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MANPOWER DRAFT ALL COMING, M'NUTT ANNOUNCES

Labor Crisis Stressed At Senate Probe

Problem Too Great for Voluntary Solution; Piracy Declared Rife

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Paul V. McNutt declared today the manpower problem was becoming "too complex for effective voluntary action" and announced that within two weeks he would present a national service bill to President Roosevelt.

There are acute shortages of all types of male labor in 40 major centers of war production...

McNutt said the president instructed him several weeks ago to draw up a national service bill, now being drafted by the war manpower commission's management-labor policy subcommittee.

"It is only fair to this group to state that the subcommittee has indicated their opposition to immediate enactment of national service legislation," McNutt said.

"Nevertheless, they are preparing draft legislation for consideration whenever the president indicates that national service legislation is required."

Compulsion Justified. McNutt left no doubt as to his own belief that such legislation was necessary.

"Public opinion and sound public policy both dictate that we must not stop short of compulsion when those who will not cooperate are blocking war production," he declared.

Yesterday President Roosevelt warned congress of the geographical and seasonal difficulties involved in legislation for drafting of men for farm and industrial work.

Senators Austin (R., Vt.), and Hill (D., Ala.), who have bills to that effect before the committee, declared compulsory manpower mobilization offered the only solution.

A different view was taken by Senator Downey (D., Calif.), who told reporters that a labor draft

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German Army Bleeding to Death in Russia; Stage Set for War Finale, Marshal Smuts Asserts in London

LONDON, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, premier of the Union of South Africa, told a joint meeting of the house of commons and the house of lords today that the German army is "bleeding to death" in soviet Russia and "the stage is set for the last, the offensive phase" of the war for the United Nations.

The 72-year-old premier, last surviving member of the war cabinet of the last war still active in high office, said the "appalling blood-letting which is necessary for Hitler's ultimate defeat is being administered by the Russians and they alone can do it."

Russia, Smuts said, is "bearing more than her share of the common burden" and he urged that "whatever help in whatever form we can give to Russia to sustain her in her colossal effort should be given in fullest measure and with utmost speed."

In reference to the second front, Smuts said the defense phase of the war for the United Nations had ended.

"The final alignments both of the allies and of our enemies have been made," he said. "Resources have been developed and mobilized on a very large scale. Ours are still on the increase, those of the enemy are on the decline. Our manpower is still growing, that of the enemy is getting depleted, while he makes ever heavier drafts on his suffering vassal peoples."

"The spectre of want, hunger and starvation are beginning to stalk through the subject countries and the spirit of unrest is heaving and rising. The explosive limits of endurance are nearing. We are approaching the point when both on the war fronts and on the home fronts in the enemy countries, the situation is ripening for far-reaching developments."

"For Japan just as surely as for Hitler's Germany the writing is on the wall," Smuts said. "All that will remain of the spectacular Japanese success will be 'Japan for the Japanese.'"

He described Pearl harbor as "at once a challenge to America, to western civilization and to the principles of good faith on which it is basically founded."

"The South African leader in his comments on Russia said: 'The magnitude and duration of Russian resistance surprised not only Hitler but probably everybody else.'

"Probably no such losses on both sides ever have been suffered in the history of war. If the Russian losses must be terrible it is equally true that the German army is bleeding to death in Russia."

"In spite of their losses in men and material and territory, the Russians show not the least sign of giving in and the bitter defense will go on to bitter end. This impression is confirmed by all the best inside information."

Truck Upset on Santiam Highway Kills Two Men

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 21.—(AP)—Clifford L. Lyons, Eugene, and Ray Leeman Johnson, Checkasha, Okla., were killed Tuesday morning when their gravel dump truck left the Santiam highway about a mile east of the Salem-Albany junction, the Lane county coroner reported today.

The two men, employees of the Concrete Construction company of Portland, were on their way to a job at Redmond when the accident occurred.

Two New British Warships at Sea

LONDON, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Two powerful 35,000-ton battleships, the Anson and the Howe, each carrying ten 14-inch guns, have moved into their stations in the British fleet and their commanders were reported spoiling for a fight with the great prize of the German fleet, the battleship Tirpitz.

The British fleet has now reached its pre-war strength of 15 battleships and battle cruisers and at least four more battleships are under construction, including the Lion and the Temeira, rated at 40,000 tons.

One of the Anson's first tasks was to help guard a Russia-bound convoy in the Arctic and her guns already have been in action against German aircraft, it was announced.

The new battleships "carry four aircraft each and their design incorporates enhanced defense against air attack," an admiralty announcement said today. Their 14-inch guns are said to have an effective range greater than the 15-inch guns of earlier ships.

Britain has lost five capital ships by enemy action so far in the war.

Moderate Quake Rocks Southern California

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21.—(AP)—An earthquake of moderate intensity, described as varying from a gentle rocking motion at inland points to fairly sharp on the seacoast, was felt throughout most of southern California at 9:24 a. m. today.

Russians Keep Upper Hand At Stalingrad

Defenders Strengthen Positions While Nazi Attacks Grow Weaker

MOSCOW, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Red army men were reported strengthening their positions at Stalingrad today, working and fighting in a cold rain that drenched the ruins, while beating off successively weaker attacks in the week-old Nazi offensive.

Maintenance of Stalingrad's defense lines unbroken since Sunday was indicated by the noon communique and, coupled with this, were announcements of an improvement of soviet positions in both the western and central Caucasus through counterattacks.

A battered power plant still supplied electricity within Stalingrad, a newspaper continued to publish.

The army newspaper Red Star said detachments guarding the northern factory section of the city liquidated an enemy breakthrough and covered their flanks in slackened, though still severe, combat. Russian estimates of German casualties dropped, indicating a marked reduction in the scale of the attacks.

All Nazi Onsets Repulsed

Northwest of Stalingrad the Russians pressed their relief attack deeper into the defense lines guarding the German left flank.

Red Star said that in one sector the nazis were thrust back from their front line, tried to re-

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Presbyterians Seek \$1,000,000 for Needs

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—(AP)—The general council of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America today issued an appeal to the nation's Presbyterians for an emergency fund of \$1,000,000 for war-emergency religious work.

The council said that the funds from the church's 2,040,000 members were to be used to meet a situation of "utmost concern at a time of utmost world crisis."

The campaign, directed by the Presbyterian war-time service commission, will continue through Nov. 8, which has been designated "war-time service Sunday."

Run-Proof Price Order Stitched On Nylon Hosiery

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—(AP)—The prices of nylon hose are to be made run-proof.

Convicted that charges for the hosiery have been running too high "in almost every store in the country," Price Administrator Henderson yesterday fixed ceilings on first quality nylon hose ranging from \$1.55 to \$2.50. The scale will become effective tomorrow.

The most commonly sold full-fashioned hose of first quality construction, Henderson said, will be priced at \$1.65 as compared with prevailing prices which he declared were \$2.50, \$2.95 and higher.

Stocks held by dealers for the holiday trade were "tremendous," he added, and would be disposed of at "fantastic prices" without establishment of a ceiling.

The prices of "irregulars" will range from \$1.40 to \$2.25 for the best grades, and for second quality, from \$1.15 to \$1.90.

The administrator advised women to bring a civil action in case they were overcharged for hose. They may recover from the seller \$50 or three times the amount of the overcharge, whichever is greater, in addition to court costs and lawyer fees.

Youths Afoul of Law For Phone Tampering

MOUNTAIN HOME, Calif., Oct. 21.—(AP)—A hearing on the probation of William La Follette, 20, and Robert Stotler, 20, Stanford University students and residents of Colfax, who pleaded guilty yesterday to charges of malicious mischief for trying to take a pay telephone from a service station in nearby Mountain View, will be held here October 28. The hearing was granted by Judge J. M. Atkinson at the request of the youths.

The youths said they wanted to test a theory of "beating long distance tolls" and required a telephone instrument for the experiment.

Crash of Army Bomber Kills Two Sergeants

SHREVEPORT, La., Oct. 21.—(AP)—A twin-motored army bomber burned after a crash landing at Barksdale field yesterday killing two enlisted men and seriously burning two officers.

Staff Sergeant Arden R. Fox, 23, Youngstown, Ohio, and Sergeant Alvin M. Dunn, 19, Pasadena, Calif., apparently were killed outright, officers of the field said.

Senate Fight Over Liquor Ban Coming

Backers, Opponents of Draft Bill Amendment Open Clash Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Mounting support was claimed by Senator Lee (D-Okla.) today in his fight to ban liquor from army and navy camps.

As both sides took advantage of a one-day recess to marshal forces for a possible showdown tomorrow on Lee's "bone dry" amendment to a bill lowering the draft age to 18, the Oklahoman told reporters that some of his senatorial supporters were "people who don't favor general prohibition."

"But," he declared, "they are for my amendment."

The author of the 'teen age draft bill, Senator Gurney (R-S.D.) said for his part that he hoped no "controversial amendment" would slow up its passage.

Opponents of Lee's amendment, which would bar the possession, sale, gift or use of any alcoholic beverage, including beer, in and around army and navy posts, viewed it as a possible entering wedge for a return to national prohibition. The dry ones around camps would be delineated by the secretary of war, and, opponents said, might embrace large population centers. The bill also would ban prostitutes from the designated areas.

"What possible objection could there be to the elimination of liquor in the army camps and the area around them?" Lee asked in an interview.

"Either they sell liquor in the camps or they don't. If it is sold, it should be eliminated in the interest of military efficiency."

Bill Slated Tomorrow

The draft bill, approved by a vote of 345 to 16 in the house Saturday, comes up for debate in the senate tomorrow by an interparty agreement. General George C. Marshall and Admiral Ernest J. King of the joint general staff have recommended the lower age limit as a military necessity.

Senator Norris (Ind-Neb.), only surviving senator who voted against this nation's entry into the first world war, questioned the need of drafting youngsters at this time, but like many others, said he was inclined to go along with the general staff's recommendations.

If Lee can gain a roll call on (Continued on page 3)

Conscience Spur Brings Payment For Stolen Gas

A "conscience letter," in which was enclosed \$2 to pay for a quantity of gasoline stolen ten years ago from his automobile, was received here this week by A. J. Starmer, retired Methodist minister. The writer advised the minister that he was a member of a party of boys who "milked" the pastor's car while he was serving the church of an eastern Oregon city.

"I have since become a Christian and want you to forgive me for this deed," the writer said.

The minister declared that he not only had written full forgiveness to the sender of the letter, but would be very willing as well to forgive other thieves who plagued him during his seven years of residence in the eastern Oregon town if they would only return the stolen articles.

He would particularly appreciate just now payment in kind, not in money, from the thieves who stole tires from his automobile. He also would like to have returned the set of silverware which was a Christmas present and was stolen by a burglar a few days following receipt. Two overcoats, four turkeys and several other articles were among the preacher's losses during the years of his residence there, he reports.

Axis Subs Boost Cargo Vessel Toll to 499

By the Associated Press

The number of united and neutral nations cargo ships sunk by submarines in the western Atlantic since Pearl Harbor was within one of the 500 mark today in the Associated Press tabulation.

The toll rose to 499 yesterday when officials announced the destruction of three more American merchant vessels in those waters.

Sinking of the two-months-old Liberty ship John Carter Rose (10,000 tons) was announced in Recife, Brazil, where an Argentine tanker brought 35 survivors.

Two torpedoes sank the second off South America this month, taking six lives.

The third was destroyed in the North Atlantic in September with no loss of life.

Prison Terms Meted to 24 Former Bund Leaders

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Twenty-four former German-American bund leaders, including Gerhard Wilhelm Kunze, national leader, were sentenced today to five years in prison each for conspiring to counsel bund members to evade the draft law.

Federal Judge Alfred D. Barksdale said that in his opinion all of the defendants were guilty of "far worse than any tactical violation of the selective service law" and said that he would not impose fines because that might have the effect of causing their families to lose their homes.

Under the conviction, each defendant could have been subject to a \$10,000 fine.

Major Provisions of New Tax Bill Approved by Congress Summarized

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Here, in brief, are the major provisions of the new tax bill now on President Roosevelt's desk:

INDIVIDUALS

Normal income tax rate boosted from 4 to 6 per cent.

Surtaxes now ranging from 6 to 77 per cent raised to a range of from 13 to 82 per cent, with a maximum at \$200,000 level.

Five per cent victory tax placed on gross income above \$624 yearly, with 25 per cent of tax up to \$500 refundable to single persons and 40 per cent, plus 2 per cent for each dependent, up to \$1,000, to married persons.

Personal exemptions for income tax cut from \$1,500 to \$1,200 for married couples, from \$750 to \$500 for single persons and credits for dependents reduced from \$400 to \$350.

Credit allowed against income tax for all medical expenses in excess of 5 per cent of net income, with maximum of \$2,500.

CORPORATIONS

Normal and surtaxes on larger corporations increased from 31 to 40 per cent.

Guadalcanal Protected By Bombing Fury

Havoc Dealt by Allied Planes to Nippon Bases And Supply Routes

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Allied domination of the skies in the vast Pacific battle front appeared growing mightier today as American bombers slugged Japanese invasion bases from the Aleutians to the Solomons.

The fury of the allied bombing of enemy troops and supply concentrations in the Solomons seemed thus far to have stalled, at least temporarily, the full force of a Japanese thrust to retake the American-held Guadalcanal airbase and win control of the southwest Pacific.

While a large force of Japanese warships and auxiliary vessels in the Solomons and reinforced enemy troops on northwestern Guadalcanal still held an expected attack in leash, United States bombers dropped explosives on the embattled island's invaders on October 18 and 19, and started fires at the Japanese Rekata bay base on Santa Isabel Island, 150 miles to the northwest.

Jap Airdrome Blasted

At that same time, General Douglas MacArthur's Australian command reported last night, allied bombers were believed to have inflicted extensive damage on the Japanese airdrome and shipping at Buin, Bougainville Island, about 315 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

All allied planes, meeting no attempts at interception, returned safely from the Buin night raid, the communique said. The navy's report yesterday of the latest American assaults in the Solomons and Aleutians made no mention of any enemy planes rising to counterattack.

Possibility that the southwest (Continued on page 3.)

U. S. Marines Trek to Clash With Japs On Guadalcanal



Through the steaming jungle of Guadalcanal, where the weather is hot and action hotter, U. S. marines trek down a road to move into position to attack Japanese forces entrenched on the Matankou river, from where the enemy is now threatening the strategic American air base on the Solomon island.