

## Women Urge Continuation of Dies Inquiry

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Defense Conference Votes  
for Ouster of Aliens and  
Curb on Teaching 'Isms'

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Strict neutrality toward warring nations abroad, drastic reduction of the immigration quotas and enforcement of the laws governing the deportation of aliens, and continuance of the House committee investigating un-American activities, were approved by resolutions adopted unanimously in the closing session at the Mayflower Hotel today of the fourteenth Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense.

The resolution concerning aliens set forth that several millions of foreign-born workers were still unassimilated in the United States and that more continued to arrive each year, giving serious employment competition to American citizens.

Under the heading "Americanism," the women summed up also their attitude toward subversive elements by asking for the enactment of laws as follows:

"To make it a crime to advocate or promote the overthrow of the United States government by force or violence, to be punishable not only by fine or imprisonment but by forfeiture of eligibility for any compensation, pension, wages or other benefits from the United States government, and by immediate deportation of all aliens found guilty thereof.

### Seek Curb on 'Isms' Teaching

"To provide for the withholding of public appropriations from any school, college or university which openly advocates the adoption of any foreign 'ism.'

"To require the oath of allegiance of all government employees, national, state and local.

"To extend governmental employment only to American citizens and exclude those holding cards of membership in the Communist party.

"To provide for public relief only to citizens of the United States."

Other resolutions expressed opposition to the Ludlow amendment, and demanded universal military service, and adequate support of the Army, Navy, aviation and maritime services.

Mrs. Malcolm Douglas, of Seattle, former president of the women's auxiliary of the American Legion, read the resolutions.

Action on the resolutions followed a morning program in which the delegates, representing thirty-three women's patriotic societies, had been told by United States Senator Edwin C. Johnson, of Colorado, that there was no danger of the United States being involved in a war within twenty years, "unless we start one or allow foreign diplomats to maneuver us into one to pull their chestnuts out of the fire."

### Asks Support of U. S. Lines

Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the United States Maritime Commission, urged support by American travelers of the fifty-two new ships being built by the Maritime Commission. These were part of a ten-year program, he said, which aimed to supply 500 ships to replace tonnage now obsolete, all of which would be capable of serving as adjuncts to the fleet in time of war.

Col. Stephen A. Park, national president of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, said the officers' reserve corps, with 100,119 officers on the active list, was 20,000 short of the number required for the first phase of a major national emergency. He suggested the payment of a small sum annually to young officers to help defray the cost of uniforms.

The morning program was interrupted by the sudden illness of Mrs. Amanda Shaw Hirsch, of New York City, president of the Daughters of the Defenders of the Republic, U. S. A. Mrs. Hirsch suffered a heart attack and collapsed on the platform. She was carried to her room, but insisted she would return to New York this afternoon.