

MEMORANDUM

February 26, 1940

Remitter: Stern & Reubens (8729)--Class D

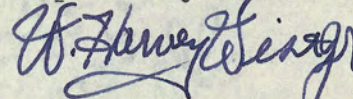
Title: "A Light Comedy in Three Acts"

Question: Is the Office justified in accepting as the title of the unpublished dramatic composition the following title: "A Light Comedy in Three Acts"?

Applicant has applied for registration in behalf of Noel Coward for registration of his play entitled "A Light Comedy in Three Acts."

In the opinion of Mr. Wise and Mr. Pierce this title is inadequate. In their opinion the applicant can choose any title he wishes, and if he places both upon the copy and the application the Office should make registration accordingly. Mrs. Brady takes the position that the title of the drama is unquestionably the usual description. She also points out that the application gives the address of Noel Coward as c-o John C. Wilson, New York City. She feels that it would be advisable to have Mr. Coward's British address in the application rather than the address of his New York agent. She therefore feels that correspondence should be conducted to secure a new application, giving Mr. Coward's England address and inquiring whether this is the title which the applicant desires placed on record.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman, Revisory Board

Enter as applied for--order of Mr. Howell 2/24/40.
"He likes fanciful titles: See 'words and music'."

Citizenship

MEMORANDUM

February 26, 1940

Remitter: Teresa Kahan (5680)--Class E

Title: "Enchanted Romance"

Question: Is statement of nationality as "West British Liberia, Africa" acceptable--note applicant is domiciled in this country.

Applicant originally applied for registration of her unpublished musical composition and gave her citizenship as "Africa." The Office requested a more complete statement suggesting that possibly "Union of South Africa" was meant. A new application has been filed in which the ~~country of~~ citizenship is stated as "West British Liberia, Africa." Following this in line (5) it is stated that the composer is domiciled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In view of these statements it is the opinion of Mr. Wise and Mr. Pierce that registration can be made as applied for. The Office has a sufficient statement to justify registration. The fact that the composer is domiciled in this country is alone sufficient to justify registration. Mrs. Brady and Mr. Smith on the other hand feel that the Office should conduct correspondence requesting an explanation of "West British Liberia, Africa."

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Pierce
Chairman, Revisory Board

Enter as applied for as domiciled in in U.S. Do not write re citizenship. She cannot understand.--order of Mr. Howell 2/24/40.

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MUSIC

MEMORANDUM

February 24, 1940

Remitter: Henry Lefkowitz (9993)--Class E

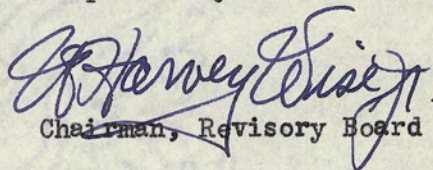
Title: "Minhog Chodosh"

Question: Whether statement "Arranged for Mixed Chorus" is sufficient to conduct correspondence inquiring whether previous publication has taken place--no registration for a previous edition being found.

Applicant has applied for registration on application Form E as a published musical composition for "Minhog Chodosh." On the copies appears the following statement: "Arranged for Mixed Chorus."

In the opinion of the Examiner this statement indicates that there may have been a previous publication and the Office should conduct correspondence and inquire whether the work has been previously published, and if so, suggest registration on Form E-1. A search reveals no previous registration for an earlier edition. Mrs. Brady sustains this recommendation of the Examiner. Mr. Wise, Mr. Smith and Mr. Pierce on the other hand take the position that the registration should be made as applied for. The mere statement "Arranged for Mixed Chorus" upon the copies without more is not sufficient to justify correspondence inquiring whether this is a "re-issued published musical composition."

Respectfully submitted,


Chairman, Revisory Board

Enter--order of Mr. Howell. "No previous entry found. Presumption it is a new composition." 2/24/40

MUSIC
(See "Citizenship")

MEMORANDUM

February 21, 1940

Remitter: Teresa Kahan (5680)--Class E.

Title: "Enchanted Romance"

Question: Is statement of nationality as "West British
Liberia, Afrida" acceptable--not applicant
is domiciled in this country.

Enter as applied for as domiciled in U.S. Do not write
re citizenship. She cannot understand--H.A.Howell 2/24/40

