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B.Olah, Wireless Operator,
s.s. " Nyugat " ,
c/o.Schellen Sheepvart Agentuur,
Rivierstraat 9,
Rotterdam.

Rotterdam, September 16th. 1939.

Mr. Erkki Koivisto,
Huvilakatu 19,
Helsinki.

Dear Sir,

I beg to offer my service as Wireless Operator for a post on board any Finnish ship.

I am a Hungarian, 30 years of age, have the First Class Certificate and good testimonials. My knowledge of Wireless is up to date, I type the Morse at any speed receivable by ear, having my own typewriter. Until now, for an uninterrupted period of five years I have been serving on board the Hungarian steamer " Csikos ". At present I am on board the " Nyugat " staying in Rotterdam, and being not signed on, I can leave here at any time.

My reason of applying to you is that we, Hungarians, have but few ships and our wages are too low. So there are no prospects for me here. I understand that the Finnish Wireless Operators are paid according to the number of years they spend in Maritime Service. I have had ten years' experience in this service, but actually sailed for five.

I beg to mention that a few months ago, I have received an offer to my application for same job on the Finnish steamer " Advance " (Rederiaktiebolaget Sally, Mariehamn) with monthly wages of 1.900 Finnish Marks, but it was then, just before our departure from Antwerp, too late to be relieved, so I was not able to accept it; moreover, after having learnt that they offered me the beginner's wages only, I have withdrawn my application to the Company.

I enclose a copy of my Discharge Certificate and that of a letter addressed to me by the Societe Anonyme Internationale de Telegraphie sans Fil, Brussels as references. The originals of these I shall be pleased to send or bring personally for your inspection, should you be disposed to consider my application.

In possession of your favourable answer I could obtain a visa to Finland and manage to travel there, if it would be necessary, notwithstanding the international situation, or I should wait here for an eventual vacancy in this or some nearby port. It may however happen that this ship would be able to set sail before I receive an answer from you, then I shall be compelled to leave here on board same and inclined to accept this post. Even so I shall cling to the desire to get a job on some Finnish ship as soon as possible. Therefore, in any case I should rely on your favour and help.

Begging to reply by return of post, I enclose a reply-coupon, and am, Gentleman,

Yours faithfully,

Olaf Bela

Wireless Operator.



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Societe Anonyme Internationale de Telegraphie sans Fil

Bruxelles, 24th. August 1939.
13, rue de Brederode, 13

Mr. Olah Bela,
Wireless Operator s.s. "Nyugat"
c/o. Anglo-Swiss Maritime Co. Ltd.
4., Lloyd's Avenue,
London, E.C.3.
England.

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your letter dated Middlesbrough
18th. inst. together with its enclosures.

We have not the slightest hesitation in stating
that we have always been very well satisfied with the way
you carried out your duties on board the s.s. "Csikos" and if
at any time you need a recommendation from us for further
employment elsewhere, we will gladly furnish same.

Yours faithfully,

S.A.I.T.

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Anglo-Hungarian Shipping Co.Ltd.
Budapest

s.s. " Csikos "

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

This is to certify that Mr. Albert O L A H has served on board this steamer in quality of Wireless Operator from the 12th. October 1934. till to-day. During this period he proved to be an excellent and conscientious operator, serviable under all conditions.

Considering that he is mastering well the English and Spanish languages, he rendered excellent service in carrying out ship's business during stay in port and assisted me in office works.

I may recommend him to all those who are in need of a reliable man.

Middlesbrough, 19. August 1939.

p.p. Teleki G.

master of s.s. "Csikos"