

### Draft Law's 'Small Business' Note Produces Worry Among Officials

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WASHINGTON (NEA)—White House and National Defense officials are now in a big huddle trying to decide what to do with one of the unwanted babies dumped on their doorstep by the departing Congress. It's a "small business" amendment to the new draft law.

It would require the President, on advice of National Security Resources Board, to give small business a fair share of the orders for defense materials. It defines a small business as one employing less than 500 workers and being independently owned. Then as a clincher it would require the government to give small business an allocation of steel for any defense orders it may get.

These provisions weren't in the original draft act versions approved by Senate and House Armed Services Committees. White House and Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal didn't ask for and didn't want these controls in the bill. Now that they're in, the lawyers are scratching their heads to decide what they mean and what can or will be done about them. And the steel industry is waiting nervously on the side to find out.

#### Passed Without Protest

This still and small business sleeper was slipped into the draft act by Congressman Walter C. Ploeser of Missouri, chairman of the House Small Business Committee. It was passed without protest in the House three days before Congress adjourned. Defense officials watching the bill thought it would be knocked out by the Senate. But Senate and House conferees accepted it on the last day of the session and it was approved late Saturday night. When defense officials woke up Sunday morning to read what kind of a draft bill Congress had passed, there was the Ploeser amendment, and were they surprised.

The provision had carried as an amendment to the utilization of industry section of the draft law. This is a pick-up from the draft law of 1917 and the Second War Powers act. It gives the President power to place mandatory orders for defense production with any mine or plant and to seize and operate any manufacturing facility not complying. This power was not used during the last war, and it could remain unused in the future. The same thing could apply to the Ploeser small business amendment. But if some small businesses complained that it couldn't

get defense orders and pointed to this new law as proof of congressional intent to give small business a better break, defense officials would be hard put getting around it.

**Truman Balked**  
A further complication is that the steel allocation program may interfere with the voluntary steel allocation system now in operation under the so-called Taft anti-inflation law. An Office of Industry Co-operation under John C. Varden in Department of Commerce is now administering this law.

The committee now has before the attorney general a request for approval on allocating steel for the Economic Cooperation Administration, handling Marshall plan supplies, and for the armed services.

President Truman has of course repeatedly asked Congress for stand-in powers to allocate all scarce materials in the interests of the civilian economy. And just as often, Congress has turned down these requests.

The whole mix-up reflects a curious Congressional state of mind. Congress has been unwilling to grant any government controls for the protection of civilians. But for the military, Congress is apparently willing to submit to the toughest kind of controls.

The White House will probably be forced to issue some kind of executive order to carry out the intent of the Ploeser amendment. It is entirely possible, however, that it will be allowed to remain a dead letter until there is a specific need to revive it.

#### TRIES PRE-WAR FASCISTS

GRUDZIADZ, Poland—(AP)—A district court will shortly try what is described as "the first case of pre-war Fascism."  
The defendants are Marian Maszkowski and Mieczyslaw Osinski. The indictment charges that they, as jailors, in the year 1932 to 1936 administered brutal treatment to Polish prisoners in the Grudziadz jail, particularly members of the Polish Communist party.

### Here's Uncle Sam's Newest Man O'War



Incorporating lessons learned during World War II, the light cruiser USS Worcester, just completed in Camden, N. J., is the latest addition to the American fleet. The 17,000-ton ship, shown in the Delaware River, was named after the Massachusetts city which raised the \$30,000,000 it cost. The Worcester, armed with six-inch guns, has a watertight hull. If hit below the water line, only the hold actually damaged would be flooded.

### G. W. Dimmick Receives Bid To Oregon Trail Fete

George W. Dimmick, Roseburg regional vice-president of Old Oregon Trail, Inc., has received an official notice of the organization's annual rendezvous and trek in August from Walter Mescham, executive secretary.

At Baker, August 9, a marker will be dedicated in memory of the great cattle drives which originated in the Baker valley in 1876. A noon meeting will be held at LaGrande August 10 and on the 11th the members will visit the Whitman Mission and go on to The Dalles for the night.

The remaining schedule includes Portland August 12; Annual summer convention in Library Hall, Portland, August 13; Oregon City Centennial celebration August 14; governor's banquet in the Masonic Temple that night, and on August 15 will be a trek over a portion of the old Barlow Road.

With the group will be Dr. Howard Driggs, national president, and representatives from New York and states along the Old Oregon Trail.

#### and Smith 58,022. Eight other entries trailed far behind.

The run-off winner will oppose Rep. Ross Ritzley, Republican Senatorial nominee, in the November general election. Ritzley swamped five primary rivals so badly that he will miss a run-off.

Kerr, who was keynote speaker in the 1944 Democratic National Convention, polled nearly 40 per cent of his party's primary total, but it wasn't enough for nomination.

#### Ice Therapy Restores Child's Severed Finger

LOS ANGELES, July 7.—(AP)—One-year-old Sherry Lynn Plumb waved her hands cheerily to show all of her 10 tiny fingers are just as good as new.

That was today, some 48 hours after she had severed her right middle finger reaching for a cold cream jar at home.

Queen of Angels Hospital surgeons, who declined use of their names, sewed the finger together, administered penicillin and put her whole hand in crushed ice.

The ice therapy was continued for two days. When surgeons undressed the finger it was returning to normal.

In 1947, independent variety stores throughout the country did a total of \$86,786,262 in notions business.

### Democracies Call Stalin's Hand In Demand to Lift Berlin Blockade

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The battle of Berlin between Russia and the western allies—pivotal engagement of the cold war—is moving sharply towards a showdown.

The blunt demand made by America, Britain and France that the Reds immediately lift the food blockade against the civilian population of Western Berlin is calculated to bring things to a head. This blockade of course represents a savage attempt to force the Democracies to evacuate the city by torturing the German people. Having got the Western Allies out of the way, the Bolsheviks could form a separate state in Eastern Germany, with Berlin as its capital.

Washington, London and Paris struck simultaneously but separately, and for the first time directed their demand to Moscow rather than to the Soviet authorities in Germany. They have called Stalin's hand, and at a time when the iron curtain is showing considerable wear and tear at vital points like Yugoslavia, Finland and Czechoslovakia.

#### Canada Joins In

Equally impressive was the announcement in Washington that the ambassadors of Canada and five Western European nations had been called into conference with Undersecretary of State Lovett. The five Europeans are Britain, France, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, which recently formed an alliance. These conversations will have to do with possible American military support for the western European bloc.

This is the first time that Canada has been brought into discussions between the bloc and Washington, but her inclusion is a natural one since her defensive interests interlock with those of the United States and Britain. Solidarity between Canada and America is vital to the well-being of the Western Hemisphere.

#### Moscow in Hot Spot

Whatever official attitude may be taken by Moscow towards the demand from the Democracies that the Berlin blockade be lifted, there can be small doubt that the general European situation provides an anxious moment for the Muscovites. The defiance and dislike being registered by the three satellite states comes from countries which are strategic points in Russia's battle front through Europe. Finland and Yugoslavia are the anchors for the northern

men, sired up to a house in response to a woman's scream for help today.

A breathless voice called: "The back door's open, come in that way."

They found, they said, Miss Victoria Markey standing on a chair, pointing.

"Mouse," she gasped. Solemnly the cops inspected a little hole in the wall, then left quietly.

#### RADIO LINKS DELEGATES

COPENHAGEN—(AP)—Each delegate to the Inter-European Radio Wave-length Congress meeting in Copenhagen, received a tiny three tube receiving set to wear in a belt from his shoulder. The congress sessions are translated by interpreters and delegates are able to dial in on their own language to follow the discussion, no matter where they are in town.

The congress, expected to last about two months, will distribute the wavelengths of some 300 stations.

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### Oklahoma U. S. Senator Candidates Face Run-Off

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 7.—(AP) Former Gov. Robert S. Kerr and Gomer Smith, one-time congressman, will meet in a July 27 run-off primary for the Oklahoma Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator.

Returns from 3,148 precincts of the state's 3,698 in yesterday's primary vote gave Kerr 111,751.

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NOTE: If you cannot get paraffin, use the following "hot seal" method: Pour hot jam into pint or quart Mason jars to the brim, screw lids on tightly (use 2-piece lids) and invert jars on lids until jam begins to set. This sterilizes lids. Then shake jars well and set upright. This keeps fruit evenly distributed.

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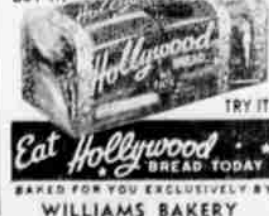
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