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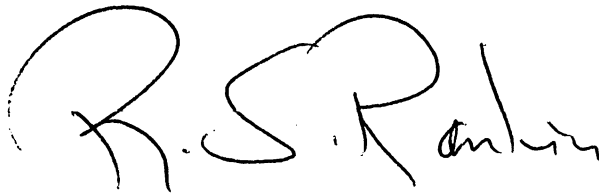
The Cambridge City Council,
Cambridge,
Massachusetts 02100

Gentlemen:

The surplus population of the world would come to the United States. That's why we have immigration quotas and other restrictions. And the world's surplus population is in the hundreds of millions.

Secondly - why must the United States be the dumping ground for the world's refugees? There are many other sparsely to moderately populated countries.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. S. Rankin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

R. S. Rankin
211 Scarsdale Road,
Tuckahoe,
N. Y. 10707

Massachusetts Town Adopts Proposal to Aid Illegal Aliens

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 8 (AP) — The Cambridge City Council, after a noisy hearing before 200 supporters, voted 5 to 4 tonight to approve a resolution declaring the entire city a sanctuary to Latin American refugees.

Under the resolution, city agencies and employees would not cooperate with Federal efforts to expel an estimated 5,000 illegal immigrants from El Salvador, Guatemala and Haiti who have fled to this university city of about 95,000 residents.

The resolution would also give aliens

access to education and health services. Proponents said aliens who feared that they would be forced to prove their citizenship and face deportation were not seeking medical treatment or education for their children.

Move Is to Show Support

Alice Wolf, a Council member and sponsor of the measure, said one purpose of the resolution was to show support for the aliens, who say they fear political persecution, torture and death if sent back to their native countries.

"Many things start at the local level and we can't wait for the Federal Government to come around," she said. "I believe we have an obligation to shelter people who are being persecuted in other countries."

The resolution was modeled after one adopted in February by the City Council in Berkeley, Calif., said Miss Wolf.

Those involved in the sanctuary movement contend the Reagan Administration is violating the Refugee Act of 1980 by deporting the aliens. The Federal act extends legal asylum to those who flee their countries for fear of political persecution.

But Federal immigration officials hold that most of the aliens came to the United States for economic reasons, and add that they cannot confirm allegations of widespread persecution of those who have been deported.

Rights Under the Bottle Law To Be Posted in City Stores

By The Associated Press

A bill signed into law by Mayor Koch yesterday requires stores that sell beverages in returnable bottles to post signs listing consumers' rights on getting back their nickel-a-bottle deposit.

The Mayor said the signs would list these rights of consumers: to return empty bottles to any dealer who sells the same brand, type and size regardless of where the consumer bought it; to receive a cash refund, and to return empties any time the store is open except the first and last half-hours of business.

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Comm. from R.S. Rankin of Tuckahoe, NY, in
opposition to the vote of the Council declar-
ing Cambridge a "Sanctuary City".

In City Council,

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