

# WHO IS AN "ALIEN"?

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To the Editor of the Free Press.

Sir,—When the delegation of returned soldiers interviewed our provincial government last week, the statement was made, I believe, that we have 21,000 "alien enemies" in Winnipeg. To my knowledge this statement has not been challenged in the press or on the platform. Therefore, I would like to ask you, who is an alien enemy?

Also, what is the present status of, say, a man who came to this country from Austria ten years ago, who has been granted his naturalization papers making him a Canadian citizen, and who has faithfully fulfilled all his obligations as such? Is he an "alien enemy" or a Canadian? If he is still a Canadian, with rights equal to yours and mine, let the newspapers and leaders of government proclaim this fact, for many such people, the majority of whom it is safe to assume are good, loyal and desirable citizens, are bordering on a state of panic owing to the indiscriminate agitation against them. They are beginning to wonder whether once more they will have to pull up stakes and set out anew in search for freedom. The majority of these people are needed in Canada today and will be badly needed in the days to come.

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