

The only time concession that has been made is that they have extended the date required for obtaining passports until July 15, 1940, for "those members of the operating personnel of railway trains, aircraft, water vessels and automobile vehicles engaged in transport".

Pending decision by the United States authorities on the above points, it was impossible to deal in a final manner with the tens of thousands of applications for passports which have been pouring in. It is necessary that the issue of certificates and passports be made immediately.

We have prepared a simplified passport good for the United States only and valid for one year - the period for which the United States will grant a visa -, also an application form. We recommend that this be issued at the price of one dollar instead of the fee of five dollars ordinarily charged for our five-year passport. The regular passport good for all countries and for five years will of course still be available at the higher fee. It is desired to circulate the passports and application forms at once and to make a press announcement.

The Prime Minister has approved the above course.