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Alien Enemies in Big Cities Must Be Listed.

Chiefs of Police Will Keep Tab on Them.

WOOD GETS INSTRUCTIONS

Barred Zone Permits Do Not Excuse Holders Here.

All Names Are To Go to Department of Justice.

Alien enemies in Kansas living in cities with a population exceeding 5,000 must register with the chief of police of their respective cities, under instructions received today by Otho M. Wood, United States marshal, from T. W. Gregory, attorney general. In cities with a population less than 5,000 the alien enemies will be obliged to register with the postmasters.

"It should not be understood that alien enemies in Topeka who have received permits to be in forbidden zones are exempt from this registration," said C. C. Jackson, deputy marshal today. "They are obliged to register with the chief of police the same as those who have not received such permits."

A list of cities in Kansas in which alien enemies must register with the chief of police was attached to the orders from the attorney general. The cities included in this list are: Arkansas City, Atchison, Coffeyville, Emporia, Fort Scott, Galena, Hutchinson, Independence, Iola, Junction City, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Newton, Ottawa, Parsons, Pittsburg, Rosedale, Salina, Topeka, Wellington, Wichita and Winfield.

Send Out Blanks.

The necessary forms of registration affidavits, registration cards, and other forms, and full printed instructions, will be sent to the marshal for distribution in cities of more than 5,000 population. In the smaller towns the blanks will be mailed direct to the postmasters.

When the registration is complete, the chief registrars in all communities will retain one set of the registration affidavits, and transmit to the United States marshal the second set, with a notification that the third set has been sent by them to the department of justice.

The chief registrars in all communities will also be instructed to send to the United States marshals of their several districts all information that they may obtain concerning German alien enemies who may have attempted to register under false names or addresses.

"If in your judgment further proceedings are warranted in any such case," reads the instructions, "you will immediately place the facts before the United States attorney for your district and report your action to the department."

The police captains, lieutenants and patrolmen are appointed assistant registrars under the instructions of the attorney general.