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## Coming Next Month . . .

In November, we shall publish the third in our series of four issues on PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.

When they write of IMMIGRATION AND THE AMERICAN IDEAL, our eight contributors are by no means in agreement, but their analyses are provocative and their material is rich reading fare. Among their comments, they have this to say:

### *Of the historical background:*

"Quite naturally many native Americans harbored misgivings at the influx of people who embraced strange languages, customs and institutions."

NORMAN GRAEBNER, *Professor of History, Iowa State College*

"From 1820 to the present more than 39 million aliens have migrated to our shores in search of another beginning. Never in all history has there been a population movement to equal it."

VICTOR L. ALBJERG, *Professor of History, Purdue University*

### *Of current immigration policy:*

"Despite repeated criticism, United States immigration policy has remained quite restrictive since the early 1920's and, in addition, has favored certain races and national groups over others."

CHARLES P. SCHWARTZ, JR., *Research Associate, Harvard Law School*

"No law covering the vast field of immigration and naturalization can hope to satisfy everyone and the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 has suffered much harsh criticism."

GRAHAM H. STUART, *Professor of Political Science, Stanford University*

### *Of labor's attitude:*

"Labor's very real and practical sympathy with the victims of red and black totalitarianism and its approval of increased immigration reinforce its interest in planning and direction of immigration in contrast to oldtime haphazard shifts of both industry and workers."

MARK STARR, *Educational Director, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union*

### *Of immigration experience overseas:*

"In contrast with the United States system of relatively small fixed annual quotas, set with a view to stabilizing the ethnic composition of the population, Canada, Australia and New Zealand have a policy of selective and directed immigration."

ALZADA COMSTOCK, *Professor Emeritus of Economics, Mt. Holyoke College*