

## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

TO THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEES ON TERRITORIES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, HONORABLE SAMUEL DICKSTEIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA, AND TO THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, GOVERNOR OF ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Fifteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits:

WHEREAS, there is pending in the House of Representatives of the 77th Congress a bill which has been transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the Interior practically identical with Senate Bill No. 3577 and with H. R. No. 8931 pending in the last session of Congress, entitled "A Bill to provide for the Settlement and Development of Alaska"; and,

WHEREAS, the pending bill approved and transmitted by the Secretary of the Interior contains additional objectionable provisions to those contained in the bills which were pending in the last session of Congress; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the bill is to permit refugees from European countries to settle in Alaska, with certain special privileges and immunities, permitting the admission of aliens to Alaska in excess of the quota allowed the countries of their origin and compelling them to remain in Alaska for either a specified number of years or until they become citizens of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the terms of the present bill indicate that those aliens who would be admitted to the Territory under its provisions from foreign countries would, in most instances, be indigents and ill adapted to make a living for themselves and their families any place in the United States, and least of all in Alaska, and the admission of large numbers of indigents, whether citizens of the United States or aliens, would, on account of the present small population of Alaska and the few and scattered industries, entirely

upset the economy of the Territory and become a burden on the Federal Government, the Treasury of the Territory and all the people of Alaska, which would wreck the economic system of Alaska and soon bring about the depletion of the Territory's revenues and the ruin of its industries and probably the bankruptcy of its people; and,

WHEREAS, the bill pending in Congress for the "settlement and development of Alaska" provides for the setting up of corporations with certain specified capital and for the issuance of stock and bonds in such corporation, which could and would easily lead to speculation on a tremendous scale eventually at the expense of the people of the Territory, and more especially in view of the provision which specifically exempts the corporations' securities from the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, and, therefore, from jurisdiction of the Securities Exchange Commission; and,

WHEREAS, if even a few thousand European refugees were brought to Alaska, it would make of the Territory virtually a concentration or detention camp, and if European refugees and aliens were brought here in sufficient numbers to give any appreciable relief to the countries now harboring such refugees and aliens, it would soon transfer the culture and economy in Alaska from American to alien, a transformation Alaskans do not want and which the Nation as a whole should not desire; and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of the bill would prohibit the refugees from entering the continental United States for a period of at least five years after their arrival in Alaska, which would convert the Territory into the world's largest and most expensive penal colony, with a consequent drain on the federal treasury, after bankrupting the few permanent settlers and taxpayers of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska are practically unanimous in their appreciation of the danger which confronts them and the Territory and the defenses now being erected in the Territory by the Federal Government and consider the proposals contained in the pending bill to be a menace to the security and welfare of the Territory and its people, which has been expressed in resolutions of the various Chambers of Commerce in the Territory, American Legion Posts, City Councils, civic, fraternal and other organizations, and unanimately by the press of the Territory and by House Joint Memorial No. 7 passed unanimately by both houses of the Territorial Legislature now in session at Juneau in its Fifteenth Session, which memorial dealt with another bill to colonize Alaska, namely, H. R. 2791 by Congressman Dickstein; and,

WHEREAS, briefs and arguments have been presented from time to time by Chambers of Commerce, civic bodies and other organizations in the Territory to the Secretary of the Interior and the Chairmen of the committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States, and arguments and testimony have also been submitted by the Hon. Anthony J. Dimond, Delegate to Congress from Alaska, against these bills for the "settlement and development of Alaska", particularly in his remarks in the House of Representatives on June 17th, 1940, and in the hearing before the Senate Committee on Territories on Senate Bill No. 3577 on May 13th, 15th and 18th, 1940;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully and earnestly requests that the bill now pending in Congress hereinabove mentioned entitled "A Bill to provide for the Settlement and Development of Alaska", and H. R. 2791 by Mr. Dickstein and all other bills of a similar nature already introduced or to be introduced in the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States, be not passed and that none of the plans advanced for the colonization, settlement or development of Alaska by any of such bills in the 76th Congress be given any further consideration by Congress or by any of the executive departments of the Government; and that Congress and the Committee on Territories and such subcommittees as may have referred to them a consideration of any of such bills, give full consideration to all the representations which have been made by the people of Alaska through their legislature, their Delegate to Congress, their Chambers of Commerce and civic bodies, the press of the Territory, and all others who live here and are alive to the dangers which are apparent in such colonization schemes.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, March 19, 1941.

Passed by the House, March 19, 1941.

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### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13

TO THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE CON-  
GRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Fifteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits:

WHEREAS, word has come that the House of Representatives of the United States has accepted the recommendation of the War