Document For Richard Weinsteins ID In China

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THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS IN CHINA

SHANGHAL ON 11th of June, 1940.

To whom it may concern!

This is to certify that

Dr. Richard W e i n s t e i n . residing 198 Avenue du Roi Albert,5 Kelmscott Gardens. Shanghai, born on 12th of July 1896 at Budweis

is registered as an Emigrant of Jewish faith under No 13653 in the records of this Committee and is holder of the German passport for the Protectorate Bohemia No 7304 issued on 13th of February 1940 at Prag, which bears the red "J" stamped therein.

The validity of the passport is renewable under the present laws after its expiration on 12th of February 1941 appertaining therato on the holder having occasion to travel.

Dr. Weinstein needs the certificate for the transfer of some money of his own, now deposited in England, to Shanghai.

I hereby certify the above writing to be the signature of Mr.Paul KOMOR, Secretary of an accepted and recognized body established in Shanghai for the purpose of dealing with the affairs of Jewish refugees from Furence. from Europe. Shanghai, 11th of June 1940. 14020 d.

This document was probably issued for my dad Richard Weinstein's ID in China.

H.B.M. Consulate General, Shanghai.

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After the Munich Pact, when Germans occupied the border regions, we moved to Prague, where we lived in a small apartment on Hermanova Street.

Dad was trying to arrange for us to emigrate to America. On the same street, a bit further down, on the second floor in a normal residential apartment, was a Jewish prayer hall where we would go sometimes.



As children, we didn't find all the anti-Jewish measures and restrictions as difficult as adults did, for we just adapted to things. When we were no longer allowed to travel by tram, we went to the Hagibor sports grounds by foot, although it was pretty far from where we were living.

My dad was no longer looking for employment in Prague. He was doing what he could to be able to emigrate to America, but it didn't work out for him.

It was extremely difficult, for it required a lot of money, we weren't from the area and he didn't know anyone here.

Dad wasn't familiar with the local conditions and probably didn't have the right nature for this kind of thing, as he was actually a shy person.

In short, our family didn't manage to emigrate. In the end, there were some people, perhaps acquaintances, who left for America. America required an affidavit, which meant some kind of surety.

Either you had to deposit a certain amount of money somewhere, or somebody had to accept liability for you. We didn't have anyone in America to help us, so our parents gave the relevant people nearly all their savings so that they would put down an affidavit for us.

And those people then sent word that they had lost the money. After that, there was no money and no possibilities left. Only Shanghai was still an option for Jewish immigrants.

Dad managed to get there, traveling by train across the Soviet Union. It took several months before he could arrange the necessary permits for us.

He sent each of us the appropriate document, but by the time we got it, we weren't able to leave. In Shanghai my dad worked as a doctor.