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Augusta, June 27, -More than 30,000 special forms for the registration of aliens in Maine have been supplied to municipal officers since the start of this effort in compliance with the June 14th proclamation by Governor Lewis O. Barrows, it was announced at the office of Brigadier General James W. Hanson, the Adjutant General, here today.

"Indications at the present time are that the total of aliens to be registered in this state may approximate 35,000," said General Hanson, whose department is charged with directing the registration.

General Hanson commended "the fine spirit of cooperation" manifested by town and city officials, and revealed that there is evidence that the alien registration requirement has given "tremendous impetus" to naturalization applications.

"In many instances", he said, "officials conducting the local registration report that alien residents are making application for first citizenship papers the same day that they register."