

Air Bases Abroad Held Not Property Of United States

Washington, March 5 (AP)—Attorney General Francis Biddle revealed today that the United States has "almost no" legal rights to postwar commercial use of air bases it has built on foreign soil.

In a report to congress on post-war international air transport policy, Biddle took note of recent suggestions that the United States "assert sovereignty" over the air facilities developed at the cost of millions of American dollars.

"Examination of the agreements governing construction of the wartime bases reveals that the United States has almost no post-war contractual rights with respect to these bases," he said.

No Difficulty Seen

Biddle said, however, that this was of "little moment" because the right to use those bases "should be obtainable without difficulty" if the United States actively promotes the development of a sound international air network.

He proposed an international agreement opening these bases to all commercial air lines after the war.

Here are the principal points in Biddle's 105-page report:

1. The United States should encourage intensive development of its aviation industry because of its "crucial importance in a military emergency."
 2. However, this country should be aware that efforts to dominate international air transport will provoke "international antagonism." America should seek to carry a volume of foreign air commerce commensurate with its importance as a market. All surveys so far indicate this will be 70 to 80 per cent of the total.
 3. American air carriers should not become entangled in the European cartel system of air line operation.
 4. Private operation of air lines is best, but "unforeseen circumstances" may lead to government ownership.
 5. There should not be a single monopoly airline for foreign operations, but domestic airlines should enter the international fields only through subsidiaries.
- The report, prepared under provisions of the war mobilization

Dead Jap Provides Shoes for Filipino



(NEA Telephoto)
An ancient Filipino leans through shattered gate of Manila's legislative building to remove shoes from body of dead Jap soldier for his own use. Scattered legal records cover the bodies of other Japs in the shell-torn debris of the once famous building.

Powder River Unit, Trained At Camp White, Is in Italy

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Cpl. Kenneth E. Hunt, lineman, Bend, Ore., is fighting in Italy's Apennines before the Po valley with the 362nd infantry regiment, which broke through the Gothic line in one of its highest and best defended sectors. The 362nd is part of the 91st "Powder River" division with the Fifth Army.

His regiment broke across the Sieve river in the strongly defended line and attained the top of Mount Calvi, 2225-foot-high mountain in which the Germans had emplaced artillery in tunnels running 50 feet underground in rock.

At the entrance of one of these there had been seven enemy guns emplaced. The outfit captured 400 Germans and killed an wounded many others within 11 days during this part of the drive.

The regiment advanced on the direct Florence-Bologna route, Highway 65, through bleak mountains whose peaks often were hidden in rain clouds and fought in rain, mud and icy winds.

The 362nd's third platoon, fighting alone and out of communication with division and regiment,

was one of the Fifth army units that took Futa pass, a feat that won the battalion a division citation.

The regiment was activated at Camp White, Oregon, August 15, 1942 with a cadre from the 1st Cavalry division. The men trained intensively for a month at their first overseas station, Oran, Algeria, and joined the Fifth army in Italy with other regiments of the 91st during last June.

The 632nd first went into action near Casaglia July 12 and effectively spearheaded Fifth army's rapid advance to the Arno river.

Colonel John W. Cotton of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, commands the regiment. A veteran of 31 years' service, he won the distinguished service cross, the silver star and the purple heart with clusters during the first world war.

Photography is an art that requires long study, experiment and experience for real success.

Taxpayers Face March Deadline

About one out of every five individual taxpayers in the Oregon district must file a declaration of estimated tax for 1945 not later than March 15. This is in addition to the filing of an income tax return for 1944, according to J. W. Maloney, collector of internal revenue.

Declarations are required in general from business and professional people, landlords, investors and others who expect to get more than \$100 of income this year from sources outside of wages from which tax is withheld, and who expect that their total income from all sources will be \$500 or more.

A declaration must also be filed by a wage earner who expects to earn this year more than \$5,000 plus \$500 for every exemption except his own. For example, a wage earner supporting two dependents must file if he expects to earn more than \$6,000. However, if a person expects more than \$100 of income outside of wages from which tax is withheld, his total income being \$500 or more, he must file a declaration regardless of the size of his wages.

Reasons Explained

Under these provisions, the majority of wage earners are excused from filing declarations, for the reason that their taxes are kept substantially paid up by the tax which is withheld from their wages every payday.

Declarations also are required from farmers who expect to have \$500 or more this year, but farmers—meaning persons who get more than two-thirds of their income from farming—may postpone their 1945 declarations until Jan. 15, 1946.

March 15th declaration should be accompanied by a payment of at least one-fourth of the tax estimated to be due over and above any tax being withheld from the taxpayer's wages. The remainder is due in equal installments on June 15 and Sept. 15, 1945, and Jan. 15, 1946.

Special forms and instructions for the making of declarations have been mailed to all persons who filed declarations last year. Additional copies are available from the office of the collector at the United States Custom House.

War Briefs - - -

(By United Press)

Western Front—American troops storm into outskirts of Cologne.

Eastern Front—Red army drives within artillery range of Stettin, largest German port on Baltic; capture Stargard, 20 miles southeast.

Pacific—Ten B-29's bomb Tokyo and marines complete capture of fourth-fifths of two islands; American troops and Filipino guerrillas clamp pincers on Japanese in North Luzon.

Air War—American Flying Fortresses launch new raids on reich; German planes attack England for second straight night.

Italy—Fifth army captures Monte Della Groce; Eighth army clears coastal woods in Adriatic sector.

Hood River Post May Face Action

Hood River, Ore., March 5 (AP)—The Hood River post of the American legion, which has defied a request of the national commander of the legion that it restore names of Japanese-American servicemen expunged from its war honor roll, today faced possibility of investigation by the state legion.

Such an investigation would be requested by the national commander, Edward N. Scheiberling.

O. E. Palmeter of Salem, Ore., national legion committee man said that he expected Scheiberling to ask the state executive committee to make the investigation.

Purpose Explained

"Such an investigation," he said, "would be for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Hood River post's action was in violation of the legion's constitution."

Warren's P. Forman of Portland, commander of the legion's district 9 and a member of the state legion executive committee, said the committee is awaiting word from Scheiberling.

"It is likely that an investigation will be requested but as yet it can not be told what will be the findings," he said. "Information thus far received does not show that the Hood River post has done anything that would cause it to lose its charter."

Names Removed

Nationwide publicity resulted from the post's action this winter in removing the names of 16 Japanese-Americans from its honor roll on the ground that the servicemen were of dual allegiance.

Scheiberling requested that some of the names be restored, and the post tabled the request with the statement that it did not consider such action "advisable at this time."

Redmond Church Fire Is Checked

Redmond, March 5 (Special)—Fire originating from a flue in the basement of the Church of Christ at near 9:30 Sunday morning was quickly controlled upon the arrival of the Redmond fire company. Damage resulting from water and smoke can be repaired. The amount of the loss was not stated.

Morning services were held at the Community Presbyterian church. Sunday school classes were also held there, as was the evening service. It is expected the church will be in readiness for regular services by next Sunday.

A part of the fire company had been called to the Talley ranch, just west of town, at about 9 a. m. Sunday morning, where a brooder house was affire.

Foresters Revise Work Schedules

Rangers and staff members of the Deschutes national forest today conferred in the forest headquarters in the Postoffice building to map work plans for the next three years. According to Supervisor Ralph W. Crawford, such a meeting is held every three years to revise the work schedule.

Rangers Henry Tomson of the Cabin lake ranger station; Harold Gustafson, Sisters; Marshall Stenerson of Crescent and Eugene Wilmoth of the Bend ranger district, and Hans Millus, timber sales manager of Sisters, attended the meeting.

DRUNK CHARGE FACED

Martin Mallory, 45, a sheepherder, today was held in the city jail on a drunk charge, as a result of his arrest early yesterday morning on Bond street. Officers said that Mallory put up a stiff battle resisting arrest, and they also accused him of disorderly conduct. He is scheduled to appear in municipal court this evening.

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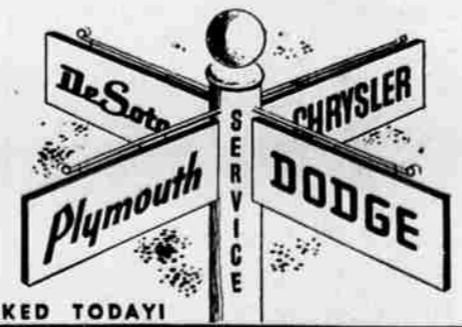
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