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Deprivation

1. Under s.7 of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act 1914, the Secretary of State had the power to 'revoke' a certificate of naturalisation granted by him if he was satisfied that it had been obtained "by false representation or fraud, or by concealment of material circumstances, or that the person to whom the certificate is granted has shown himself by act or speech to be disaffected or disloyal to His Majesty ..."

2. The corresponding section of the BNA 1948 was s.20 (deprivation of citizenship).

3. The deprivation provisions are now contained in s.40 of the BNA 1981 (see Chapter 55 of Volume 1).

