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Career of life.

I, the undersigned Richard A u r a s, resident of the State of California, legally immigrated from Germany on July 29, 1937.

Personal Notice: 45 years old.

By Occupation: Naturopathic and Homoeopathic Practitioner.
Living from July 29, 1937 on in the home of my brother-in-law,
Mr. Curt Benedict, and his wife, my sister: Selma Benedict
55 Borica Street in San Francisco, California.

I am engaged to: Miss Helene Ilse Dietz in San Francisco, California

All persons are Citizen of the United States.

I could not be a citizen, because I have to be five years in this country.

Mr. Curt Benedict married my sister Selma Auras, in June 1928, and they are now and never since have been husband and wife and reside 55 Borica Street, San Francisco.

Curt Benedict has been a resident of the U.S. Hospital of the City and County of San Francisco, a civil service position and has occupied said position for the past seventeen years.

The "Petition and Affidavit" before Mr. John K. Cokeley, Natary Public and for the City and Caounty of San Francisco, State of California, 21st day of August 1945: Curt Benedict says:

"That the said Selma Auras is the sister of the above named Richard Auras. That in the year 1937, in response to the expressed wish of said brother she assisted in securing his admission to the United States. That Richard Auras for permanent entry by the authorities in charge of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and for a period of four years thereafter, namely from the day of his said admission to the date of his arrest on December 8, 1941, he was an occupant of the same home of his sister and your affiant, her husband;"

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I was practice in Germany -licenced from 1930 to 1937 -in Homoeopathy, Naturopathy, Hydro-Therapy etc.

As a NON-member of the Nat. Soc. Party, it became successively harder for me to make a living and an unhappy marriage also preyed on my mind.

My sister and husband have no children and decided to bring me over here and give me a new start in a country in which my people believe and where I expected to find new happiness and contentment. Although the Immigration-Laws was very strictly, I was permitted to enter the United States in 1937 thanks to the kind intervention of my brother-in-law, superior officers, Dr. Leon M. Wilber, M.D., Superintendent of the San Francisco Hospital and Dr. J. C. Geiger, M.D., Director of Public Health of the City and County of San Francisco.

My brother-in-law paid for the transportation, maintained me in his household without charge and paid most of my personal expenses. Later, my fiancée, Miss Helene Ilse Dietz, helped me in every way to get through school (Sierra States University) to perfect myself in a profession for which I am peculiarly gifted, and which is entirely non-political, but which is especially one of service to suffering humanity.

Soon after my arrival in San Francisco I attended regularly a day school to learn the American Language and at the same time I took a course in Massage, Hydro-Therapy, Diet etc. and graduated from the school with honor.

In due time I took out the FIRST PAPER, intending to remain in the United States and become a good Citizen.

I was looking for work, because I was interested to take a course in Chiropractic, but I could not get any work, I was not a Union Member or Citizen. I was looking for work for weeks and I was talking about to my

my fiancee and that I have to go back to Germany, and I wrote a letter about it to this Government, because I have to know about licence etc. But my fiancee was willing to pay and so I made up my mind to stay here, and enrolled as a student of Chiropractic in the Sierra States University. In order to relief my fiancee from too much burden I was anxious to earn some money. I get a job as waiter and on special occasions I had to play piano in the German-American Vocational-League in San Francisco. This Club has in San Francisco purely social functions and never mixed in politics or any subversive activities. I was given a full explanation about it to the Honorable M. Frank J. Hennessy, U.S. District Attorney in San Francisco. (Letter February 26, 1943.)

After attending the college for nearly two years, I was about to complete my final examination, when I was suddenly arrested.

Some parts belonging to Affidavit and letters to Washington:
(Some originals or copies in my hands.)

Mrs. Julia F. Begley, Teacher, San Francisco Unified School District of San Francisco, Civic Auditorium;

"Mr. Richard Auras attended the Hearst Day Adult Americanization Class for 172 days, from August 31, 1937 to June 1938.

Mr. Auras ^{was} keenly interested in his work. His attitude in the classroom toward America and American principles was the finest."

Mr. John B. Rasmussen, Special Investigator, 243 Jules Ave, San Francisco:

"I spoke to him on several occasions, but at no time did he voice his opinion which in any way or form could have been construed as being an enemy of the United States or our form of Government. It is in my firm belief, that subject is not dangerous alien enemy, and if given the opportunity, would make a loyal American citizen."

Dr. Herbert O. Weber, D.C., 291 Geary Street, San Francisco:

"This is to certify that I have known Mr. Richard Auras to be a man who is trustworthy and reliable, studious, painstaking in his work and of a good character." -----

Mr. Curt Benedict in the "Petition and Affidavit, Sept. 3, 1945:

"That affiant knows of his own knowledge that said Richard Auras intended to remain permanently in the United States, and since said entry has conducted himself in a blameless manner, and as a man of the highest integrity and best intentions."

Dr. R. L. Peters, D.C., Dean of the "Sierra States University", San Francisco:

"In his behalf I wish to state that he was a good conscientious student and upon closest observation did not at any time find him guilty of misconduct, nor did he either by word or action lead me to suspect that he was an enemy alien."

Student Body President, Secretary and Members of the "Sierra States University":

"We wish to rally to the support of Richard Auras, a member of our student body whom we found honest and sincere and we wish to see him back here at school."
