

BILL TO REDUCE IMMIGRATION IS FILED BY B. R.

Senator Reynolds Rebels Against Tax Immigration Laws In U. S.

Robert R. Reynolds (D) North Carolina introduced in the Senate a bill captioned as follows:

"To further reduce immigration, authorize the exclusion of any alien whose entry into the United States is inimical to the public interest, to prohibit the separation of families through the entry of Aliens leaving dependents abroad, and to provide for the prompt deportation of habitual criminals and all other undesirable aliens, and to provide for the registration of an alien now in the United States or who shall hereafter be admitted."

In submitting this bill, Senator Reynolds made an explanation of his proposed legislation and remarked in part:

"Mr. President: I am taking occasion to introduce a Bill to further restrict immigration and to register all the aliens now in the United States.

It is a matter of common knowledge that in spite of all the things that we have done to artificially stimulate employment, there are still many millions of people unemployed in this country. It is estimated, on the best authority, that one person out of every five or six is in one way or another dependent in whole or in part for their support upon the government of the United States. This estimate of course takes into consideration those on the relief rolls.

Keeping Millions of Aliens

Now, in spite of the fact that this condition has been with us for several years, we are tolerating in our midst millions upon millions of aliens. There is a wide divergence of opinion as to how many millions of aliens there are today actually living among us. For instance, the Commissioner of Immigration says in his latest report that in 1935 there were approximately four million nine hundred and twenty two thousand aliens in the United States, whereas on the other hand, other authorities maintain there are nearer seven and a half millions.

It is an amazing fact that neither the Commissioner of Immigration nor anybody else really knows exactly how many aliens there are here. One fact however is definitely established and that is that the aliens with us are to an overwhelming degree adults. The census of 1930 shows ninety-five percent are twenty years of age or over. Therefore, everyone of them may be regarded as a potential holder of an American job, and every job held by an alien means one job less for an American. In my opinion, we cannot go back to the American people and ask for approval of our actions here unless we can answer their question: "What have you done to preserve American jobs for American people?"

Hurting American Employment

The fact of the matter is that in the face of bad unemployment conditions we actually admitted more aliens as immigrants in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935 than we did in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934 and then we admitted many more than were admitted in the fiscal year which ended on June 30, 1933. In other words, each year since 1933 we have admitted more and more immigrants in bold disregard of our millions of Americans who were seeking employment on every hand and in every section of this country.

In 1925, one hundred and eighty-nine thousand aliens of all classes for permanent and non-permanent residence were admitted to the United States.

In 1934, one hundred and sixty-three thousand aliens were admitted while in 1933 one hundred and fifty thousand were admitted. Thus it

may be seen that thirty-nine thousand more aliens of all classes were admitted in 1935 than were admitted in 1933.

Now, I know the argument is made that more people are going out than are coming in but that is in fact no argument for letting immigrants in! Under the present immigration laws one hundred and fifty-three thousand immigrants may be admitted annually.

Gates Open Wider.

There is now on foot an agitation to open wider our gates to refugees from various lands where the people are suffering from dictatorships. We as trustees for the American people cannot countenance breaking down the existing immigration barriers. We are experiencing high pressure propaganda to fill some particular quota from some country, when humanity demands that we should send back the aliens now here who are being supported by public funds. They should be returned to their homelands. Furthermore, we have no effective legislative barrier against the admission of aliens from various countries of North and South America.

At this time permit me to return to the figures regarding illegal entries. The last report of the Commissioner of Immigration says that "it is of course impossible to determine accurately the number of aliens who have entered the country illegally but the best available estimates are that the number of such aliens now subject to deportation, if detected, is less than a hundred thousand." Gentlemen of the Senate, notwithstanding the estimate of the Commissioner of Immigration, only a few days ago, an official in one of our large cities in advocacy a local registration measure, estimated the illegal entrants in his locality alone to be about three hundred thousand. The contrasting figures prove that there is no definite available information on this subject.

The time has come for us to act. If there are one million or seven million aliens here, we ought to know it. We ought to know what their occupations are; we ought to know how long they have been here, how long they propose to remain; we ought to know whether they are here legally or illegally; we ought to know whether they are desirable or undesirable; if they are undesirable and a burden on the American taxpayer, we want to deport them, and we should deport them.

Would Expel Criminals.

The Bill which I have introduced today proposes to expel definitely and positively all habitual criminals in the United States which the so-called Kerr Bill certainly would not accomplish. The Kerr Bill makes two holes in our immigration barriers for every one it plugs. This Bill will be instrumental in providing in a measure all the facts which we need as legislators to determine our future immigration policy, and to determine our future course as regards aliens upon our soil which should be reserved into law an enforced will correct most of the evils from which we now suffer.

Do you realize that in the annual report of the Commissioner of Immigration for the year ending June 30, 1934, it states that "forty millions of people crossed our land borders in the course of a year." If that is true, just wonder at the possible leakage which can never be correctly checked without the registration of all aliens in the United States.

In conclusion may I respectfully direct the attention of every member of this body to a study of this Bill which would reduce immigration quotas to one-tenth of the present quotas, and would make compulsory the immediate registration of every alien in this country, thus closing the gates of our fair land to undesirable immigrants and providing us with an opportunity to forthwith expel from our midst undersirables who are already here, those who occupy positions which should be filled by Americans, and those who are being supported by our government at the expense of our already overburdened taxpayers."

PATRICK

Mrs. Bertha Boring and little daughter, Berince were the guests of Mrs. Dora Raper and family Sunday.

Mr. Tom Picklesimer who has been very ill is some better at this writing.

Misses Mrytle and Leona Allen were the guests of Misses Icy, Ella and Ruth Hamby Sunday.

Mr. Carl Pierce was a caller at the home of Mr. Glenn Hamby's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Picklesimer were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Dobbins at Turtletown, Tenn., Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Grace McHan and children were the guests of her sister, Mrs. M. T. Raper.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Horton and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Picklesimer were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perlie Croft Sunday.

Rev. E. D. Cole of Tennessee was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ledford recently.

Mr. W. F. Hill, State road foreman of Postell, was down inspecting the Patrick and Hiawasse road one day last week. He says they have made very good progress with the road considering the bad weather they have had to work in.

A large number of men from here went to Murphy and Bryson City Saturday to stand the TVA examination.

Mr. Rome Burnett of Knoxville, Tenn., was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. John Picklesimer, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Brown and the former's sister, Mrs. Mary Farner made a business trip to Franklin Sunday.

Mr. J. A. Picklesimer of Violet, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. L. Coleman Monday.

Mr. Elden Dobbins, of Turtletown, Tenn., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Horton recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Quinn of Vests, were the guests of Mrs. Quinn's mother, Mrs. Mary Hamby recently.

Everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather and the roads have dried out that traffic is going again. The roads had got almost impassable for trucks and cars.

LIBERTY

We have been having some very warm and beautiful weather for the past few days. We believe that Old Man winter has just about left this section.

The farmers of this section are preparing for their crops.

There was a very large crowd of people motored to Murphy Saturday for the TVA examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Picklesimer visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hamby Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Shearer visited Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ledford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Payne visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Payne, of White Stone, Ga., last week-end.

Rev. Ben Harrison of Talonia, Ga., passed through this section Monday.

PERSIMMON CREEK

Rev. C. A. Voyles filled his regular appointment here Sunday. His text was Be ye Doers of the Word and not Hears only James 1:22.

Messrs John and Earnest Stiles, Carl and Garland Hogsed made a business trip to Bryson City Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Stiles Saturday, February 29th, a boy, Lakes Oscar.

Miss Zena Hogsed was the Sunday dinner guest of Vernie Rogers.

Mrs. Maudie Stiles visited Mrs. W. A. Fair Sunday.

Miss Vernie Payne visited Vesta Rogers Thursday evening.

Mrs. Mattie Stiles and daughter, Iowa visited Mrs. Beatrice Stiles Saturday.

Miss Zena Hogsed and Pauline Williamson were Murphy visitors Saturday.

Messrs. Charlie Campbell, Hoyatt Hollaway and Gay Murphy, Porter Raper attended preaching services at Persimmon Creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Stiles had as their guests Sunday: Messrs. W. A. Fair, Pearl Stiles, Leonard Decker, Lanton McDonald, Mrs. Ethel, Maudie and Mrs. Icy Stiles and children, Misses Zena, Vernie, Vesta, and Esta Rogers.

Mr. Clayton Stiles was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. Ralph Rogers. Miss Pauline Rogers spent Saturday.

Mrs. Senia Payne and Mrs. Mart Payne and son, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Ledford, Sunday.

Mr. J. P. Baines passed through this section Monday enroute to Murphy.

Mr. L. A. Ledford was a visitor of Oak Park section Sunday.

Traffic Judge Wells of Birmingham reported that his automobile had been stolen. The loss was not great, however, as the "car" was a miniature one, made of rubber, which he used while on the bench to illustrate accidents, and cost only a dollar.

"Where is your lawyer?" asked Judge A. A. Scott when Marvin Gaywood appeared before him on charges of stealing oranges. "He's in jail," replied Gaywood. "He stole the oranges with me."

day night with Miss Lillian McDonald.

An error of the Editor of last week items should have read Miss Janett Campbell visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Carben Campbell of Letitia, instead of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Stiles.

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