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LOCAL ORGANIZATION AND AN AMERICANIZATION MAGAZINE

Supplementary to Bulletins Nos. 86 and 92.

TO THE SEVERAL STATE COUNCILS OF DEFENSE:

You have already, at the request of the Council of National Defense and the United States Bureau of Education of the Department of the Interior, appointed jointly with the State Divisions of the Woman's Committee, a State Americanization Committee which is no doubt organizing similar Committees in your Counties and Communities. By the immediate organization of these local committees your State Americanization Committee will retain its position of leadership in the correlation of State Americanization work.

In order to aid you in organizing these local Americanization Committees as soon as possible, the United States Bureau of Education has prepared, from the 1910 census, the attached list (in duplicate) of communities in your State having more than 500 foreign-born residents. As it may be necessary to undertake war emergency Americanization work in all of these communities we join the Bureau of Education in asking you:

1. To indicate on one copy of the enclosed list those communities for which local Americanization Committees have already been appointed together with the name and address of their Chairmen. This list should be returned to us at the earliest possible moment.
2. To urge in all other communities on the enclosed list, the appointment at once of Americanization Committees to correlate the Americanization activities of the various agencies working with or reaching the foreign born, and to carry out a broad war emergency program. The name and address of the Chairman of each now local Americanization Committee should be sent to us as soon as available.
3. To send us the names and addresses of the Chairmen of Americanization Committees in counties or communities

not included in the enclosed list where a change in the character of the population since 1910 makes it important to have Americanization Committees.

It is important that all Americanization Committees should include representatives of education, industry, labor, interested organizations, and of the foreign-born.

Note: The Chairman should be a native-born American who can secure the cooperation of the different races and factions.

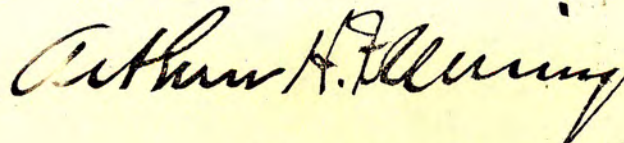
Every important racial group in the c community should have a representative on the Americanization Committee proper who should meet regularly with the native-born members. Representatives of foreign-born groups should not work as separate racial committees, but always as a part of the whole Committee.

AN AMERICANIZATION MAGAZINE

Because of the national importance of the Americanization work now being carried on, the United States Bureau of Education will issue a periodic "Americanization Bulletin." This magazine will disseminate throughout the country the news and progress of work among and with the foreign-born, and will contain material of interest to all State, county, and other local Americanization Committees. This "Americanization Bulletin" will contain no requests for action. Such requests will continue to be issued from Washington by the Council of National Defense direct to State Councils of Defense and State Divisions of the Woman's Committee. Letters from local Americanization Committees will be referred to the State Americanization Committee as heretofore.

As soon as you furnish us with the names of your local Chairmen, they will be placed on the mailing list for this "Americanization Bulletin".

Very truly yours,



Chief of Section.