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THAT DRAFT LAW AGAIN

Congress Worrying Again About Selective Service Law Of 1948

By JAMES MARLOW
 WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The draft law, always a sore point in peacetime, is worrying Congress again. The present law, permitting the government to draft men 19 through 26, was passed in June, 1948.

Under this law only 37,000 men were drafted. None has been drafted since Jan. 1949. But the selective service system is all set up.

And there are 3,700 local draft boards — or selective service boards — around the country manned by 38,000 volunteer civilians. So, even though no one has been drafted, the machinery is there and drafting could begin in a moment in an emergency.

But — this law ends this June unless Congress votes to continue it.

The problem Congress faces is this:

1. Since there seems to be no immediate need for drafting anyone, why let the government have the power of drafting a man any time it wishes?

2. Or, since no one seems likely to be drafted in the foreseeable future, why not keep the law so the government can act fast if necessary?

President Truman's advisers, when Congress began considering the problem this year, favored keeping the law as it is.

This ran into opposition in Congress and from civilian groups. Then came a proposal from Rep. Vinson, Georgia Democrat.

He, chairman of the House armed services committee whose job it is to examine the problem and then recommend how the full House should vote.

That makes Vinson an important man in the argument. Vinson made this proposal:

Keep a kind of draft law — that is, keep intact a selective service system which could swing into action — but take away the government's power to draft anyone.

That means that the draft machinery would be there but no one could be drafted unless Congress passed another law — say in an emergency — giving the government special power to draft.

That's what Vinson had been mulling over. But he changed his mind.

Because of "present world conditions," he said, he thinks now the present law should be continued as is for another two years.

Only Talking Stage

Nevertheless, all this still is only in the talking stage. Neither the full Senate nor House has voted yet. Until both do, we won't know the fate of the draft law that will be some weeks from now.

Here's some brief background on the present law.

In June, 1948, relations with Russia were not good. The armed forces then had a total of 1,445,000 men.

Mr. Truman's military advisers thought the armed forces ought to be quite a bit bigger.

So Congress passed the draft law to provide men. Under it man 19 through 26 could be drafted. And an 18-year-old, one year too young to be drafted, could enlist.

The draft got started in November, 1948 and was over by January, 1949, with only 37,000 drafted then, and none since.

What happened? For economy reasons, the military people decided not to make the big expansion. Also more than 200,000 between 19 and 26 have enlisted. Enlistments and re-enlistments are now running about 35,000 a month.

And the armed forces — which numbered 1,445,000 men in June, 1948 — are only slightly larger now. They have 1,476,000 men.

Local News

U. Of O. Musical Duo's Program Well Received

By WARREN MACK
 The Roseburg Friends of Music society concluded its three-concert spring season at the First Presbyterian church last night by offering another talented duo from the University of Oregon school of music, Donald W. Allton, organist, and Mary Kapp Allton, violinist.

Approximately 100 persons were thrilled at the selections performed by the visiting artists as Mr. and Mrs. Allton combined their talents in offering a well-rounded program.

Of the 12 scheduled selections and one encore presented, perhaps the most well received were the Bach "Fantasy and Fugue in G minor" performed by the organist, and a group of three numbers played by Mrs. Allton which concluded with the "Polonaise in D major" by Wieniawski.

Performance of the Bach selection brought murmurs of approval from the audience as local music-lovers marveled at the brilliance of the opening passages and the manner in which Allton performed the difficult three-variation fugue, played simultaneously on two manuals and the bass foot pedals. Mrs. Allton accompanied at the piano by her husband, climaxed her second group of numbers with the "Praeludium and Allegro" by Kreisler, performed in good Kreisler fashion; the "Grand Adagio" by Glazunov, and the previously-mentioned Wieniawski number. It was at the conclusion of these three that the audience brought the violinist back for a "curtain call" in appreciation of her artistry.

A fitting climax to the concert was evident in the Corelli-Kreisler number, "La Folia," arranged for violin and organ. This dramatic work, performed in impressive fashion, illustrated the excellent coordination of the two instruments.

Especially appreciated was the encore, "The Old Refrain," arranged for violin and organ and made famous by Fritz Kreisler.

At MacArthur Home — Mr. and Mrs. W. A. MacArthur of Long Beach, Calif., are in Roseburg several days to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. W. A. MacArthur, and family, 124 S. Kane street.

Called to Olympia — Mrs. Frank Bistak of Roseburg left Tuesday for Olympia, Wash., where she was called by the death of her father, John Hudson, who had been ill for several years. Mr. Bistak left Wednesday for Olympia to remain over for the funeral.

To Install Officers — The Moose lodge will install officers at an open meeting at 4 o'clock Sunday at the I.O.O.F. hall. A chicken dinner will be served at 5 p.m. for all members and guests. Dinner tickets may be secured from Bob Raines.

Move to Dillard — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thomas and sons, Billie and Frank, have moved to Dillard to make their home. Mr. Thomas is the son of Mrs. Le. Willis of Dillard and a brother of Mrs. Harry Bratsch. He is employed at the Associate, Plywood company at Green. They are former Portland residents.

Writes for Paper — Neil Wissing, Roseburg student at Oregon State college, was listed as rookie sports editor in the Oregon State Barometer, Wednesday, April 26. He was active in high school sports before beginning his college year and is the son of Mrs. Charles Russell.

Dance Announced — The Red Cross will sponsor a May-day dance Monday night from 8 to 10 o'clock at the Veterans hospital recreation hall. Women of Roseburg acting as hostesses for the first time are requested to meet at 7:30 at the Nurses' home for a short talk by Mrs. Warson. Bob Weaver's orchestra will play for the dance. Three hats for men will be given as prizes.

Visitors Leave — Mrs. W. O. Bantz and daughter, Lorraine, and Bob Brown, of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Elmer Dollen of Minden, Iowa, have returned to their homes, following a visit in Roseburg with Mrs. Bantz' and Mrs. Dollen's mother, Mrs. W. J. Clarke, 842 Hoover street. Lorraine Bantz is the granddaughter of Mrs. Clarke. The visitors enjoyed a trip to coast points, also last Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. W. J. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bell, of Roseburg, a trip was made to Crater Lake.

Suit Asks Damages For Alleged Traffic Crash

Robert Elmer has filed a suit in circuit court to recover damages of \$145.00 resulting from an alleged automobile collision with Edward Coleman. Also named with Coleman as a defendant in the suit is Reah Worden, owner of the car that Coleman was reportedly driving at the time of the accident. Elmer's complaint charged that the accident took place about 8 a.m., Dec. 15, 1949, on the Smith river road.

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Spring Concert Dated By Senior High Vocal Dept.

The entire vocal department of the Roseburg senior high school will join forces in the presentation of the annual spring concert of choral music at the senior high auditorium, Wednesday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m.

More than 150 pupils will participate in choruses, ensembles, and solos, presenting music of varied styles under the direction of Cloyd Riffe and Wendell Johnson.

Concerning the concert, Riffe stated, "We welcome the opportunity to present this concert to the people of Roseburg, both as excellent musical entertainment, and as a demonstration of the type of work being accomplished in our music classes."

No charge is being made for the concert, although opportunity will be made for contribution toward the purchase of choral risers for the use of the large singing groups.

Four senior high choruses will be heard: the Sophomore Girls' chorus directed by Mr. Johnson, and the Songmen and Mixed chorus directed by Mr. Riffe. Additional numbers will be provided by Dick Hoskins, tenor soloist, the Mixed quartet consisting of Jackie Daniels, Ernestine Wallen, Hoskins, and Carl Ellenwood with Norma Cox at the piano; and a girls' ensemble featuring Bertha Carter, Jean Rose, Gloria Lowman, Maxine Wilson, Charlene Deets, Ernestine Rowley, Carol Sue Barnes, Lois Kiss, and Pearl Hawkins, with Anne Mellis, accompanist.

Malarkey Retires As Woodworking Co. Head

PORTLAND, April 28.—(AP)—Herbert Malarkey, president of the M & M Woodworking company, retired yesterday.

A cousin, Thomas B. Malarkey, took over management of the big plywood and door manufacturing firm. He has been vice-president

Ill at Home — Mrs. R. A. Abrahamson of 1152 1/2 Madrone street, is reported to be ill of mumps at her home. She is employed at the J. C. Penney company.

Return to Burns — Mr. and Mrs. Nate Stiewig have returned to their home at Burns, Ore., following a few days in Roseburg attending to business and visiting relatives and friends.

Pomona Grange to Meet — Pomona Grange will meet Saturday night at a 7 o'clock potluck supper at Camas Valley. The fifth degree to be conferred. All Grangers invited.

Rummage Sale — Mu chapter, Beta Sigma Phi will sponsor a rummage sale Saturday at the Episcopal parish hall. Donations will be picked up by calling Mrs. Bruce Hetrick.

To Meet Monday — The Navy Mothers club will meet at 8 o'clock Monday night at the home of Mrs. Pearl Chidester, 346 S. Pine street. Members and those eligible to membership are invited.

Elected to Office — Miss Nancy Radabaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donn Radabaugh, has been elected recording secretary of Christian Louse, Christian youth foundation on the University of Oregon campus, where she is a student.

To Seattle — Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Holmer and daughter, Mrs. William Hart, left Thursday for Seattle to bring Mrs. Holmes' mother, who has been visiting there for several months, back to Roseburg.

and secretary, and will become executive vice-president. Herbert Malarkey, who has been with the company since 1922, will continue as a member of the board.

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