

Army Increase to Two Million Men Forecast

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proportion measure, which is expected to reach a house vote today, calls for a net increase of about 300,000 officers and men, to be about evenly divided between the air and ground forces. Two more armored divisions, the army's seventh and eighth, are to be created, along with a number of new "tank destroyer" and other units. One division, the 10th, worth was tested in the recent war games.

At the moment, however, the army is barely holding its own in strength, with fewer than 1,600,000 in service. By December 10, some 200,000 men over the new top limit of 28 or with dependents will have been discharged since the draft ages were contracted in late summer. Recent draft inductions and voluntary enlistments, which have mounted to 26,000 or so a month, have barely sufficed for replacements.

By next March, "provided there is no change in the existing situation," as the war department has stipulated, possibly 300,000 others will have been returned to civil life.

Chance For High School Grads

The army announced intention today to train 10,000 bombardier-navigators within a year for the mounting number of long-range bombers rolling off assembly lines.

Secretary Stimson disclosed qualifications for recruits would

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Two additional regular army triangular divisions into fully motorized units.

Good Enough

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Pvt. Lopez Roberts wasn't sure whether he'd make a good soldier—he'd never even had so much as a .22 rifle in his hands.

His Texarkana, Tex., draft board wasn't certain either—they deferred him once before sending him to Camp Callan.

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He lowered to assure an adequate number of skilled crew men. High school graduates who pass an air corps intelligence test will be accepted for 45 weeks of training, a longer period of specialized schooling than undergone by pilots who are to be trained at the rate of 30,000 a year.

Hitherto candidates were required to have two years of college education. The bombardier and navigation training is to be combined.

Stimson announced at his press conference two further moves to strengthen the ground forces, the creation of 52 "tank destroyer" battalions, and the conversion of

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Roosevelt Won't Comment

President Roosevelt passed up an opportunity today to comment on the Smith anti-strike bill, which passed the house despite objections from administration lieutenants that it was too drastic.

The chief executive had nothing to say about it at a press conference.

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new phase"—possibly a declaration of war against the three countries, although the spokesman said that if no replies were received by midnight it did not mean that Britain automatically would be at war with the trio.

The notes apparently were Britain's answer to requests by her Russian ally and demands at home for a declaration of war against the three countries.

An authorized source disclosed the notes were dispatched last week through the "good offices" of the United States.

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Mikado's Brother Marries



H. I. H. Prince Mikasa, youngest brother of Japan's emperor, and bride are pictured in traditional pose and costume before wedding.

Japan Gives Roosevelt Secret Reply to Query

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for all nations.

Jap Nationals On Move

Repatriation of Japanese nationals from Singapore, British North Borneo, the United States, Panama and elsewhere today gained pace in the heightening tension over the Far Eastern situation.

Perhaps significantly, Emperor Hirohito paid an unusual visit to imperial army headquarters where he received in audience General Sugiyama, chief of the Japanese general staff.

Tokyo newspapers splashed the Chinese Tribune's report of plans for an American expeditionary force to defeat Germany and, delving into that story, headlined the point that United States military preparations against Germany would not be complete until the middle of 1943.

Yomiuri headlined the story with: "United States lack of preparedness exposed by American paper" and "United States wholly unprepared for military operations."

Nichi Nichi's headline was "American paper discloses United States gigantic dream plans for war," while Asahi said, "Revelation flabbergasts United States government officials." The Commercial journal, Chugai Shogyo, used this headline: "Secret United States plans against Japan and Germany are exposed."

Japanese To Quit Mexico

The Japanese in Mexico felt the tension also.

Japanese minister Miura said in Mexico City that the critical situation in the Pacific had caused

Tokyo to order his return home immediately for consultations on the "actual situation" in Mexico. "Only God knows how this crisis will be solved."

Many of the 4,500 Japanese residents of Mexico were reported trying to dispose of their property and leave because of expressed fears that Mexico might become involved in any conflict between the United States and Japan.

With a force of Japanese estimated in Washington as high as 100,000 standing in French Indo-China and with the British and United States fleets and British

aircraft carriers, tiny Thailand continued her efforts to attain full preparedness.

There have been some indications that Thailand might become the next battleground in the Far East. Strong forces of British and Japanese soldiers are under arms in neighboring countries.

Pessimism Evident

Closely watching developments in which Britain's Far East fleet may play an important role, A. V. Alexander, first lord of the British admiralty, made this comment on the situation:

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