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Immigrant backgrounds, 1928.

① New Immigrant Groups.

A. Spanish - Portuguese - Columbus - Luis de Santangel,
farmer & royal taxes advanced money to Columbus.

- Several Jews - Luis de Torres - first Jew to
set foot on Am. soil - In 1654 - New Amsterdam.

- Went West India Com. - 1700s. (2) Publ. office

(3) Retail shops.

② Revolution 2000 - Money taken to War.

B - German - '40. - Pol. Econ. Bet 1836 -
1865. 300,000. - Prospered. Org. charity.
and Rel. life.

C. Neither is problem. -

D. East-Europ. - in mass since '50. - Anti-
Jew. persecutions & restrictions. Over 2 millions.
most applicants are from E. Europe. Immigration Act.

② Language - Yiddish - Rich literature. - newspapers - Theaters.
children quickly learn Eng. Yiddish. Hardly know it.

③ Learning - High degree of literacy. - Tradition of learning -
- net. inst. of schools - Rel. Education - Schools =
Scholar. Eagerness to acquire English -
Children sent to schools Thurman - Working-
man not content to have child uneducated -
Liberal Professors - Culture. Musical art.
- gifted. actors, musicians - writers -

④ Trade - No farmer. The 50,000 farmers - lost
loss of land - Middle Ages. Artisan & Merchant
needle Trades - valued trades -

⑤ Capillary action. Will become Merchant -

⑤ Traits ① Strong family ties - Sanctity - Sobriety -
- divorce - : Gangs - Break-ups Home.

⑥ Charity - Public. Gifts: Welfare -
- Higher cost per capita. Expect more.
Hills - house. to go

- ① Racial sympathy - joint - Russian colonization:
- ② Sensitivity - Superiority Complex: - Don't like offended, + quick to misunderstand. React quickly to sympathy.
- ③ Germans. All alien groups. Some one who speaks his language - Jewish Babi's ship. Sympathy - Even with - Intermarriage - outside pressure -
- ④ Religion - Strong among old. Less among young - + working-class - But crowd goes on holidays - Among young intellectuals - Superior to religion: Orthodox - Conservative Reform -
- ⑤ Schools. No parochial. Talented Teachers - + Sunday School -
- ⑥ Jewish Center Town House - At first Americanizing Center - Now center of Jew. Am. life -
- ⑦ Radicals - Socialists - reaction to Russian oppression - Conservative as soon as they have room - they to converts -

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