

*Passports for Aliens.*

An alien leaving a foreign country for the United States (except starting from Canada) with the purpose of entering, or passing through, or touching any port of the United States is required to present a valid passport, or other official document in the nature of a passport, establishing his or her identity or nationality, having attached a signed and certified photograph of the bearer.

Such passport may include a wife, female children under twenty-one years of age, or male children under sixteen years, a photograph of each being attached. Boys over sixteen and females over twenty-one must have separate passports.

Each passport of an alien must be vised by an American Consul in the country from which the holder first starts upon his trip with intention to proceed to the United States, and also in the country from which he embarks for the United States. In case the country from which he starts is not the one to which he owes allegiance his passport must first be vised by a diplomatic or Consular officer therein of his own country.

Applications for visa of passports should be made at least two weeks before the intended departure from the country from which the journey is to begin.

*Declarations before Consular Officers.*

Every alien carrying a passport must make a written declaration before the American Consular Officer by whom his passport is vised. This declaration must be executed in triplicate and sworn to before the Consular Officer, and photographs of the bearer and all persons accompanying him must be affixed to each copy under consular seal. All applicants for permission to proceed to the United States should be provided with at least three unmounted passport photographs for consular purposes, these being copies of the same photograph attached to the passport or other document of identification.

The declaration to be made before the American Consular Officer under oath must set forth the bearer's name, occupation, nationality, and the names of places of birth of the members of his immediate family who accompany him. The declaration must also state the nationality of declarant's parents, the purpose of the proposed visit to the United States, places of residence in the countries visited by the applicant within the past five years, and addresses and references in the country from which the declarant starts, and in the United States. The declarant is furthermore required to state that he is familiar with the provisions of section 3 of the Immigration Act of the 5th February, 1917, and is convinced that he is eligible for admission in the United States thereunder.

*Provisions of the American Immigration Act of the 5th February, 1917.*

Briefly stated, section 3 of the Immigration Act of the 5th February, 1917, excludes from admission into the United States all persons unsound in body or mind, persons who have been convicted of crime and who are likely to become public charges after arrival.

There is a further important provision that all aliens over sixteen years of age who cannot read the English language, or some other language or dialect, including Hebrew or Yiddish, shall be excluded.

The full text of this important section of the Act is as follows:—

“ AN ACT TO REGULATE THE IMMIGRATION OF ALIENS TO, AND THE RESIDENCE OF ALIENS IN, THE UNITED STATES.”

Section 3. “ That the following classes of aliens shall be excluded from admission into the United States: All idiots, imbeciles, feeble-minded persons, epileptics, insane persons; persons who have had one or more attacks of insanity at any time previously; persons of constitutional psychopathic inferiority; persons with chronic alcoholism; paupers; professional beggars; vagrants; persons afflicted with tuberculosis in any form, or with a loathsome or dangerous contagious disease; persons not comprehended within any of the foregoing excluded classes who are found to be and are certified by the examining surgeon as being mentally or physically defective, such physical defect being of a nature which may affect the ability of such alien to earn a living.

“ Persons who have been convicted of or admit having committed a felony or other crime or misdemeanour involving moral turpitude; polygamists, or persons who practice polygamy or believe in or advocate the practice of polygamy; anarchists, or persons who believe in or advocate the overthrow by force or violence of the Government of the United States, or of all forms of law, or who disbelieve in or are opposed to organized Government, or who advocate the assassination of public officials, or who advocate or teach the unlawful destruction of property; persons who are members of or affiliated with any organization entertaining and teaching disbelief in or opposition to organized Government, or who advocate or teach the duty, necessity, or propriety of the unlawful assaulting or killing of any officer or officers, either of specific individuals or of any officers generally, of the Government of the United States or of any other organized Government, because of his or their official character, or who advocate or teach the unlawful destruction of property; prostitutes, or persons coming into the United States for the purpose of prostitution, or for any other immoral purpose.

“ Persons who directly or indirectly procure or attempt to procure or import prostitutes or persons for the purpose of prostitution, or for any other immoral purpose; persons who are supported by or receive in whole or in part the proceeds of prostitution.

“ Persons, hereinafter called ‘contract labourers,’ who have been induced, assisted, encouraged, or solicited to migrate to this country by offers or promises of employment, whether