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Johann Georg Eccarius,
*[Eliminating Nationalism from the
 Minds of Working Men]*⁹³

One of our aims is to eliminate whatever may yet remain of national antipathies and, perhaps animosities, from the minds of working men. [...]

The Paris workmen have no such interest to be taken care of on the other side of the Atlantic, against the probable encroachments of the American working men. We consider the interests of the French workmen resident in the United States strictly identical with the interests of all the other working men of the United States. [...]

We cannot admit that either French or Germans have an opposite or special interest from any other workmen, and we always urge them on to take an active part in, and identify themselves with, the movement of the working men of the country, in which they reside, particularly in America. [...]

⁹³ This text is an excerpt of the *Letter from the General Secretary in London*, written on 23 April 1870, by Johann Georg Eccarius (see note 25), in response to the proposal to appoint representatives of the IWMA in the United States based on their nationality. The full version was published in an unknown American newspaper, and entered in the record of the GC meeting of 24 May. It is located in GC, III: 243–5.