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Dear Friend,

In dragnet operations reminiscent of the 1920 Palmer raids, Immigration officials are arresting -- on the street, outside a theater, on a subway, anywhere -- dark-skinned persons who look Latin American. Sound impossible? The enclosed article gives specific details.

U.S. citizens and residents are being caught up in these raids. TIME magazine (2/19/73) describes the ordeal of Amando Muñoz, born in Harlingen, Texas, who was working in Florida. Because he had no identification with him, Immigration agents simply ordered him: "Get in the truck." Along with others he was flown from Miami to Yucatan in Mexico, 1,200 miles from Texas! After almost two months of hitchhiking, walking, and doing odd jobs to buy food, he reached the Texas border. His sister brought his baptismal certificate, and he was admitted to the U.S. Muñoz is suing the Immigration Service for \$25,000.

These dragnet raids are unconstitutional, racist and a threat to the rights of all citizens. On the same basis, Immigration authorities could stop persons of any national background such as those who look Irish, Slavic or Italian! The foreign born are being used as a scapegoat for growing unemployment, soaring prices and other pressing social ills.

The American Committee sponsored a widely publicized press conference (January 12) and a protest demonstration (January 17) in New York City. We enclose a petition sponsored by leaders of trade unions and ethnic groups in New York City. We ask you to secure signatures and return the petition to us.

The time to fight is NOW! Won't you help?

Sincerely,

Paul Lehmann

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P.S. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the American Committee's work in defense of the foreign born.

Congress should enact a Statute of Limitations on deportations and denaturalizations

Action Needed Now

- Write your Senators to support S.3202.
- Write your Representative to support H.R. 15092.

Ask your organizations (church, unions, clubs, etc.) to adopt appropriate resolutions for a time limit on deportation and citizenship cancellation. Send these resolutions to your congressional representatives and make your views and actions known over your local press, TV and radio.

HELP CHANGE THE CRUEL WALTER-McCARRAN ACT!

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End Exile and Second Class Citizenship

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H. R. 15092

A BILL

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To revise the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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By Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FONG, Mr. ANDERSON,
Mr. BAYH, Mr. BROOKE, Mr. CASE, Mr. N. Mr. ADDARBO, Mr. ANDERSON
GOODSELL, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. HART, Mr. Mr. ANDERSON of Illinois, Mr.
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WOLPH, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. WILLIAMS of Wisconsin, Mr. DULSKI, Mr.
SER, Mr. FRIEDEL, Mr.
Mr. GILBERT, Mr.

Pass Kennedy-Feighan Bills S. 3202 HR. 15092

"LIMITATIONS ON DEPORTATION"

"Sec. 293. (a) No alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, other than an alien who obtained such status by fraud, concealment, misrepresentation, or other misconduct, shall be deported solely by reason of any conduct or event occurring or condition existing more than ten years prior to the institution of deportation proceedings against him.

A TIME LIMIT on DEPORTATION and DENATURALIZATION

A bill, S. 3202, to correct many inequities in the immigration law was introduced on December 4, 1969, by Senator Edward M. Kennedy and 23 other Senators. A companion bill, H.R. 15092 was simultaneously submitted by Representative Michael Feighan, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Immigration of the House of Representatives and 50 other representatives.

In speaking of the need for a time limit, Senator Kennedy declared:

"It is an established principle of law that justice requires a time limit, within which authorities must commence proceedings against an individual for any alleged crime or violation of law.

"We recognize this principle in the criminal code, the exceptions usually involving capital cases. But in matters involving the deportation of a lawfully admitted resident alien, this elementary principle does not apply.

"The alien may have resided in this country since childhood, or for 20 or 30 years or more. He may have been a product of our society — but he is denied its justice — this has caused undue personal hardship and anxiety in the lives of many."

S. 3202 would bar commencement of deportation proceeding against permanent residents:

- (A) for conduct 10 years prior to the proceeding;
- (B) if admitted when under 14 years of age and living here over 10 years, for conduct at any time; and
- (C) if residing here 20 years, for conduct at any time and without regard to age at admission.

Persons, however, against whom deportation proceedings are already pending would not be protected.

As regards naturalization, the bill provides that after 10 years cancellation would be barred.

Former Supreme Court Justice Jackson said that deportation can be a . . .

" . . . life sentence of exile from what has become home, of separation from his established means of livelihood for himself and his family of American citizens. This is a savage penalty . . . "

Supreme Court Justice Black said:

"To banish from home, family and adopted country is punishment of the most drastic kind."

The Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor resolved that:

"We urge Congress to end exile and second-class citizenship by enacting a 10-year statute of limitations on deportation and denaturalization."

President Truman's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization recommended:

"Unless proceedings for deportation and denaturalization are brought within ten years, they should be barred."

(Commission members included the former U. S. Solicitor General and the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Commissioner and Secretaries of National Conference of Catholic Charities and American Friends Service Committee.)

Dr. Paul Lehmann, Professor of Theology, Union Theological Seminary and Chairman, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, declared:

"We welcome S. 3202's provisions for a time limit but we believe that residence should be protected by a simple clear-cut provision barring deportation after 10 years. In addition the bill's provisions excluding persons against whom deportation proceedings are pending should be stricken. This restriction is unjust and discriminatory."