

## (H) PASSPORTS AND VISAS

### 1. CANADIAN PASSPORT OFFICES

It was announced in the April-June edition of the Bulletin that under an Executive Order issued by the United States Government, all citizens of Canada would be required to obtain passports and visas for travel to the United States. This Order became effective on July 1, 1940. In view of this decision of the authorities at Washington, arrangements were made for the issue of a special passport valid only for travel to the United States.

In order to deal with the demand for these special passports, Passport Offices were established in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor, Toronto, Montreal, and St. Stephen. Application forms for these passports were also made available at the main Post Offices and Railway and Steamship Ticket Offices in the larger centres in Canada. United States Consulates throughout Canada then issued the necessary visa to holders of passports desiring to enter the United States.

### 2. UNITED STATES REGULATIONS UNDER THE ALIEN REGISTRATION ACT

The regulations affecting the movement of Canadian nationals into the United States have been modified by the terms of Section 30 of the Alien Registration Act (Public Act No. 670 of the 76th Congress of the United States), which was approved by the President on June 28, 1940, and which became effective on August 27, 1940.

Section 30 reads as follows:—

No visa shall hereafter be issued to any alien seeking to enter the United States unless said alien has been registered and fingerprinted in duplicate. One copy of the registration and fingerprint record shall be retained by the Consul. The second copy shall be attached to the alien's visa and shall be taken up by the examining immigrant inspector at the port of arrival of the alien in the United States, and forwarded to the Department of Justice, at Washington, D.C.

Any alien seeking to enter the United States who does not present a visa (except in emergency cases defined by the Secretary of State), a re-entry permit, or a border-crossing identification card shall be excluded from admission to the United States.

These new regulations have modified the requirements for the admission of Canadians to the United States.

For Canadian citizens and British subjects domiciled in Canada, seeking to enter the United States for a period of less than thirty days, the