“(c) A statement containing such details required under this Act as the Secretary shall fix, of the activities of such person as agent of a foreign principal during such six months’ period.”

SEC. 3. That section 4 of the Act entitled “An Act to require the registration of certain persons employed by agencies to disseminate propaganda in the United States and for other purposes”, approved June 8, 1938 (Public Law Numbered 583, Seventy-fifth Congress, third session), is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 4. The Secretary shall retain in permanent form all statements filed under this Act, and such statements shall be public records and open to public examination and inspection at all reasonable hours, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary may prescribe: Provided, That the Secretary is hereby authorized to withdraw from the public records the registration statement of any person whose activities have ceased to be of a character which requires registration under the terms of this Act.”

Approved, August 7, 1939.

[CHAPTER 545]

AN ACT

To amend sections 6 and 7 of the Act entitled “An Act for the retirement of employees of the Alaska Railroad, Territory of Alaska, who are citizens of the United States”, approved June 29, 1936.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That sections 6 and 7 of the Act entitled “An Act for the retirement of employees of the Alaska Railroad, Territory of Alaska, who are citizens of the United States”, approved June 29, 1936 (49 Stat. 2017), are hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 6. The annuity of an employee retired under the provisions of this Act shall be composed of—

“(1) A sum equal to $37.50 multiplied by the number of years of service, not to exceed thirty years, rendered (a) on the Alaska Railroad or (b) in the military or naval service of the United States in the Tropics or in Alaska; and

“(2) The annuity purchasable with the sum to the credit of the employee’s individual account, including accrued interest thereon computed as prescribed in section 11 (a) hereof, according to the experience of the Alaska Railroad retirement and disability fund as may from time to time be set forth in tables of annuity values by the board of actuaries; and

“(3) Thirty dollars multiplied by the number of years of service rendered and not allowable under paragraph (1) hereof: Provided, That the number of years of service to be used in computing the allowance under paragraph (3) shall not exceed the difference between thirty and the number of allowable years of service under paragraph (1); and

“(4) Thirty-six dollars multiplied by the number of years’ service rendered in the Territory of Alaska in the construction of the Alaska Railroad, either in the employ of the Alaskan Engineering Commission and the Alaska Railroad or of either of them, between March 12, 1914, and July 1, 1923, plus the number of years’ service, if any, rendered on the Isthmus of Panama either in the employ of the Isthmian Canal Commission or the Panama Railroad Company between May 4, 1904, and April 1, 1914.

“In no case, however, shall the total annuity paid exclusive of that provided in paragraph (4) hereof, be less than an amount equal to the sum of—
"The average annual basic salary, pay, or compensation, not to exceed $2,000 per annum, received by the employee during any five consecutive years of allowable service at the option of the employee, multiplied by the number of years of service used in computing the annuity under paragraph (1) hereof, and divided by forty, and the average annual basic salary, pay, or compensation, not to exceed $1,600 per annum, received by the employee during any five consecutive years of allowable service at the option of the employee, multiplied by the number of years of service used in computing the annuity under paragraph (3) hereof, and divided by forty.

"The annuity granted under paragraphs (1), (3), and (4) of this section shall not exceed three-fourths of the average annual basic salary, pay, or compensation received by the employee during any five consecutive years of allowable service at the option of the employee.

"Any employee at the time of his retirement may elect to receive, in lieu of the life annuity herein described, an increased annuity of equivalent value which shall carry with it a proviso that no unexpended part of the principal upon the annuitant's death shall be returned. For the purposes of this Act all periods of service shall be computed in accordance with section 7 hereof, and the annuity shall be fixed at the nearest multiple of twelve.

"The term 'basic salary, pay, or compensation', wherever used in this Act, shall be so construed as to exclude from the operation of the Act all bonuses, allowances, overtime pay, or salary, pay, or compensation given in addition to the base pay of the position as fixed by law or regulation.

"Sec. 7. Subject to the provisions of section 8, hereof, the service which shall form the basis for calculating the amount of any benefit provided in this Act shall be computed from the date of original employment, whether as a classified or an unclassified employee in the civil service of the United States or under the municipal government of the District of Columbia, including periods of service at different times and in one or more departments, branches, or independent offices of the Government and service in Alaska with the Alaskan Engineering Commission and the Alaska Railroad, or of either of them, and service on the Isthmus of Panama with the Isthmian Canal Commission, the Panama Canal, or the Panama Railroad Company; also periods of service performed overseas under authority of the United States and periods of honorable service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States. In the case of an employee, however, who is eligible for and elects to receive a pension under any law, or retired pay on account of military or naval service, or compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act, the period of his military or naval service upon which such pension, retired pay, or compensation is based shall not be included, but nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to affect in any manner his right to a pension, or to retired pay, or to compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act in addition to the annuity herein provided.

"In computing length of service for the purposes of this Act all periods of separations from the service, and so much of any leave of absence without pay as may exceed six months in the aggregate in any calendar year, shall be excluded: Provided, That river-boat employees, who in the past have been, or in the future may be, employed during the navigation season under a working agreement, shall for the purpose of this Act be considered in a leave-of-absence-without-pay status for the time prior and subsequent to the season of navigation during the calendar year in which employed.
“In determining the total periods of service upon which the allowances are to be computed under section 6 hereof, the fractional part of a month, if any, shall be eliminated from each respective total period.”

Approved, August 7, 1939.

[CHAPTER 546]

AN ACT

To amend the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1939, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (c) of section 21 of title II of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1939, is amended to read as follows:

“(c) Reciprocal Exchange of Information With the United States and the Several States.—Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the assessor may permit the proper officer of the United States or of any State imposing an income tax or his authorized representative to inspect income-tax returns, file with the assessor or may furnish to such officer or representative a copy of any such income-tax returns provided the United States or such State grant substantially similar privileges to the assessor or his representative, or to the proper officer of the District charged with the administration of this title.”

Approved, August 7, 1939.

[CHAPTER 547]

AN ACT

To limit the operation of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code and section 190 of the Revised Statutes of the United States with respect to counsel in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the employment of Brien McMahon as an attorney or counselor specially employed, retained, or appointed by the Attorney General or under authority of the Department of Justice, at a compensation not to exceed the rate of $10,000 per annum, to assist in the conduct of the case of United States against Mary Helen Corporation and others, in the eastern district of Kentucky, and the case of Société Suisse pour Valeurs de Metaux, petitioner, against Homer S. Cummings, Attorney General of the United States, and William A. Julian, Treasurer of the United States, in the District of Columbia, including all proceedings therein and any other case or proceeding, appellate or otherwise, that may arise out of or pertain to the matters or any of them involved in the said cases, shall not be construed to be employment within the meaning of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., title 18, secs. 198 and 203), or section 190 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (U. S. C., title 5, sec. 99).

Approved, August 7, 1939.