royal Building  
First Floor Room No. 9  
Delamere Avenue  
P.O. Box No. 1487

NAIROBI

Kenya Colony.

20th May, 1938.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I herewith wish to certify, that I have the  
intention to employ Mr. Sigmund ERDMANN Berlin-Germany as  
enter in my company for the period of two years.

The wages we will pay him will be sh1.100/- per  
week.

The Continental Furriers and  
Fur Storage Company.

p.p. J. Simonsohn.

Alien Visa Section  
Kenya Department

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Kenya Department, Colonial Office.

It will be seen from the attached file of papers that Mr. Helmut Mendelsohn, a German national, has applied for a visa for Kenya Colony where he desires to settle and take up farming.

In 1934 Mr. Mendelsohn entered Palestine as an immigrant and remained for two years. He has stated that he found the climate of Palestine unsuitable.

Mr. Mendelsohn has also stated that he is in a position to produce evidence to show that he is in possession of capital to the extent of some thousands of pounds. He is already in touch with the Trade and Information Office for Kenya in London.

Subject to nothing detrimental being known in the United Kingdom regarding Mr. Mendelsohn's character would the Colonial Office have any objection to the grant of a visa for Kenya Colony?

*[Signature]*  
26th May, 1938.

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Kenya Dept. . .

Colonial Office.

It will be seen from the attached file of papers that Mr. Aron Razaner, a Polish national aged 29 years, has applied for the grant of a visa for Kenya Colony where he proposes to take up permanent residence.

Mr. Razaner arrived in the United Kingdom on the 13th. April last when he was permitted to land on condition that he did not enter employment either paid or unpaid whilst staying in the United Kingdom.

One Mr. Abraham Goldberg, a member of the firm of A. Goldberg and Sons of Candleriggs, Glasgow called at this Office and stated that he was supplying his relative, Mr. Razaner with the necessary funds to enable him to settle in Kenya.

The Passport Office would be glad to be advised whether the Colonial Office have any objection to Mr. Razaner being granted a visa for entry into Kenya Colony.

*[Signature]*  
16/5/38  
Dawkins - O'Brien

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