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## Resident of U. S. 30 Years Forced To Stay In Juarez

**B**EING a foreign born American certainly interferes with sight-seeing pleasures in Juarez, if we listen to the word of Mrs. Molly Lepa, who has lived in the United States for 30 years and now finds herself stranded across the river with her three children because of inability to prove she was properly admitted as an immigrant.

Mrs. Lepa, 52, was born in Austria and emigrated to the United States 30 years ago, landing at the port of Philadelphia. She claims to have been properly admitted. For the past 20 years she has been living with her family in Dallas, Tex.

and St. Louis; then south through Missouri to Memphis. From Memphis Scott will turn toward home, through Arkansas, and Texas by way of Dallas and Fort Worth.

Duane Howard, secretary to the managing director of the Kansas City chamber of commerce, Saturday wired the chamber of commerce here that he would give publicity

Passing through El Paso en route to the coast to visit some relatives, she decided to see the sights in Juarez. She found no difficulty in entering Mexico, but the immigration inspectors detained her on the return trip.

She was unable to produce papers to show that she had a right to be in the United States, nor could she name the ship upon which she came to the country in order that her record could be traced.

So she remains in Juarez with her children while her family is keeping the wires hot between here and Philadelphia in an attempt to

### LEADERSHIP COURSE.

The approved training course in Scout Leadership, extending through a period of eight weeks will start Tuesday night in the parish house of St. Clement's, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. M. J. Preston will serve as scout master and Capt. Stanley Good as senior patrol leader.

PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE.

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MRS F ~~XXX~~ ZALBORSKY

1016 OLIVE ST ELPASO TEX

VERIFIED GOVERNMENT IMMIGRATION STATION GLOUCESTER AMALIA

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DESTINED TO AUNT AND UNCLE MARIA GURA FOUR FIFTY EIGHT

NORTH AMERICAN STREET PHILADELPHIA VERIFIED SOPHIA LINGENBAUMS

PARENTS ~~XXXX~~ WERE NAMED GURA LIVED AT ADDRESS GIVEN ADVISE

US DETAILS OF CASE BY LETTER IMMEDIATELY FOR RECORD

MRS E SHEVELL IMMIGRANT AID

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

To Mr Eva Sherell 3/21 1930

Street and No. 416 Spruce St

Place Philadelphia Pa

Malke Greenfeldt is being detained in Mexico to establish his legal entry in United States claims entry in Philadelphia in June of 1900 or 1901. please try to verify so that we may establish his claims Philadelphia Immigration Service wire file 4325/679 unsatisfactory wire answer. Mrs. F. Zlaborsky

Sender's address  
for reference

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY  
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Sender's telephone  
number

402504 Westview  
Los Angeles Calif.  
March 24, 1930

Mrs. Zlabovsky  
1016 Olive  
E. Paso, Tex.

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Just a few lines to let you know that we arrived here Sat morning & was sure glad to get here too.

Had very little trouble getting here.

Well, how did Mrs. Lepas case come out?

I sure hope that she got out O.K. because I am sure that she isn't blessing us any.

How are you coming with your  
work.

Mr. Lefkowitz has just come  
in, he has been in town all  
day looking for work + to delight  
has found work, of course he  
has only worked a half day  
but I am sure he'll have  
it for study, we hope so  
anyway.

Will have to close now  
hoping this find you + yours  
in the best of health.

With the best regards from  
all.

Yours Sincerely  
Mrs. Lefkowitz.

April 3, 1930.

Mrs. A. Rosenstein  
2131 West Ontario, Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Re; Amalia Greenfield Lepa and three children

Dear Mrs. Rosenfield; Mrs. Lepa accompanied by her three children the eldest a girl of twenty three and a deaf mute coming from Dallas Texas enroute to Los Angeles stopped in El Paso and went to Juarez, Mexico to sight see. On her return she was apprehended at the boudry and was unable to produce papers to prove her legal right in the United States, and was refused admittance until she could establish and verify that claim. She is of an unusually illeterate type and the only information she could give us was that she entered at the port of Philadepphia some thirty years ago and shortly before a President was assassinated.

She also, stated that it was sometime after Shevouth so from the above information we made our deductions and sent you the telegram.

The wire from Mrs. Eva Schevell in answer to mine of March 21st. enabled us to get this woman admitted into the United States however only on parole until the authorities get legal documents from the port at which she entered.

Mrs. Lepa left for Los Angeles, Cal. where she expects to establish her home.

Thanking you for past favors,

Yours truly,

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

April 3. 1930.

Mrs. Geo. Goldsmith  
1419 South Wilton Pl.  
Los Abgeles, Cal.

Re; Mrs. Mollie Lepa and Three children

This family was apprehended at the El Paso port of entry for verification of legal entry into the United States. She has been paroled to the El Paso Council of Jewish Women until the case is legally cleared at Immigration headquarters. She was permitted to continue her journey to Los Angeles her destination from Dallas, Texas.

The eldest child a girl of twenty three is a deaf mute.

Mrs. Lepa for reasons best known to herself refused to give me an authentic address of friends in Los Angeles. This is the only information we were able to get. Isidore Kahn working at the United Wholesale Grocery is a friend.

We ask you to please get in touch with this case and keep her under supervision until the Immigration headquarters clears the files.

For your further information she travelled from Dallas to El Paso with a Mr. and Mrs. C. Lefkovitz who are now located at 2509 Westview, Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,

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



437½ N Bixel St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Glabovsky:

Just a few lines to let you know that I haven't forgotten about the money that I owe you and hope to be able to send it to you in a few weeks.

I received a letter from the Jewish Council here asking if my entry was legalized.

How are you? We are alright.

Best regards from all.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Molly Lepa

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE  
DORA BERRES, DIRECTOR

August 14th, 1930.

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

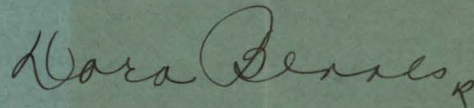
Re: Mrs. Millie Lepa  
Three children

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

With reference to the above named, we wish to advise that after considerable difficulty, we succeeded in locating the family through Mrs. C. Lefkovitz. The woman informs us that her case has been cleared up and that she has been admitted legally. She has declined our offer of assistance and assures us that she and her children are able to make their own adjustment.

Trusting that this is the desired information,  
I am --

Yours very truly,



Executive Director

EG:R

August 19th, 1930.

Dora Berres, Director,  
Council of Jewish Women,  
214 Loma Drive,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Miss Berres:-

Re- Mrs. Millie Lepa and  
Three children.

Replying to your letter of the 14th inst., with reference to the above mentioned family, wish to state that they were detained here in El Paso for three weeks for verification of her legal entry in the United States. After considerable difficulty, we found out thru the untiring efforts of our Philadelphia office, that she was legally admitted under the name of Amalia Greenfeld, Immigration Station Gloucester, on July 10th, 1930.

The immigration department in El Paso had not received official notice of legal entry at the time of their departure from El Paso. However, the case is now cleared, and we appreciate your co-operation.

Yours very truly,

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Chairman, Service for Foreign Born.

1016 Olive St.,  
El Paso, Texas.

FZ:LG