

"POLICE LIST" PLAN DENIED BY JACKSON

Says Justice Department
Did Not Advance Plan
To Use Census

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Asserts Scheme Assailed
By Tobey Was Drawn
By Another Unit

[By the Associated Press]

Washington, April 7—An assertion by Senator Tobey (Rep., N. H.) tonight that the Justice Department had planned to use the 1940 census as "the most complete police list in the history of the world" drew an immediate denial from Attorney General Jackson.

Tobey said in a statement that the department had "conceived" and secretly submitted to the Budget Bureau legislation to make census records available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Army and Navy Intelligence divisions for use in espionage investigations and "other matters relating to national defense."

Originated Elsewhere

"The proposal did not originate in the Department of Justice," Mr. Jackson said. "It was conceived by an official of another agency of the Government—not the Census Bureau—and

referred to the Department of Justice to be drafted into appropriate form for submission if subsequently approved."

A proposed bill was sent to the Budget Bureau by former Attorney General Murphy, now a Supreme Court justice, on November 3, Mr. Jackson said, and then went to President Roosevelt "who personally considered the matter and rejected it."

"The proposal was thereupon definitely abandoned," he added. "It has never represented the policy of the Administration and is not in accord with the present policy of the Department of Justice."

Scope Not As Broad

"It may be observed that the rejected proposal did not have the broad scope attributed to it by Senator Tobey."

Tobey, who sought unsuccessfully to have the Senate express disapproval of census questions about income, asserted that "if the Department of Justice were to have its way in having this plan enacted into law, it would mean the creation of a secret police system which, at will, could delve into the private affairs of all men and women in the country."

Cites Deluge Of Protests

The Justice Department sought the approval of the Budget Bureau for its proposed bill, Tobey said, at a time when the "Senate was being deluged with mail" protesting the income questions, and the Census Bureau, therefore, urged the Budget Bureau "not to have the proposed bill sent to the Congress, where, obviously, it would be available to the press."

"But," Tobey asserted, "the important consideration is that the Department of Justice has asked for this legislation. It has been held up for the time being and has only come to light despite the precautions of secrecy taken by the Department of Justice."

"When the census inquisition has been completed," we may well expect the Administration to exert its efforts for this new power."