

Political Allies

IN MOST states of the Union where alien colonies from time to time have developed into civic problems we find any number of large nationality settlements virtually in control of urban sections and vital centers, or we find them similarly situated in vast rural districts, where for miles around the land has been colonized by immigrant nationalities whose holdings are amply protected by powerful syndicates.

Only those of the colonizing nationality group who agree to the specific nationality code of settlement regulations can become integral parts of the colony and share in the distribution of its wealth and patronage.

Within the colony boundary other foreign nationalities and tongues are frowned upon. From the old world they have brought along their native ideas of superiority, one nationality over the other, hence they are sufficiently prejudiced against each other along imaginary lines — involving standards of culture, racial background and religious contentions — to recognize a boundary line between one another, as much as they in common object to any incursion or colony invasion by “the Americans.” The colony concessions to American conformity are still limited to outward appearance only. The alien people who, in spite of their deficiency in American knowledge, have become naturalized, invariably hold the balance of the voting power of the allied nationality colonies, whose people have learned how to pool their strength to obtain political concessions.

Though not Americanized — that matter having been entirely overlooked as an essential element in their qualifications for citizenship — these naturalized aliens, who are technically Americans, naturally set a foreign stamp upon that branch of American government over which they have a margin of control by sheer voting strength. The social and political life and expression of such a community, in which foreign tongues prevail, will generally in everything else but in outward appearance, be a replica of the old country.



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