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The war conditions thoroughout the world today increase the danger of acts of tolerance and prejudice against the foreign born similar to those which culminated in the Palmer Raids of 1920.

Non-citizens are being dismissed from their jobs and are being intimidated by threats of discrimination, deportation, concentration camps, fingerprinting and registration. The non-citizen is being wrongly blamed for unemployment, crime, espionage and sabotage.

An attempt is being made to disrupt American organizations and to divert the attention of the American People from a thorough consideration of our domestic problems and prevent a proper solution of these problems by blaming the non-citizens for our difficulties.

America was discovered by immigrants. Our government, our Constitution, and our customs were molded by immigrants. Our railroads, our factories, our roads and our industries were built with immigrant labor.

A careful analysis of the "Anti-alien" bills considered by the 76th Congress and several State legislatures discloses that it is these bills which menace America and not the so-called alien. Every one of the Anti-alien proposals would restrict the constitutional rights of all Americans, native and foreign born, citizen and non-citizen, white and Negro.

The representative of the American people in Congress and in the State legislatures must not be misled into adopting un-American proposals based upon the false charges and demagogic propaganda levelled against the foreign born.

As Americans, we pledge to devote ourselves and our organizations to defending the rights of the non-citizen and the foreign born regardless of place of birth, political, economic, social or religious belief. We invite all those who believe in democracy to join with us in our efforts to preserve the principles of liberty and justice as provided in the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States.