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In regards to international Aliens entering from NEI without the appropriate documentation. This is a letter from the Director General of External Security to the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs in Canberra.

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SECURITY SERVICE,
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Canberra, A.C.T., 13th June, 1945.

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The Secretary,
Department of External Affairs,
CANBERRA.

Entry of N.E.I. Civilians (Javanese) into Australia

It is desired to draw your attention to the entry of Netherlands East Indies civilians into Australia through the agency of the Dutch Army Authorities. Several instances have occurred whereby Alien civilians have been allowed to enter Australia without the knowledge of this Service through the agency of Dutch Army officials. The net effect is that those Aliens are not registered under the provisions of the Aliens Control Regulations and this Service has no record or information of their arrival.

The danger of such a condition of affairs being permitted to continue will be at once apparent, as the persons concerned not only violate the provisions of war-time measures deemed necessary to control Aliens but the Aliens themselves fall into the category of prohibited immigrants. It is appreciated that in these times difficulties are experienced sometimes in conforming to Regulations but there seems to be no reasonable excuse why the Dutch Authorities should not co-operate with Security Service by informing us of the arrival of these Aliens after they touch land in Australia.

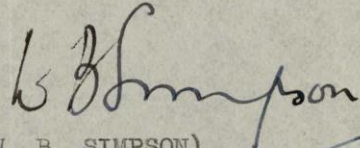
I am given to understand that the non-cooperation is not due to the lack of desire of the Dutch Consulate to inform this Service of these unofficial arrivals as they themselves are not always in possession of sufficient information from their own Military Authorities. Such a condition however is sufficient for me to raise official protest against the continued violation of the Regulations by the arrival of Aliens into Australia without any Australian Authority being made aware of the fact. I should therefore appreciate your assistance if you would take this matter up with the Dutch Legation in Canberra at the earliest possible moment and indicate our alarm at the possibilities of such a condition of affairs being allowed to expand or continue. I would also wish it to be understood that whilst I am asking for your assistance to deal with this matter in a diplomatic plane as between this Service,

/ your Department

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your Department and the Legation concerned, I do not hold myself exempt from carrying out the provisions of the law by arresting any of these unauthorised Aliens on the score that they are not only prohibited immigrants but also on their non-compliance with war time measures designed to protect the best interests of Australia.

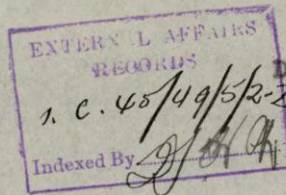


(W. B. SIMPSON),
Director-General of Security.

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FOR THE MINISTER.

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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
CANBERRA.

20th June, 1945.

Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the matter of the entry of civilians from the Netherlands East Indies into Australia through the agency of Netherlands army authorities.

It has come to the notice of the Australian Government that several instances have occurred where such civilians have been allowed to enter without notification to the proper Australian authorities, with the result that the provisions of the National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations requiring registration of all aliens in Australia, have been contravened.

I am sure that you appreciate the necessity for the Australian Government's insistence upon its control over all aliens in Australia during the continuance of the current / hostilities.

His Excellency
Baron F.C. van Aerssen Beyeren van Voshol, MWO,
Her Netherlands Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Royal Netherlands Legation,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

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hostilities. Consequently I shall be glad if you will kindly investigate this matter with a view to seeing that all civilians from the Netherlands East Indies who have entered Australia without being registered, register as soon as possible, and that in future the officers of the Director-General of Security are informed promptly of the arrival of these persons.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest consideration
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Hgd/ Norman Makin.

Acting Minister of State
for External Affairs.

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ROYAL NETHERLANDS LEGATION

SECRETARY, DEPT. OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Melbourne 9th July 1945.

Referred for your attention.

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L.G. Williams
PRIVATE SECRETARY Sir,
11/7/45

*Minute copy to
D-G Security for
information*

I had the honour to receive your letter dated 20th June 1945 (no. 7778), by which you have drawn my attention to the matter of the entry into Australia of civilians from the Netherlands East Indies without notification to the proper Australian authorities.

This matter was also brought to the attention of the Netherlands Consular Officer in Melbourne by the Deputy Director of Security on the direction of his Director General at Canberra last June 8th., in consequence of which, the competent military authorities have been advised accordingly.

I fully agree with the necessity for registration of civilians with the proper Australian authorities and have again notified the contents of your letter to the Netherlands authorities concerned, with a view to registering as soon as possible of all civilians from the Netherlands East Indies who as yet have failed to do so, and avoiding in future that this should happen. I would also appreciate it to be advised directly if and when any case comes to your knowledge that a Netherlands of Netherlands Indies civilian should fail to perform this duty.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
With the highest consideration,
Your most obedient servant,

van Oudenarde

The Honourable N.J.O. Makin.
Acting Minister for External Affairs.
Department of External Affairs.
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