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Dear Hank:

An interesting sidelight on the overdone "right of asylum" --

Yesterday morning the Papal Chargé, Mons. Gaston Mojaisky Perrelli, visited me in a hell of a dither because he had heard from a colleague that we had adverse information about a young punk, Moto Mendel Weis, to whom he had granted asylum the previous night. It is unusual for these characters to seek shelter in other than Latin American missions and I am sure that Mons. Mojaisky will more carefully look over his next applicant for free and safe food and lodging.

I told the Chargé that Mendel had served time in a Federal reformatory in Florida for check forgery; that he had been implicated in various frauds here in Habana; that, falsely claiming to be a political refugee, he had obtained asylum in the Costa Rican Embassy last year and departed for San José under safe-conduct; that he had made false statements recently to the Uruguayan Ambassador. Also, that his sister, known as "Rosa la Polaca", is one of the most notorious prostitutes in Habana.

Mojaisky had already advised the Foreign Office about taking in Mendel, but lost no time in writing another note saying he was turning him out, which he did this morning. And just in time, for the Foreign Office was preparing a note to him outlining Mendel's unsavory record and the fact that there are no political charges against him. The Chargé is very grateful to us.

I found this morning that Mendel has a valid non-immigrant visa and we are taking steps to cancel it.

Kind regards from this never-dull post.

Sincerely,


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