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"NO PEOPLE MUST BE FORCED UNDER SOVEREIGNTY"
"UNDER WHICH IT DOES NOT WISH TO LIVE"
PRESIDENT WILSON

LEAGUE'S PROGRAM

"TO SEEK THROUGH FRANCE AND HER ALLIES THE LIBERATION OF SYRIA AND"
"MT. LEBANON FROM TURKISH RULE AND TURKISH SOVEREIGNTY, REAL OR FORMAL"

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For the Consideration of
the Hon. Secretary
of War.

The French Government is preparing an Army, called the Legion d'Orient, volunteers for which are now being trained and drilled in the Island of Cyprus, for the purpose of striking a blow at the Turks in Syria and freeing that country from Turkish rule.

Syrians in Egypt, in France, and in South America are volunteering to this Legion and many of them have already joined it in Cyprus.

There are several thousand Syrians in this country who are naturalized citizens or who have taken out first papers that are of military age. Some of these Syrians have already been drafted while others are registrants whose numbers have not yet been drawn.

These Syrians are loyal American citizens and are willing to fight for this country; but considering that the Legion d'Orient is open to Syrian volunteers and that its main object is to free Syria from the Turks, they would prefer to have the opportunity to fight in their native country against their own enemy, who is now the common enemy of the Allies.

The Syria-Mt. Lebanon League of Liberation appeals to the Honorable Secretary of War, in view of the above facts, in favor of these drafted Syrians and those that are likely to come yet under the draft to the end of having them transferred to the Legion d'Orient.