

## Newsman Complain Of Extra Barriers By Federal Bureaus

By LYLE C. WILSON  
Washington—(U.P.)—Newsman are beginning to complain of extraordinary barriers being erected against them by some government officials, notably in the Defense Mobilization area.

One nearly frustrated reporter said the contrast with conditions a year ago is an unhappy one. Reporters then could get to top mobilization officials quickly and easily. They generally are unavailable now unless they want to get in print something favorable to their agency or their own slant on a situation.

**Standard Procedure**  
There is a standard operating procedure now in the office of Presidential Aide John R. Steelman, who succeeded Charles E. Wilson as defense mobilizer. Reporters with questions must submit them to Steelman's public relations officer. This official passes them on to his boss.

Reporters are at a disadvantage in pressing for an answer. They are unable to pursue fur-

ther angles which the answer might develop, or to clarify it in any way, unless they again go through the written question process.

**Discussion Refused**  
Economic Stabilization Administrator Roger L. Putnam literally has been refusing recently to discuss with newsmen anything except the weather. Washington's spring is lovely but not always news.

Price Controller Ellis Arnall is an exception but no mine of news nuggets. Arnall succeeded Michael DiSalle early this year. He meets newsmen regularly but wants everything off the record. The Defense Mobilization crackdown on news gathering comes as the American Society of Newspaper Editors gathers here in annual meeting. The editors' society challenged President Truman last year to justify the national defense security regulations which he issued to cover all government operations, and which the editors called censor-

### Toastmasters Install New Officers Monday

Dr. William Thompson was installed as president of the Medford Toastmasters Club at Monday meeting held at the Medford hotel. He succeeds Walter Nunley.

Other officers seated last night were Norman Keilin, vice-president; Fred Burnett, secretary-treasurer, and Jim Taylor, sergeant-at-arms. Installing officer was Dan Hull, governor of the Southern Oregon-Northern California area of Toastmasters International.

The range of the water ouzel (or dipper) extends from Alaska to Central America in the mountains of Western North America.

Mr. Truman denied any censorship was involved. The editors were and are unconvinced. Mobilization officials do not cite Mr. Truman's regulations as their authority for slowing the news flow. Whether they were influenced consciously or otherwise by the regulations is not evident. But that their doors are usually closed to reporters is a fact about which protests from the men and women on the scene are more likely than not to increase.



**LOSES BEST FRIEND**—Mrs. Melba King, blind Eskimo stenographer, sorrowfully pats her dog, Gypsy, dying on a Seattle street after being struck by an auto.

There are some six thousand bituminous coal producing companies in the United States.

### Missing Youngster Found in Montana

Vancouver, Wash.—(U.P.)—The Clark county sheriff's office said Tuesday that Diana Goodsen, 8, missing since April 1, had been found in Shelby, Mont., with her mother and a friend.

The trio was picked up by the Shelby police after warrants had been issued here charging the mother, Mrs. Betty Goodsen, and the man, Marvin Prentiss, with second degree kidnapping.

Prentiss was identified as the man who on April 1 talked with Diana during the noon hour at the Orchards, Wash., school. When Diana failed to return home, Mr. and Mrs. William Stamper, who are in the process of adopting the child, notified authorities.

Mrs. Goodsen signed papers early in March releasing all claim to her daughter.

### 'FIRST CITIZEN' DIES

Seattle—(U.P.)—Attorney E. L. Skeel, one-time "first citizen" of Seattle and Chamber of Commerce president, died Monday at his home following a four-month illness. He was 70.

Principal timber-management problems of the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska are fire prevention and control.



**FACULTY FOLLIES CAN-CAN**—Beverly Bennett (right) gives pointers to three Southern Oregon college staff members who will appear in the faculty follies Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Practicing their kick step are, left to right, Frances Imel, Betty Lou Dunlop and Charleen Kring.

The recent discovery of uranium in northern Chile adds additional mineral importance to the country's present production of copper, nitrate, iron, iodine and manganese.

Michigan leads all states in salt production, says the National Geographic Society. Layers of sooty-white sodium chloride underlie much of the Lower Peninsula.

### 16 County Schools Join in Music Show

Ashland—Pupils of at least 16 Jackson county elementary schools are participating in the weekly "Singing Time" program presented by Southern Oregon college, according to Helene M. Robinson, assistant professor of music. The musical broadcast is aired by radio station KWIN, Ashland at 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

Miss Robinson said she believes other elementary classrooms also listen to the 15-minute program and are preparing for the annual county elementary school music festival to be presented at the college May 7. Eleven schools have already registered for the festival, six of them offering to present special numbers.

This week's broadcast prepared by college music students will be a general review of half of the numbers being readied for the May meeting. Miss Robinson said. Pupils listening to classroom radios will join in "Song of Hawaii," "Blow the Man Down," "Amalfi Bay," "God of Our Fathers," "The Cowboy," "Caisson Song," and "Oregon Trail."

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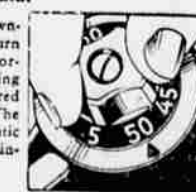
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