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STATE OF MAINE

REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years
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Governor of this State to take such steps as are necessary to see that employees of political subdivisions are extended the protection of the Act.

JAMES GLYNN FROST
Deputy Attorney General

October 22, 1954

To Honorable Burton M. Cross, Governor of Maine
Re: Refugees

The following is submitted in response to your memo of October 21st, to which you attached a letter addressed to you from the Department of State concerning the appointment of an advisory committee relative to the admission to this State of refugees from foreign countries.

Sections 2-A and 2-A of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes of 1944 (as enacted by Chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1947 and re-allocated by Chapter 349, Section 57 of the Public Laws of 1949) read as follows:

“Statement of policy. It shall be and is hereby declared to be the policy of the state of Maine to encourage the settlement within its borders of displaced persons of Baltic origin; provided nevertheless that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to discourage immigrants of other nationalities.

“Maine development commission to arrange for settlement through negotiations with the Department of State, Department of Justice and the United Nations. The Maine development commission is hereby empowered and authorized to negotiate with the U. S. Department of State, with the U. S. Department of Justice and with the United Nations, or with any proper agency or department of the United Nations, to arrange for the settlement in this state of such displaced persons of Baltic origin who are able to buy, or who may have bought for them private property within the state owned by private persons.”

It can be seen from the above quoted sections, as read together with the preamble to the Act that emphasis is given to Europeans of Baltic origin, i.e., natives of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, provided that nothing should discourage entries of other nationalities.

However, there is no provision relative to the appointment of local advisory committees. Perhaps the Maine Development Commission negotiating with the U. S. Department of State would suffice for the purposes of that department.

JAMES GLYNN FROST
Deputy Attorney General

October 28, 1954

To Col. Harry A. Mapes, Director of Civil Defense and Public Safety
Re: Loyalty Oaths of Minors

I have your memorandum of October 19th. The date of the ruling referred to was November 25, 1953 . . . The oath referred to is in Section 14 of