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DRAFT BILL

Will the house concur in the senate action providing a year's training for 18-19 age inductees before being placed in combat duty? The question is being debated in conference today. Watch NEWS-REVIEW news for the decision.

JAPS POUR FRESH TROOPS ON GUADALCANAL

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ALLIES, WITH AIR MASTERY, ATTEMPTING TO WIDEN GAPS IN ROMMEL'S DESERT LINE

Axis Effort To Recover Ground Fails

U. S. Air Unit Shares in Triumphs; RAF Rains Destruction on Milan

CAIRO, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Allied planes, ruling the Egyptian skies, hammered ceaselessly at Marshal Rommel's forces today as the attacking army of the Nile battled to widen wedges driven into the main axis defenses in the first phase of an all-out offensive.

(Cairo dispatches published in London newspapers said that British troops had over-run two axis defense lines in one sector in a two-mile advance and were attacking a third. The enemy defenses in this zone were said to be about four miles deep.)

A communique from British headquarters this morning placed heavy emphasis on the aerial blows being delivered against the enemy and declared that Rommel's attempts to close the gaps in his lines had failed.

Axis air activity increased somewhat yesterday as Rommel's fliers sought to ward off the terrific bombardment to which his ground troops were being subjected, but allied pilots had a successful day, shooting down seven enemy planes and damaging many more, headquarters declared. An axis supply ship also was reported bombed and sunk in Tobruk harbor.

The communique mentioned only minor clashes between armored units, bearing out dispatches from the front indicating that the main armored strength of the opposing armies was not yet engaged.

U. S. Fliers Scoring

An American fighter squadron shot down four enemy planes and damaged three more over the desert battlefield yesterday, mak-

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3,000 Raids Fail To Subdue Malta

Favorite axis target in the Mediterranean is the British fortress island of Malta, hit by more than 3000 raids since the war began. Enemy bombers have renewed their attacks on this base from which allied forces strike against the axis aid route to Africa.

Watch for Spies, Saboteurs Urged

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Watch for axis efforts to land spies and saboteurs, Lieut. Gen. DeWitt warned Pacific coast residents today.

"Our enemies," said the army's western defense commander, "know of the extensive coast line of California, Oregon and Washington.

"It is entirely probably that they will attempt to land saboteurs somewhere along here, possibly, although not necessarily, at some sparsely populated point.

"As the war progresses and our production of war materials increases, our enemies are certain to increase their attempts at sabotage.

"For that reason, it is necessary that our citizens, especially those living in rural areas directly on the waterfront, be on guard at all times and report the presence of persons under suspicion without delay."

General DeWitt, emphasizing that few restrictions have been placed on the use of ocean beaches by civilians, said that persons visiting the beaches for pleasure should constitute themselves volunteer watchers of "any suspicious persons or incidents."

160,000 Tires Turned in By West Coast Autoists

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—(AP)—During the first week of its tire purchase program, the government received 160,000 auto tires from Pacific coast autoists, Harry F. Camp, regional director of the office of price administration, announced here.

"As usual," said Camp, "the Pacific coast takes a leading role in government-program participation.

As soon as the government's collection agent, the Railway Express, can get around to it, thousands of other tires are waiting to be picked up, said Camp.

Private motorists owning more than five tires per vehicle will be denied gasoline under the national rationing system to be instituted next month.

Bullet Kills Vet Unable To Serve in Present War

SILETZ, Ore., Oct. 26.—(AP)—Physicians said today there was little hope of recovery for Darwin Watts, 45-year-old Siletz Indian, shot in the head with a small calibre rifle.

Sheriff George Robinson said Watts, a world war veteran, was dejected because of inability to serve in the present war.

Nazis Unable To Hold Gains In Stalingrad

Russians Oust Invaders From Factory Area, Keep Hitting at Their Flank

MOSCOW, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Red army troops held fast in blackened Stalingrad today as the Germans launched another assault after furious artillery preparation and in a fierce engagement which at times developed into hand-to-hand fighting expelled the nazi forces from a factory property into which they penetrated yesterday, the midday communique said.

German infantry moved into the assault in a factory area with tanks leading the way, but the Russians reported that their artillery fire decimated and put to flight an entire regiment of infantry.

The Russians then launched their own attack to drive the Germans from the ground they had gained the day before.

Reports from the front northwest of Stalingrad continued to be favorable, the mid-day communique reporting that a number of German blockhouses and trenches were occupied, five tanks destroyed and a company of enemy infantry knocked out. It is in this area that the red army is trying to bore into the flank of the Germans to ease the pressure on Stalingrad.

In one sector of this front 200 Germans were reported killed and the communique said that soviet scouts filtered through the enemy trenches and killed 70 Italians.

The lull in the Mozok area of the Caucasus, where the Germans are trying to drive to the

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Air Raid Alert Fails to Halt Eleanor's Speech

LONDON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt heard her first British air raid alert today while addressing a group of girls at the home counties auxiliary territorial service training center. Obviously unperturbed, she continued talking. The girls cheered when she had finished.

Earlier, she had visited an ATS base at a home counties airport and talked to a group of 22 American girls who are ferry pilots.

Bombs were dropped near a village in southwest England and some damage was caused.

A DNB broadcast from Berlin said that Torquay harbor on the southwest coast was bombed yesterday and that several warehouses collapsed and a factory was heavily damaged.

The air ministry said two enemy bombers were shot down during raids over Britain today.

Three Youths Burn to Death in Traffic Crash

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 26—(AP)—Three Olympia, Wash., residents were burned to death yesterday when their automobile crashed head-on into a truck on the Pacific highway a mile north of Woodburn.

The victims were Shirley Prior, 18; Eddie Ball, 16; and Ben D. Bentley, 17. They were believed en route from Olympia to Eugene, where the Prior girl's father works in a veneer plant.

The burned automobile was registered to Thomas Bartley, route 1, Olympia. The truck, loaded with lime and en route to Portland, was driven by John Kelly, Oswego.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE isn't much in the way of definite fighting developments today, but the news winds are full of straws.

THE most interesting of these straws (especially to us of the Pacific coast) is the announcement from London that Britain has sent a powerful battle squadron, including at least three battleships, the aircraft carrier Illustrious and a large force of cruisers and destroyers, into the Indian ocean.

The disposition of naval forces of such size and fighting power is normally a closely guarded military secret, so we are justified in assuming that there must be a reason for the London announcement.

A fair guess would be that it is intended for the Japs.

RECALL here the intimations, contained in our own naval communiques of the past couple of weeks, to the effect that the Japs have been concentrating heavy naval forces within striking distance of the Solomons.

How heavy?

For what purpose?

How much naval strength HAVE WE available in the Pacific with which to oppose such a Jap concentration?

These questions have been in

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Beer Parlor Bandit Slain In Gun Fight

Woman Defying Holdup, Also Deputy Sheriff Critically Wounded

SANDPOINT, Idaho, Oct. 26.—(AP)—A fleeing bandit was shot to death and a deputy sheriff critically wounded at the approach to a bridge here today, Sheriff Robert Ellersick reported.

The sheriff identified the bandit as August W. Hage, 34, of Cadillac, Mich., and said the battle at the bridge followed a crime in which Mrs. Ruby Dew, wife of a beer parlor proprietor, had been critically wounded when Hage held up the Dew establishment.

The wounded deputy, George O'Donnell, was in critical condition from three bullet wounds in the chest and arm, the sheriff said.

O'Donnell and a bartender, identified only as "Joe," had been stationed at the bridge just south of town when Hage attempted to pass, the sheriff said. When the guards attempted to stop the car, he added, they were met with fire which they returned. The sheriff added that it was uncertain whether the deputy or the bartender had killed Hage.

Crime Is Recounted

The wild night started at the Dew place, known as Nita's night club, two miles south of Sandpoint, when Hage, a construction employee at the Farragut naval training station south of here, entered and attempted to hold up the place about 2 a. m., the sheriff explained.

In order then, he said, the following took place:

Hage walked behind the counter and told Mrs. Dew to "hand over the money or I'll shoot."

"Go ahead and shoot," she replied and was shot through the chest.

Hage then forced the proprietor, Art Dew, to accompany him and fled to his cabin at Bayview, near the Farragut station.

After packing, Hage told Dew he must accompany Hage to rob a beer parlor at Athol but when they entered "three heavily armed men" were behind the bar and Hage decided to wait. When only one man was in the place, Hage ordered Dew "you watch one window and I'll watch the other," but when Hage turned his back to held up the bar man, Dew dived through the window

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Transient Held Here on Marion Larceny Charge

Ralph L. Guist, 29, a transient, was taken into custody here Saturday evening and was being held today for Marion county officials, where, according to Erwin Short, chief of police, he is wanted on larceny charges.

Guist's arrest was brought about by Mrs. Oscar Berrie, who allegedly had been victimized by the man, Short reported. Guist appeared at the Berrie home giving a fictitious name and reported he had been sent for a trumpet which Mr. and Mrs. Berrie had for sale. He stated that he was taking the instrument to a well known Roseburg resident, who desired to inspect it before making the purchase. Following his departure, Mrs. Berrie became suspicious and made inquiry, which revealed that the man's statements were not true. She succeeded in locating him and made demand for the return of the instrument and when given evasive replies, held him, with the aid of her husband, until city officers arrived to take him into custody.

It was learned, Short said, that Guist had purchased a stage ticket and was preparing to leave for Grants Pass. A search of his luggage revealed two other musical instruments.

He will be turned over to Marion county authorities instead of being charged with the alleged offense here.

Coffee Ration Ordered By Price Chief

Pound per Person Every Five Weeks Rate Fixed; Blame Put on Hoarding

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26—(AP)—Coffee will be rationed starting at midnight, Nov. 28, at a rate of one pound every five weeks for each person over 15 years old, the office of price administration announced today.

On the basis of 35 to 40 cups to the pound, the ration means slightly more than a cup a day per person.

Retail sales will be halted at midnight, Nov. 21, Price Administrator Leon Henderson said, for a week-long freeze during which grocers will stock their shelves for the start of rationing.

The first rationed coffee will be purchased on the last stamp in the sugar ration book, stamp No. 28. Subsequent rations will be issued by working backwards through the sugar book, using stamps No. 28 to No. 19, in sequence.

The war production board ordered OPA to take control of consumer distribution to assure an equal supply for all, Henderson said, and attributed the emergency action mainly to "excessive buying by consumers." Reports of hoarding, over-buying and runs on dealers' supplies have been reaching Washington from many cities for three weeks.

Hoarding Inexcusable

"There is no reason for anyone to run to the corner grocer, put the squeeze on him and try to force him to help a hoarder," Henderson declared. "There is absolutely no excuse for hoarding coffee at this time.

"We're announcing the forthcoming rationing now because we're going to have to talk to a lot of people in the coffee industry and elsewhere about the administration of the rationing program.

"Naturally, stories and rumors will be creeping around about what we propose to do. Most of them will be entirely garbled and thus create more confusion and hysteria than even now exists on the subject of coffee. We are therefore starting what we plan to do so that the public can get the story straight and from an official source."

Smith C. Bartrum, Ex-Forester, Dies

Smith C. Bartrum, 76, who for 20 years served as supervisor of the Umpqua national forest, died Saturday at his home in Portland. Mr. Bartrum, who followed the late Rafe Dixon to become the second supervisor of the national forest here, was instrumental in bringing about a vast amount of improvement work and inaugurated a number of projects which later have been more extensively developed.

Coming to Douglas county from Illinois, he conducted a general merchandise store at Tiller for a short time, prior to entering the forest service. After leaving the forest service he was engaged in the insurance business.

Surviving are his wife, Myrtle C. Bartrum; two sons, Kenneth G., and Claude DeF. Bartrum, and a daughter, Dorothy M. Kincaid.

Funeral arrangemenants have not been announced.

Share of Canned Fish Released to Civilians

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The war production board today directed fish canners to release for civilian consumption 20 per cent of the total amount of salmon, California pilchard, Atlantic sea herring, and mackerel packed between March 1, 1942, and next February 28.

The order permits any canner to deliver into civilian market channels 20 per cent of any species canned in specified quota periods, but only after he has delivered 60 per cent of the pack during the period to the government.

Gun-Toting Dog Aids Uncle Sam

Muklug, a U. S. army sled dog, is trained to pack a light machine gun on his back. These dogs are being trained in New Hampshire. (Passed by army censor.)

6 Die in Crashes Of Private Planes

(By the Associated Press)

Six people lost their lives in accidents to privately operated planes in eastern Washington yesterday.

Two planes collided directly over the town in Wenatchee, causing the deaths of the pilots, Thomas W. Hartzel, about 30, of Seattle and Pike Wormwood, 32, formerly of Everett, who came here recently to become a pilot at a local flying school. Two passengers in Wormwood's plane, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Radke, of Peshastin, were killed.

One of the planes plummeted into an alley, the other fell on a lawn in the residential district.

V. W. Bilderback, 32, of Marshfield, Ore., instructor at a flying school here, and Capt. L. P. Martin, 39, of Missoula, Mont., student aviator and a physician at the Walla Walla army air base, were killed near Walla Walla when their training plane struck a power line and crashed in flames.

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Oct. 26—(AP)—Army authorities were asked today to produce at a civil inquest the pilot of a bomber which was in collision with a commercial airliner near Palm Springs last Friday in which all 12 persons aboard the latter plane were killed.

Witnesses said the bomber continued in flight following the collision. Army authorities have withheld comment other than to confirm that one of their planes was involved.

An open hearing into the crash is to be held in Palm Springs tomorrow under direction of Rep. Carl Hinshaw (R-Calif.), member of a special house committee to investigate commercial airplane accidents.

Willkie Will Broadcast Tonight on World Tour

NEW YORK, Oct. 26—(AP)—Wendell Willkie will report to the nation tonight on his recent globe-girdling tour of allied nations.

The half-hour talk will be broadcast on all major networks, beginning at 7:30 p. m. PWT.

Since his return from middle eastern, Russian and Chinese battlefronts 10 days ago, Willkie has spent virtually all of his time in preparing the address.

Boy, on Hunting Trip, Killed by Own Rifle

SEASIDE, Ore., Oct. 26—(AP)—A 14-year-old Nehalem boy fell victim to his own gun on a hunting trip five miles south of here yesterday. Warren Eason, Jr., fell from a stump and onto his rifle, discharging it. He died before his father could bring him to a hospital here.

Five Land Repulses, Costly Air Blows by U. S. Defenders Fail to Deter Nippon Horde

Six Japanese Fighting Ships, Three Cargo Vessels, 36 Warplanes, Supply Bases Blasted Over Weekend; American Fliers Also Deal Damage to Hongkong

By the Associated Press

Reports from China and the southwest Pacific today were a testimonial to United States aviation, but despite the drubbing given the Japanese in their South seas bases and along their supply lines, they have poured fresh troops into the battle for Guadalcanal.

The U. S. navy reported that Japanese troops, aided by tanks and heavy artillery, assailed the American lines on that Solomon island five times Friday night and Saturday morning, but were hurled back each time by the marine and army force.

The latest report was that on Sunday additional enemy troops were landed on the northwestern part of the disputed island.

The unremitting aerial offensive under both the U. S. navy command and General MacArthur's Australian command was credited over the week-end with likely hits on six Japanese fighting ships and three supply vessels, as follows:

A light cruiser and a destroyer hit in the Shortland island area on the night of Oct. 22-23 and a heavy cruiser, or battleship, possibly damaged by a torpedo hit;

A cruiser probably damaged about 300 miles northeast of Guadalcanal on the night of Oct. 24 and another damaged the next day north of Florida island;

A gunboat sunk with a direct hit in a Sunday night attack on Rabaul harbor, New Britain, and three merchantmen totaling 12,000 tons listing sharply or on fire.

Time Rabaul success, the work of airmen under the MacArthur command, brought to 15 the number of ships either sunk or badly damaged in three nights of attacks there—or a total of 80,000 tons destroyed or badly damaged and at least 20,000 tons additional more or less seriously damaged.

MacArthur's bombardiers also destroyed a Japanese bomber grounded at Kavieng, New Ireland, and started fires among supply dumps there which could be seen for 90 miles. Koepang, Dutch Timor, also was raided over the week-end and allied airmen continued their strafing support of the limited counter offensive across the Owen Stanley mountains of New Guinea.

A noteworthy triumph by the navy's Grumman Wildcat fighters was recorded in the Sunday evening navy communique—the destruction of 20 Zero fighters, the entire escort of 16 Japanese bombers which attacked Henderson airfield on Guadalcanal on Oct. 23. Moreover, one of the bombers which the Zeroes were guarding was downed and three others were damaged.

Hongkong Thrice Raided

The American air force in China, having smashed at Japanese installations in the north with their big four-motored Liberators last week, hit Japanese-occupied Hongkong, in the extreme south, yesterday and today.

Today's attack destroyed the North point power station of the captive British Crown colony.

Later in the morning the bombers raided White Cloud airdrome, northeast of Canton, starting many fires and touching off one heavy explosion. All planes returned to bases from to-

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Sprague Poetical In Rapping 'Teen Age Training Year

SALEM, Or., Oct. 26.—(AP)—Governor Sprague said today he is opposed to the senate amendment providing that the 18 and 19-year-old boys must be trained for a full year before going into battle.

"If those boys aren't needed for a year, then I say let them stay on the farms where they are badly needed," the governor said.

"The bill drafting the 18 and 19-year-olds should be passed with no strings attached. The senate amendment reminds me of a poem I knew when I was a boy. It goes something like this: "Mother, may I go out to swim?" "Yes, my darling daughter,

"Hang your clothes on a hickory limb,

"But don't go near the water."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26—(AP)—A congressional move to keep farm workers on the farm and out of the army was reported today to have the approval of Economic Director James F. Byrnes, whose advisory board is expected to begin soon a study of the manpower question.

The proposal to defer agricultural workers came before the house today as a senate addition to a revised bill making 18 and 19-year-old men liable for military service.

The senate Saturday voted 62 to 6 to direct local boards to defer workers regularly engaged in agricultural pursuits essential to the war effort—a move interpreted by Senator Maloney (D., Conn.) as meaning "the farm boys won't go to war."

House action faced a delay, however, until a quorum could return after the November 3 elections to consider a controversial senate revision requiring a year's pre-combat training for 18 and 19-year-old selectees.

Administration leaders hoped to kill this restriction in conference.

Husband Held in Wife's Death Claims Lang Spree

PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Lawrence Traviss, 34, was held for the district attorney today, pending an autopsy on the body of his 30-year-old wife.

Detective Sergeant Carl Crisp said the woman had a black eye and a cut lip. The body was found in her home by her brother, Clarence Schindler, Crisp said.

Traviss was also at home, but offered no explanation of the death, the detective said, adding Traviss told him that he and his wife started a wine-drinking spree 10 days ago.

Oregon Prison Trusty Escapes From Annex

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 26—(AP)—Percy Hoffman, 45, state prison trusty, escaped from the prison annex yesterday.

Hoffman was received from Washington county March 28, 1940, to serve 15 years for rape.

Canadian Plane Crash Fatal to 16

MONTREAL, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Sixteen persons were killed today in the crash of a Royal Air Force ferry command aircraft on the north end of Montreal island.

Two of the dead were crewmen, the others passengers.

The plane crashed 200 yards from the ovte de Leisse road, two and a half miles from the Montreal airport at nearby Dorval.

An official announcement said names of the victims would be made public as soon as the next of kin have been notified.