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SOLVING THE IMMIGRANT PROBLEM
BY PRACTICAL MEANS OF EDUCATION

IF THE money we so freely spend in this country for patronizing specialists and getting statistical compilations on the immigrant's life in America could be made available for practical rural life training and education of the honest and well intentioned immigrant, beginning at the very moment he arrives and sets foot on the shores of the new world, we should be making a substantial and intelligent investment for ourselves, and for posterity. The disadvantages suffered by those who have no training for intelligent participation in American life constitute the main force for the discontentment that feeds radicalism and bolshevism in America today. By accomplishing his social readjustment, and placing him in a position to compete intelligently for an adequate return on honest toil, the immigrant would be rendered immune to the contaminating influences that are at work where the spirit of discontent makes kindred those who struggle against heavy odds for a just share in our social and economic well-being. Add to this the money we spend for police protection, more jail and penitentiary facilities, the cost of trials and incarceration of the law violating immigrant, plus the loss to industry, agriculture and business, and we could profitably render every industrious, reliable and thrifty immigrant the financial aid necessary to put him on the road to independence as an intelligent tiller of a piece of American soil—a soil that is far richer and able to yield him a better return, based on the amount of intelligent energy applied, than he had ever known in the land he left behind.

By organizing, under proper direction, immigrant training classes everywhere on the idle lands where livelihood and education to intelligent citizenship could be obtained, one with the other, both the immigrant and the idle land problems in our country could be solved intelligently in less than two decades.

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