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subject to departmental convenience, for officials and others on the days when their services are required.

All applications for special leave must be submitted to the Director for approval and must be supported by an official notification from the Organising Council.

HEAVY FINES FOR ILLEGAL BIRD EXPORTS

In the first action of its kind in this State, the Commonwealth Customs Department recently successfully prosecuted two South Australians who were charged with having attempted, on October 11, 1961, to export birds contrary to the provisions of the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations. The two men, Robert George Bray and Charles Harold Weeks, were convicted and each fined £100. They were also ordered to pay costs amounting to £4.12.0. each. The case was heard in the Fremantle Police Court on December 18. This Department co-operated with the Customs Department but did not launch a separate prosecution. The birds concerned in the offence were seized by the Commonwealth and sold by public tender.

TAKING TURKEY BRINGS FIRST FINE

History was made in the Broome court on October 6, when Frank Graham Evans pleaded guilty to having committed a breach of the Fauna Protection Act by taking protected fauna, to wit, a wild turkey or Australian Bustard. The case was prosecuted by Inspector R.J. Baird who received our congratulations. Long held in contempt, particularly by visitors to the north, the legal protection afforded these economically valuable birds might well receive general recognition if this case is not allowed to remain a single isolated instance.