

ALD. PLEWMAN'S PLAN TO DEAL WITH ALIENS

Keep Them at Work Under
Govt. Control, But Limit
Their Pay to Army Rate.

The problems connected with the labor of alien, neutral, and allied aliens and the licensed businesses of all classes of aliens continue to engage the attention of returned soldiers and labor leaders, and a good deal of interest is being taken in the proposed action of Council. Ald. F. M. Johnston has a motion on the order paper which requests the Police Commissioners to cancel on July 1 the licenses held by all who are not British subjects, which would include Americans, Belgians, French, Chinese, and Italians. It has been objected that this would violate international law, but Chicago is reported to have taken similar action months ago.

Ald. Plewman on Monday gave notice of his intention to move that the Council request the Dominion Government to take steps to bring allied aliens under the Military Service Act and to virtually intern all enemy aliens and pay them no more than the equivalent of a soldier's pay. Ald. Plewman's resolution is as follows:

That this municipal corporation memorialize the Governor-in-Council, requesting:

1. That steps be taken to place the movements and the labor of enemy aliens under absolute Government control, that such enemy aliens be employed at work of national importance such as food production and road construction; and that they be not used on aeroplane construction or in factories of an inflammable nature engaged in producing war material.

2. That under no circumstances shall such enemy aliens be permitted to receive more than the equivalent of a soldier's pay, and that in the event of any enemy aliens being permitted to work in privately owned war factories or other private enterprises they be paid by the Government and the full market value of their services be paid over to the Government for the general purposes of the war.

3. That the Government endeavor to arrange with all allied Governments that citizens of allied countries of military age resident in Canada legally may be brought under the operation of the Military Service Act unless they enlist with the armies of their national Government.