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School for Aliens



The WPA will teach 1,000,000 aliens to love their new flag

Convinced that one way to combat fifth columnists is to teach aliens how to become good citizens, the Department of Justice last week announced a \$14,000,000 program to expand Work Projects Administration classes in "Americanization." Actually an expansion of the locally directed literacy and citizenship classes of the last few years which have expedited the naturalization of an average of 30,000 aliens annually, the new plan, to be supervised from Washington by an advisory council consisting of members of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the WPA, expects to reach 1,000,000 of the 5,000,000 aliens over the age of 14 now in this country. Mostly middle-aged, the students gather in schools, church buildings, settlement houses, or wherever they can. Using simple texts geared to adult minds, they study United States history, geography, and civics, and sing patriotic songs. The teaching of English is woven through the course.

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