

Senate Votes 18-Year-Old Draft by Surprise Margin

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—The senate today passed a bill providing for draft of 18-year-olds now and universal military training later. It goes to the house for action.

The overwhelming size of the vote for these bitterly debated defense proposals took even supporters by surprise.

On final passage only five Republican senators voted no—Dirksen (Ill.), Jenner (Ind.), Langer (N.D.), Schoepel (Kan.) and Welker (Idaho).

The day's big battle centered on universal training, which would take hold after the present emergency and affect all boys as they reach 18. Opponents declared it would head the nation toward militarism. Supporters pictured it as a necessary method of building up and maintaining a trained defense reserve.

Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.), the bill's floor manager, declared as he appealed for passage that approval would show "a strong and ready America will rise up as a symbol of peace and justice in this world."

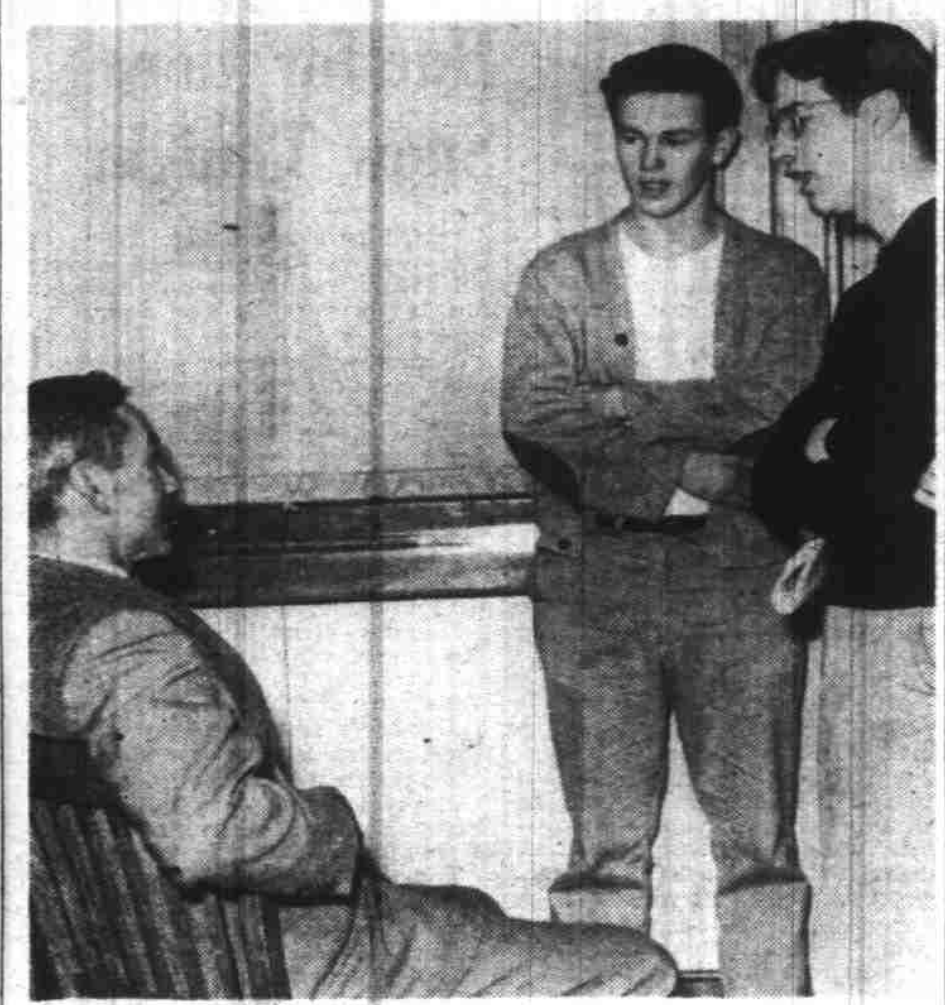
The 18-year-old draft issue had been settled in an earlier heated debate. The bill lowers the present minimum of 19 years by a whole

year. Efforts failed to have the bill stop at 18½.

The senate bill, however, specifies that the draft of 18-year-olds cannot start until the draft boards have gone completely through the ranks of those eligible among the 19-through-25 year olds. And in drafting boys of 18 they must start with the ones nearest 19.

Universal training was retained in the bill by a 68 to 20 vote.

Where Do We Go From Here?



Seeking advice on educational and possible military duty after high school graduation are Bill Province, center, 397 Tryon ave., and Leon DuBois, 340 S. 14th st. Both are 17. Trying to unravel the pair's problems is Gurnee A. Flesher, Salem high school dean of boys.



Should they enlist or wait for the draft call? This program faces all 18-year-olds as they graduate from high school. Looking over the situation are, Tom Blair, left, 1225 N. 18th st., and Roy Kennedy, Salem route 6. Both are seniors at Salem high school and are 18 years old. (Statesman photos.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Strague

Some days ago I quoted from Rostovtzeff's "Social and Economic History of the Roman Empire" the startling parallel with modernity of conditions in the Hellenistic world which led to the decay of that civilization: the succession of wars, class-warfare within the city-states, revolutions for redistribution of wealth, nationalization of production and exchange attended by dishonesty of officials, more and heavier taxes.

But what about the Roman empire whose decline and fall have been the subjects of study of historians and the wonder of statesmen for nearly 15 centuries. Various theories have been advanced. They are reviewed by this author, but he finds them at best partial explanations. Ferrero attributes Rome's collapse to the undermining of the authority of the senate which deprived the imperial power of its legitimacy in the eyes of the population. Race suicide among the upper classes is sometimes given as the cause for the decay of imperial Rome, and some historians put the blame on Christianity which weakened the politico-military authority.

In the opinion of Rostovtzeff "the main phenomenon which underlies the process of decline is the gradual absorption of the educated classes by the masses and the subsequent simplification of all the functions of political, social, economic and intellectual life, which we call the barbarization of the ancient world."

The historian Toynbee breaks history into great epochs and relates them to great religious movements, and hopes through a rejuvenation of

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Henri Queuille Forms Cabinet

PARIS, March 9 (AP)—Parliament ended France's nine-day cabinet crisis tonight by confirming Henri Queuille, a 66-year-old retired country doctor, as premier.

The vote was 359 to 250. Queuille needed at least 311 to win.

Before the cabinet was taken, Queuille told the assembly he would form a middle-of-the-road coalition cabinet. He charted a brief four-point program for his prospective government:

1. Revision of the national election law, the very point on which outgoing Premier Rene Plevin came a cropper February 28 and was forced to resign.
2. Passage of the 1951 budget, on a balanced basis.
3. Revision of the constitution to give the council of the republic, the upper house of parliament, additional powers.
4. National elections in the near future, possibly in June.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



It's good the baby is a boy or this thing might get out of hand.

Many Salem Boys Favor UMT, End to Service Uncertainty

By Gilbert Bateson
Statesman School Correspondent

Many senior boys at Salem high school enthusiastically endorse universal military service when they consider the uncertainty facing them on graduation.

The general feeling among the teen-agers seems to be that they would like to serve their time in the armed forces and then be free to start out in life without the threat of the draft hanging over their heads.

As the U. S. senate passed an 18-year-old draft bill Friday, and legislative and public controversy continue over the draft and UMT, what are the thoughts of some of the boys who would be directly affected?

Most of the boys who had planned on going on to college are trying to get in a year before Uncle Sam gets them, says Dean of Boys Gurnee Flesher.

Many, like senior Marion Putman, would wait until after their service for four years of uninterrupted college if they knew that everyone else had to go into uniform. He, like dozens of others, doesn't want to join and have some boys remain in college and get a head start on him.

Senior class President Jim Kleen thinks that young men would welcome a universal draft of 18-year-olds.

Indicate Distaste for Army Service

The students show a general distaste for the army. Many, like John Wenger, 17, don't care for the idea of long marches and sleeping in wet fox-holes, and would join the navy. Nineteen-year-old Merle Powers, who just got his "greetings" Tuesday, will join the navy if he can. He says he is "pretty sure" of deferment until he graduates in June.

Don Case, 17, like many others, is counting on a college deferment, although he doesn't exactly approve of them, and would join the navy when threatened by the draft. Case would like a plan of UMT for 18-year-olds.

Bob Kiekel, also 17, is planning on getting in at least one year of college before he is called. Kiekel believes that with a year of college behind him he will have a better chance to get into an officer candidates' school.

Douglas Bachellor, just turned 18, believes that the new draft law will have college deferments.

Bob Strayer, 17, would wait until he is drafted. Strayer, who also favors UMT, has a good job and is in no hurry to go into service if everyone else doesn't have to go.

The air force is the goal of 17-year-old Dennis Hancock who will work in the cannery this summer and enlist next fall. Don Herring already 19 is in the navy reserve, and therefore draft-exempt.

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Allied Troops Gain on 37-Mile Front

McKay Orders Probe Of Liquor Commission

Gov. Douglas McKay Friday ordered the Multnomah county grand jury to conduct an investigation of the Oregon state liquor control commission.

McKay's order reversed an action earlier this week in which the governor said a grand jury didn't have authority to investigate administrative departments.

The investigation was ordered in a letter to Multnomah County District Attorney John B. McCourt. McKay said Attorney General George Neuner had advised him that he has the power to order McCourt to conduct an investigation and then have a grand jury look into the matter.

Proposed Tax Program Lost In Legal Rule

By Lester F. Cour
Staff Writer, The Statesman

The attorney general knocked the 1951 legislature's tax program for a loop Friday, ruling that repeal of the state property tax law would cancel the basic school fund act.

Repeal of the state property tax introduced this session by Rep. Giles French, Moro. The voters would decide the issue in 1952.

The opinion was requested by Sen. Dean Walker, Independence, chairman of the senate tax committee.

"If the voters approved removal of the state property tax, there would be no moral or legal obligation on the part of the legislature to re-enact the basic school law or to provide taxes or other funds for this purpose," Neuner ruled.

Neuner also ruled that doing away with the property tax would also cancel the 2.04 mill levy for higher education and the veterans' educational aid levy.

He explained, however, that since these levies were authorized by the legislature, the legislature could re-enact them and provide appropriations to reinstate the funds.

The property tax resolution has already passed the house, and is now in the senate taxation committee.

Oregon hasn't levied a state property tax since 1940 because income and corporation excise tax funds have been sufficient to offset any property levy.

(Additional legislative news on page 4.)

Test of Civil Defense Plans Set April 13

A "dry run" on Marion county's civilian defense readiness is slated for Friday, April 13, authorities announced Friday as the county director of the program announced his resignation, effective June 1.

The simulated problem is being planned by the armed forces, with local authorities to know no details until the time of execution.

Lt. Col. Mark Hillary, county director, said it would be limited to all or part of Marion county, which is being used because its defense program was the farthest advanced in the state.

It was not expected that the general population would be disturbed by the test, nor all members of the defense organizations. It probably will test the speed with which elements of personnel can be mobilized for emergency duty. Observers from the armed forces and nearby states are probable.

Hillary said the organization is ready for such a test, to determine weak points and to give added experience to personnel.

Health Forces Hillary to Quit Defense Post

Resignation of Lt. Col. Mark Hillary as director of the Marion county and Salem civilian defense program, effective June 1, was presented Friday to the county coordinating council.

Hillary, a retired army officer, said his health would not permit him to continue in the task, which he has supervised since October, shortly after inception of the program. He has led the planning and organization of the entire setup.

He asked that a successor be named by mid-April so that activities could be coordinated with the new man. The council set its next meeting for Friday, April 6, with the probability of making a selection then.

The new director will be on a full-time basis. Hillary has been employed only part-time, though council members recognize that he has given full-time service.

BRIDGES SUIT DISMISSED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9 (AP)—The \$500,000 slander suit brought by Harry Bridges, longshore union president, against F. Joseph Donohue, special assistant U.S. attorney general, was dismissed today.

WALLY LEAVES HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP)—The Duchess of Windsor ended a 15-day stay at a hospital today and said she was "feeling fine."

Weather Hits Early Ball Drills



The calendar says baseball training time has arrived but King Winter has given diamond plans a setback with his unusually late onslaught. John Lewis, Willamette university baseball mentor, is pictured above with ball and bat in hand, staring forlornly at the snow blanket which stymied the Bearcats' opening drills this week. (McEwan-Statesman photos.)

More Snow Forecast For Mid-Valley Areas

Storm signals for a snowy week end in Salem and the mid-valley went up early this morning.

As more flakes swirled down on the area, the Salem weather bureau forecast that snow flurries possibly turning to a steady fall at night that might pile up another three inches of snow.

Friday was one of the snappiest days of the week here. The mercury climbed only to 38. And another inch of snow fell to push the week's total to 10.7 inches.

A five-day weather bureau forecast, issued Friday, calls for temperatures to zoom back to normal Monday or Tuesday.

Highways and streets are expected to be treacherous again this morning. State police reported road conditions "fairly good" at midnight. But tumbling snowflakes were hindering visibility.

Cars parked in the downtown area were a new mantle of white.

From the Silverton area came reports of deep snow. Alvin Hartz, who farms seven miles southeast of Silverton, said snow was two feet at his place. Vern Scott reported 14 inches of snow on his property at Victor Point.

Highway conditions brought cancellation of Salem schools' scheduled participation in the district music tournament at Eugene today. Both junior and senior high students had planned to attend.

(NW weather news on page 2.)

Two Mediators to Seek Wage Dispute Solution

PORTLAND, March 9 (AP)—Two federal mediators will seek a solution next week to the stalled negotiations of the CIO International Woodworkers and the Lumbermen's industrial relations committee.

George Walker of the Portland office will be joined by Arthur Viat, San Francisco, when talks open here Wednesday.

Lobbyist Admits Bribe Attempt in Washington

OLYMPIA, March 9 (AP)—A 58-year-old lobbyist pleaded guilty today to charges of offering bribes of \$25 each to two members of the state house of representatives.

John J. Uleman of Bife (Pierce county) entered his plea before Thurston county Superior Judge Charles T. Wright who put over sentencing of the ruddy-faced man until April 6.

Learn to Spell!

These words will figure in The Statesman-KSJM Spelling Contest for prizes, now underway for 7th and 8th grade pupils of Marion and Polk counties:

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| commerce | ascertain |
| democrat | faucet |
| obedient | ridiculous |
| decrease | recipe |
| typewriter | cistern |
| poison | affidavit |
| democracy | librarian |
| hopping | controversy |
| automatic | sword |
| bachelor | stadium |

Chinese Reds Reported in Slow Retreat

TOKYO, Saturday, March 10 (AP)—Allied troops today drove Chinese reds into slow retreat along a 37-mile front in west-central Korea. Enemy losses, exceeding 24,000 in three days, were mounting.

A field dispatch from U. S. eighth army headquarters said the communists were withdrawing from the mountainous center of Korea north of allied-held Hoengsong westward for 37 miles.

East of Hoengsong, allied troops swung back to the attack against fiercely resisting North Koreans after suffering two setbacks. Last night the reds drove U. S. seventh division troops off a 3,000 foot peak. A two-hour enemy attack before dawn today deepened a dent in the South Korean lines.

Inflit Heavy Casualties

The allies inflicted 6,949 enemy casualties Friday in furious fighting which gained up to four miles. The eighth army announced the new casualty figures.

General MacArthur said the hard-pressed foe also was being plagued by disrupted supply lines as increasingly active guerrillas friendly to the allies struck behind enemy lines.

In the west, the U. S. 25th division strengthened a bridgehead north of the Han river eight miles long and five miles deep after linking it up firmly with the main allied line to the east.

Chinese reds, seeking this allied threat to Seoul 12 miles to the west were unable even to muster a single counterattack last night.

Resistance Stiff

Allied officers reported signs of a general red withdrawal in west and central Korea — so fast in spots that small arms and even cooking equipment were abandoned.

A field dispatch said however, that allied troops bumped into hard-fighting reds when the east-central drive was resumed this morning. In that sector, a 10th corps spokesman told AP Correspondent Nate Polowetzky:

"Beginning yesterday, the enemy showed no disposition to pull out under heavy attack. Resistance was heavy throughout the zone from a well disposed enemy in dug-in, prepared positions."

Bevin Resigns British Foreign Secretaryship

LONDON, March 9 (AP)—Ailing Ernest Bevin resigned as Britain's foreign secretary tonight and turned over the job to his old-time rival in the labor party, Herbert Morrison.

The switch was the most important in the British cabinet since the labor government took office in 1945.

The announcement from Prime Minister Attlee's office said Bevin will remain a senior member of the cabinet with "specific duties that are now being arranged." His title will be lord privy seal.

Bevin gave up the job he loved on his 70th birthday because of illness—pleurisy, heart disease, asthma and a recent bout with pneumonia.

Morrison, 63, will combine his new job with that of deputy prime minister, a position he has held since 1945.

"Morrison gives up the leadership of the house of commons to Home Secretary James Chuter Ede, 68, who has been deputy leader. (Photos on page 2.)

MOVIE ACTOR INJURED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9 (AP)—Movie actor Richard Conte was flown to Hollywood today for treatment of minor injuries suffered during filming of a street scene here last night.

Wedemeyer Tells Legislators Oregon Vulnerable to Attack

By John H. White
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Sixth army commanding general, Friday told the state legislature Oregon is definitely vulnerable to enemy attack but warned against undue hysteria.

Addressing a joint senate-house session, Wedemeyer said Oregon should prepare to deal with full-scale sabotage in event of war. He singled out Portland as the critical area in the state.

At a press conference prior to the legislative address, Wedemeyer told reporters:

"Oregon is within the radius of operation of a potential enemy. We must base our civil defense on an enemy's capabilities, not on his intentions."

He predicted that, in a war, "Sabotage would occur on a scale never before visualized. The enemy would strike in this manner against utilities and communications."

The general said Oregon's highways were adequate to move military convoys.

He called for a strong civilian defense effort to care for killed and wounded and to control fires and emphasized the important role of women in this effort, pointing out the part women played in defense of England.

Wedemeyer, in discussing the role of civilians, warned, "The duty of the military to the will of the people is a heritage we must guard zealously."

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THE WEATHER

Station	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	36	26	.06
Portland	37	27	.06
San Francisco	57	47	.06
Chicago	29	14	.06
New York	41	35	trace

Willamette River 6.3 feet
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy with scattered showers this morning. Increasing cloudiness with continuous snow tonight. High today near 38 and low tonight near 30.
SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
4.50 34.11 23.25