the selective draft) like others of his age. In the meantime he is voluntarily relinquishing a career worth hundreds of thousands of dolars for a smal salaried position where he feels he can be of use."

In the House a short time later Representative Thomas F. Ford of California, countering charges made against Mr. Douglas by Representative Leland Ford, read his colleagues the letter which brought the film actor to Washington. This letter advised Mr. Douglas that he would serve without compensation. These, Mr. Ford said, were the terms upon which Mr. Douglas took his post.

"Like most liberals in California," Senator Downey told the upper house, "Mr. Douglas has been accused from time to time of being a Communist. But the allegation is as foolish in this case as it is for the rest of us.

Present Bureaus avored

Senator Wiley of Wisconsin suggested that if the OCD was to "do the job its name implies, rather than provide a recreational program for ex-dancers," it should utilize existing agencies, such as the Children's Bureau, the Public Health Service, the Women's Bureau and others and cooperate with the Chemical Warfare Section and Board of Engineers of the War Department and the FBI.

The appropriating measure, containing $60,000,000, besides the OCD's $100,000,000, for other agencies engaged in war activities, now goes to the Senate. It probably will go then into conference and that is where those who fought and lost in the House today hope to see the restrictive amendments killed.

A particularly hard fight, it was indicated, will be made to restore the appropration with which the Treasury would be reimbursed for its payment for the Donald Duck cartoon.

Morgenthau Defends Donald Duck

This cartoon, Secretary Morgenthau said at his press conference today, was one of the "best investments" the Treasury had made. If he had it to do over again, he said, he would do exactly what he had done in having it made.

"I don't know of any better way," he said, "to impress on the 7,000,000 new taxpayers the fact that they have to pay their taxes."

The Treasury, Mr. Morgenthau said, had asked Walt Disney, creator of the animated-cartoon duck, to make the picture and had agreed to pay him his out-of-pocket expenses. Mr. Disney, he added, had met at least $50,000 in billings as a result of making the film, since the theatres which used it would otherwise have used a commercial money short.

"I take full responsibility for it," Mr. Morgenthau said. "I hope everything we do in the Treasury is as good as this particular picture."

Asked what he would do now that the House had cut out the 80,000 set aside for the expenses of the picture, the Treasury head said there were 1,100 reels of it being shown throughout the country.

"We will have to go ahead with it," he added, observing that he would try to get the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Senate to restore the eliminated item.

FIRST LADY ASKS HEARING

She Will Welcome Chance to Explain OCD Activities

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9—Mrs. Roosevelt disclaimed today responsibility for the selection of Melvyn Douglas to head an "arts council" for the Office of Civilian Defense, and declared that she had "suggested" but had not appointed Miss Mayris Chaney to formulate and direct an OCD recreation program for children. She added that she would be "perfectly delighted" to tell inquiring or critical members of Congress "the truth" about both appointments.

"I am waiting to hear from the gentlemen," she told her press conference. "I assume they will do me the courtesy of allowing me to give them the facts. They have offices, and I have feet. As the person criticized, I imagine I shall be given the opportunity of meeting with them and telling them the truth about the questions they have raised."

Mrs. Roosevelt declined to comment on the criticisms voiced on the floor of the House, or to indicate what she would say, if afforded an opportunity to make a statement. She said she thought it would be "discourteous" to make any public reply to her Congressional critics at this time.

"I would rather say what I have to say to them," Mrs. Roosevelt explained.

"Suggested" Miss Chaney

In answer to questions concerning the Douglas and Chaney appointments, Mrs. Roosevelt said that she "had not the faintest idea" on whose recommendation Mr. Douglas had been appointed. She said that her part in the appointment of Miss Chaney to direct a physical fitness program for children had been limited to "suggesting" her for a post it had been decided by others to create, in response to demands for the special type of service to be rendered.

"I neither hire nor fire," Mrs. Roosevelt said. "I do suggest names when appointments are under discussion. I suggested Miss Chaney."

According to Mrs. Roosevelt, the "wider contacts" of the dancer outweighed her lack of training as a playground director or teacher and made her a better choice than either, or an official of the Children's Bureau, to direct the proposed activities, including rhythmic and folk dancing, which experience in England had proved to have "a definite part" in wartime play programs.

Mrs. Roosevelt said that the exact scope and features of the programs to be directed by Miss Chaney would be determined by John B. Kelly of Philadelphia, director of physical fitness for OCD, but it was her understanding that they would "amplify and supplement" the work done in the field of recreation and health activities by the Children's Bureau, which recently sent to England its assistant chief, Dr. Martha Eliot, to observe and report on the physical fitness of children under war conditions.

Children's Bureau officials later confirmed the fact that they had no rhythmic dancers nor instructors on folk-dancing on their staff.

Explains Physical Fitness Need

Mrs. Roosevelt defended the work of OCD's physical fitness division as vital to the successful prosecution of the nation's war effort.

"To win the war on the production side we must cut down the number of man hours lost by illness and accidents," she declared. "To win the war on the military side, we must improve the health of our young men. This is a physical fitness job."

It was still an open question, Mrs. Roosevelt said, whether the physical fitness job was properly a function of the OCD or of the office of health and welfare service in the Federal Security Administration, which is headed by Paul V. McNutt.

"It may be transferred to Mr. McNutt, but it is an OCD division now," Mrs. Roosevelt said.

As director of children activities for OCD Mrs. Roosevelt said it would be the duty of Miss Chaney to contact in every region qualified persons to develop and carry on in them the approved programs, or variations of them best adapted to the needs of specific localities.

She said she had not discussed the appointments with the President, who was "much too busy." She added that if he discussed them at all with any one he would do so with Mr. Landis, the executive officer, or with Mayor La Guardia, national director.

Mrs. Roosevelt indicated that she has no intention of resigning her own post as associate director. In reply to a query on that point she said that her tenure of office would be "up to Mayor La Guardia" or whoever may succeed him as director.

FIRST LADY OUSTER URGED

Albany Resolution Asks President to Name New OCD Official

ALBANY, Feb. 9—A resolution calling upon the President to remove Mrs. Roosevelt from her post as Assistant Director of Civilian Defense and replace her "with a person who can and will devote full time to the duties of that important position," was introduced