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April 3, 1930.

Miss Cecelia Razovsky,  
799 Broadway  
New York N.Y.

Dear Miss Razovsky;

In a recent correspondence with our Commissioner General on Immigration Hon. Harry E. Hull he acquaints us with the fact that he has recommended that legislation be enacted which would authorize a non-quota status in the issuance of immigration visas to the dependent parents over sixty years of age of American citizens.

Thus far his recommendation has not been enacted into a law, as you know, Would it be possible that the National Council of Jewish Women should take steps to express their approval of this recommendation?

A Turkish case at this border is that of a woman of 72 who has been living in Juarez for the past six years, with only one prayer to be united with her children Two daughters and a naturalized son who are living in the States.

In appealing to the American Consul in Constantinople he informed us that the preference quota for that country is 578 ahead of this woman and since only 113 are admitted annually from that country this woman will have to wait six years for her number unless some provision can be made outside of the quota for her.

Thanking you for all past favors, Beg to remain,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
Chairman Immigrant Aid  
Council of Jewish Women  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso, Texas.

April 12, 1930.

Miss Cecelia Razovsky,  
799 Broadway  
New York N.Y.

Dear Miss Razovsky;

Yours of the 9th. to hand and in reply will give you the data for which you ask in regard to this Turkish woman who has been in Juarez six years awaiting a number.

She is Mrs. Theodula D. Tollias  
108 Abraham Gonzalez Street  
Juarez, Mexico.

She is a Turkish subject and was born in Sterna, Turkey.

Her Naturalized son is Mr. Peter D. Tollias

29 Lwohig Street

San Angelo, Texas.

Her one daughter is married to an American and lives here in El Pas and is a Mrs. M. Lorris. The single daughter lives in El Paso with her married sister.

We have forwarded full detail of this case to our Congressman Hon.

Claude D. Hudspeth.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

1016 Olive Street

El Paso, Texas.

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## STILL DENY ENTRY INTO U. S. OF WOMEN WORLD WAR VICTIM

ECHOES of the World war are still resounding through the life of Mrs. Theodola Tolia, 72, who has been living in Juarez six years while attempting to secure admission to the United States in order that she may rejoin her family.

Yesterday, she was granted a six-month visitor's passport by the American consulate, but the immigration authorities remained firm in their decision to exclude her until such time as she could enter in sequence under the Turkish quota.

Mrs. Tolia was born in a Grecian province, and has no Turkish blood in her veins, but, due to a strange territorial readjustment, which took place in Asia Minor after the World war, she is classified under the Turkish quota and finds admission practically impossible.

### Born In Sterna.

She was born in what is known as Sterna, a province that has changed sovereignty several times, but now belongs to Turkey by right of possession.

The Turks took Sterna during the war, but afterwards the allies returned the province to Greece. Then the Turks captured it and the Greeks were unable to defend their right to

the land. The allies failed to support Greece, and Turkey has held Sterna ever since.

Being one of the individuals who suffered from change of territory, Mrs. Tolia, has been trying to enter for years as a quota immigrant, but Sterna belongs to Turkey, and the Turkish quota is vastly overloaded.

Mrs. Tolia has two daughters in El Paso, and a son in San Angelo, but lives alone in Juarez.

Immigration authorities granted her the right to appeal the decision on the visitor's passport to Washington, D. C., and she hopes to receive a favorable verdict in the next two weeks.

## MAKE POSTHUMOUS AWARD TO MEMBERS OF HIGH QUINTET

Students of El Paso high school watched and remembered, as fitting honors to an undefeated basketball team were awarded yesterday morning, the living members standing with the fathers of two players who died during the season, to receive gold emblems in token of an unblemished seasonal record.

Lionel Feiner and W. Casten, were presented the cherished gold

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