

Preferred Starving To Being Interned

But Bosckow Must Report, or He Will be Made Prisoner of War

Fred Bosckow did not report to the Registrar of Alien Enemies for a month, although being an Austrian reservist he is required to do so every week. He was too poor, he said. He could not afford car fares.

"All right," said the Registrar, "we'll intern you for the rest of the war, then you'll get food and clothes and tobacco and 25 cents a day. The Government will pay your wife's rent and give her food." Bosckow could not understand, but a man was found who could talk to Bosckow in his own tongue and tell him he could be a prisoner war.

However, when it filtered through Fred's mind he was to be a prisoner till the end of the war he showed that he did not expect his country to be beaten soon. He preferred to starve.

"Very well," said Captain Wandless, "tell him the next week he fails to report he'll be interned."

His wife had come to plead for him. They were both rather well dressed.