

76TH CONGRESS  
3D SESSION

# S. J. RES. 275

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 10 (legislative day, MAY 28), 1940

Mr. REYNOLDS introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the national defense by prohibiting labor organizations from employing certain persons as officers or agents.

Whereas it is common knowledge that "fifth-column" activities in various European countries contributed largely to their defeat; and

Whereas such activities consisted in part of sabotage in key industries and propaganda disseminated among the workers of such industries; and

Whereas such activities are now being carried on in this country and will gather more momentum in the future, thus undermining our national defense; and

Whereas because of their key positions in our industrial mobilization plans, officers and agents of labor organizations should all be American citizens whose allegiance to their country is unquestioned and who can be depended upon to cooperate

with the Government in stamping out such treacherous activities: Therefore be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That it shall hereafter be unlawful for any labor union or  
4 other labor organization which represents, or purports to  
5 represent, in any manner the interests of any persons em-  
6 ployed by any business enterprise which is engaged in inter-  
7 state or foreign commerce, or in the production of goods for  
8 such commerce or for national-defense purposes, to have as an  
9 officer or agent any person who is not a citizen of the United  
10 States, who is a Communist, Fascist, or member of any Nazi  
11 Bund organization, who has been at any time within the  
12 past two years a member of or affiliated with any Communist,  
13 Fascist, or Nazi Bund organization, who is ineligible to hold  
14 public office, or who has lost his rights to United States  
15 citizenship by reason of conviction of a felony.

16       SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of each such labor union or  
17 other labor organization to use due diligence to determine  
18 whether any of its officers or agents is a person who is pro-  
19 hibited from being such an officer or agent under the provi-  
20 sions of section 1 of this joint resolution.

21       SEC. 3. For the purposes of this joint resolution, the term  
22 "labor union or other labor organization" shall include any  
23 group which is a part of or affiliated with any labor union

1 or other labor organization which is national in scope or  
2 whose jurisdiction extends to more than one State.

3 SEC. 4. Any labor union or other labor organization  
4 willfully violating any of the provisions of this joint resolu-  
5 tion shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than  
6 \$10,000; and each such violation shall be deemed to be a  
7 separate offense.

JOINT CONVENTION

2.1. RES. 512

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To provide for the mutual defense by prohibi-  
ting persons as officers or agents  
of labor organizations from employing cer-  
tain persons as officers or agents.

By Mr. FLEXNER.

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