

Nouneberg, Louta

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Nouneberg, Louta	Musicology	

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LOUTA NOUNEBERG

Musicologist, now in unoccupied France.

Visa application submitted by relative in October 1941.

No reply from Visa Division to the New School for Social Research.

Political status: Anti-Nazi, Jewish

Academic record: Mozarteum Academy, Salzburg, author of scholarly works on music.

Background

Having received funds for two-years' salary, the New School for Social Research invited Mrs. Nounenberg to become an Associate Professor on its Faculty.

American Estimates

Felix Wolfes, Assistant Conductor at the Metropolitan Opera House writes:

Mme. Louta Nounenberg is known to me through my professional activity in Paris (1933-1937).

She combines a number of qualities in her person each one of which would be sufficient to attract full attention. She is a pianist and musician of an extreme sense of responsibility, a person full of vitality and original ideas; she is, at the same time, endowed with extraordinary teaching talents.

She is, all in all, an outstanding, stimulating and colorful personality, for whom the ministries of education in Paris as well as previously in Prague, Vienna and Warsaw had begun to show a great interest.

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Mme. Louta Nouneberg, formerly of Paris, at present at Chateau Ferber, 280 Avenue de la Californie, Nice, has been a very well known piano teacher in Paris. She has developed a new method of piano teaching. The principles of her method have been confirmed by the analysis of slow motion films which were made for her and which reproduce the play of : Horowitz, Cortot, Casadesus, Rubinstein, Backhaus, Borowsky, Wanda Landowska and some other great pianists.

For many years American pupils came to Paris for studying with her. She directed for three years the Master Class of Piano at the Mozarteum Academy in Salzburg.

Her book "Le piano révéle par le film" has been published by Eschig in Paris.

Due to present conditions, Mme Nouneberg, unfortunately, cannot send any reviews on her work because she had to leave everything in Paris when she fled; here are, however, some quotations of opinions referring to her work as expressed by some famous musicians:

"The research work of Louta Nouneberg on the piano play will be a benefit for generations of pianists, and is of unique value." Signed: A. Borowsky.

"Louta Nouneberg is a pianist and teacher of first class and her method for teaching the playing of the piano is of incalculable importance and value." Signed: Wilhelm Backhaus.

"That is a real revolution in the art of piano play and I am convinced that in twenty years the method of Louta Nouneberg will be considered everywhere as a unique one." Signed: Henry Prunieres

Edwin Chuder

LOUTA NOUNBERG

Relatives in occupied territory: It is not known whether or not Professor Nounberg's one or two brothers are still in Poland.

Professor Nounberg herself is staying in South France.

Her parents are dead. Her cousin, Dr. Nounberg, and his two sisters are staying in the United States.

The passage money is ready to be paid at any time.

Professor Nounberg's papers were submitted to the State Department by Mrs. Razowski, National Refugee Service.

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Felix Wolfes
228 W 71rst Str.
New York City

May 2, 1941

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She had a large international circle of pupils, *in Paris* ~~and especially~~ in her Master Class of Piano at the Mozarteum in Salzburg.

I know, Mme Nounenberg would be a great asset to any institution of high standards concerned with musical education.

Felix Wolfes
Felix Wolfes

Assistant Conductor at the
Metropolitan Opera.

May 19, 1941

Dear Mrs. Nunberg:

I am enclosing two forms for a guaranty, of which Dr. Nunberg should choose the more convenient one. If he chooses the monthly payment guaranty, a bank reference should be attached, as you see from the outline.

Since Mae, Nunberg is alone, it is necessary to give her an allowance of \$1500, that is, \$125 a month.

And in his own letter Dr. Nunberg should mention that he will also provide for the studio.

Sincerely yours,

Elsa Staudinger

Mrs. Hermann Nunberg
675 Park Avenue
New York City

Encl.

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May 21, 1941

Dear Dr. Johnson:

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This is to advise you that Dr. Nunberg has had a revocable trust with this institution for a number of years. Dr. Nunberg is a valued client of this company and we believe him to be responsible for his obligations in every respect.

Very truly yours,

sign: John Fiske

Vice President

Dr. Alvin S. Johnson
New School for Social Research
66 West 12 Street
New York City

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Herman Nunberg, M. D.
875 Park Avenue
New York City

Telephone BUTterfield 8-7883

May 21, 1941

Dr. Alvin Johnson, President
New School for Social Research
66 West 12th Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I have the privilege to inform you
that I hereby unconditionally and irrevocably
undertake to provide for the salary of Mrs. Nounberg
as professor of Musicology at the New School for
Social Research in the amount of \$1500.00
(Onethousandfivehundred Dollars) a year for a
period of two years. This agreement is also binding
upon my estate. Furthermore, I will provide for a
studio for Mme. Nounberg.

Sincerely yours,

sign: Herman Nunberg, M. D.

May 26, 1941.

Dear Dr. Nunberg:

Thank you for your letter
of May 21st and the enclosure from
the Fiduciary Trust Company. I
enclose a copy of the invitation
and contract which we have sent to
Mrs. Nunberg. I hope everything
will go well.

Sincerely yours,

Alvin Johnson,
Director.

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Dr. Herman Nunberg,
875 Park Avenue,
New York City.

May 27, 1941

Dear Madame Neuneberg:

By authority of the Board of Trustees of the New School for Social Research, I herewith tender you appointment as Associate Professor of Musicology for a two-year term beginning July first or on your arrival in New York. The salary is one thousand five hundred dollars per year. Please notify me of your acceptance.

Yours truly

Alvin S. Johnson
President

Madame Louta Neuneberg
Chateau Ferber
280 Avenue de la California
Nice

May 27, 1941.

My dear Madame Nounenberg:

May I add the following notes to the communication inviting you to an Associate Professorship in the New School for Social Research.

We are enclosing two extra copies of our letter of invitation for the American Consul.

On receipt of this communication, will you please get in touch with the American Consul and apply for a non-quota visa. If you have any difficulty in securing it, please cable me, explaining as briefly as possible the grounds of the difficulty. If you are short of funds, you may send the cable "collect" (i.e., to be paid for by the recipient), provided the cable authorities there will accept it on that condition. Our cable address is: Univex, New York.

May I ask you to write us by air mail as the various steps of your journey are accomplished. For instance, when you have received a reply from the Consul as to your application for a visa, please inform us by air mail letter. Also, on arriving at your port of departure, it would be helpful then to let us know the approximate date your passage has been arranged for.

Our representative at Lisbon, Mr. Alexander Makinsky, who is also the representative of the Rockefeller Foundation, will be glad to assist you in any way he can. His telegraphic address is: Rockfound, Lisbon: His mail address is: Caixa Postal 398, Lisbon.

We look forward to welcoming you to our fellowship.

Sincerely,

Alvin Johnson,
Director.

Madame Louta Nounenberg,
Chateau Ferber,
280 Avenue de la California,
Nice, France.

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To MAKINSKY

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HERMAN NUNBERG, M. D.
875 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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TELEPHONE BUTTERFIELD 8-7883
June 5th, 1941

Dr. Alvin Johnson
New School for Social Research
66 West Twelfth Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I want to express my deep appreciation
of your kindness in regard to Mme Nounberg.
I hope she will be able to leave France and I
know you will find her worthy of your magnanimity.

Gratefully yours,

Herman Nunberg

July 10, 1941

Dear Mrs. Munberg:

As you certainly will have heard
the new visa regulations are a rather
complicated procedure.

As soon as we know definite how
to go ahead we will let you know since
your cooperation will certainly be needed.

Sincerely yours,

Elsa Staudinger

Mrs. Herman Munberg
875 Park Avenue
New York City

A. Makinsky's Diary

Lisbon

Tuesday July 15, 1941

Telegram from Mrs. Louta Nounberg: Prenom Louta,
Polonaise, née Bedzin, Pologne, 20 Decembre 1894; divorcée,
pas d'enfants. Vecu France depuis 1923; Parents morts;
perdu traces frères et soeurs depuis guerre. Demandes
d'autres visas en cours. Besoin d'urgence deux mille francs
pour demarches. Adresse Hotel Metropole, Nice."

July 16, 1941.

Dear Dr. Nunberg:

On July 1st, the State Department instituted new regulations for visa applicants. All applications made under the old regulations and not yet acted upon, automatically lose validity. It becomes necessary to make new applications based on the new regulations.

The application must be addressed to Washington by some individual sponsor of the applicant and not by the New School. We will be able to assist you only with advice in making the application for Professor Neunberg and by supplying a certified statement establishing the validity of the School's invitation and contract.

It is suggested that you immediately write to Mr. Avra Warren, Chief of the Visa Division, State Department, Washington, asking for a set of the new visa application forms. You must fill out forms B and D. If the Professor is married, ask for one form for her and one for her husband. If there are to be any children over 18 accompanying her, ask for extra forms for such children. Children under 18 can be listed on the form for the father.

You should immediately fill out these forms to the extent possible and then communicate with us to discuss the next step.

In writing to Mr. Warren, I request you not to mention my name or that of the New School. This reference would not assist you in getting blanks, but would complicate matters.

Very truly yours,

Alvin Johnson,
Director.

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Dr. Herman Nunberg,
875 Park Avenue,
New York City.

July 22, 1941.

Dear Dr. Nunberg:

I enclose two notarized copies of a statement by Dr. Johnson concerning the employment status of Professor Neunberg for the purpose of your application to Washington for a visa. As I understand it, these will suffice along with Forms B (one for each adult over 18) and D (one for the entire family group emigrating).

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Solow.

HS:blh

Dr. Herman Nunberg,
875 Park Avenue,
New York City.

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October 15, 1941

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Madame Louta
Nouneberg, Chateau Ferber, 280 Avenue de la
California, Nice, is under contract with the New
School for Social Research as Associate Profes-
sor of Musicology. Her contract is valid for a
two-year period beginning on her arrival in New
York, at a salary of \$1,500 per year.

Clara Wollie Mayer,
Associate Director.

August 17, 1942

Dr. H. Nurnberg
875 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Nurnberg:

This is to inform you that, according to information received from HIAS, a boat will sail from Casablanca at the end of the month.

I should be glad to know of any new developments in the case of Dr. Nurnberg.

Sincerely yours,

HS:MH

Herbert Solow