

Icardi Accused
Of Influencing
Court Witness

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Former Army Lt. Aldo Icardi, accused by the Italian government of the wartime slaying of an OSS major, was arrested by the FBI Thursday on a charge of attempting to influence a court witness.

Fred Halford, agent in charge of the local FBI office, said the FBI acted on a complaint filed by the U.S. Attorney. The defendant in the trial is Louis A. Balber, 44, of Pittsburgh.

Balber is one of 23 contractors and salesmen who were indicted last month on charges of trying to defraud the Federal Housing Administration.

Halford said the complaint charges that Icardi on or about March 30, "did offer a thing of value and promised a certain performance to a person who is about to be a witness in the trial of the United States against Balber."

Halford declined to identify the witness but added the complaint charges Icardi tried to persuade the witness not to testify against Balber and promised that Balber, in return, would make certain repairs to the witness' home.

The 34-year-old Icardi and Sgt. Carl Lodolce of Rochester, N.Y., were tried in absentia for the slaying of Maj. William Holahan of New York. He was shot to death behind enemy lines in Northern Italy in 1944 and his body tossed into a lake. It was recovered after the war.

The Italian courts sentenced Icardi to life imprisonment and Lodolce to 17 years in jail. U.S. courts, however, refused to extradite them to Italy. Both Icardi and Lodolce denied the slaying.

Oregon Motorists Pay
\$25 Million Excess Taxes

Oregon highway users paid a total of \$25,569,000 in federal automotive excess taxes in the year 1953, according to figures just received by the Oregon State Motor Assn. from the national AAA office.

The Oregon automotive taxes were divided as follows: Gasoline, \$9,555,000; lubricating oil, \$470,000; autos and motor cycles, \$9,580,000; trucks, busses and trailers, \$2,434,000; tires and tubes, \$1,732,000; parts and accessories, \$1,738,000. In 1952, the Oregon bill for federal automotive excess taxes was \$22,000,000.

For the nation as a whole, the taxes amounted to \$2,165,914,000, an all-time high and an increase of 16 per cent over payments for 1952.

The federal excise taxes originally were established as a war time measure, were later repealed and subsequently reinstated, the Motor Assn. explained.



RECEIVE FEATHERS—Shown above receiving distinctive head gear from Chief Jack Wilton (right) are Big Black Rock and Little Black Rock (Ken Moore and son).

YMCA Indian
Tribe Finishes
First Projects

NEW CHIEF Jack (Big Brave) Wilton reports his tribe of the YMCA Indian Guides has now completed its first projects.

The fathers and sons in the tribe he heads have completed headbands. In a recent ceremony, the fathers and sons received their feathers to make them full-fledged Guides.

Members receiving feathers were: Harry Hill, Jack Patterson, Oren L. Burnett, Frank Bell, Roy Barnhart, Wayne Gutridge, Ken Moore, Wilton and William A. Weber and all their sons.

Other new officers in the club are: Tally Keeper (secretary) Patterson, Wampum Bearer (treasurer) Bell, Tom-Tom Beater Harry Hill and Indian Runner Gary Burnett.

Sec. Dulles To Discuss
Yalta Papers April 18

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dulles has agreed to testify April 18 before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on release of the long-secret Yalta papers.

Sen. George (D-Ga.), chairman of the committee, announced this Wednesday and added in an interview he thinks the committee will be able to get all the information it wants from Dulles in one morning of questioning. The plan is to hold the session behind closed doors.

In The Library

By MURIEL MITCHELL

Recent non-fiction which the experts rate as "notable" has been purchased by Roseburg Public Library; it includes travel, biography, humor, poetry, philosophy, and some good Lenten reading. Pearl Buck's novels have always had a wide popularity; her autobiography, "My Several Worlds," is perhaps her very best writing to date. It is characterized by simplicity and sincerity, and makes the reader want to go back and read over "The Exile" and "Fighting Angel" which were the lives of the author's mother and father.

"But We Were Born Free," by Elmer Davis, is spiced with dry humor, inspired by an urge to battle against conformists and thought-controlling. Davis talks of many facets of present-day living; and he has a good word of stimulus, but no coddling, for the elder generation.

"Minutes of the Last Meeting," by Gene Fowler, purports to be a biography of Sadakichi Hartmann; however, readers will cherish it for the personalities of W. C. Fields, John Barrymore, and other diverting celebrities. Heinrich Harrer's "Seven Years in Tibet" is one of the most powerful narratives yet about that strange and wonderful country of the Dalai Lama.

Emily Kimbrough's "Forty Plus and Fancy Free;" Ruth McKenney's "Far, Far from Home;" and Phyllis McGinley's "Love Letters" all could be classed as humor, choice blend. The first two show varied aspects of the European scene, and its impact on Americans who visit or dwell there; the "Love Letters" contains some of McGinley's most meaty and pleasing light verse. All three are good reading for spring.

Edna St. Vincent Millay's "Mine the Harvest" is a selection from

the last poems of this gifted writer; those who know her work will not want to miss it.

"Song of the Sky" by Guy Mur-chie does for the universe of air and planets what Rachel Carson's "Sea Around Us" did for the underwater world. Beautifully and scientifically written, it has great appeal to earthbound mortals.

Among others of the notables are "This I Believe, second series" edited by Edward R. Murrow; "The Mind Alive," by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet; "I'll Cry Tomorrow," by Lillian Roth; "Abraham Lincoln," by Carl Sandburg — a one-volume biography which includes much of the earlier six-volume masterpiece, "The Second Tree from the Corner," by E. B. White, for all New Yorker fans, should appeal also to any who like graceful familiar essays.

President Eisenhower
Praises Anthony Eden

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Wednesday praised Sir Anthony Eden as a statesman of world stature and a "great successor" to Sir Winston Churchill as Britain's Prime Minister.

In a prepared statement a few hours after Eden was named to succeed Churchill, the President said:

"Sir Anthony Eden, my good and long time friend, has been named the new Prime Minister of Her Majesty's government in the United Kingdom. He is a great successor to a great Prime Minister. In war and in peace, Sir Anthony has been an outstanding spokesman of the free world. I know that he will continue unceasingly to serve the cause of world peace and freedom.

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SALEM (AP) — By one-vote margin, the House killed Tuesday a bill to require the Game Commission to get the consent of county courts before establishing public hunting grounds.

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