

# Walker Moves to Bar Idaho Valley Paper From Mails After Biddle Calls It Seditious

Postmaster General Walker last night acted to suppress an Idaho newspaper which Attorney General Biddle accused of a sustained campaign of sedition.

The proprietors, A. Cornell and I. W. Cornell, may face prosecution under the Espionage Act of 1917 for what they have published in the paper, *The Boise Herald*, owned by A. W. Biddle, of Middleton, Idaho. They were ordered to show cause at a hearing in Washington on September 17, why their second class mailing permit should not be revoked.

Biddle said the paper's expressions were more inflammatory than those cited in the suppression of *Social Justice* and *The X-Ray* a few months ago. He found that the limits of free speech had been exceeded by *The Herald's* attacks on the war effort. These attacks, the Attorney General noted, paralleled certain of the major themes of the

Axis propaganda radio.

The Attorney General said the paper's "sustained and comprehensive attack" on the United States taking part in the war had included charges that the Administration had selfish and immoral objectives, that the Selective Service Act was obscene and unconstitutional, and that the Japanese deserved sympathy.

Attorney General Biddle's memorandum included several pages of material published in the paper since December 7 last year. "It is not unreasonable to assume," he said, "that a substantial number of persons, including actual and potential draftees and enlistees, are reached and designedly influenced" by the paper.