

Draft Army Slated for Reduction of 200,000

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ard is to be applied to men who are 28 years old or older, the announcement said whether they are selectees or national guardsmen. The army said this procedure would result in "steady improvement in the quality of the soldier on active duty."

Asserting that releases would be made at approximately a uniform rate so as not to disrupt the efficiency of units, the army said that except for dependency, hardship or other emergency cases, men would not be released while their units were engaged in maneuvers or other special training exercises.

Applications Necessary

Officials said that the men eligible for release would be required to make personal application for discharge to their commanding officers, in most cases the company commander.

With reference to officers, the department recalled that instructions were issued in February directing that approximately 50 per cent of the reserve officers be released from active duty on the completion of 12 months' service. The details have not been completed covering a similar procedure for national guard officers but the department said that in general their release would be on the same basis as that of reserve officers.

Publication of the procedure to be followed for releasing both enlisted and commissioned personnel was made at this time, the department explained, because approximately 150,000 national guardsmen, 20,000 selectees and 10,000 reserve officers are nearing completion of their first 12 months of active duty.

Holdover Bill Signed
Legislation authorizing him to add 18 months to the army service periods of draftees, national guardsmen, reservists and enlisted men was signed into law yesterday by President Roosevelt.

Earlier in the day, the president also affixed his signature to legislation relieving men 28 years and older from active military duty under the selective service act. This law provides mandatory deferment for men not yet inducted and directs that those of the specified age who request it shall be released from service "as soon as practicable and when not in conflict with the interests of national defense."

The service extension legislation squeezed through the house by a one-vote margin last week after a bitter fight in which opponents contended that congress would be breaking faith with draftees and other soldiers by keeping them in service beyond their original terms. Advocates of the measure contended that the army would be crippled by breaking up various units with replacements just as it was beginning to function smoothly. The senate passed the bill by almost a two-to-one margin.

Under the new law, selectees, national guardsmen and reservists would serve a maximum of two and a half years if the president so ordered. Regularly enlisted men, who originally signed up for three years, could be retained in service for four and a half years.

Planes to Be Speeded.
President Roosevelt disclosed yesterday that the delivery of planes to British forces in the middle east would be speeded through a ferry system conducted by Pan-American Airways.

A white house announcement said the system would provide "direct and speedy delivery" of aircraft from what Mr. Roosevelt has termed the "arsenal of democracy" to a critical point in the front against aggression.

The importance of this direct line of communication to strategic outposts in Africa, it said, can not be overestimated.

Under the agreement with Pan-American, the system will ferry aircraft from the United States to West Africa, and then on to the middle east.

Pan-American is establishing an air transport service from West Africa to the middle east and plans are under way for a similar service from this country to West Africa.

The white house said government-owned planes, operated by American personnel, would be used, and that the delivery route would not pass through the zone of actual warfare.

Orient Peace Japan's Aim, Assertion of Spokesman

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ent," Ishii said. He asserted that American diplomacy "should have delicacy" in handling the tense far eastern situation.

Editorials in the Japanese press expressed concern over U. S. aid to Russia. One newspaper, Chugai, asserted that "even if British-American supplies fail actually to reach the soviet, the fact can not be overlooked that it (aid to Russia) has at least the effect of reinforcing soviet troops in the far east."

"Principle" at Issue.
Ishii's remarks on aid to Rus-

sia followed his comments on Secretary of State Hull's statement that the Japanese had not given a satisfactory explanation concerning their failure to let about 100 United States citizens leave Japan aboard the liner President Coolidge.

The problem of permitting the Americans to leave the country hinged, he said, upon "other inconveniences" in Japanese-American relations. At first, he said, the U. S. embassy had asked to send home 22 officials aboard the President Coolidge, and the Japanese agreed. Later, however, the embassy asked that a greater number of Americans be permitted to leave Japan on the same ship, he said.

"This was contrary to a past promise," Ishii said. "We could not accept. The Coolidge question is only one of principle in keeping promises."

At the same time a reliable source reported six U. S. embassy officials had been permitted to go to Shanghai from where they might arrange transportation to the United States.

"Circling" Irks Japan
The reported mobilization of 1,000,000 Russian troops on the Siberian front and a navy spokesman's declaration that the Russians have 100 submarines and 110 speedboats at Vladivostok caused the newspaper Kokumin to say bluntly:

"As for reports that the United States and Great Britain will demand certain assurances from the soviet regarding pressure on Japan as a condition for their aid to the soviet against Germany in connection with the coming Moscow conference, Japan considers it injurious to the safety of her empire and can not remain unconcerned for her own defense."

"If the Americans and British adhere to the Japan encirclement front in the name of aid to the soviet, Great Britain, the United States and the soviet will be charged with responsibility for whatever situation may arise in the future."

Then the paper added: "Hitherto, Singapore has been the political, strategic base and the pivotal center of the Japan encirclement front. Now Vladivostok has become the northern Singapore completing the circle."

German Occupation of Ukraine Area Widened

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non and a vast store of other war booty were captured, the German communiqué said, in fighting around Odessa and the lower Dnieper.

Soviet troops under siege at Odessa were pictured by the Germans as under a "constant hail of bombs" with the luftwaffe smothering all attempts of the Russians to escape by sea. Nine big soviet troop transports were declared to have been hit and disabled by nazl planes raining destruction along four miles of Odessa's waterfront. The nazis termed it "another Dunkerque" referring to the British-French withdrawal from the bloody battle of Flanders last year.

Farther west, in operations around the Ukraine capital of Kiev and the nearby town of Korosten, the Germans reported the capture of 17,750 prisoners, 42 tanks, 123 cannon and an armored train.

Finnish forces from the north were supporting the German attack with a strengthened drive across the Karelian isthmus. The Finns declared last night they had taken the lakeside town of Kurkijoki and were within 95 miles of Leningrad from the north.

Explosives and incendiaries were dropped on the soviet capital in a new night raid in which the Russians said only one German plane broke through.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—(AP)—With the Germans claiming possession of the lower Ukraine as

far east as the Dnieper river, the Moscow radio reiterated today a soviet assertion that wheat and rye of that grain-rich region already had been harvested.

In addition to implying that the invaders got none of this produce, the radio said collective and state farms of the U. S. S. R. had grown more than 131,000,000 tons of grain this year.

OREGON EVENTS FLASHED FROM WIRE SERVICE

TILLAMOOK, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Three Japanese admitted lack of U. S. citizenship and paid \$50 fines in justice court yesterday for owning an interest in a Tillamook bay oyster bed.

The Oregon commercial fisheries code prohibits aliens from owning artificial oyster beds.

PORTLAND, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The nation needs more nurses, Mrs. Minnie Laird, Oregon State Nurses association secretary, said yesterday in a call for training-course students.

She said Oregon hospitals could use 250 nurses, and Surgeon General Thomas Parran of the U. S. public health service requested that 50,000 young women begin training.

Non-Stop Holdup Series Hits Grocery in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Robbers, working in relays, are making life miserable for a grocery here.

Last night a girl employee foiled one hold-up by pursuing the robber and recovering his loot. He went to jail.

This morning at opening time another man confronted Jack Wright, a clerk. "This is a hold-up," he growled. Wright tried to argue that the place already had been robbed. "Don't give me that," he snapped. So Wright shoved some rolls of pennies, nickels and dimes into a bag. And the robber ran. Meanwhile, the \$87.60 last night's gun-man had snatched and had been forced to give up, rested in a box in the safe.

Miss Georgia Truttman was the clerk who ran down the first gunman. As he grabbed the money she heaved a bottle of mayonnaise at his head. He fled.

RAF Lashes Nazi Cities, Area in Northern France

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wegian, French and Netherlands coasts.

Churchill Reports

Prime Minister Churchill returned home today from his bold Atlantic conference with President Roosevelt and, after being given a rousing greeting by street crowds, he plunged immediately into the task of reporting on what he had done.

POET'S CORNER

REMEMBER?
They fought to rid the Earth of slavery;
Remember?
They fought with Godliness And bravery;
Remember?
They fought because They would not yield;
Remember?
And now they rest in Flanders' field.
Remember?
They starved, they bled, They suffered pain?
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—Robert Doyle, Roseburg, Ore.

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He presided over a special meeting of the war cabinet, giving a detailed account of his con-

versations with President Roosevelt and of the plans to step up the fight against Hitlerism. He

reported also on the world survey made by British and American experts who attended the

historic parleys at sea. The public at large must wait a few days for its report direct

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