

Biddle Orders Chicago Area Sedition Probe

**Broad Investigation
Mapped at Discussion
With the President**

Tears Won't Save Him

DETROITER, held for aiding escape of captured Nazi flier, weeps at fear of prison but faces possible death. Page 7.

SPECIAL grand jury starts digging into records of Social Justice today. Page 7.

Grand Jury to Act

An immediate Federal grand jury investigation of allegedly seditious activities of individuals and organizations in the Chicago area was ordered yesterday by the Justice Department.

District Attorney J. Albert Woll was instructed by Attorney General Biddle to determine whether the individuals and organizations there are interfering with successful prosecution of the war.

The announcement was made after the Attorney General had discussed sedition cases with President Roosevelt yesterday.

Other Investigations Forecast

"The investigation will seek to develop information," Biddle said, "concerning the origin, membership, finances, subsidies and activities of a number of organizations in the Chicago area, including the printing, circulation and methods of distribution of publications sponsored by such organizations, especially to determine whether they have attempted to influence members of the armed forces of the United States or persons affected by the Selective Service and Training Act."

Biddle said the inquiry would be similar to that being conducted by the Federal grand jury here which already has indicted a number of alleged propagandists.

Similar investigations in other sections are anticipated.