

## COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

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REACHING THE GERMAN-SPEAKING POPULATION.

TO THE SEVERAL STATE COUNCILS OF DEFENSE:

The Council of National Defense requests that each State Council of Defense shall take measures to strengthen the loyalty of the German-speaking people of the State.

We propose

- (1) That each State Council in cooperation with the State Divisions of the Woman's Committee, consult men and women of German origin but unquestioned loyalty as to the extent and character of the German population and the best means of reaching them.
- (2) That this group of men and women, either as individuals or as a committee, be asked to assist the State Speakers' Bureau by organizing public meetings in German districts, and advising the Speakers' Bureau what speakers of German origin would most influentially address these meetings.
- (3) That this group be further asked to give liberally of their time and enthusiasm in talking personally with people of German birth, showing them what their attitude toward America will mean to their children, and explaining the aims and motives of the United States in this war.

These measures will involve assistance, wherever possible, from existing societies of indisputably loyal German-speaking people. They will have to be undertaken with caution, but also with the utmost tact and understanding.

Similar measures may well be taken to reinforce the loyalty of persons of other races and nationalities.

Please report to us action taken pursuant to this Bulletin,

Very truly yours,

  
 Director,
Please Acknowledge Receipt
  
 Chief of State Councils Section.

We enclose extra copy for reference to your Committee having this subject in charge.