

unmarried minor orphan nephews or nieces, provided the persons applied for were citizens of a country of Europe (including Turkey), the Western Hemisphere, or Egypt, Israel or Lebanon. Moreover, the provision contained in the previous draft regulations relating to a literacy test had now been deleted.

The new sub-section 31 (d) was the only part of the Regulations containing any preferential treatment or discrimination in favour of European and Western Hemisphere countries. This discrimination could have been removed only by introducing restrictions and withdrawing privileges which had been enjoyed for a good many years by close relatives and sponsors from European and Western Hemisphere countries. It was considered preferable to move the less favoured groups forward by progressive steps to a position of complete equality by withdrawing privileges from more favoured groups. In general, the effect of Section 31 was to improve the position of nationals of all countries without worsening the position of any.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated (Minister's memorandum, Jan. – Cab. Doc. 24-62†).

13. *During the discussion* some said that the change back to a preference for Europeans would perpetuate the discrimination against people from the less preferred countries. These complaints, others said, would be less serious than those which would arise from restricting Europeans. With Canada's many ethnic groups of European extraction, depreciating the rights of Europeans in favour of Asiatics and Africans would engender numerous and bitter complaints within the country. This aspect of the new regulations had been mentioned by the Minister very briefly in Caucus but discussed at some length with Messrs. Maloney, Martini and Kucherepa who favoured the change made by 31(d).

14. *Mrs. Fairclough* drew to the attention of the Cabinet Part II of the Regulations relating to Inquiries and Appeals and said that they did not require the approval of the Governor in Council but could be made on the authority of the Minister under Section 62 of the Immigration Act.

15. *The Cabinet,*

(a) agreed with the recommendation of the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, pursuant to Sections 49 and 61 of the Immigration Act, that the Immigration Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1954-1351 of September 17th, 1954, as amended, be revoked and new Immigration Regulations Part I substituted therefore, effective February 1st, 1962; and,

(b) noted that the Minister would, by separate order under Section 62 of the Act, give effect to Part II of the Regulations bringing into force new regulations with respect to Inquiries and Appeals.

(An order in council in respect of (a) above was passed accordingly; P.C. 1962-82, Jan. 18).

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