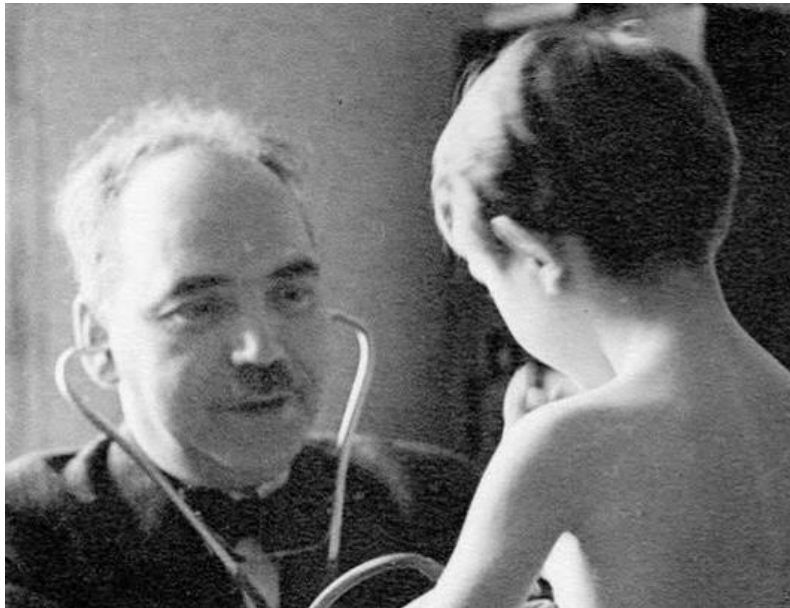


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Hungarian Jewish physician, Géza Fisch sought refuge in Ecuador after facing persecution in Europe. After the 1938 annexation of Austria, Fisch was targeted and imprisoned. After his release due to a personal connection to the guard, he planned to leave Europe and immigrate to the United States. Fisch sought a visa from Romania for the United States, though a restriction on entries was instated. Thankfully, Fisch secured a visa for refuge in Ecuador. Within the year, he and his family reunited in Ecuador.



Géza Fisch and young patient, circa 1936

According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Fisch had a falsified document of a wedding certificate between him and a neighbor, ensuring she would avoid being sent to a labor camp. Surely, this along with testimonies from his previous patients, assures Fisch as the wonderful man and doctor many claim he is.

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