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RUSSIAN FINANCIAL ATTACHE
17 EAST 45TH STREET
ROOM 806

NEW YORK, September 9 1932.

Hon. Mike Holm,
Secretary of State,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Estate of Stephen Michaelwicz.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of a letter dated August 23, 1932 and addressed to you by the Clerk of Probate together with copy of order for hearing on petition for administration in the above estate, I deem it necessary to give the following explanation.

I represent the last Government of Russia recognized by the United States, the so-called Provisional Government of Russia, and am in charge of its property interests only, having absolutely nothing to do with the present communistic regime in my country.

From the above you will readily understand that, under the circumstances, I cannot act as any other foreign representative in this country, who is in a position to protect the interests of his nationals. In case the deceased has any relatives in Russia, I have no means whatsoever to reach them or to attend to the possible distribution of the estate.

Therefore, it seems to me that the only thing for me to do is to return the papers forwarded to me, as I am deprived of any possibility to act on them.

Very respectfully yours,


RUSSIAN FINANCIAL ATTACHE

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
EE 311.613-Michaelwicz, Stephen/1

September 1, 1932

The Honorable

The Secretary of State of Minnesota,
St. Paul.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 24, 1932, enclosing an Order for Hearing on Petition for Administration of the Estate of Stephen Michaelwicz, a native of Russia, which you desire the Department to transmit to the appropriate diplomatic representative of Russia in this country. You also request advice for your future guidance with respect to the persons to whom, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6714, Mason's Minnesota Statutes, 1927, you should send such orders issued in connection with the administration of the estates of natives of Russia.

In reply you are informed that this Government has not recognized the present régime in Russia, that there are no diplomatic or consular officers or other representatives of that régime in the United States

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and that that régime is not represented in this country by officers of any other Government. It may be added that no diplomatic or consular officers or other official representatives of the United States are stationed in Russia at this time and that the interests of the United States are not represented in Russia by officers of any other Government.

For your further information, it may be stated that this Government continues to recognize certain consular officers in this country of the Provisional Government of Russia, the last Government of Russia recognized by the United States. Among such officers is Mr. Antoine Volkoff, whom this Government continues to recognize as Consul

General of Russia at Chicago, and whose consular district includes the State of Minnesota. The Government also continues to recognize Mr. Serge Ughet, 17 East Forty-fifth Street, New York City, as Russian Financial Attaché,

~~in which capacity he was appointed by the Provisional~~
Government of Russia in 1917. It should be noted, however, that inasmuch as neither Mr. Volkoff nor Mr. Ughet represents the present régime in Russia, it is doubtful whether that régime would give any effect or credence to any action which they might take with respect to the

interest

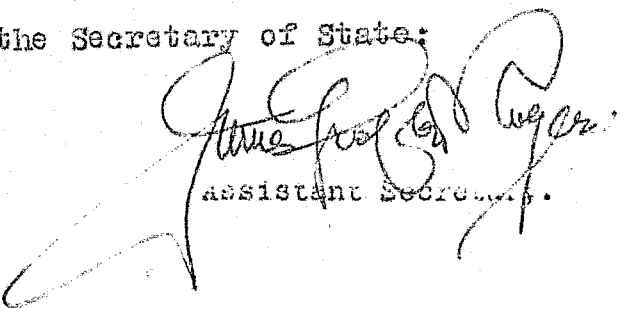
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interest of heirs in Russia of persons dying in the United States.

In the circumstances, the documents enclosed in your letter are being returned herewith. If after further consideration it is desired that the Department of State transmit such documents to Mr. Ughet, it will be glad to do so upon your request.

Very truly yours,

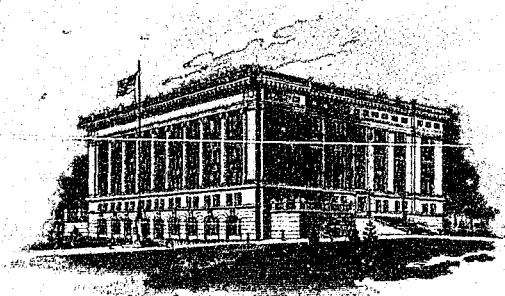
For the Secretary of State:


Assistant Secretary.

Enclosures:

From Clerk of Probate Court,
St. Louis County, to Secretary
of State of Minnesota, dated
August 23, 1932.
Order for Hearing on Petition
for Administration.

and



PROBATE COURT

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

SHELDON WATTS, CLERK OF PROBATE COURT

DULUTH, MINN., October 11th, 1932

Secretary of State,
State Capitol,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: In re Estate of Stephen Michaelwicz, Decedent, #25940

Enclosed herewith find copy of ^{new} Order for Hearing on
Petition for Administration in the above entitled estate. Please
hand same to the diplomatic representative for Russia. The Petition
for Administration discloses that the above named decedent was born
in Russia and was a citizen of Russia at the time of his death.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Watts
CLERK OF PROBATE

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State of Minnesota }
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS }

IN PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Stephen Michaelvics,

Decedent.

ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATION

THE PETITION OF State Board of Control, by Blanche LaDu,
having been filed in this Court, representing, among other things, that Stephen Michaelvics
....., then being a resident of the County of St. Louis,
State of Minnesota, died intestate; in the County of Otter Tail,
State of Minnesota, on the 16th day of May,
1932; leaving estate in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, and that said petitioner is an
a creditor of said decedent
and praying that letters of administration of the estate of said decedent be granted to
Blanche LaDu;

IT IS ORDERED, That said petition be heard before this Court, at the Probate Court Rooms in the
Court House in Duluth, in said County, on Monday, the 16th day of November, 1932, at
nine o'clock A. M., and all persons interested in said hearing and in said matter are hereby cited and
required at said time and place to show cause, if any there be, why said petition should not be granted.

ORDERED FURTHER, That this order be served by publication in THE OTTER TAIL NEWS
..... according to law, and that a copy of this order be served on the
County Treasurer of St. Louis County not less than ten days prior to said day of hearing.....

Dated at Duluth, Minn., October 11th, 1932

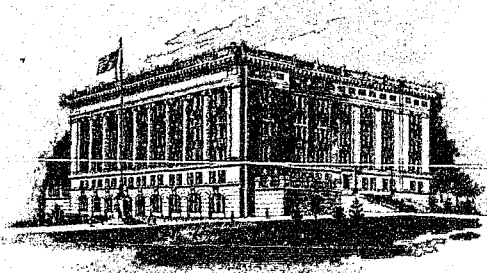
By the Court,

Attest:

Judge of Probate

Sheldon Watts

Clerk of Probate.



PROBATE COURT
ST. LOUIS COUNTY

SHELDON WATTS, CLERK OF PROBATE COURT

DULUTH, MINN., Aug. 23, 1932.

Secretary of State
State Capitol
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:- RE: ESTATE OF STEPHEN MICHAELWICZ

I am enclosing herewith copy of order for hearing on petition for administration in the above estate. Will you kindly serve the same on the diplomatic representative of Russia. The petition for administration states that at the time of his death, the decedent was a native of Russia.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Watts
Clerk of Probate

State of Minnesota } ss.
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS.

IN PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

STEPHEN MICHAELWICZ.

DECEDENT.

ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATION

THE PETITION OF State Board of Control, by Blanche LaDu, Chairman, having been filed in this Court, representing, among other things, that Stephen Michaelwicz, then being a resident of the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, died intestate; in the County of Otter Tail, State of Minnesota, on the 16th day of May 1932; leaving estate in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, and that said petitioner is the creditor of said decedent and praying that letters of administration of the estate of said decedent be granted to Blanche LaDu.

IT IS ORDERED, that said petition be heard before this Court, at the Probate Court Rooms in the Court House in Duluth, in said County, on Monday, the 19th day of September 1932, at nine o'clock A. M., and all persons interested in said hearing and in said matter are hereby cited and required at said time and place to show cause, if any there be, why said petition should not be granted.

ORDERED FURTHER, That this order be served by publication in THE STEEL PLANT NEWS according to law, and that a copy of this order be served on the County Treasurer of St. Louis County not less than ten days prior to said day of hearing.

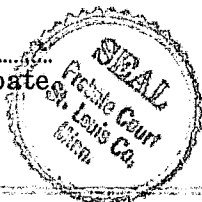
Dated at Duluth, Minn., August 22nd 1932.

By the Court,

Attest:

Sheldon Watts

Clerk of Probate.



Judge of Probate.

FILE NO.....

No.....

State of Minnesota
County of St. Louis

IN PROBATE COURT

In the Matter of the Estate of

Deceased.

ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION
FOR ADMINISTRATION
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Minneapolis
Deputy Clerk of Probate

Filed this.....day of

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Deputy Clerk of Probate.