

Baha'i To Hold Global Conference In Africa

Probably the first religious body ever to schedule a formal conference of global nature in Africa, the Baha'i Faith is bringing representatives from various parts of the earth to Kampala, Uganda, British East Africa, to meet together February 12 to 19. The occasion is the first of four Inter-Continental conferences marking the Centen-

ary Year of the Baha'i Faith. The theme, "Light Over Africa" will deal with the progress and extension of this universal religion which began its Holy Year last October. The African Conference will inaugurate a ten-year World Crusade in which Baha'is will spread out to the most remote corners of the earth as pioneers for their Faith. The other conferences will be held in Chicago and Wilmette, Ill., in May, at Stockholm, Sweden, in July and at New Delhi, India, in October. The ten-year

World Crusade will culminate in a great Jubilee Congress in Baghdad in 1963.

At the African Conference the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States will be represented by two of its members, Miss Elsie Austin, Washington, D. C., and Mr. Matthew Bullock, Boston, Mass. Also planning to attend are two members of the U. S. Africa Teaching Committee of the Baha'is, Mrs. William Sears, Downingtown, Pa., and Mrs. Ludmila Van Sombeek, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr.

William Foster, of Chicago, now assisting with pioneer work in Liberia, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Collier of Geyserville, Calif., Baha'i pioneers in Uganda, are assisting in plans for the conference. Expected also are representatives from the National Baha'i Assemblies of Great Britain, Iran, Egypt and the Assembly of India, Burma and Pakistan, as well as other adherents of the faith from these countries.

In the last 100 years, the Baha'i Faith has spread from the land of its birth, Persia, to 130 countries

and its writings have been translated into 91 languages. Its followers are men and women from widely diversified cultures, races and nations, living from one extremity of the globe to the other. Its teachings are based upon the principles of the oneness of mankind, the unity of religious and justice without prejudice.

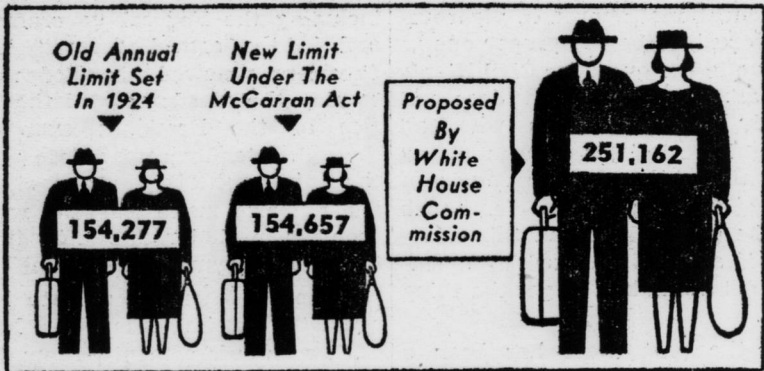
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WILL CONGRESS CHANGE IMMIGRATION LAW?

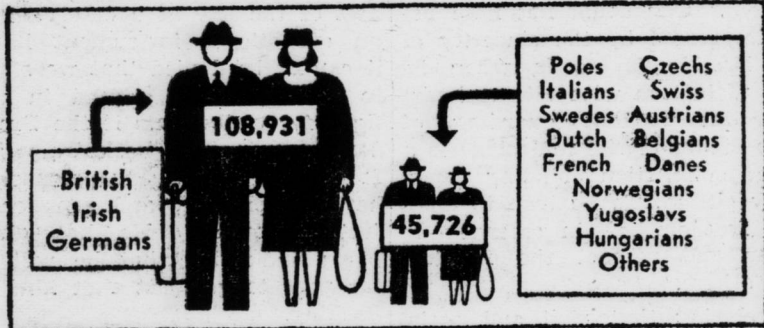
Powerful groups are now trying to get Congress to rewrite the new McCarran-Walter Act governing immigration from other lands. They want to let in more southern Europeans and displaced persons.

HIGHER IMMIGRATION QUOTAS?



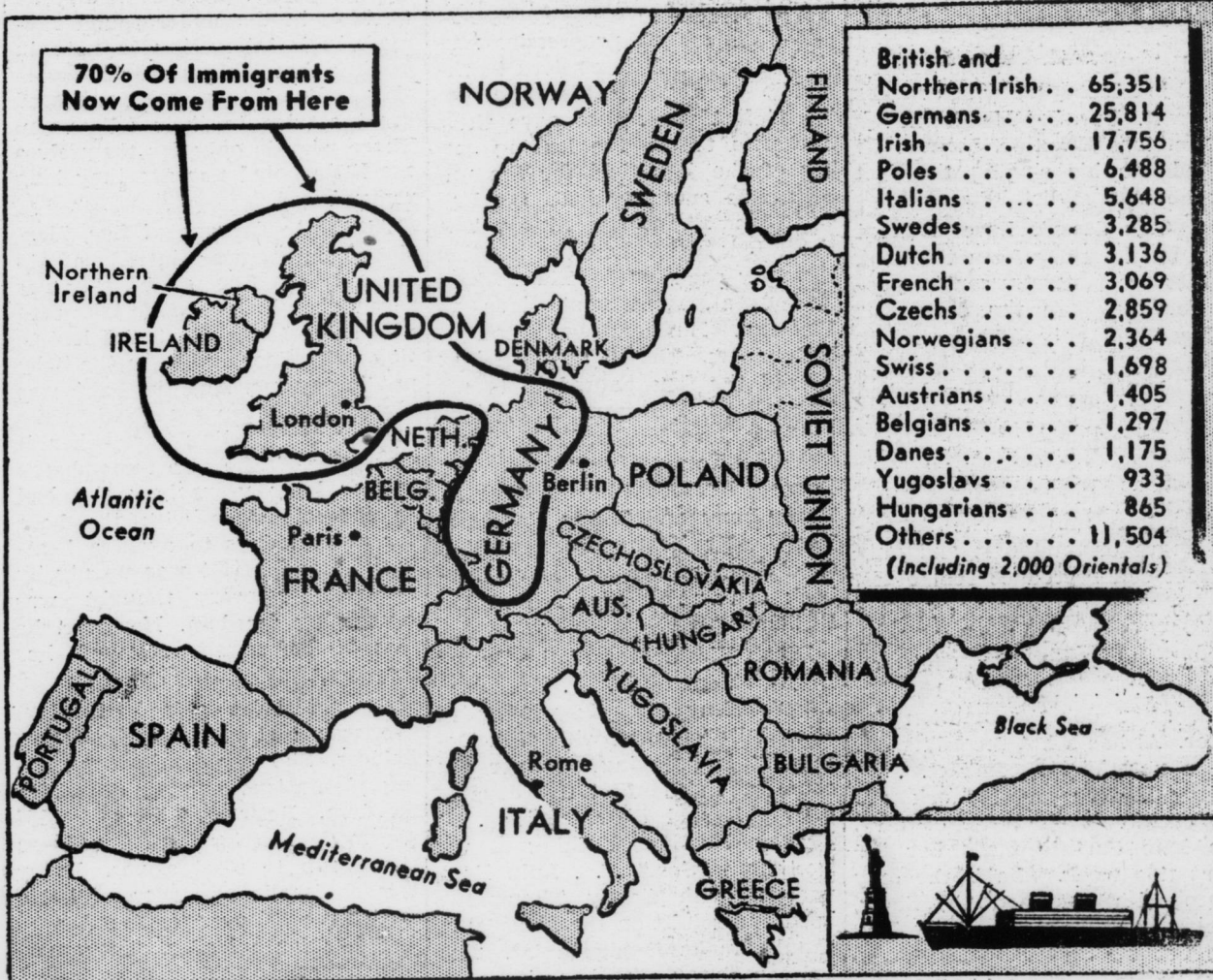
New act permits 154,657 immigrants annually. This is based on one-sixth of 1 per cent of white population in 1920 census. A 1952 White House commission says quota should be 251,162 based on 1950 census, and including whole population. Lawmakers say U.S. has enough population, no need for more.

WHY QUOTAS BRING PROTESTS



Quota system is based on national origins, which give preference to British, Irish and Germans whose countrymen largely settled the U.S. New law resulted from four years of work.

NEW QUOTAS UNDER McCARRAN ACT



Opponents of McCarran-Walter Act argue that immigration quotas, shown above, keep out Roman Catholic and Jewish elements from southern and eastern Europe. They believe this runs counter to best interests of U.S. which is anxious to give all possible aid to anti-Communist refugees pouring in from behind Iron Curtain. Old quotas, like new ones, encouraged immigration from Britain, Ireland, Germany.

THESE BRING PRAISE OR CRITICISM OF IMMIGRATION LAW



National Origins

"National origin" as outlined in new law is intended to preserve population mixture existing prior to 1920. Lawmakers say it is best system to stabilize U.S. population along existing national standards.

Screening Seamen

All foreign seamen must be given a security screening and be issued visas every time they enter U.S. Sailors refusing to answer questions must stay aboard ships. Owners complain law causes unfair costs.

Communist Exclusion

New law provides for exclusion of aliens because of membership, affiliation or advocacy of subversive organizations; physical, mental or moral defects; illiteracy, drug addiction, alcoholism and pauperism.

Deportation Of Aliens

Aliens can now be deported for illegal entry, becoming public charges, conviction of crime involving moral turpitude, becoming members of subversive group or engaging in subversive activities.

Fewer DPs Admitted

After World War II, Congress admitted 400,000 displaced persons from Europe. Under new law DPs are marked off against future quotas for nations where they were born. Many will wait years.

Closes Door On Scientists

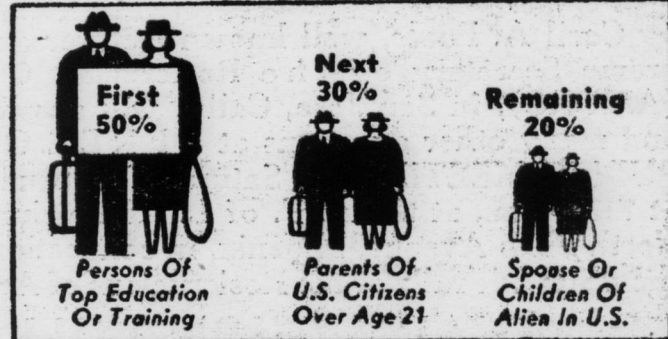
Scientists criticize new act because foreign scholars have failed to receive U.S. visas, even for short visits to attend international meetings. Many such meetings, intended for U.S., are now held elsewhere.

ASIANS WILL NOW BE ADMITTED INTO U.S.



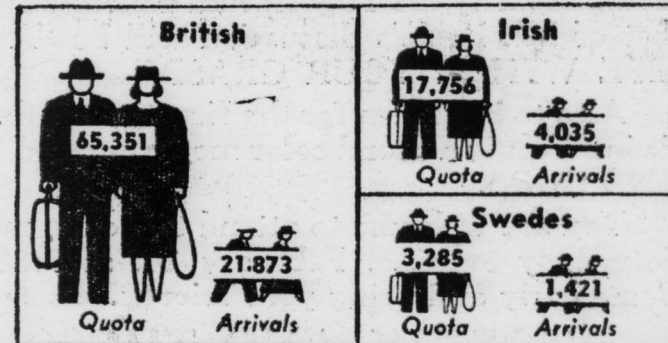
The McCarran-Walter Act has been praised for finally wiping out Oriental exclusion. New immigration quotas of 100 are assigned to each quota area in above map with a maximum of 2,000 annually for entire area. Japan has quota of 185, China 105, Australia 100. Orientals living in U.S. will be allowed to become U.S. citizens.

HOW IMMIGRANTS ARE CHOSEN



Law is criticized because immigrants with education and technical training are given priority over others.

REDISTRIBUTE UNUSED QUOTAS?



This shows what happened to quotas in 1952. Less than a third of two quotas was used. Critics want unused quotas given to others, which law does not allow.

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