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## SOUND AMERICANISM REPUDIATES ACTS OF INJUSTICE AND RETALIATION

THEN THE American people, a few years ago, faced an emergency which called for unity, the country was startled and shocked by the reactions emanating from alien sources. The realization that, beyond an outward appearance, the people of this country were composed of a conglomerate of nationalities incapable of thought, speech or action in common--making it necessary to set forth the country's cause in more than fifty languages, through foreign minded interpreters and foreign language writers--caused a nation wide concern which gave the impetus to the Americanization movement that has swept through our country and touched every stratum of society as deeply as any civic cause has ever done before. Erratic and fanatical minds have considerably damaged the movement by unwise agitation, causing deplorable persecution of friendly, law-abiding immigrant people who have been made targets of attack because of their racial origin and the faith handed down to them from their fathers. Legislative barriers, restrictions, limitations and eliminations, originating from the same sources, have done no good. These measures of hostility are tantamount to reprisals without sufficient ground; and, by depriving aliens eligible to citizenship of their means of livelihood, a more unfortunate effect has been that thousands of native born children have been robbed of the support and care their alien parents had so willingly given, thus placing them in jeopardy because their parents, through inadvertence, neglected to become naturalized.

Sound Americanism does not approve of any retaliatory order of expression. Its working principles are based on the American creed of charity and good will, and in the Americanization cause it represents a declaration against visiting the sins of some aliens upon all of the immigrant people in America.

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