

Failed To Register As Alien

"I never read the papers and I am very little in town," said George Solomon (otherwise known as George Fest), when he pleaded guilty in the Summons Court to-day to a charge of failing to register as an alien. He had been ignorant of the requirements, he said.

Solomon was charged that on August 30 at Brisbane he contravened a provision of the National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations, in that, being an alien resident in Australia, he failed to register himself as an alien.

The defendant told Mr. A. E. Aitkin, P.M., that he was at present second mate on the dredge Platypus 2nd. He was fined £2, with £1/7/ costs, in default 14 days' imprisonment.

Mr. J. D. C. Story (Messrs. Chambers, McNab, and Co.), for the prosecution, said that Solomon, a Finn, had thought that registration was necessary only for enemy aliens. He lived in a houseboat on the Hamilton Reach.
