

AMERICANIZATION BODIES UNIFIED

United Americans, State of Illinois, Plans Co-ordination of All Americanization Units

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been wasted in the United States during the past two years through well-intended but inefficiently organized efforts towards Americanism. Here and there throughout the United States, organizations have sprung up, headed by men and women who seriously desire to stem the tide of radical thought and to defeat the campaign of those who propose "direct action". Many of these efforts have been a waste of money, due to lack of experience in knowing how best to tackle the problem that confronts all real Americans. Much more money has been wasted in overlapping of effort.

Co-ordinate Units

All of this waste, both of effort and of money, is to be eliminated in the future through the co-ordination of practically all of these state and national organizations into United Americans, recently incorporated, and which is to Americanization effort the same as United Charities is to charitable work.

In other words, a state-wide campaign is soon to be undertaken by United Americans asking that all support, either of funds or of personal effort, be concentrated under one head and that the various "fly-by-night" schemes that are developed by well-meaning people or even by those who propose to commercialize the existing unrest be referred to the state headquarters at Chicago. In this way valuable suggestions will be preserved and acted upon favorably, but those that are impractical will be dropped and the element of private profit will be eliminated from Americanization work.

United Effort

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States at its meeting last week at Atlantic City, N. J., debated this question for some time and finally came to the conclusion that constant solicitation of these various organizations who want to save America, must be stopped, and that all of the work must be done under one head. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has officially endorsed United Americans, and has even gone so far as to refer the Americanization campaign which it had

begun to United Americans for completion.

This consolidation will be good news to men and women throughout Illinois who are solicited quite regularly to contribute to this or that scheme which is going to make 100 per cent Americans out of the reddest of the reds—but all of which amount to nothing except a waste of expenditure for ill-advised publicity.

State-wide Americanization

United Americans in Illinois will set up an organization in every county, with county chairmen and a county committee made up of a member from each township.

C. W. Folds, of Chicago, who was chairman for the Liberty Loan drive in northern Illinois, is vice president of United Americans and will co-

operate to revive the old liberty loan organization to undertake this very essential work.

E. E. Grabtree of Jacksonville, Ill.,

who was chairman for the Liberty Loan drive in southern Illinois, is a member of the board of directors of United Americans, and he, too, is

now endeavoring to get all of the county chairmen in his district aroused to the necessity of this co-ordinated action.

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