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In the history of immigration control, the period from the 1910s to the 1930s saw an international drama of growing restrictions. World War I in particular had a major impact on the British government's policy of laissez faire migration. But whether this can be seen as a cause or an effect of the events under consideration, as well as on the chosen analytical approach. Analyzing British and Prussian policies of immigration control in the years preceding and during the First World War, this article compares the shifts and continuities in the two countries' policies. It argues that the British policy of laissez faire did not correspond with the overall political changes. By 1918, the British bureaucracy was increasingly involved in the regulation of foreign workers and their lives, in contrast, Prussia was maintaining a highly regulated regime, which its authorities had established well before 1914.

"The wild spirit of fury engendered by the war, and the selfish eagerness to make profit and secure power [...] have found their natural outcome in the present legislation on immigration." In 1915, the *Archiv für Sozialwissenschaften und Politikwissenschaften* criticized the British postwar legislation on immigration in typical Prussian style. The author of this article asks whether this critique of the early 1920s appeared to be a by-product of World War I but was closely linked to a time of upheaval and "national emergency"? And

C.E. Mason, "The Anti-Alien Pacts", *The Jewish Chronicle* (London), 25 August 1919, 10; see also the article by J. H. Plumb, "The Government and Alien Aliens", *Journal of the Royal Historical Society*, 1920, 20, 1; and the article by C. E. Mason, "Aliens and Refugees", *Journal of the Royal Historical Society*, 1920, 20, 1.

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