

Be it resolved, That Congress be petitioned to amend the existing three per cent. immigration act by exempting from its provisions all bona fide students.

Be it further resolved, That in case such amendment be not made effective before September 1, 1922, the government be petitioned to cause the adoption by the Bureau of Immigration of such administrative rulings as will preclude the possibility of incoming students being sent to Ellis Island or other detention stations.

TEXTILE RESEARCH INSTITUTE¹

In the hearings before the Senate committee investigating dyes, the statement was made that there remain to be invested in education and research several hundred thousand dollars representing the profits of the Textile Alliance, in accordance with the original understanding with the State Department.

We urge that this fund be devoted to the establishment of an American Textile Research Institute. Notwithstanding the work of government bureaus, private corporations, and textile schools, there are concerted efforts abroad which surpass anything we have to offer. As an industry, textile manufacturers have not yet been convinced that they can conduct research as an association enterprise. We believe that unless the present opportunity is utilized it may be many years before adequate work will be supported here.

A simple effective plan can be devised. Cotton, wool, linen and silk should be represented in the institute. There are strong trade associations representing these fibers. There is a splendid association of finishers, and still other groups of spinners, dyers, dry cleaners, laundrymen, and other crafts directly concerned with textiles. From these groups a strong advisory committee can be formed and by utilizing the income from the fund to be available a deal of important work can be carried on in existing laboratories throughout the country. The initial staff of the institute could consist of a director with proper assistants, and if desirable an early activity could be the establishment of informational service and a statistical bureau

and a proper medium for broadcasting new information.

To divide the capital sum among those now interested in textile research seems to us unwise, for provision should be made for study of new problems as they may arise in whatever laboratory may be best fitted for the investigation. By keeping the present sum as a fund other money is sure to be attracted, and there would be available annually a sum which under wise administration would eventually bring to the laboratories far greater support.

Plans should be perfected, and it is our hope that the committee appointed by the Textile Alliance to consider and recommend methods for the employment of the money in hand may decide upon some such program as we have here suggested.

THE CHEMICAL FOUNDATION

PRESIDENT HARDING on July 1 addressed the following letter to Colonel Thomas W. Miller, the alien property custodian:

My attention has been called by the Department of Justice to the fact that a corporation known as the Chemical Foundation has brought suit against the treasurer of the United States and certain licensees of the Federal Trade Commission for an accounting alleged to be due the said Chemical Foundation on royalties due it for the use of certain patents originally seized under the authority of the alien property custodian and sold to the Chemical Foundation by the custodian during the previous administration. On the face of such an action it became so apparent to me that an inquiry should be made that I asked for a report by the Department of Justice on the sale of this enemy property to the Chemical Foundation. It appears that the sale was made at so nearly a nominal sum that there is reason to believe that this government has not faithfully observed the trust which was implied in the seizure of this property. The circumstances relating to the entire transaction are of such a character that full investigation becomes a public duty. Moreover, I feel that your office is obligated to maintain the sacred character of the trust to which the alien property custodian is committed by the law.

You are therefore directed to forthwith proceed as follows:

1. Make written demand upon the Chemical

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