

## CENSORSHIP-BILL REVISION URGED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Attorney-General Biddle testified today that there "have been serious leaks of information of a most confidential nature" about the war program and plans.

Biddle appeared before a Senate judiciary subcommittee on a bill which would penalize the divulging of the contents of confidential government documents.

The attorney-general quickly conceded that the legislation, already criticized by some newspapers, involved "freedom of the press and the right to criticize government freely" and suggested that Congress might be wise in amending or modifying the original proposal.

The original bill, drafted by the Justice Department and approved by the Budget Bureau, would prohibit use of any document or other information which had been declared "to be secret or confidential" by any government agency. The penalty could range up to a fine of \$5,000 and two years in prison.

**Single Agency Suggested**  
Biddle suggested that these broad powers might be limited to duration of the war and to a single central government policy agency, or to a few agencies such as the War and Navy Departments or other procurement agencies.

The attorney-general said that Congress might want to broaden the legislation so as to protect information stolen from defense contractors and others, or sold to enemy spy agents.

Biddle then cited these as examples in which the government prosecutors were "helpless" under present law:

"Leon G. Turrou, former F. B. I. agent, sold copies of his reports on months of investigation of operations of a German spy ring to newspapers for a large amount of money. Turrou was dismissed with prejudice."

A Justice Department clerk sold information from confidential files to attorneys who had claims against the government.

An employee of the Wright Aeronautical plant at Paterson, N. J., furnished data on a war plane order and production figures that were published by a newspaper.

A man obtained 101 pictures of Army air fields and other military sites from an employee of a firm producing these for the War Department.

**Midway Maps Released**  
Maps of Midway Island, were made public.

An employee of a California aircraft factory took home confidential blueprints of plane parts saying he wanted to study them at night.

Specifications for Army airplanes disappeared from a large Ohio aircraft factory and were reported lost.

An airplane production schedule was taken from the Vultee Corporation.

Details of a plane known as XP 51 were published in a technical article.

A civil-service worker made copies of plans for a 75 mm. gun at Rock Island, Ill., Arsenal.

The Signal Corps radio-telephone and telegraph procedure was sold to the German army.

Plans for the civil air patrol were taken from a meeting in Washington.

Army flash messages were copied by a telegraph operator on a southwestern railroad.

A government radio operator at El Paso, Tex., made copies of Army code messages.

The attorney-general said there had been only one conviction in all these cases under the Espionage Act because of inadequacy of present laws.

The attorney-general said that existing law did not prevent photographing, printing, writing or oral disclosure of the copies of secret documents and in peacetime this had hampered the prosecution of important cases by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, interrupted to note that under the bill a cabinet member might decide to give certain information only to "red-haired persons and make it a crime for black-haired persons to use it."

O'Mahoney referred to this as an "absurd example" but Biddle conceded it was possible although unlikely.

"I want to present this entire problem," the attorney-general said. "There are several ways to approach it. I'm bringing this baby to your doorstep. It's been here several times before."

## Six Pupils to Seek Oratorical Honors

Six high school pupils, two boys and four girls, will compete Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the American Legion's annual oratorical contest at the Civic Auditorium Annex.

Contestants include Harlan Mechelen, Lincoln High School; Joseph Dillon, O'Dea; Gloria Rolfe, Auburn; Katherine Morrison, Holy Rosary; Marjorie Gesse, Bothell; and Margaret Knowles, Snoqualmie.

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## Army Hero



Pvt. Ronald Thor Wangberg of Yakima, who gave his life in a volunteer assignment to wipe out a Japanese machine-gun nest on the Bataan Peninsula. He crawled up close to the nest, and hurled two grenades, but was killed before he could finish the job.—A. P. photo.

## News: Motorist Robs Hitch-Hiker

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Usually it's the hitch-hiker who robs the motorist. This time it was different.

Robert Voight of Redlands told police he thumbed a ride to Los Angeles, and while approaching the downtown section, the driver stopped and said:

"All right—this is it. Let's have it—then get out."

Voight said he left his suitcase and \$23.45 with the motorist, who simulated possession of a pistol.

## CIVILIAN NEWS DEFENSE

## Consumers To Get Wartime Buying Advice

The Municipal Defense Commission today told details of the consumer center to be opened tomorrow to help harassed Seattle housewives cope with increasing wartime buying problems.

The new center, in Room 100 of the Rialto Building, will maintain a staff of volunteer consultants, who will be directed by Mrs. Rosalind L. Simon, home economist.

Purpose of the center will be to give free advice to consumers on household budgets which have been "squeezed" by rising prices and taxes, and to provide information on meal planning, purchase of substitutes in household goods and fuel conservation.

The center will accept signed complaints on buying problems, including misrepresentation of goods and unjustified prices, and will carry out investigations under direction of Mrs. Charles C. Ralls, chairman of the consumers' interest division of the Defense Commission.

## Jap Ousters Menace Food Supply—Millikin

The Pacific Northwest is threatened with food shortage because of removal of Japanese from the area, Mayor Earl Millikin told Washington's congressmen today in a telegram urging passage of legislation carrying the Farm Security Administration program of increased food production for victory.

## Collision Spills Gasoline

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 24.—Approximately 1,700 gallons of gasoline ran into the street yesterday when a gasoline truck collided with a trolley here, jarring the outlet pipe of the tanker. No one was injured.

## BURKE CASE MAY GET JURY STUDY

The federal grand jury, which reconvened today, was expected to consider the case of Alonzo F. Burke, former Seattle business man, who is charged with impersonating an Army officer. He was bound over to the grand jury after a hearing Saturday. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Burke, former president of the Young Men's Business Club, is charged in a complaint on file with United States Commissioner H. S. Elliott with impersonating an Army officer to obtain a membership in the Northwest Film Club. Burke formerly was employed by a wholesale drug company. He also was an official of a macaroni company and a hospital-supply company.

Other cases expected to be considered by the federal grand jury are those of Thomas S. Masuda and Kenji Ito, Seattle Japanese attorneys, who recently were indicted on charges of acting as agents for Japan and failing to register as such. The government plans to return a new indictment, but it is not known whether it will contain the same or new charges.

## Great White Way Loses Bright Spots

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The curtain rang down on two of Times Square's most famous attractions last night and the Great White Way lost much of its whiteness as each wriggled through its final performance.

The rippling waves and bubbling fish on the huge Wrigley sign played their last act of a six-year run voluntarily and License Commissioner Paul Moss forced the Gaiety Theatre, Manhattan's last burlesque, to close, refusing to renew its license. The proprietors promised a court test of the closing.

Refrigerated motor trucks have been invented by an Illinois man to enable stores to deliver frozen foods to customers.

## Fund for Airport 'Hopelessly' Deficient; Port Seeks More

The Seattle Port Commission believes the \$1,000,000 offered by the government toward development of a new Seattle airport is "hopelessly inadequate," and will seek additional federal funds immediately, it was revealed today.

The commissioners met this forenoon to consider a letter from Brig. Gen. Carlyle H. Wash, commanding the 2nd Interceptor Command, who asserted a new airport near Seattle is "of prime military importance."

Col. Willis C. Bickford, general manager of the Port, left at noon for San Francisco to confer with Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command, on "availability" of additional federal assistance.

**Need of Field Conceded**  
Port commissioners, who have been reluctant to assume sponsorship of the field unless it is a necessity in the war endeavor, agreed after reading General Wash's letter that "there is no question the field is needed."

"The commission realizes, and General Wash's letter calls it directly to our attention, that the field is needed urgently," said Port President Horace P. Chapman. "There is no question but that the type of large plane contemplated in the near future could not operate at Boeing Field, even if there were no war."

The commissioners declined to comment on the desirability of either of two proposed sites for the new field, one near Lake Sammamish, east of Seattle, and the other at Bow Lake, south of the city.

"Either of the proposed sites can be enlarged almost indefinitely," Chapman said, "and there is no question but Seattle has immediate need for a larger field."

"As neither the city nor the county is in a position to sponsor the new project, it probably is the duty of the Port to give every serious consideration to port sponsorship."

General Wash's letter, urging the port to assume sponsorship, said that Boeing Field "is now entirely inadequate."

"Boeing Field, while originally adapted to the aviation needs of the community, has been outgrown," General Wash wrote. "It is situated in a bad area from the standpoint of fog and smoke, which greatly impedes and frequently prevents flying. It is surrounded by natural and man-made hazards to such a degree that, on the faster equipment, extremely skillful piloting is required."

"Boeing Field, of course, is a necessity, being adjacent to the Boeing Aircraft Company," General Wash's letter continued. "It is entirely inadequate for air line use at the present time because of heavy use testing bombers."

"It will always be a poor airport for airline use, and is not in any sense adapted for instrument landings because of meteorological conditions and surrounding hazards."

"I say without hesitation that a new airport is of prime military importance. Boeing Field has been outgrown and the air lines should not have to be in the position of having to use it during the war."

"They may at any time be prevented from using it, except under drastic restrictions, should balloon or smoke camouflage be required in this vicinity... if war reaches this area, either by way of aerial bombardment or enemy troop invasion, it is necessary to base and operate from this area a large number of airplanes..."

"This airport is needed urgently to serve the tactical purposes which may soon be called to play in repelling enemy invasion. For no other reason than this alone, it seems to me you should undertake this sponsorship."

General Wash also expressed no opinion as to the favored site, but suggested it should be placed "as close as possible to Seattle, yet out of the congested traffic areas and out of the local fog and smoke areas."

"Consideration should also be given to the time element involved, not only in acquisition but in construction of the airport," the general concluded.

The commission also received a letter from Mayor Thomas H. Gibson of Issaquah, and from Issaquah councilmen and businessmen, offering "enthusiastic support in any move toward establishing the airport at the Sammamish site."

## ASSAILANT FLEES BLOWS OF SHOE

Miss Virginia Kolb, Boeing Aircraft Company employee, routed a man who knocked her down at 8 o'clock last night, by screaming and hitting him with the heel of her shoe.

The young woman was on her way to spend the night with friends at 7128 Seward Park Ave. when the attempted attack occurred. The man knocked Miss Kolb down, injured her back and wrist in the scuffle, but she reported for work this forenoon despite her injuries.

Miss Kolb said the man had an automobile parked nearby, but did not attempt to molest her until she was almost within a half block of her destination.

Alighting from a bus at Othello Street and Rainier Avenue, Miss Kolb was confronted by the man. The young woman slipped off one shoe and began striking her assailant with the heel, screaming at the same time. The man fled.

She told police the man was over 6 feet tall, weighed 200 pounds and was between 20 and 22 years old.

## Farley Urged For Any High War Job

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(AP)—James A. Farley is proposed by Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, for "any high position in the war machine in Washington."

Deviating from his prepared address at the Democratic National Committee's George Washington dinner here last night, Connally declared:

"I think that Jim Farley ought to be down in Washington helping in this war effort. I know that his heart is in it. I am sure he would respond to any call for national service."

## Sprague Heads U.S.O. Drive

SALEM, Or., Feb. 24.—Gov. Charles A. Sprague today accepted the honorary chairmanship of the Oregon State United Service Organizations' campaign committee for the drive beginning May 11.

## Lili Damita Hurt In Fall Down Stairs

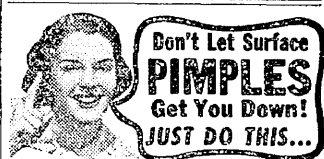
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Lili Damita, film actress, was confined to her home today with a head cut suffered in a fall down stairs. It required 12 stitches to close the wound.



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Without cars there would be immediate demand for more buses, more trains, more delivery trucks. Stores that feed and clothe America would be forced to deliver their products—at increased prices. To provide transportation for the nation would mean that steel, rubber, power—desperately needed for planes and tanks and ships—must be diverted to civil use.

You have been wanting to do something more for America. And, this is one important patriotic thing you can do: *Keep your car running for the duration of the war.* One of the nation's greatest resources is the rubber now on our cars—already fabricated and ready for service. *Let's budget the precious miles in these tires.*

*If every car owner would contract with himself to cut in half the weekly driving of himself and family, he would double the essential transportation service now available in America's family cars.* That patriotic effort would represent a saving of new rubber practically equal to the entire present American rubber stock pile. The budgeting of the remaining mileage in your tires may easily provide a greater extension of tire service.

Today, drive to a responsible tire dealer. Find out the mileage left in your tires. Then, budget these miles to last just as long as possible for necessary driving.

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