The Evening Star

Hitler's Book Was Bund Text, Witness Says

Testifies 'Mein Kampf' Served as Basis of Nazis' Teachings

By CARTER BROOKE JONES.

Members of the German-American Bund on the Eastern seaboard attended a school where they were taught the principles of National Socialism as practiced in Germany, William Luedtke, former bund national secretary, testified today at the mass sedition trial in District Court.

The textbooks, said the witness, were Hitler's "Mein Kampp" and a book by Alfred Rosenberg, Hitler's policy-maker.

Luedtke said he took a thtree-month course in New Jersey.

The teacher, who had studied in Germany, taught them that "the democratic system was old and decaying and eventually would fall by itself," he testified.

Told to Relay Institutions.

Officers of bund units who attended the school, Luedtke said, were instructed to relay what they had learned to the membership at meetings. How to spread Nazi propaganda was one of the lessons taught, the witness told the jury.

Luedtke said his teacher was Severin Wintercheidt, who had just been in Germany.

A woman spectator who threw the trial into a turmoil late yesterday by shouting at the chief prosecutor and trying to display a crude oilcloth banner, was held in District Jail today pending a sanity examination.

She said she was Mrs. Edith Turner and that her husband is an attorney in Newport News, Va.

The middle-aged woman interrupted the proceedings just before adjournment. Standing, she called out: "Mr. Rogge, I have a message for you." O. John Rogge is chief prosecutor.

Seized by Deputy.

She started unrolling the banner, but before the jury or others in the courtroom could read it a deputy marshal seized it and ejected the woman.

The trial was adjourned in a few minutes and Mrs. Turner was taken to Justice Edward C. Eicher's chambers. District Attorney Edward M. Curran and his chief deputy, John W. Fihelly, was summoned. After a long conference, punctuated by the woman's hysterical sobbing, Justice Eicher reconvened court and had her brought in. She was calm by then.

Justice Eicher brought out that she had told him she had attended several sessions of the trial. He then unrolled the banner, so that newspapermen and a few attorneys who had remained could read it. The crudely lettered, misspelled "message" was headed, "A letter to Attorney Rogge." It added:

"I do not know the guilt of these men and women but I do know that our own corrupt American consuls (and she mentioned two names) and their henchmen are guilty of treason. Why are they still at large? Why was this case suppressed? They crucified a shell-shot war veteran because he could not pay a bribe."

Justice Eicher ordered her committed to jail for 10 days, during which she is to undergo a sanity examination.

Two More Children Enter Hospital With Spotted Fever

A four-year-old Aspen Hill (Md.) girl and an 18-month-old Chevy Chase child have been admitted to the Suburban Hospital of Bethesda with Rocky Mountain spotted fever, it was learned today. The two children are the fourth and fifth victims of the disease to be admitted to nearby Maryland hospitals in the last two weeks.

Hospital officials said both children are responding to treatment.

A four-year-old Rockville boy, and an eight-year-old Kensington girl, who were admitted to the Bethesda hospital earlier, also were reported to be responding satisfactorily, as was a 42-year-old Naval Observatory employe, being treated for spotted fever at the Leland Memorial Hospital at Riverdale.

Dental Captain Found Hanging in Home

The body of Capt. Nathan Kriloff, 39, Fort Belvoir dental officer, who had been married 10 days ago to a WAVE, was found yesterday hanging from a hook on a closet door at his home, 308 Duke street, Alexandria, police reported today.

Dr. John A. Sims, Alexandria coroner, issued a verdict of suicide.

Police reported finding three notes in which Capt. Kriloff indicated he believed himself to be mentally ill. The notes were addressed to his parents, his commanding officer and to his widow, Mrs. Frances Kriloff, a WAVE stationed in Washington, police said.

Suit Seeks $55,000 In Injury to Woman

Mrs. Florence D. Hawley and her husband, John W. Hawley, of Roger Heights, Md., filed suit in District Court today against the firm of Waggaman & Brawner, 1700 block of I street N.W., for $55,000 damages for injuries purportedly suffered by Mrs. Hawley last November. The suit says Mrs. Hawley fell down the exterior steps of an apartment building in the 200 block of Douglas street N.E.

The suit claims Mrs. Hawley suffered a neck fracture and has to wear a support.

Save This Newspaper

Many paper mills are shutting down for lack of waste paper to convert into cartons for Army and Navy supplies shipped overseas. Every pound of old newspapers and magazines is needed. Telephone your nearest school or notify some school child in your block to have your paper picked up.

SPORTS STARS' EQUIPMENT AUCTION BOOSTS BOND SALES—Walter Johnson (seated, foreground) autographs a baseball just before the auctioning of the sports stars' championship equipment began at the "Shot From the Sky Show" last night at the Monument Grounds. (Rear, left to right) Sonny Workman, jockey, with his saddle that went for $15,000; Bob Olin, former light-heavyweight boxing champion now a warrant officer in the Maritime Service, who gets playfully punched by Mary Hardwick, tennis star, while Benny Leonard, a lieutenant in the Maritime Service and former lightweight boxing champion, referees. (Story on Page A-1.) —A. P. Photo.

Planning Commission To Get New Designs On Klingle Bridge

Drawings on Proposed New Highway Span Also Will Be Submitted

BULLETIN.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes urged the National Capital Park and Planning Commission today to lose no time in acquiring money and land to provide additional parks and playgrounds in the downtown section of Washington. He also urged complete elimination of sewage from the Potomac River; opposed the plan for replacing Highway Bridge with two 4-lane spans; urged tearing down all temporary Government buildings after the war and condemned proposals to erect power dams in the Potomac Great Falls.

Substitute designs of proposed replacements for the Klingle Street Bridge in Rock Creek Park and Highway Bridge across the Potomac River will be submitted for approval of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission today at its opening monthly session.

A single span of six traffic lanes is now proposed by Capt. H. C. Whitehurst, District highway director, to eliminate the bottleneck in the park caused by the heavy traffic flow from the Zoo, Porter and Klingle streets. Last month he submitted plans for a three-level bridge. A model of the new plan has been prepared by Clarke & Ratauno, bridge consultants.

Two bridges of four traffic lanes each are now proposed to replace the old Highway Bridge. Competitive drawings had been asked on that basis and the results will be shown to the commission.

Long-Considered Problem.

Highway Bridge has six traffic lanes, judged inadequate for present and future peaks of traffic. The problem has been a troublesome one, with Federal agencies split over various proposals.

The situation in Rock Creek Park has been another long-considered problem. It was believed the new plan for a single-level bridge would be sufficient to route north and south traffic under it. Capt. Whitehurst has planned to erect the bridge about 12 feet north of the present span.

Frederic Law Olmstead, consultant, will submit a preliminary report on studies made in connection with the development of Anacostia Park, the idea being to bring these studies up to date. The project dates back to 1923.

Many Changes in Area.

Since the original Board of Engineers for Anacostia Park began development work many changes in that area have been made. The studies will be undertaken in the light of other new improvements, such as the stadium site at the end of East Capitol street, the Washington-Baltimore boulevard, the proposed new design for the Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge across the Anacostia River and proposed enlargement of the colored golf links. The flood problem along the Anacostia has become more acute and also must be taken into consideration.

Tomorrow the commission will make a study of the site selected for the proposed naval ordnance laboratory, which is to be located east of Beltsville, Md., straddling the Prince Georges and Montgomery County lines. The site has met with the approval of the House Naval Affairs Subcommittee and naval officials. Planning officials feel that this is an opportune time for them to make a study of it.

Also, a number of Public Building Administration items will come up tomorrow. These involve plans for permanent postwar Government buildings and minor changes to existing buildings.

John Nolen, jr., director of planning, will make a progress report on co-operation with the District Commissioners in connection with the Whitehurst transportation studies. Those studies involve extensive studies of street railway and bus transportation, as well as general vehicular traffic and parking.

Before the monthly session ends tomorrow, the commission also will act on a proposed transfer of land in the Southeast to serve as a site for the construction of a new District refuse station. The present station is located at New Jersey avenue and K street S.E.

OPA Scraps Ceilings On Wrecked Cars At Police Auctions

The Office of Price Administration today decided that price ceilings recently established for second-hand cars would not apply to the wrecked cars sold in District police auctions.

OPA went further than that. It decided to take a chance and let the public bid as high as it wants to go on most of the abandoned junk sold under the police hammer.

But, it said, ceilings will be inforced on five types of articles: Sorted and graded waste rags, scrap metal sold to industrial consumers, tires and tubes, scrap tires and tubes and distilled spirits and wines.

Five Day Care Centers Open on Full Schedule

Five day care centers, operated only mornings and evenings during the school year, opened today on a full schedule. They will operate from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except Sundays for the rest of the summer, Miss Katherine Doonan, day care administrator, announced.

The centers are: Cooke, Seventeenth and Euclid streets N.W.; Carberry, Fifth and D streets N.E., and one at 320 D street S.E. for white children. Negro centers, full time, are the Morgan, Eighteenth and California streets N.W., and Smothers, Forty-fourth street and Washington place N.E.

In addition, a full-time center for white children has been opened at the Thomson School, Twelfth and L streets N.W.

Teachers will be needed later in the summer and in the fall, Miss Doonan said. She asked applicants with a college education in nursery or physical education work to visit her at the Franklin School, Thirteenth and K streets N.W.

House Unit Approves Bill To Send WAVES Abroad

By the Associated Press.

Legislation permitting the Navy to send WAVES abroad was approved today by the House Naval Affairs Committee.

The bill reported out would require that the Navy send only volunteers to foreign posts, except Hawaii, which is to be considered the same as a home continent assignment.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the Pacific Fleet, has asked for WAVES to serve in Hawaii, the committee was informed by Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel.

Admiral Jacobs said WAVES could replace men for combat duty in England, Australia and the Canal Zone. In Hawaii alone, 5,000 could be used, he testified, and "if we had them we would have use for 25,000 abroad."

Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, surgeon general of the Navy and personal physician to President Roosevelt, said there was an especial use for trained WAVE technicians in foreign hospital depots.

Richmond Pastors Oppose Sending Envoy to Vatican

By the Associated Press.

RICHMOND, Va., June 22.—A formal protest against reappointment of Myron C. Taylor, "or the appointment of any other Ambassador to the Roman Catholic Vatican," has been sent to President Roosevelt by the Richmond Ministerial Union.

The protest, it stated, was not based "upon the ground of any hostility to the Roman Catholic Church, as a church, but upon the ground of our historic principle of the separation of church and state, to which principle we are unreservedly committed."

The Senate has not yet approved the appointment, the resolution pointed out.

Buffalo Man to Become Lutheran Cleric Monday

A. Karl Boehmke, Buffalo, N. Y., will be ordained a Lutheran minister Monday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Mount Rainier, and will begin work immediately as missionary pastor for the Metropolitan Area, the Lutheran Action Council announced today.

Mr. Boehmke attended Concordia College, Bronxville, N. Y., and was graduated last month from the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Teachers Selected For 25 Recreational Centers in Maryland

Children's Activities Are Scheduled for Most Communities

Completing plans for the opening of the summer recreation program of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Montgomery County on Monday, Park Commissioner Col. E. Brooke Lee yesterday announced the appointment of teachers to direct activities at approximately 25 centers and day camps.

Harold D. Peterson, instructor in art, metals and crafts in Baltimore high schools, will direct similar classes in the county program. Miss Claire Van Norman, a teacher in the Rockville elementary schools, will be in charge of music and rhythms.

Reno Continetti, athletic director and coach at Montgomery-Blair High School, will be connected with several of the programs and has been assigned to help with coaching in the eastern suburban section.

In charge of Lanham Act recreation and day-care nurseries is Miss Jane Joslin. Mr. Peterson will devote one-third of his time to the Lanham Act program.

Mitchell to Direct Program.

At the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Recreation Center, which has the largest enrollment in the county, Louis Mitchell, director of the recreation program for the county, will take charge. The day camp also will be located there.

The Kensington-Parkway Recreation Center, which also has a large enrollment, will be under the direction of Miss Esther Mizell.

Ed Daly again will be director of the recreation program at Rock Creek Center. Another center will be at the Glen Echo-Cabin John School, but a day camp is not yet warranted there, Col. Lee stated.

A program, he said, will either be operated at Brookmont or the children from Brookmont will be taken to the Glen Echo facilities.

Mrs. Helen C. Donahue, District teacher, will direct the Garrett Park Elementary School and Miss Eloise Patrick will be an instructor.

Children who have enrolled at the Bethesda Elementary Schools will be invited to join the program at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase center. The commission also is supporting school programs at the Chevy Chase and Lynbrook Elementary Schools.

Kady to Oversee Big Program.

In the eastern suburban area the largest program is expected to begin Monday at Jesup-Blair Park, along with the day camp. John J. Kady, principal of the Girrard (W. Va.) High School, will be the director, while Miss Margaret Wolfinger, instructor of physical education at Takoma Park Junior High School, will direct the girls' activities.

Both the recreation program and a day camp will be located at Woodside Elementary School and a recreation program also will be conducted at the East Silver Spring Elementary School.

The day camp-recreation program of Parkside School, Silver Spring, will have Mrs. Elizabeth Fugitt as director. Miss Sarah Glass will handle the program at the North Four Corners School. The Rockville Elementary School program also will begin Monday.

Play lots for small children are being organized in the Capitol View-Forest Glen section, and for the Rosemary Hills community.

Improved Care In Hospitals Hinges on Help

Visiting Committee Calls Conditions 'Disgraceful'

By BAINBRIDGE CRIST.

In all District hospitals, particularly at Gallinger and Glenn Dale, the most urgent problem is lack of personnel, and until that problem is met "there is no hope of any considerable improvement in the care of patients in the public hospitals of the District," the Hospital Visiting Committee declared today in its first report to Commissioner Guy Mason.

The pyschiatric ward at Gallinger came in for special criticism, with the committee declaring that conditions at the ward "due to inadequacy of personnel and facilities, are not only disgraceful to the District of Columbia but also positively dangerous to the staff, to the public and to the patients themselves."

The committee, however, defended Dr. Joseph L. Gilbert, head of the pyschiatry ward, whose removal was demanded last year by a Senate subcommittee which investigated conditions at Gallinger.

Best Under Circumstances.

"It is the impression of the committee that Dr. Gilbert and his staff are doing the best that can be expected under present circumstances," the report commented.

The Gallinger kitchen, another target of the Senate investigating group, also drew criticism from the committee, which cited floors littered with vegetable skins and personal apparel, and uncovered garbage pails in the outer kitchen. The committee recalled, however, that plans were going forward for a new kitchen and laundry, also found to be inadequate.

Much of the criticism of the psychiatric ward was along the lines of the report of the committee of three psychiatrists, headed by Dr. Winfred Overholser, superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, who investigated the ward this year. The visiting committee stressed cracked and leaking walls, insecure windows and the inadequacy of personnel.

Staff Discouraged.

"Newspaper notoriety has only served to discourage the staff by blaming them for conditions they are powerless to remedy, and it makes more difficult the acquisition of new and competent personnel to replace those who sever their connections with the hospital," the committee contended.

Suggestions for Glenn Dale made by the visiting committee include provision of quarters for staff doctors and administrators, addition of an executive assistant for institutional management, an increase of the medical staff to allow for 10 ward doctors, increasing the graduate nursing staff to 160, establishing a separate housekeeping department, adding two medical social workers to the staff, constructing a surgical ward on top of Unit A and providing a building maintenance fund.

Aside from recommendations for the kitchen and laundry at Gallinger, the committee called for a poly-clinic, a separate building for children, adequate number of guards for 24-hour duty at the psychiatric ward, where the stair-wells should be inclosed to provide safety for patients.

General Recommendation.

A general recommendation of the committee for consideration of an assistant executive at Gallinger for institutional and personnel management already has been provided for in the 1945 District appropriation bill, which created such new positions as a deputy superintendent, an administrative superintendent and an administrative assistant.

"In conclusion," the report said, "the committee wishes to commend the devotion of the superintendent (Acting Supt. Daniel L. Seckinger) and staff of this hospital, who, severly limited in number, are working under great difficulties with inadequate facilities. The restriction of both personnel and facilities is evidently due to inadequate funds to meet the hospital's basic needs."

The committee praised the Upshur Street Hospital "as a good example of what intelligent and efficient planning can do with an old and unpromising building." It suggested an increase in personnel up to 10 aides and five orderlies.

The committee is composed of Rudolph Berger, chairman; Mrs. Stanley Reed, Mrs. Harold N. Marsh, Mrs. Willis W. Jones, the Rev. Edward G. Latch, Msgr. Lawrence A. Shehan, Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld and the Rev. E. L. Harrison.

Arlington Girls Plan Hospital Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary of the Arlington County Hospital will sponsor a junior auxiliary of girls over 13 who volunteer to aid in hospital work, it was announced today.

The junior group will meet at 1 p.m. July 3 at the hospital.

Makers Provide Light Planes For Legislators' Flying Club

Members of Congress interested in the development of aviation yesterday organized their own flying club and went ahead with plans to receive instruction at the Congressional Airport near Bethesda, which recently was opened to limited civilian operations.

The members felt the Congressional Flying Club and its associations will help them to legislate intelligently and effectively on postwar problems affecting aviation.

Chairman Randolph of the House District Committee, who was elected president, said he felt the "country's destiny will be shaped to a large extent by the wise way we develop domestic and foreign air commerce."

Several light planes have been put at the disposal of the members by manufacturers, and Representative Engle, Democrat, of California yesterday made the first flight as a member of the club.

Representatives and Senators and their secretaries are eligible for membership. Other officers were Representative Maas, Republican, of Minnesota, vice president; Mrs. Alline Dozier, secretary to Representative McKenzie, Democrat, of Louisiana, secretary, and Representative Bradley, Republican, of Michigan, treasurer.

The club now has more than 80 members and will get a charter from the National Aeronautic Association when the total reaches 100.

A few members were pilots in the World War, others have owned and flown their own planes, and still others have sons who are war pilots and want to be able to talk their language when the pilots come home.

Instructor for the club will be Col. Arthur C. Hyde, CAP wing commander for Maryland and the District.

Army Dog Springs at Reporter Who Idly Says 'Go Get Him'

Lucky, 4-year-old German shepherd recently returned from nine months' service with the Army, is shown with a young friend, 14-year-old "Happie" O'Connell, daughter of Ambrose O'Connell, newly confirmed judge of the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals. The animal is owned by Mrs. Carolyn Whitney of 1028 Connecticut avenue N.W. —Star Staff Photo.

It takes more than an Army reconditioning course to relieve Lucky of her "GI" instincts.

Back from the wars after a nine-month Army hitch on sentry duty, Lucky, a 4-year-old German shepherd, displays the zeal of a commando and the Army loyalty of a seasoned veteran as she romps in the home of her mistress, Mrs. Carolyn Whitney of 1028 Connecticut avenue N.W.

Not that Lucky isn't her old gentle self. The Army took great pains before sending her home to see that she lost any of the "killer instincts" they taught her.

But there are certain things which betray her Army training.

"One thing you mustn't say to Lucky is 'g-o g-e-t h-i-m.'" Mrs. Whitney said, being careful to spell the command.

"What happens when you say 'go get him'"? the reporter asked absent-mindedly. He soon found out. Lucky growled and made a leap for him. Fortunately, Mrs. Whitney grabbed Lucky before any damage was done.

Another thing which stamps Lucky with an Army background is her utter devotion to soldiers. When Mrs. Whitney takes her strolling along Connecticut avenue Lucky invariably will playfully leap on a passing soldier and then nuzzle at his feet waiting for a command.

If any additional proof were needed that Lucky was an Army dog this should supply it. Let a sailor pass along the street and Lucky will either growl or ignore him completely.

Mergner Waits Chair Sentence in Slaying Of Blond Divorcee

Jury Takes 90 Minutes To Reach Agreement On First-Degree Verdict

By JOSEPH YOUNG.

Convicted by a District Court jury of first-degree murder, Fred C. Mergner, 45-year-old widower and father of five children, today awaited formal sentencing of death in the electric chair for the slaying last October 25 of his former housekeeper, Mrs. Charlotte Robinson.

The bald, paunchy defendant was the first white person in the District to be convicted of first-degree murder since 1936, when Thomas Jordon was found guilty of the Garden T-Shoppe slaying of Mrs. Elizabeth Janes on Good Friday in 1931. Jordon's sentence later was commuted to life imprisonment.

Defense Attorney John H. Burnett said today that the conviction would be appealed. The death penalty will be imposed sometime next week by Justice James M. Proctor. Under District law, the death penalty is mandatory in a first-degree murder conviction.

Jury Out 90 Minutes.

The jury took only 90 minutes to find Mergner guilty of the murder of the woman whom he had hoped to make his wife. Receiving the case shortly before 3 p.m., the jury sent word at 4:20 p.m. to Justice Proctor that they had reached a verdict.

Among the spectators present were Mergner's aged father, John E. Mergner, and a brother. None of the defendant's children was present.

"Guilty of first-degree murder as charged in the indictment," was the verdict read by the jury foreman, James Fitzpatrick, an insurance company executive.

Mergner received the verdict in the same stolid calm he has maintained since the trial started on Monday. He stared straight ahead, his face expressionless.

Three-Day Trial.

During the three-day trial, one of the swiftest-moving first-degree murder cases in District history, Government witnesses testified Mergner attempted to shove Mrs. Robinson down a sewer at Seventh and A streets N.E. after shooting four bullets into her face and head in his car.

The Government contended Mergner murdered the blond, attractive 30-year-old divorcee after she spurned his love and offer of marriage. Mrs. Robinson had twice married and divorced Wiley Robinson, a convicted jewel thief now serving a 10-year term in Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Mergner's deceased wife, Agnes, was the daughter of John Meinberg, founder of the Meinberg Bakery, later absorbed by the Charles Schneider Baking Co., where the defendant was employed as a supervisor. Their five children were left a $590,000 trust fund by Mr. Meinberg.

Claimed Alcoholic Stupor.

During the trial Mergner took the stand in his own defense to contend that he had been in an alcoholic stupor at the time of the shooting and could remember none of the details surrounding the shooting.

The jurors were told in their final instructions by Justice Proctor that voluntary drunkenness alone wasn't justification for the commission of a criminal act. They were instructed, however, to bring in a verdict of not guilty if they believed that excessive drinking had caused temporary insanity at the time of the slaying.

Earlier in the day, the jury heard First Assistant United States Attorney John W. Fihelly describe Mergner as "a slab of marble, a man who is guilty of the most cold-blooded and fiendish murder in the District's history."

2,546 Work Permits Issued to Youths Set June Record for D. C.

Students 14 to 17 Get Work Chances, Half To Those 14 and 15

A record number of District school children have taken jobs for the summer, school officials said today as they revealed an unprecedented total of 2,546 work permits issued to students 14 to 17 years old during the first three weeks of June.

The June total is expected to approach the 1939 summer total of 3,220. Of the permits issued so far, 1,197—nearly half—have been given two youngsters 14 and 15 years old. In more normal years relatively few permits were issued to this age group.

Doctors have had to be called in to examine applicants for work permits three days a week instead of the usual two. Of the total number of students examined during June, 10 per cent were found to have minor health defects. These were given temporary work permits and told to return for another examination within periods ranging from 30 to 90 days.

On the basis of figures at the school attendance office, Mrs. Alice Sheldon, director, has predicted that virtually all students able to work have taken jobs. Within a few months, she believes, the only new source of student labor will be those who have just become eligible for work permits on their 14th birthdays.

Synod Seeks $50,000 For Annapolis Project

By the Associated Press.

FREDERICK, Md., June 22.—The Presbyterian Synod of Baltimore laid groundwork today for a campaign to raise $50,000 toward a new church and students' work center at Annapolis.

The Rev. Jacob Avery Long reported that a Presbyterian Industrial Relations Institute, first permanent organization of its kind to be inaugurated by a church body, would be opened in New York City in the late fall or early winter. He said representatives of the clergy, industry and organized labor would instruct churchmen and laymen in methods of furthering church-labor relations.

Sale of WJBS to Clark, Seven Others Approved

The Federal Communications Commission has approved the sale of radio station WJBS, San Francisco, to a group of eight persons, including Senator Clark, Democrat, of Idaho and five Washingtonians, for $200,000.

Mrs. Helen S. Mark, chief owner of WOL; William B. Dolph, general manager of WOL; Mrs. Glenna G. Dolph, his wife; Mrs. Alice H. Lewis, wife of Commentator Fulton Lewis, jr., and Mrs. Herbert Bingham, wife of a local attorney, are the others in the group acquiring control of the station.

Accord Reached Quickly on D. C. Supply Measure

House Conferees Accept Virtually All Added Items

By DON S. WARREN.

Differences between the House and Senate as to items in the District's record-breaking supply bill for the fiscal year beginning July 1 were settled quickly at a conference today, with the House managers accepting virtually all the $563,000 added by the Senate.

While exact totals were not at once available it was estimated the bill will provide approximately $69,111,000 for the 1945 fiscal year, or nearly $11,000,000 more than the appropriations for this year.

The revised bill, as agreed to in the conference, is to be reported to the House and Senate for action as soon as details of the measure can be whipped into shape, possibly later today. No hitches were expected in either house as Congress rushed to wind up necessary business before the party conventions recess.

Compromise on Aides.

Conferees on the bill, headed by Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, of Wyoming, and Representative Coffee, Democrat, of Washington, reached a compromise on the Senate proposal for $61,779 for continuing and enlarging the housekeeper assistance program for needy families.

The managers agreed to provide about $39,875 to permit continuation of the 30 aides now employed, instead of providing funds to hire 20 additional aides, and stipulated that the program should continue under strict Government financing only for the duration of the war.

The pay for the superintendent of Gallinger Hospital was set at $8,000, an increase of $1,500 over the present entrance salary. Health Officer George C. Ruhland had reported it was impossible to find a qualified man to fill the vacancy at the present pay level. The Senate had proposed to boost the salary to $9,500. The Commissioners had recommended an increase to only $8,000.

The House managers agreed to an increase of $10,000 for the Department of Vehicles and Traffic for traffic lights but it is stipulated that this fund shall be used only for the repair, maintenance or alteration of existing lights and not for installation of additional signals.

Clerk's Pay Boosted $800.

Approved also was an increase of $800 in the pay of the clerk who handles issuance of automobile license tags, sought both this year and last by the Senate at the request of Senator Nye, Republican, of North Dakota.

Members of the Senate Conference Committee are Senators O'Mahoney, Glass, Overton, Thomas of Oklahoma, Bilbo, Democrats; Nye, Holman and Burton, Republicans.

Members of the House Conference Committee are Representatives Coffee, Anderson, Norrell, Whitten, Democrats; Stefan, Dworshak and Jensen, Republicans.

The bill was swept through the Senate yesterday within 15 minutes, including time taken to read changes made by the Senate committee in the House bill and two Senate amendments. It passed unanimously.

Senator O'Mahoney explained that most of the $563,441 increase over the House total was due to the fact that necessary supplemental items had been submitted to Congress by the Budget Bureau too late for consideration by the House.

Federal Soil Expert Wins John Deere Medal

Charles E. Ramser, drainage engineer with the Soil Conservation Service, has been awarded the John Deere Medal for "distinguished achievement in application of science and art to soil." The award was made yesterday at the annual meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Mr. Ramser, a soil erosion expert, has been with the Agriculture Department for 31 years. He lives at 4615 Kenmore drive N.W.

Somerville Leaves War Services Post

Harry P. Somerville has submitted his resignation as executive officer of civilian war services, the Commissioners announced today.

Mr. Somerville, who took the post last summer, resigned to become director of hotel relations with Broadcast Music, Inc., New York.

Mr. Somerville was manager of the Willard Hotel for 10 years before going to the District government.

Daily Rationing Reminders

Canned Foods, Etc.—Book No. 4, blue stamps A-8 through V-8 good indefinitely. Each stamp worth 10 points.

Meats, Fats, Etc.—All meats except beef steaks and roast beef point-free. Red stamps A-8 through W-8 continue good indefinitely for 10 points each. Until further notice, three red stamps will be validated every four weeks instead of every two weeks.

Points for Fats—Your meat dealer will pay two ration points for each pound of waste kitchen fats you turn in. The fact that lard, shortening and cooking oils have been removed from the ration list does not mean fat collection is less essential.

Sugar—Book No. 4 stamps 30, 31 and 32 valid for 5 pounds indefinitely. Book No. 4 stamp 40 good for 5 pounds for home canning through February 28, 1945.

Gasoline—No. 10-A coupons good for 3 gallons each through August 8. B-3, B-4, C-3 and C-4 coupons good for 5 gallons each.

Shoes—Airplane stamps 1 and 2 in Book No 3 good indefinitely for one pair of shoes each.

Fuel Oil—Periods No. 4 and 5 coupons good for 10 gallons per unit through September 30. Period 1, 1944-5 fuel oil ration good now for 10 gallons per unit.