

ROOSEVELT DEMANDS RACE FUSION HERE

With 38 Others He Issues Appeal to People of All Nationalities.

ONE FLAG, ONE LANGUAGE

Suggests That "Children of the Crucible" Support the Activities of the Vigilantes.

Colonel Roosevelt issued a signed statement yesterday under the title of "The Children of the Crucible," setting forth patriotic reasons for united action by all Americans of whatever national ancestry in active support of the Government and the prosecution of the war. This message, which was made public at his home in Oyster Bay, bears the names of thirty-eight other persons, representing ancestry of the allied nations, of the neutral countries, and of Germany.

The name of Oscar S. Straus follows the signature of Colonel Roosevelt. The other names include George von L. Meyer, who was Secretary of the Navy during the Administration of Presidents Roosevelt and Taft; Michael I. Pupin, a professor at Columbia University; William Loeb, Jr., former Collector of the Port; Anthony Fiala, and John D. Crimmins.

The appeal cites the example of Washington and his men, "who did not hesitate because of the ties of blood to resist and antagonize Great Britain when Great Britain wronged this nation," as one for Americans to follow today. The statement goes on with the suggestion that, "The best way to accomplish this fusing of Americanism is through the activities of the Vigilantes, a non-partisan, militant, anti-pacifist group of writers, artists, and other patriotic Children of the Crucible." The statement in part reads:

"We Americans are the children of the crucible. It has been our boast that out of the crucible, the melting pot of life in this free land, all the men and women of all the nations who come hither emerge as Americans and as nothing else; Americans who proudly challenge as a right, not as a favor, that they 'belong' just exactly as much as any other Americans and that they stand on a full and complete equality with them; Americans, therefore, who must, even more strongly, insist that they have renounced completely and without reserve, all allegiance to the lands from which they or their forefathers came, and that it is a binding duty on every citizen of this country in every important crisis to act solidly with all his fellow Americans, having regard only to the honor and interest of America and treating every other nation purely on its conduct in that crisis, without reference to his ancestral predilections or antipathies.

Pacifists Like Tories.

"All Americans of other race origin must act toward the countries from which their ancestors severally sprang as Washington and his associates in their day acted. Otherwise they are traitors to America. This applies especially today to all Americans of German blood who directly or indirectly in any manner support Germany as against the United States and the allies of the United States; it applies no less, specifically to all American citizens of Irish blood who are led into following the same course not by their love of Germany but by their hatred of England. One motive is as inexcusable as the other, and in each case the action is treasonable to the United States.

"The professional pacifists have, during the last three years, proved themselves the evil enemies of their country. They now advocate an inconclusive peace. In so doing they have shown themselves to be the spiritual heirs of the Tories who in the name of peace opposed Washington, and of the Copperheads who in the name of peace opposed Lincoln. We regard these men and women as traitors to the Republic; we regard them as traitors to the great cause of justice and humanity.

"This war is a war for the vital interests of America. When we fight for America abroad we save our children from fighting for America at home beside their own ruined hearthstones. We believe that the large majority of Americans are proudly ready to fight to the last for the overthrow of the brutal German militarism which threatens America no less than every other civilized nation.

"We hold that the true test of loyal Americanism today is effective service against Germany. We should exert as speedily as possible every particle of our vast lazy strength to win the triumph over Germany. Therefore, we should demand that the Government act at once with unrelenting severity against the traitors here at home, whether their treasonable activity take the form of editing and publishing newspapers, of uttering speeches, or of intrigue and conspiracy.

One Flag, One Language.

"We must have but one flag. We must also have but one language. That must be the language of the Declaration of Independence, of Washington's Farewell address, of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech and second inaugural. We cannot tolerate any attempt to oppose or supplant the language and culture that has come down to us from the builders of this Republic with the language and culture of any European country. The greatness of this nation depends on the swift assimilation of the aliens she welcomes to her shores. Any force which attempts to retard that assimilative process is a force hostile to the highest interests of our country. We call upon all loyal and unadulterated Americans to man the trenches against this enemy within our gates.

"We believe that they can most effectively do this through some organization. The Vigilantes, a non-partisan, militant, anti-pacifist group of writers, artists, and other patriotic children of the crucible, who, from their headquarters in New York, have for months been conducting a vigorous pro-America campaign in the newspapers of the country, offer exactly such an organization.

"We ask that good Americans address themselves at once to The Vigilantes. We ask, moreover, that, whether through this organization, or independently, they uphold the hands of the Government at every point efficiently and resolutely against our foreign and domestic foes, and that they constantly spur the Government to speedier and more effective action.

"Of us who sign some are Protestants, some are Catholics, some are Jews. Most of us were born in this country of parents born in various countries of the old world—in Germany, France, England, Ireland, Italy, the Slavonic and the Scandinavian lands; some of us were born abroad; some of us are of revolutionary stock. All of us are Americans, and nothing but Americans."

The following names are signed to the address: Theodore Roosevelt, Oscar S. Straus, John Quinn, Henry L. Slobodin, George von Lengerke Meyer, Michael I. Pupin, Owen Wister, William Loeb, Jr., Anthony Fiala, Henry Reuter Dahl, Julius Kahn, Guy T. Viskniskki, Harvey J. O'Higgins, Nathaniel A. Elsbey, Gutzon Borglum, John D. Crimmins, Harry Olson, Isaac Adler, A. W. Erickson, Karl H. Behr, Gustavus Ohlinger, Jesse Isidor Straus, Einar Barfod, John J. Leary, Jr., Leo Wiener, James N. Beck, Charles J. Rosebault, Antonio Stella, F. Wellington Ruckstuhl, Roger M. Straus, Cornelius Rubner, Porter Emerson Browne, Philip Zoercher, Einar Marks, Edwin Carty Banck, Lionel S. Marks, A. Toxen Worm, Frederick Hollman, and Hermann Hagedorn.

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