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[CHAPTER 204] AN ACT

To amend section 7 of the Act of May 14, 1930 (46 Stat. 526; U. S. C., title 18, sec. 753f), relating to places of confinement and transfers of persons convicted of an offense against the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 7 of the Act of May 14, 1930 (46 Stat. 526; U. S. C., title 18, sec. 753f), is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. Hereafter all persons convicted of an offense against the United States shall be committed, for such terms of imprisonment as the court may direct, to the custody of the Attorney General of the United States or his authorized representative, who shall designate the places of confinement where the sentences of all such persons shall be served: Provided, That any sentence of imprisonment for an offense punishable by imprisonment for a term of one year or less shall not be served in a penitentiary except with the defendant's consent. The Attorney General may designate any available, suitable, and appropriate institutions, whether maintained by the Federal Government or otherwise, or whether within or without the judicial district in which the person was convicted. The Attorney General is also authorized to order the transfer of any person held under authority of any United States statute from one institution to another if in his judgment it shall be for the well-being of the prisoner or relieve overcrowded or unhealthful conditions in the institution where such prisoner is confined or for other reasons."

Approved, June 14, 1941.

[CHAPTER 209] AN ACT

To authorize the refusal of visas to aliens whose admission into the United States would endanger the public safety.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever any American diplomatic or consular officer knows or has reason to believe that any alien seeks to enter the United States for the purpose of engaging in activities which will endanger the public safety of the United States, he shall refuse to issue to such alien any immigration visa, passport visa, transit certificate, or other document entitling such alien to present himself for admission into the United States; but in any case in which a diplomatic or consular officer denies a visa or other travel document under the provisions of this Act, he shall promptly refer the case to the Secretary of State for such further action as the Secretary may deem appropriate.

Sec. 2. The President is hereby authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, June 20, 1941.

[CHAPTER 210] AN ACT

To amend the Act of May 22, 1918 (40 Stat. 559).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first paragraph of section 1 of the Act of May 22, 1918 (40 Stat. 559), is amended to read as follows:

"When the United States is at war or during the existence of the national emergency proclaimed by the President on May 27, 1941, or