

PRESS RELEASE from: New Jersey Committee for Modernization
of
U. S. Immigration Law

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A meeting of interested people last night (Tuesday) at the Highland Park headquarters of the Workmens Circle School resulted in the announcement that a committee was in process of formation to bring to the public the facts about our outmoded and restrictive immigration laws and urge support for the legislation now before Congress which would revise the present quota system.

A report to those present reviewed the shortcomings of our basic immigration law as follows:

- 1- The reunion of families is difficult, sometimes impossible.
 - 2- In the conduct of our international relations, the discriminatory provisions establishing national origins quotas, and the restrictions dealing with Asia, Africa, Australia and New Zealand, conflict with our position in world affairs.
 - 3- The unworkability of the present system is demonstrated by the fact that Congress has repeatedly had to enact short term immigration or refugee legislation.
 - 4- Our leadership in the free world is not enhanced by an immigration policy which implies that some nationalities and some races are less desirable members of the family of man than others.
 - 5- The present laws provide needless grist for the propaganda ~~laxx~~ mills of Moscow and Peiping.
 - 6- Countries in what is called the Asia-Pacific Triangle are in the main, limited to 100 immigrants per year.
- Included among countries thus restricted to 100 in any one year are:
India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Korea, Lebanon, the Phillipines,
(more)

Morocco, Tunisia, Union of South Africa, United Arab Republic, Australia, New Zealand and others.

A bill known as S. 3043 has been introduced to remedy a few of these defects. Among the bill's co-sponsors are both United States Senators from New Jersey. This bill provides:

1- Expansion of the present allocation system of country of birth to include country of citizenship, with the proviso that there shall have been ten years of residence.

2- Allow for refugees.

3- Allow for blood relatives of those already here.

4- Persons with special skills needed by the United States to enter as we require them without regard for national quotas.

5- Unused quotas to be allocated to other countries where the desire to emigrate exceeds the quota allowance.

Prominent New Jerseyans are being asked to join the committee either on an honorary or a participating basis. U. S. Senators Clifford Case and Harrison Williams, former Attorney General David Wilentz and newly elected Congressman Edward J. Patten have accepted honorary membership. With many areas to be heard from, the following were among the first to join in this effort to modernize and revise the U. S. Immigration law: Victor Catano of Woodbridge; Dr. Victor Gerdes of Middletown; Joseph Gulotta and Joel Jacobson of Newark; Samuel Kaufman, Perth Amboy; Dr. Irvine L. H. Kerrison of Metuchen, Charles H. Marciante, Brigantine and Newark; Rose Levin, Long Branch; James E. Mundy, Roselle Park and Leon Wilcox, Newark. Father Gerard Murphy, Jersey City and Reverend Alexander H. Shaw, Cranford have also joined the committee. Stephen J. Remsen of Englishtown is temporary Chairman.