

Opposes Shift of Immigration Bureau

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Senator George W. Norris (Ind.) of Nebraska, took another verbal potshot yesterday at his favorite target—Chief G-man J. Edgar Hoover.

He predicted that if Hoover's agents are placed in charge of immigration and naturalization activities "we'll have snoopers around our homes and detectives behind every tree."

His criticism came during Senate consideration of a House approved resolution to speed the effectiveness of President Roosevelt's proposed transfer of jurisdiction over aliens from the Labor to the Justice Department. Mr. Roosevelt requested the transfer in the drive to combat fifth column treachery.

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The proposed transfer also drew the fire of Senator Burton E. Wheeler (D.), of Montana, who warned against permitting the Immigration Service to be turned over to "a lot of cheap two-by-four detectives and flatfoot snoopers."

Norris and Wheeler contended that this is no time to become panicky and start "seeing fifth columnists and Nazi agents around every corner."

Wheeler said he had "nothing against Mr. Hoover personally, but I would consider it very, very unfortunate if the work of the Immigration Service is placed under men who have the detective complex."