

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

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 inexcusable 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 Voorhis Act, passed last year, requiring all foreign-controlled political organizations to register with the State Department and submit information of finances, personnel and membership.

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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 re-action 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).

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 increase for the United States this year, due largely to the national defense program.

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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 16 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 Lambert, who 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.

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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. Rice said he would pass sentence Saturday.

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

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