

An Open Letter to Senators, Congressmen, Representatives and All American Citizens

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Its sole ideal and purpose is that of aiding in the preservation of the true American tradition. The only motive that it has in the instance of this present effort is to add its concerted voice in the appeal to the representatives of this government to take warning—in the face of the *greatest menace that has threatened this nation during the past seventy-five years.*

This peril concerns us, concerns you and every other true American, and it can be dealt with only as sentiment generally is awakened to its actual nature, its causes, its threatened effects and its remedies.

There have been murmurs here and there over the country that encourage the hope that an awakening is at hand, but while the danger itself is becoming more apparent, the general tendency is to confuse or evade the real issue.

This issue we set forth clearly. Simply put, it is the question as to *whether America is to retain its priceless heritage for Americans or whether it is to be despoiled at the instance of aliens within our gates.*

There is only one answer to that issue: Americans must remain free; we must be ready and eager to defend the liberty guaranteed us by our forefathers. But the answer means little, no matter how loud it may be shouted, unless it be backed up by action, and the only action that will serve is drastic action.

We have dealt briefly herein with both the problem and the remedy. We know that we share with you, and that you share with us, the responsibility of safeguarding those national values which every true American cherishes in his heart.

The approach to the problem is in itself difficult, for there is no absolutely dependable source for the statistics that would provide the premise. We have reason to believe that there are in the United States at the present time over seven million unnaturalized aliens, but since there has been no census, we cannot refer to official figures. We believe that, of the aliens in this country at the present time, over a million are on the relief rolls and that over six million are occupying positions that really belong to Americans, but there is no census that dependably reflects this condition. These estimates are reasonable and they are sound, but the very fact that they cannot be supported by actual statistics clouds an appalling condition. Millions of aliens have so little regard for the country from which they are drawing their support and the advantages for their children that they do not evidence sufficient interest to take the necessary steps for naturalization.

We subscribe to the principles of immigration, and we regard the naturalized American as an American. We draw no distinction between the native and the naturalized citizen, but we do draw a distinction between the American, whether native or naturalized, and the alien whose interest is not only parasitic but destructive. Whether politically we are

willing or not to admit it, it is this alien that is responsible for the problem with which we must deal or face disaster.

This nation has faced war, civil dissension, panic, social upheaval and adjustment of every nature, and it has survived in spite of them all. But this insidious and subtle threat *bores from within*, and its danger lies in the peculiar and unfamiliar narcotic with which it has drugged the American spirit into a complaisance that will prove fatal unless it is brought to an awareness of the peril.

To contribute to the sustenance of those of our fellow-citizens who, through conditions beyond their control, are suffering, is one thing; to add to their suffering by permitting those who are not citizens to deprive them of merited relief, is another, a problem Americans *must* face now.

We have permitted millions of unnaturalized aliens to glut our labor market. We have placed another million or so on the relief rolls and have provided their support. We are even closing our eyes to the fact that hundreds are passing within our borders by illegal entry every single day, only to have them turn up in our labor markets and on our relief rolls thereafter. But serious as is this situation, it is not the crux of the peril. These conditions form the roots of the danger, and it is at these roots that we must strike; but to view the whole picture, we must first recognize that while the problem is social and economic, it is also political in a very sinister sense.

While we deny that those of the old world who come to our shores with no thought of permitting assimilation have a right to our protection, we pass this phase of the problem as of lesser consideration. Our interest lies primarily with *the political effect*, in the broader sense, for it is with the preservation of our political philosophy that we are primarily concerned.

England has sensed her danger and is dealing with it. Alien influence has but little power within her borders, but in America, where these influences admittedly have been of a different and more trying nature, they have not been met.

The danger here is not at the instance of

the American. He may be dissatisfied with his lot in life and at the scheme of things that affect it, but he seeks readjustment through American processes, and those processes he regards as orderly. The danger comes in every direction from the alien whose interest is either utterly shallow, sordid or malicious; and it is our belief that into one of these three classes falls every alien who has purposefully refrained from subscribing to the traditions and ideals of America by deliberately failing to naturalize or to express his intention so to do.

The merely ignorant and sordid, the mental, physical and morally incompetent alien constitutes a serious problem in himself; he should not have been permitted to come within our shores, and if he is still unnaturalized, he should be removed. But it is the third group—those of deliberately malicious and destructive motive—that have created the startling and appalling danger which, if it were to be translated into terms of armed invasion, would warrant full mobilization of every force of defense.

In spite of all argument to the contrary, there can be no doubt but that, behind the geographical and organizational movements of apparently small and seemingly harmless bodies of activity, there is a planned subtlety directed deliberately and with purpose by those who would destroy the American institution. Their opportunity lies in moving with quiet tread to avoid the awakening of public sentiment until it is too late—and they know it.

Fritz Kuhn sets himself up as American Fuehrer, uniforms, drills and parades a body of Storm Troopers, and boasts a membership of 200,000.

There are more than thirty-six national communist youth movements, more than 122 national labor and racial communist unions and clubs and over a hundred so-called communist cultural chapters. The salute of them all is the raised fist, and the emblem, the red flag and the hammer and the sickle.

This sort of thing must be stopped—the membership in these "movements" is not American. It is alien. The objectives are not in the pursuit of freedom of speech and lib-

erty of thought. They are deliberately malevolent and consciously directed to the end of the destruction of this government.

There are over 300 communist newspapers and magazines circulated in this country today, and millions of books and pamphlets of subversive nature are passing from hand to hand.

Communism, Fascism, Naziism accept as a principle the proposition that they cannot succeed unless the American form of government is destroyed—and they know that before it can be destroyed, individualism must first be “drugged.” These movements in the United States are quiet, insidious and devilishly shrewd and cunning.

Defense against them through force of argument and statistics is difficult, for they have moved so adroitly, in their endeavor to avoid attack before they are fully entrenched, that it is almost impossible to gather convincing data based on literal facts. To awaken the American sense of imminent danger is otherwise rendered difficult, because the movements are alien in origin, direction and furtherance, to the point of view of the American. He does not understand them or their motives, therefore concludes they are neither of interest nor detriment to himself or America. Therein is the gravest danger.

The few brief figures that we have included are inadequate to complete the case, of course, but the observation of every well-informed individual adds to the proof. The *fact* of the danger cannot be doubted or denied by any intelligent loyal American.

However, the point that is open to contest is the point that we make—and that is, that the root of the danger is planted and nourished by unnaturalized aliens, many of whom are here through illegal entry, and all of whom, by failure to naturalize, have forfeited any right that they might have secured through proper compliance with the provisions for naturalization to participate in relief, in employment and in movements subversive to public interest.

The merit of this point that we make can be sensed or reasoned. It cannot be factually proven by statistics, for the simple reason that statistics bearing on the subject are not available from any dependable source. That this

must be admitted provides the soil from which springs the assurance and effrontery with which these contemptible movements and their personalities are vested. It is this very weakness that occasions our alarm, for were registrations, census figures and records available, the conclusions which they would invite would prove so startling that action would be compelled.

It is for this reason that the first remedy we suggest is the registration of every unnaturalized alien within our borders, with the penalty of immediate deportation in event of failure so to do. Such a registration should, of course, provide a record of origin, of movements since arrival, present employment and other relevant information. Each registrant should be issued a card which he must at all times be able to produce and which is his evidence that he is not illegally in the country. Failure to possess such a card would make the alien subject to immediate arrest and trial.

Provision then should be made, we feel, for the filing of the first papers of naturalization within a definite period of time—or deportation; and also immediate deportation for those of illegal entry.

Subsequently, the registration of and surveillance over legal immigrants should permit the effectual apprehension of those of illegal entry, and further provision could and should provide against gainful employment or relief until and before papers of intent to naturalize have been filed.

The effect of such legislative enactment with proper administrative enforcement would first of all bring this entire problem to the table. It would serve notice of an awareness of the necessity for measures of internal defense that would prove as effective against aggressive foreign ambitions as are a powerful navy and defensive armament. It would stimulate wavering loyalty among our own citizens. It would eliminate responsibilities of heavy burdens that are not properly ours. It would restore millions of jobs to our own citizens. It would permit of a reasonable tightening and practical enforcement of laws of treason and of internal national defense. It would effectively control the curse of illegal

entry. It would establish citizenship and residence in this country as a possession of value and privilege. It would draw the nation closer to the traditional ideals of its political philosophy.

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