

Dies Replies to Biddle's Report On Subversives

Washington, Sept. 4 (AP)—The FBI and the Dies committee were at sharp odds today over the extent of subversiveness among federal employees.

Chairman Dies (D., Tex.), accusing Attorney General Francis Biddle of having "failed utterly" to comply with congressional wishes, asked the house to reject a justice department report which criticized the committee indirectly for sending the FBI on a time-consuming search for disloyal government workers.

Dies, head of the special committee set up four years ago to investigate subversive activities, made his request in a letter to Speaker Sam Rayburn in which he referred to a recent act of congress asking the FBI to make the check up.

The justice department, the Texan charged, did not want the assignment in the first place and "it is not strange that nothing but an attempt to smear our committee has resulted . . ."

Biddle's report said that as a result of 2,095 investigations, including many suggested by the Dies committee, only 36 government workers had been fired and 13 others disciplined. This result, he added, was "utterly disproportionate to the resources expended."

Dies retorted he could come to no conclusion except that what Biddle "has done in effect is to give a license to every government employe to engage in any communist subversive activity so long as he does not go to the extent of actually carrying publicly a paid-up membership card in the communist party."

Instead of fulfilling the mandate of congress, he added, "the attorney general has issued a meaningless conglomeration of statistics set in a framework of general conclusions which are either totally irrelevant to the issues involved or dangerous to the internal safety of this country if applied to employment in the federal government."

Probe of Petrillo Looms by Senate

Washington, Sept. 4 (AP)—Burton K. Wheeler (D., Mont.), chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, today appointed a sub-committee to consider a resolution asking investigation of James C. Petrillo, head of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL).

The sub-committee, headed by Senator D. Worth Clark (D., Ida.) will hold hearings for a few days beginning September 14, "with a view to reporting the resolution to the senate as soon as possible," Wheeler's office said.

Other members of the sub-committee are Senators Lister Hill (D., Ala.), Charles O. Andrews (D., Fla.), Chan Gurney (R., S.D.), and Charles W. Tobey (R., N.H.).



This Tabby Has Double Trouble—This tabby—name unknown—was born with a face marking which looks like a Hitler moustache. Someone noticed the moustache and kicked her before he thought. Now pussy is in a New York cat hospital with a broken jaw. (Associated Press Photo.)

West Salem Sends Men Into Service

West Salem, Sept. 4—Among the men in service in town this week on short leaves were Chester Douglas and Lawrence Holderbein. Douglas spent several days early this week with Mrs. Douglas and with his mother and brother, Roy Douglas. Douglas is stationed at Bremerton for his preliminary naval training before being assigned to radio work at an eastern station. Holderbein, ship's cook second class, has spent a nine day leave

with his parents, the J. Holderbeins.

Building Picking Up

With the lifting of building restrictions several applications for the building of residences have been submitted for government approval. L. L. Sloper has met the requirements for the building of three houses, which will be built on McNary street, completing the Sloper courts, which were begun a number of months ago. Other houses in the court have been leased by army officers from Camp Adair.

Clackamas Man Nabbed

James E. Boylen of Oregon City was arrested Wednesday for vagrancy and intoxication. A \$10 fine was imposed with a ten-day jail sentence suspended upon payment of the fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and family of Marysville, Calif., are visiting this week at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Mallory of Portland were guests Wednesday evening at the J. D. Baker home.

Halsey Flier Awarded Cross

London, Sept. 4 (AP)—An American member of the RAF, pilot officer Roy Charles Munson, Halsey, Ore., today was awarded the distinguished flying cross for bringing his bomber through to fierce Nazi attacks in a recent raid on Mainz.

Munson's feat required skill, determination and courage. The citation said he "surmounted a most perilous situation, thereby safeguarding the lives of his crew and much valuable equipment."

When Munson made a crash landing in Britain it was found his rear gunner had been killed, the radio operator wounded, and the plane riddled with bullets.

The bomber ran into strong anti-aircraft fire while crossing the enemy coast en route to Mainz. The port wing and fuselage were damaged and several electrical currents were knocked out. Nevertheless, Munson reached Mainz and unloaded his bombs over the target.

On the return trip a German night fighter attacked the bomber, killing the gunner, and wounding the radio operators. Several instruments were put out of action and the controls were jammed. Munson freed the controls and reached England.

Football Giants May Meet All-Stars

New York, Sept. 4 (AP)—New York's professional football Giants may open against the eastern army All-Stars here Sept. 12 with a rookie in their first string backfield. He is Leo Cantor, a triple threat from UCLA, who has been running with veterans Ward Cuff, Tuffy Leemans and Dom Princepe in the No. 1 combination in recent workouts.

Independence — Mrs. Erna Kylo, a registered nurse who graduated from the Emanuel hospital in Portland and worked for some time in the surgery and more recently employed at the St. John's shipyard, has accepted a position as nurse at the office of Drs. Knott & Fratzke.

Idaho Paper Under Fire

Washington, Sept. 4 (AP)—The Boise Valley Herald, a weekly newspaper published at Middleton, Ida., was cited by the post office department today to show cause why its second class mailing privileges should not be revoked for alleged publication of seditious matter.

A post office department statement said the paper is published by A. Cornell and I. W. Cornell and that the citation was issued on the grounds that the newspaper had violated the 1917 espionage act in that "in many of the issues since Dec. 7, 1941, it has published in its columns matter which is held by the post office department and the department of justice to be seditious."

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker made public a letter from Attorney General Francis Biddle in which he said that some of the statements published "exceeded in strength and inflammatory character those for which convictions were sustained by the supreme court in cases hitherto cited in connection with Social Justice and X-Ray matters." The publications Social Justice, X-Ray, Publicity, and the Philadelphia Herald were objects of similar post office departmental action earlier.

Biddle said that although the newspaper was "basically oriented in opposition to all wars on religious and moral grounds, this publication nevertheless, in my opinion, has exceeded the permissible limits of free speech."

Boiler Room Blast Fatal to Worker

Sandusky, Ohio, Sept. 4 (AP)—One member of the crew of the sandsucker Kelley Island was scalded to death today in a boiler room explosion.

The victim was Louis Gessner of Sandusky.

Coast guardsmen said he was cleaning out fires when, apparently, a steam line broke. Gessner was the only one in the boiler room at the time, coast guardsmen learned.

The sandsucker is operated by the Kelley Island Lime and Transport Co., and carries a crew of about 10.

It was the second accident on the Great Lakes in two days. Yesterday the freighter Steel-vendor sank in Lake Superior, but 24 of the 25 men aboard were rescued.

Marriages Increase, Divorces Decrease

Marriage licenses issued have increased while divorce complaints filed have decreased in comparisons for August of this year with the same month last year, according to records from the county clerk's office.

For August this year, \$198 was paid in fees for 66 marriage licenses while during the same month last year \$159 was paid for 53 licenses. In August this year 23 divorce complaints were filed as compared with 26 during August of 1941.

Total fees received in the clerk's office for August this year were \$1854.35 as compared with \$1993.25 for August a year ago.

Fees for the clerk's office itself aggregated \$1217; law library fees, \$100.35; circuit judge's salary fees, \$96; district attorney salary fees, \$115; photostatic, \$69; dog licenses, \$247, and game licenses, \$11.

Two strawberry dishes were sold recently in London for \$860.

New Air Drive Against Japs In Solomons

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In their third attack, the allied planes, an offensive reconnaissance force, found two enemy flying boats at anchor in the harbor of Saisi island, just south of Bougainville, and damaged both with a blast of machine gun fire.

New Guinea Coast

In their fourth big attack in one day, MacArthur's medium bomber force struck at enemy installations in the Salamaua area on the north New Guinea coast, 570 miles west of the northern Solomons and 350 miles up the coast from Milne bay.

Fighter planes made two bombings and machine gun attacks on the enemy troops in the Kokoda area of mid-New Guinea who are feeling out the strength of the Australians defending the 8,000 foot mountain pass leading to Port Moresby, the allied advance base.

More Japs Land

A United Press dispatch from Pearl Harbor, headquarters of the Pacific fleet, interpreted the navy communique on Japanese landings in the Solomons as clear indication of the urgent importance the enemy attached to the marine victory in establishing offensive bases in the Guadalcanal area.

The navy communique, reporting several attempts to land small enemy detachments on various islands in the southern Solomons, said that land-based planes had made several attacks

on enemy reinforcement ships and had made several hits. 5 Ships Sunk

It said that the marines were engaging the detachments landed and that despite periodic attacks by enemy planes the marine positions were being steadily reinforced and strengthened.

The navy's announcement earlier of the sinking of a Japanese cruiser, two small freighters, a medium sized tanker and a small steamer and the damaging of two large tankers and a medium sized cargo ship was believed here to have contributed further to the dissipation of the enemy threat to Australia and especially to New Guinea even though the communique said that the attacks were not connected with recent Solomons operations.

Gas Explosion In New York

New York, Sept. 4 (AP)—An explosion in the fashionable Buchanan apartments on the east side in midtown New York today killed Mrs. Davis Oswald, 28, critically injured her maid and hurt several other persons. The blast was heard for 10 blocks.

Assistant Fire Chief John J. McCarthy said the explosion apparently was caused by gas but that a further investigation was being made.

Police said the blast occurred in Mrs. Oswald's apartment on the sixth floor. Her maid, Margaret Burke, 36, was taken to a hospital suffering from a fractured skull, internal injuries and fractures of both legs.

Three other women in nearby apartments were hurled from their beds.

World Youths Discuss After War Program

Washington, Sept. 4 (AP)—Some 300 youths from all parts of the war-torn globe carried one consolation back into the hectic sessions of the international student service assembly today as they continued discussing plans for an allied victory and programs for a post-war world.

They found out last night that the first lady of the United States, one of its chief war production officials and a leading university president admittedly don't know all the answers either.

After hearing Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, WPB Vice Chairman William L. Batt and President Frank Graham of North Carolina University discuss current and future problems, the delegates—many of them fresh from the fighting fronts—bom-

barded the trio with queries in a question and answer session. They probed Mrs. Roosevelt's suggestions for a "people's century" which she envisioned for the future of a peaceful world. They asked how "an India, under British rule, would fit into such a world," and whether world-wide racial prejudice could be sufficiently eliminated to make such a program feasible, and "how can the peoples of all the nations be educated to fit into such a scheme?"

Mrs. Roosevelt, bobbing up and down from her chair as her name was called, replied that any nation "which gives to its people the right of government" should participate in the post-war program, that racial prejudices were fast being overcome and that "education of the world towards such a goal is in the hands of you young people and your generation."

Batt said many such questions could be considered and answered better "after we have won the war."

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