

REDUCTION OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

*Exchange of notes at Paris June 3 and 18, 1932, supplementing agreement of April 19 and May 8 and 13, 1929*¹

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The American Embassy to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the proposed visit, at the invitation of the American Legion, of approximately 500 French war veterans to the United States next September.

The American Government, remembering the courtesies extended to the members of the American Legion at the time of their visit to France in 1927 in the matter of passport facilities and the waiver of the usual visa fee, desires to reciprocate and grant French war veterans similar courtesies in so far as it is able to do so under the laws and regulations at present in force.

Under the present laws in force in the United States it will not be possible to waive visa requirements altogether for the French war veterans visiting the United States, nor is there any provision in the existing agreement with France, entered into in May, 1929, under which the visa fee might be reduced below the amount applicable to all French citizens. However, under the Act of February 25, 1925,³ the Department of State was authorized to conclude reciprocal agreements for the reduction or waiver of visa fees for non-immigrants. Under this authorization, and since the French war veterans temporarily visiting the United States fall under the classification of non-immigrants, it is proposed to conclude an additional visa agreement supplementary to the agreement entered into in May, 1929, providing for the waiver of visa fees for members of veterans organizations proceeding abroad as members of delegations.

If the French Government would be willing to conclude such an agreement to cover the members of veterans organizations proceeding abroad as

¹ *Ante*, p. 974.

² EAS 125, *post*, p. 1026.

³ 43 Stat. 976.