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Augusta, June 14, -Registration of all aliens in the State of Maine will be undertaken immediately by direction of Governor Lewis O. Barrows, it was announced by Brigadier General James W. Hanson, the Adjutant General, today.

Municipal officers throughout the state will be furnished with a standard form on which natives of other countries now resident in Maine will report their place of birth, length of residence in this country and state, information as to family, occupation, education and employment.

Registration forms will be supplied through the office of Adjutant General Hanson and completed forms will be returned to that office for classification, examination and permanent record, General Hanson said.

Though the call for aliens to register leaves the responsibility for compliance entirely upon the individuals, energetic steps will be taken to investigate all who fail to register voluntarily, Hanson said.

"We have had reports of subversive activities in several parts of the state and we intend to act to prevent any 'fifth column' or 'Trojan horse' tactics in this state," General Hanson stated. The Intelligence Section of the Adjutant General's Department is being organized to "thoroughly investigate" any individuals or groups "whose purpose or activities are against the government and best interests of our American citizens", he further said.

General Hanson ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ was unable to say how many aliens are now residing in this state, "But we intend to find out", he stated.