

Conscription Bill Draft Made Public

First Contingent of 400,000
Would Train Military
Training of 18 and 64

WASHINGTON, July 29.—(AP)—The senate military committee has made public its final draft of a bill calling for the registration for military service of all men in the nation between the ages of 18 and 64.

The measure is scheduled to receive a formal committee vote of approval tomorrow and to be taken up in the senate shortly thereafter. Administration authorities have said that if congress passed the bill in August, they could make the registration in September and begin training the first contingent of 400,000 on October 1.

Using the day of registration—the date of which would be within the discretion of the president—as the day for determining ages of men affected, the bill defines the phrase "between the ages of 18 and 64" as meaning "men who have reached the 18th anniversary of the day of their birth and who have not reached the 64th anniversary of the day of their birth."

The same standard would be applied to determining exact ages in other age-group breakdowns, which include the following provisions for service for men of various ages:

"Men between the ages of 21 and 45... shall be liable for training and service in the land and naval forces of the United States."

Home Defense Ages Set

"Men between the ages of 18 and 21 and between the ages of 45 and 64... shall be liable for training and service in or near the communities and areas in which they reside in such home defense units of the land and naval forces of the United States as are now established or as may hereafter be authorized by congress."

Not more than 87 per cent nor less than 78 per cent of the men selected for training and service would be between 21 and 31, not more than 15 per cent nor less than 10 per cent between 31 and 38, and not more than 7 per cent nor less than three per cent between 38 and 45.

An estimated 42,000,000 men would be subject to registration. Those chosen for training would serve for 12 months.

Penalty For Laggards

Persons exempted from registration would be chiefly those already in the armed services or reserve forces and foreign diplomatic and consular representatives here. Otherwise all males, both citizens and aliens, would be required to register or become subject to a penalty of five years in prison, \$5,000 fine or both.

Legislative, executive and judicial officers of the federal and state, territorial and district governments would not be subject to being called for training and service while they held their offices although they would be registered. Deferrals of training also could be granted by the president to groups of workers essential in industry, agriculture or other employment. Training of ministers of religion would be deferred.

Trainees To Be Paid

With regard to men with dependents, the bill provides that the president is authorized "to defer the training and service in the land and naval forces of those men in a status with respect to persons dependent upon them for support which renders their deferment advisable."

Men called to actual service would be paid the regular base pay for men now in the armed services. That starts at \$21 per month, upon being mustered out they could, under the bill, return to their present employment, except where employers were unable to rehire them.

Eleanor Quotes Nursery Rhyme for Party Bolters

NEW YORK, July 29.—(AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt had this to say today in her column "My Day" about those whom she described as "new adherents" to the campaign of Wendell L. Willkie, the republican nominee for president.

"When I read in the newspapers every little while of this or that new adherent to Mr. Willkie's cause, I'm reminded of the new deal. I can't help but smile."

"I think I could have named them months ago. They always have been adherents of some cause, but never of the new deal."

"I feel like repeating over them all the nursery rhyme: 'Tom, Tom the piper's son, stole a pig and away he run. The pig was eat, Tom was dead. And run off crying down the street.'"

FUNNY BUSINESS



"That's fine—but can you swallow fish?"

Fiddlin' to Halt Southern Firebugs

Federal Investigator Decides on
Social Stunt to Stop
Traditional Woods Burning.

ATLANTA, Ga., (AP)—The government is planning to fight a strange epidemic of southern forest fires with fiddles.

They are going at it that way because they have traced the fires to human "craziness." They figure that music bath charms to soothe the fiery breast, music and some other interests which also will be employed in the campaign.

There are 9,000,000 acres of federal forest lands in the south. Over half the area is burned every year, accounting for nearly half of the nation's forest fires.

Foresters reported that half the fires were set deliberately by the backwoods people among the 100,000 residents within the reserves.

The government sent down Dr. John P. Shea, University of Kansas psychologist, to find out why. The mountaineers explained that the intentional fires killed hell hounds, snakes, ticks, bear beetles and fever germs; kept their fields from choking with brush, and "cleaned up the woods."

After living among the mountaineers several months, Dr. Shea decided they were kidding, probably kidding themselves.

They really set the fires, he concluded, because they were bored with the traditional recreations of settling, spitting, and whittling, and because of a poverty neurosis.

The biggest money most of them had ever seen was the \$20 a month earned by the civilian conservation corps boys who had invaded their mountain retreats. The CCC's activity included fighting fires. Therefore, "make 'em sweat to earn that pay."

Ordinary fire prevention educational work didn't do much good. The mountaineers were dubious about trees preventing the washing away of vital soil, and, for the rest, "there may be a few more squirrels when they don't let us burn the woods—but there are more rats, snakes, ticks, too."

Music As Remedy

For a solution to the problem, Dr.

Shea turned to the archaic social system that is at the bottom of the trouble.

An outstanding feature of that system is patriarchy—"pappy" is the backwoods family dictator. If the government could persuade pappy to lay off the incendiaries, the battle would be half won.

The psychologist proposes to establish backwoods "centers" where the mountaineers could have fiddle dances and other recreation more wholesome than just settin'.

Unobtrusive rangers would be the official hosts at the centers, but the pappies would be given the responsibilities for the use and care of the centers. And they would include:

Nearly 200,000 acres plots, quietly demonstrating how forest cultivation, soil conservation and other modern agricultural practices could improve farming.

And pretty soon, Dr. Shea is sure, between the activities and the enlightenment, there would be little time or place for setting forest fires.

Occupational Hazard?

SAN FRANCISCO—Guido Grass, a beauty parlor operator, brushed his hair and almost scalped himself. A razor blade had fallen from a shelf and lodged in the brush. Eight stitches were required.

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Oregon Game Fish Study Conducted

A thorough study of fresh water game fish problems in Oregon is being conducted by Dr. H. S. Davis of Washington, D. C., who is in charge of agricultural investigations for the U. S. fish and wild life service.

Dr. Davis, one of the world's most noted fish biologists and pathologists, is being assisted by Dr. P. R. Needham of Stanford University, who is in charge of similar work on the Pacific coast.

The present study, according to Dr. Davis, will include fish hatch-

eries, artificial cultivation of fish, fish management and planting of fish, together with stream surveys. It is probable that Dr. Davis will be in Oregon for two or three weeks, after which he will go to the state of Washington for a 10-day period.

Upon the conclusion of his Oregon investigation, including visits and studies of all hatcheries operated by the Oregon state game commission, Dr. Davis will advise the commission as to any changes or improvements he deems necessary in the interest of improved fish culture.

Dr. Davis announced that a biological station has been established at the old Clackamas fish hatchery with Reed Nelson, biologist, in

charge for work in this region. The work of this station will be carried on in cooperation with the Oregon state game commission and the U. S. forest service.

Professor H. C. Howe of Oregon University Dies

EUGENE, Ore., July 29.—(AP)—Funeral services will be held here Wednesday at 2 p. m. for Professor H. C. Howe, 68, University of Oregon literature teacher and former Pacific coast conference faculty representative.

The veteran professor, long known as the "Father of Athletics," died at his summer home near Waldport Sunday. Howe had been

a favorite of Oregon students and alumni since 1901.

Third Party Threat Made By Dr. Townsend via Son

PORTLAND, July 29.—(AP)—Dr. Francis E. Townsend, leader of the pension movement, is "thoroughly disgusted" with both the democratic and republican platforms, his son, Robert Townsend, told an interviewer here yesterday.

He asserted that if the successful party in the November election doesn't "give us what we want" the Townsends would form a third party.

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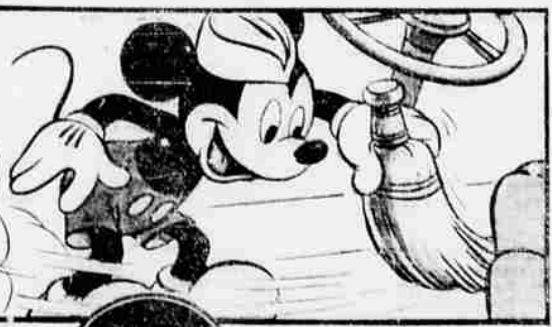
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