

Is It a "War Baby?"

THE Joint Ways and Means Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Oregon Legislature may be good citizens, but when they struck the Americanization item from the list of worthwhile activities meriting state support, and incidentally attempted to put a label of ridicule on Americanization, they, knowingly or unknowingly, made an open bid for the patronage of the foreign groups that are strenuously opposed to Americanization. Incidentally they wrote a line or two into the records of this state, denoting apathy and indifference to the current needs of teaching untrained adults, especially immigrants, the essential elements in American government before they obtain citizenship and become deciding factors for good or evil in our sacred institutions.

"Americanization? It's a war baby—the war is over?"

We recognize the term as a pet phrase of the foreign group agitators in America, but when American legislators have become so impressionable to un-American propaganda that they adopt the creed of the unassimilable foreigners and shout it out from under the dome of the State Capitol, then it is time to sound a warning of alarm, for our civic vision has become impaired, and we are steering through fog with the safety siren out of commission.

The citizens of Oregon, men and women, who immediately rallied to the cause of Americanization and demanded that the Ways and Means Committee reconsider its thoughtless action, rendered a real patriotic service to state and nation.

This formidable representation in support of the Americanization cause made the Committee reconsider its action and go on record recommending the small state appropriation of eight thousand dollars for Americanization and adult elementary education. The supervision of the work will in the future be the business of the State Department of Public Education, provided the legislature acts favorably upon the commendation, and, provided further, that the measure meets the governor's approval.

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