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First Lady Linked to OWI Agent's Tour

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A picture in a British newspaper of an Office of War Information employe, described by the paper as "making a tour of youth organizations in Britain on behalf of Mrs. Roosevelt," will be the subject of senatorial inquiry when OWI appropriations are considered, Senator Robertson (R.), of Wyoming, predicted yesterday.

The OWI worker is Miss Louise Booth Morley, 25, daughter of Christopher Morley, American author. She is a $2,600 a year employe of the "outpost service bureau" of the OWI's British division and is attached to the American Embassy in London, Senator Robertson said.

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In Welsh Paper

Miss Morley's picture appeared in the January 25 issue of the Weekly Mail and Cardiff Times, published in Cardiff, Wales. Senator Robertson, a native of Cardiff, said he had received the paper from a relative in Wales. The caption under the picture was:

"Miss Louise Morley, U.S.A. Office of War Information, who is making a tour of youth organizations in Britain on behalf of Mrs. Roosevelt, visited Cardiff High School for Girls on Thursday and was impressed with the high standard of the children's knowledge of world affairs."

Senator Robertson said Elmer Davis, OWI director, had denied that Miss Morley was working on behalf of the President's wife. Davis said, according to Senator Robertson, that Miss Morley's work is supervised by Lieut. Comdr. Herbert Agar. Agar is a former editorial writer for the Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal, whose pro-British sentiments are credited with winning him a naval reserve commission and a post with John B. Winant, American Ambassador to England, early in the war.

Work of Miss Morley

Davis told Robertson, the Senator said, that Miss Morley meets with British youth clubs, providing them with American information for the club publications, assists them in preparing exhibits on American subjects, and encourages correspondence between British and American youth.

"This activity of the OWI will be carefully scrutinized by the Senate Finance Committee, its members tell me," Robertson said. "Despite Mr. Davis' statement to the contrary, the Senate should determine how far Mrs. Roosevelt's interest goes in the OWI overseas activities."

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