

BACK PROBE OF ALIEN AGENCIES

Committee Approves Fund To Prosecute Nazi and Communist Groups.

WASHINGTON, April 2 (U. P.).—The House Appropriations Committee today approved an appropriation bill including new Justice Department funds to prosecute Nazi, Fascist and Communist organizations which have not registered as foreign agencies.

The \$212,087,200 bill contained annual funds for the Justice, State and Commerce Departments and the Judiciary.

The committee lectured the recipients of the money on such matters as chiseling by padding expense accounts. The committee also upbraided those responsible for the "grossly ineffectual oversight" in not granting adequate authority to the examiner who heard the first Harry Bridges deportation case in 1939.

Want No 'Witch Hunt'

A \$150,000 item for the Justice Department was for enforcing the Vothris Act, passed last year, requiring all foreign-controlled political organizations to register with the State Department and submit information on finances, personnel and membership. The committee was advised against "any witch hunt," but said that the Department plans to proceed vigorously. None of the 30 possible organizations registered under the law.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was granted \$16,250,000, including all of the \$8,750,000 asked for special defense activities.

Highlights of testimony before the committee included:

1. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said that practically the whole first deportation trial of Harry Bridges, West Coast C. I. O. leader, was not conducted in accordance with law because none of the witnesses was testifying under a legally-administered oath. Dean James M. Landis, who conducted the trial, could not administer a legal oath, he said, because he was appointed as an examiner rather than an inspector.

Find 'Passport Factory'

2. Mrs. Ruth B. Shipley, chief of the State Department's passport division, revealed that altered and counterfeit documents, seized in New York had been traced back to an "elaborate factory for the counterfeiting of both Canadian and American passports" in Greece.

3. Commerce Secretary Jesse H. Jones forecast an \$80,000,000,000 income for the United States this year, due largely to the national defense program.

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A 1942 Dream



Will Benito Mussolini become a pencil-vending Jeeter Lester by next year? Howard Richer of Newark, N. J., thinks so—and his costume won first prize.

AXIS MAPS NEW SHIP PROTESTS

Latin Americas Follow U. S. System in Taking Over Vessels.

MEXICO CITY, April 2 (U. P.).—The German and Italian legations prepared bitter protests today against Mexico's seizure of 12 Axis cargo vessels.

It was understood in diplomatic quarters that equally bitter protests would be made to all Western Hemisphere governments which followed the example of the United States by taking over German and Italian ships.

The modeling did not end with seizing Axis ships; apparently it was to be extended to flatly rejecting protests and prosecuting ships' officers who endangered harbor and other ships by sabotaging their own ships.

Immediate Latin-American reaction ended last night when Mexico took over 10 Axis ships in the port of Tampico. It was accompanied by ship scuttlings, ship burnings, and other violent manifestations in Mexico, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Cuba and Peru. Only three Latin-American countries—Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil—so far refrained from moving against Axis ships.

The Latin American countries had succeeded in seizing 14 Axis ships before they had been damaged by their crews—Mexico 11, Venezuela three, Cuba one. The crews scuttled or burned 11, as follows: Mexico, one (partly scuttled and beached); Ecuador, one (scuttled); Venezuela, four (scuttled); Costa Rica, two (burned); Peru, three (burned).

HEARING SET ON REASSESSMENT

State to Decide on County Revaluation; Change in 5 Townships Asked.

The State Tax Board will hold a hearing at 10 a. m. April 14 in the Marion County Auditor's Office to determine whether Marion County real estate should be reassessed.

The board today sent notice of the meeting to County Auditor Glenn Ralston. The hearing date was set after the Indianapolis Taxpayers Association filed a petition asking for a reassessment in Center, Wayne, Lawrence, Perry and Washington Townships. No petitions were filed for Warren Township.

The law specifies that if one percent of resident owners of real estate request a reassessment and the board finds that some of the valuation is inequitable, the Tax Board "shall" order a reassessment.

577 In Center Sign

C. R. Benjamin, board member, said it was apparent that the Center Township petition had the sufficient number of names but that the petitions for other townships apparently did not have. The Center Township petition had 577 signers.

The petitions for the reassessment of Washington Township bore 70 signatures; Perry, 26; Wayne, 42, and Lawrence, one.

The board may order a reassessment for the entire County if it sees fit. Mr. Benjamin pointed out the hearing did not mean necessarily that a reassessment would be ordered.

"I think that we should take a long range view, however, and consider the whole Marion County situation," he said.

Gigantic Task

"The assessment of all real estate in the city of Indianapolis and perhaps in Marion County as well is a gigantic undertaking. The board would not be moved to open up such a gigantic task if it were not for the fact that it has in its possession petitions carrying over 700 names of owners of taxable real estate petitioning for reassessment."

"It is the board's opinion that perhaps it should consider properties located in areas other than Center Township before a conclusion is reached upon whether or not to order the assessment of Center township."

"Evidence submitted at the hearing will in a large measure control the board's decision upon whether or not to order the assessment of any real estate, and if so, how large a territory should be ordered reassessed."

HOMESTEAD NO BAR TO OLD-AGE RELIEF

Homesteads of applicants will not be considered as "resources" in deciding whether a person is eligible for old-age assistance, the State Welfare Department said today.

Before the Welfare Act was amended by the last Legislature, each applicant was required to give the Welfare Department a lien on all his real property and an assignment on certain personal intangible property. Any assistance granted could be recovered from the recipient's estate.

Under the amended law, there can be no recovery from new applicants, according to Fred Hoke, Board president.

However, all property, other than homesteads, will be taken into consideration when the Board is deciding whether or not an applicant should have assistance, it was stated.

STATION NAVY PLANES AT BENNETT FIELD

NEW YORK, April 2 (U. P.).—A squadron of 12 United States Consolidated seaplanes will arrive at Floyd Bennett Field tomorrow and operate permanently from the Naval Reserve base there under the direct command of the commander-in-chief of the Atlantic Fleet, it was reported at the airport today.

On April 11, it was said, three Sikorsky seaplanes with six officers and 25 men will arrive and be quartered at the Floyd Bennett Naval Base. The Sikorsky planes and crews will comprise the aviation unit of the new battleship North Carolina which is to be commissioned soon.

AWAITS SENTENCE IN FATAL ASSAULT

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., April 2 (U. P.).—Melvin L. Harwood today awaited sentence for assault with intent to kill in the fatal shooting of Mel Caldwell, a neighbor.

He was found guilty of the charge by an all-farmer jury in Montgomery Circuit Court yesterday.

Judge Edgar A. Hise said he would pass sentence Saturday.

In the trial, Harwood contended that the shooting, committed last Oct. 13, was accidental.

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WASHINGTON, April 2 (U. P.).—Admiral Russell R. Waesche, commandant of the Coast Guard, announced today that Gerard B. Lambert has given his three-masted schooner-yacht Atlantic to the Coast Guard. It will be used as a training ship at the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn.

The 38-year-old yacht is one of the fastest sailing ships afloat. It once crossed the Atlantic in a little over 12 days. It holds the record of 341 miles for the longest 24-hour run made under sail.

CORN HUSKING DATE SET

FT. WAYNE, Ind., April 2 (U. P.).—The annual Indiana corn husking contest will be held near Ft. Wayne on Oct. 28. C. V. Kimmell, county agricultural agent, announced today.

Ft. Worth Audience Hails 'Treat Her Gently'

FT. WORTH, Tex., April 2 (U. P.).—Critics today hailed busboy George Batson's play, "Treat Her Gently," as "rather earthy," but a hit.

Batson, who was hustling dirty dishes from the tables of a New York automat a couple of weeks ago for \$15.88 a week, took five curtain calls last night before a hand-clapping, cheering audience.

"I feel like Cinderella in a dream," he said, mopping the tears from his face.

Critics said the play, a sophisticated drawing room comedy, starring Ruth Chatterton, was a hit, if a little risqué. The first and third acts needed tightening, they said, but the second was "well turned by a promising professional hand."

Miss Chatterton, who bought "Treat Her Gently" on a royalty basis, took it first to two Texas Panhandle towns. The kerosene cir-

cuit found some of Batson's humor a little too sophisticated.

The play's first "seasoned" audience found the lines funny, and Batson thought they would delight Broadway's sophisticated playgoers.

Batson stood in the lobby and watched the audience pass into the theater.

He found the cloak of fame ill-fitting.

"Mr. Batson," newspapermen called him.

"Gee, I wish they'd call me 'George,'" he said.

"They treat me as though I am some celebrity. The bell-hops at the hotel were disappointed because I didn't arrive with half a dozen trunks."

Miss Chatterton told the bell boys his other bags would be along later. (Batson didn't have but one, a

small bag containing an extra shirt, his toothbrush and a razor. He was wearing his only suit.)

Batson said he'd written 22 plays after working hours, and probably would have been a success in the automat business, had he not sold "Treat Her Gently."

"Just the week before Miss Chatterton bought my play, I was promoted," he said. "I was relieved of my duties of removing soiled dishes and became custodian of the sugar. I mean the kind you eat."

WAR BOOMS MARRIAGES

LONDON, April 2 (U. P.).—Romance did a booming business during the war's first year. More marriages were performed than in any year since 1920, returns to the Registrar General from England and Wales showed today. Nearly 500,000 English and Welsh girls became brides.

STILL SEEK CAUSE OF DAIRY TRAGEDY

Authorities admitted today they were no nearer a solution of the mysterious death, assault and incendiary fire at the Polk Milk Co. plant Sunday.

While Lee Roy McDonald, veteran employee, remained unconscious at St. Vincent's Hospital, the Coroner's office continued its investigation into the death of Lockwood McCoy, another employee, who was found hanging in a nearby building.

McDonald was found critically injured by firemen, who were called to fight the blaze on the third floor of the Polk garage at 1100 E. 10th St. Simultaneously, Norman Marsh, another employee, found McCoy's body hanging in a little-used closet.

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