

### **Australian Red Refused Passport**

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CANBERRA, Australia, May 2—The government today refused to give a passport to an Australian-born reporter who has covered the Vietnam war from the Communist side.

Wilfred Burchett has been unable to get a passport since he reported the Korean war from the North. Since then he has reported from Hanoi and from Paris, where he has close contacts with the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong delegations.

He recently said he was anxious to visit his 96-year-old father, who is in an Australian nursing home, but feared that he might not be allowed to leave Australia if he returned.

The Australian Cabinet recently reviewed the newsman's case, and Immigration Minister Billy Snedden said today Burchett would not be given a passport "or any other means of facilitating travel."