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The McCarran-Walter Bills, passed by the United States Senate and House of Representatives and now before a joint committee, would strip the non-citizen of all rights and relegate the naturalized citizen to a political pawn, whose citizenship would be recognized or taken away at the whim and fancy of petty governmental officials.

While paraded to the American public as legislation which codifies all existing immigration laws and removes racial provisions therein, the legislation would not only maintain racist characteristics but extend them.

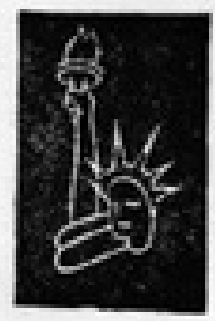
The McCarran-Walter Bills scorn the Constitutional guarantees accorded the foreign born within this country and, moreover, would turn governmental agencies abroad into witchhunting instruments concerned with the screening of past, present or future thoughts of visa applicants.

It is the feeling of this delegation, approaching you, today, which is part of a national delegation visiting Washington expressly concerned with the protection of the rights of the foreign born, that this proposed legislation is the most repressive since passage of the Alien and Sedition Laws in 1798.

That only 12 Senators were on the Senate floor when the Bill was passed is indeed a sad commentary on the integrity and sincerity of men, elected to public office ostensibly to be the watchdogs of the public interest.

Mr. President, on behalf of the trade unions, community and fraternal organizations we represent, we urge that you veto this legislation when it comes before you.

We likewise urge that you use whatever means are at your disposal to exert your influence to see that following your veto the Senate upholds your veto. Defeat of this legislation will be a safeguard for all Americans, native or foreign born. For repression of the foreign born will be repression of all.



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