

EXTRACTS FROM "QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON REGULATIONS CONCERNING ALIENS OF ENEMY NATIONALITIES" PUBLISHED BY FRANCIS BIDDLE, ATTORNEY GENERAL, MAY 15, 1942

Definition of "Alien Enemies"

- Q. What aliens in the United States are required to comply with the regulations prescribed for aliens of enemy nationalities?
- A. The following classes of aliens living in the United States are required to comply with such regulations:
- (a) All aliens 14 years of age or older who were on December 7, 1941, or are citizens or subjects of Germany, Italy, or Japan, and
 - (b) All aliens 14 years of age or older who at present are stateless but who at the time they became stateless were citizens or subjects of Germany, Italy, or Japan.

Regulations Concerning Aliens of Enemy Nationalities

- Q. Do the same regulations apply to all aliens of enemy nationalities?
- A. Yes. All aliens of enemy nationalities living in the United States are required to comply with them.
- Q. What is the general nature of the regulations prescribed for aliens of enemy nationalities?
- A. In general, regulations for aliens of enemy nationalities place restrictions on their travel and their possessions and control their presence and conduct in areas designated as prohibited or restricted areas. The regulations also require aliens of enemy nationalities to notify the proper authorities of changes in their place of employment and place of residence, and to carry a Certificate of Identification with them at all times.
- Q. What is the penalty for failure to comply with any of the regulations prescribed for aliens of enemy nationalities?
- A. Imprisonment for the duration of the war.
- Q. Where does an alien of enemy nationality write for advice or information about the regulations or other matters concerning "Alien Enemies"?
- A. Information on matters pertaining to "alien enemies" may be obtained from any United States Attorney or by writing the Alien Enemy Control Unit, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Parolees

- Q. What happens to an alien who is placed on parole?
- A. He is required to report at set intervals to a citizen-sponsor and also to the nearest parole officer of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Any infraction of the parole requirements may result in immediate internment of the duration of the war.

Travel

- Q. What restrictions have been placed on the travel of aliens of enemy nationalities?
- A. An alien of enemy nationality who plans to make trips outside of his home community is required to file a statement with the United States Attorney in his district at least 7 days prior to his departure. The alien may not travel unless he has a copy of the statement in his possession bearing the endorsement of the United States Attorney.
- Q. Is an alien of enemy nationality permitted to travel anywhere within the boundaries of his home community without having to notify the U. S. Attorney?

- A. Yes. He may also commute from his home to his place of business. He may travel between his home and place of religious worship, schools, and other institutions of learning, or to any federal, state, or local government agency with which he is required to transact business. In none of these instances is it necessary for the alien to notify the authorities.
- Q. What is meant by the term "home community" in this connection?
- A. In general, "home community" means the whole area of any city, town, or village, or any section of open country in which the alien lives and works and about which the inhabitants customarily move in pursuing their normal activities.
- Q. What information is the alien required to furnish the United States Attorney when he files a statement of his intention to travel?
- A. His name; his nationality; Certificate of Identification number; alien registration number; the purpose of his trip; destination; date of departure and return; route to be followed, and carrier (railroad, bus, automobile, etc.).
- Q. How far in advance should an alien apply to the United States Attorney for permission to travel?
- A. At least 7 days before his intended departure.
- Q. In the event the alien of enemy nationality cannot file his travel application with the United States Attorney a week in advance, is it possible for him to obtain permission to travel on shorter notice?
- A. In exceptional cases the United States Attorney may, at his discretion, waive all or any part of the 7 days' notice ordinarily required.
- Q. Must the alien carry the endorsed statement on his person while he is traveling?
- A. Yes, at all times during the period specified for his trip.
- Q. May the United States Attorney prohibit an alien from making a trip?
- A. Yes, the United States Attorney has the authority to prohibit any particular trip or to cancel any permission to travel granted by him, if he deems it detrimental to the national safety.
- Q. If an alien does not know whether he is required to obtain permission for a particular trip, where can he find out?
- A. From the United States Attorney in his district.
- Q. Must an alien of enemy nationality who is engaged in an occupation or business which requires frequent or regular travel obtain permission for each trip he makes?
- A. The regulations make it possible for such aliens to apply for a blanket endorsement of frequent or regular travel. However, this permission will not be granted unless the United States Attorney is satisfied that such travel is necessary and does not endanger the public safety.
- Q. If an alien of enemy nationality has a son in the United States armed forces, is he permitted to visit his son at an army camp or other military place?
- A. Yes, provided he obtains permission from the United States Attorney to travel there.
- Q. Are aliens of enemy nationalities permitted to travel by plane?
- A. No alien of enemy nationality is permitted to make any flight of any nature in an airplane or other aircraft.
- Q. If an alien of enemy nationality is a migratory or itinerant worker, must he apply to the United States Attorney for travel endorsement in going from one place of work to another?
- A. Yes.
- Q. In the event an "alien enemy" is offered a job in another city and is asked to fill it without delay, can he obtain the necessary travel endorsement from the United States Attorney without giving 7 days' notice?
- A. Yes.