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The President vetoed two special bills giving right of permanent residence in this country to two German seamen who came here illegally in 1926 and who are facing deportation.

In his disapproval of the bills, the President stated that under the Alien Registration Act, the Attorney General was given the power to review cases where deportation would work a hardship on illegal entrants into this country and the Attorney General should pass on such cases rather than Congress.

The President pointed out in his veto that under the Alien Registration Act deportable aliens will be given a fair hearing and the Attorney General has full discretion as to whether deportation would work a moral or financial hardship on such persons.

The Chief Executive's veto came on the eve of the registration of the country's 3,600,000 aliens. Earl G. Harrison, Director of Registration, said that the case of each alien found to be in this country illegally "will be decided on its individual merits." Deportable aliens face no immediate danger of being sent out of the country.

FIFTH COLUMN HELD UNDER CONTROL IN MEXICO

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Assurances that the Mexican Government had Nazi fifth column activities under control and was cooperating closely with Washington in the spirit of the Havana Conference have been given by Interior Secretary Ignacio Garcia Tellez, New York Times correspondent Russell B. Porter, reported in a dispatch from Mexico today.

In June Senor Tellez called in Mexican editors and publishers, notified them that the Mexican foreign policy was one of friendship toward the United States and opposition to all totalitarian powers and requested their cooperation. Within a few days Arthur Dietrich, press attache of the German Legation and reputed Nazi chief in Mexico, was declared persona non grata and asked to leave the country, which he did on a Japanese ship.

The violently anti-United States weekly Timon, financed by Dietrich, and the Spanish edition of the weekly, Deutsche Zeitung von Mexico, were suspended, Porter said. The Mexican Labor Confederation announced a policy change to friendship for the United States.

Senor Tellez said the Government was using all possible legal means to keep fifth column activities under control, including strict supervision of all aliens within Mexico and the tightening of immigration regulations.

\$93,000 BUDGET FOR PALESTINE PROJECTS APPROVED BY JUNIOR HADASSAH

CHICAGO, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Sylvia Brody of Akron, O., was unanimously elected president of the Junior Hadassah yesterday by delegates attending the 17th annual convention of the organization here. She succeeds Nell Ziff.

The delegates approved a plan to plant 1,500 trees on Mt. Scopus in Palestine to honor the retiring president's "unexcelled service and splendid leadership."

The delegates approved budgets for Palestine projects totalling \$93,000. They also passed a resolution expressing gratitude to President Judah L. Magnes of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem, Henrietta Szold and Julius Simon for serving on the Hadassah War Emergency Committee in Palestine.