

U. S. Attending to German-Canadians

"Fair Play and a Square Deal" is Order From Wash- ington

Washington, Aug. 12.—German citizens in Canada are to receive the same protection at the hands of the State Department as are British subjects in Germany. Having assumed responsibility for the welfare of these citizens, the State Department has sent instructions to all United States Consular officers in Canada to look after the Germans and Austrians there precisely as it has sent similar instructions to the Embassies in London, Paris and St. Petersburg. Absence of an American diplomatic representative in Canada obliged the State Department to address itself directly to its Consular officers.

It is expected that American diplomatic and Consular officers everywhere, save in the few neutral countries are going to be very busy in extending protection to hundreds of unfortunates who are being denounced as spies, it is said, merely because they happen to speak the language of the enemy. No doubt it is felt here that every effort will be made to secure exact justice and a fair trial for every person accused wherever possible outside the actual zone of military operations.