

# Thousands of Older Doctors, Dentists to Face Military Duty

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Thousands of older doctors and dentists who until recently thought Selective Service was something only younger practitioners had to worry about are headed for 24 months' military duty.

The supply of younger, draft-eligible doctors and dentists is giving out. The Armed Forces will begin to take older dentists late this year, older doctors early in the spring.

The situation is almost as disturbing to the Armed Forces as it is to many established medical and dental men with heavy family responsibilities. In accordance with usual policy, the doctors and dentists who have been in practice for a long time will be given the ranks of major, lieutenant commander, lieutenant colonel or commander.

"Too Many Majors" "We'll have all chiefs and no Indians," said one Army medical officer. The Army will have four or five times as many majors and lieutenant colonels in the Medical Corps as its table of organization calls for.

Another Army objection to having too many older medical officers is that for combat duty in Korea a preponderance of young doctors is desirable. They are generally better able to stand the rigors of the field.

All these factors now are being considered by top level planners and civilian advisers in the Defense Department and the Selective Service system. They hope to agree on recommendations to Congress for revision of the doctor draft law. As the present law will expire next June, a new one will have to be enacted anyway.

Up to Age of 50 When the Korean War erupted and the doctor draft bill was passed, all doctors and dentists younger than 50 had to register for Selective Service.

The law, however, provided that the first call go to the 19,377 men who got their medical and dental education partly or wholly at government expense during the war and had served in the Armed Forces less than 21 months.

Some of these men served less than 90 days on active duty and were placed in Priority I in the post-Korea draft. Those who served longer than that but less than 21 months were placed in Priority II. Men in these two priorities have been filling draft calls up to now.

Actually only about 17 have had to be inducted. The rest, facing induction, applied for commissions. Now Priority I and II men are almost used up. Many in Priority

III have already been examined and classified.

### Prior to World War II

In Priority III are those who got no part of their education at government expense and who have never been in military service. They consist chiefly of men who started to practice before World War II.

A small proportion are young post-war graduates, but most men graduating now are veterans, and all veterans are in Priority IV. The law provides that all other eligible men be drafted before veterans.

The Defense Department estimates only about 500 post-war Priority III physicians will be found available for duty after screening for physical disqualifications and various reasons for deferment, and somewhat fewer younger dentists.

As there are 47,360 doctors and dentists in Priority III, it is obvious why under present law the draft calls will be going to the older men for a long time to come. The Armed Forces need an average of 5,000 doctors and 3,200 dentists each year as replacements. On active duty now are 13,360 physicians and 6,303 dentists.

### Polluted Drinking Water Discovered

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—Some of the people of the small New Zealand mining town of Ohai have been drinking their own bath water, diluted, and are none the worse for it.

Water for the miners' hostel and 16 houses was being drawn from a stream into which, higher up, flowed water from the miners' bath houses.

Health officers who discovered the situation ordered immediate alterations.

FARMER ELECTROCUTED HEPPNER (AP)—A farmer at nearby Harzmann died of electric shock Saturday when he threw a steel measuring tape over a power line. The farmer, Nelson Knighton, 25, was trying to measure a hay stack.

# Nixons Register as Official Guests of Oregon's Capitol



Sen. and Mrs. Richard Nixon sign Oregon's official guest book at the Capitol Saturday following his speech to some 1,000 on the Capitol steps. At right is Sally Jo Grimm, Capitol guide, who was in charge of the information booth where the book is kept. (Statesman photo.)



Sen. Richard Nixon, Republican vice presidential candidate, pictured as he hurriedly charges of misadministration against the Democrats in a Salem speech on the Capitol steps. About 1,000 persons stuck through an extra 45 minute wait in sweltering heat to hear the young senator from California. (Statesman photos.) (Stories on page one.)



The Nixons, campaigning through Oregon Saturday, present two different moods in this picture taken as they left the Capitol to return to their train. Gov. Douglas McKay, official host to the Capitol for the vice presidential candidate and his wife, rode with them at the head of a several-car motorcade. Others in the car are not identified. (Statesman Photo.)

## Public Records

### MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Kenneth J. Lenaburg, 29, food inspector, 3660 Liberty Rd., and Ann H. Lienkaemper 24, secretary, 1099 S. Liberty St.  
Glen Kraemer, 18, truck driver, and Earlene Reynolds, 18, waitress, both of Woodburn.

### PROBATE COURT

Maude G. Neeley estate: Oct. 25 set as date for hearing of final account.  
John Gordon Nash estate: Closing order.  
Don E. Aldrich estate: Oct. 27 set as date for hearing of final account.  
Eli Henry Earl estate: Sale of real property ordered.  
James A. Gipson estate: Will admitted to probate.

### CIRCUIT COURT

Eleanor Grace Whitlaw vs. Alvin Nathaniel Whitlaw: Custody of minor child and \$50 monthly support awarded plaintiff during pendency of divorce proceedings.  
Gerald Vehrs vs. Mary Alice Vehrs: Decree awards plaintiff divorce and affirmation of property settlement.

Peter E. Steppe vs. State Industrial Accident Commission: Complaint seeks additional compensation due to alleged aggravation equivalent to the loss of the use of right arm sustained in an accident Oct. 31, 1949, while employed at the Willamette Builders Supply Company. Plaintiff asks for a jury panel to hear the cause for additional compensation. Claim

for such addition was denied Sept. 8, 1952, at a hearing with the defendant.

Nellie Funderburk vs. Edward Funderburk: Suit alleges failure of defendant to complete payment of monthly support money to plaintiff and seeks payment of such support money and custody of two minor children. Married June 23, 1940, at Wenatchee, Wash., and divorced Oct. 30, 1945.

MUNICIPAL COURT  
Chester E. Wellborn, Santa Paula, Calif., charged with driving while intoxicated. Held in lieu of \$250 bail.

### Flip of Coin Decides Contract for Drilling

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—The governor of Virginia, John Battle, has authorized Virginia Polytechnic Institute to award a drilling contract on the flip of a coin.

Two companies recently submitted identical bids for exploratory core drilling on the site of a proposed dam. The attorney general of the state, J. Lindsay Almond, advised VPI President Walter S. Newman to award the contract on the basis of a drawing.

In a ceremony in the president's office, Dr. Newman flipped the coin that gave the job to a Pittsburgh firm.

CHARGED WITH SODOMY  
Stanley H. Blume of 1920 S. Church St., was arrested by city police Saturday afternoon on a charge of sodomy. He is held in city jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

### JUSTICE OF PEACE DIES

GRANTS PASS (AP)—John R. Mathews, 80, who had been justice of the peace here for 10 years, died unexpectedly Friday at his home, a few hours after he had addressed a meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. He has a retired physician.

During the Civil War some of the first volunteer Union troops sent to Washington were housed in the Senate and House chambers of the Capitol.

### MILL OWNER CRUSHED

ROSEBURG (AP)—A load of lumber toppled at the Sanders Lumber Co. mill here Saturday and fatally crushed V. R. Sanders, 52, Roseburg, part owner of the mill. The widow and two sons, associated in the mill with him, survive.

## Motorist Dies In 101 Wreck

WHEELER (AP)—Ralph E. Green Jr., 20, was killed outright early Saturday when Green's car plunged off Highway 101 a mile north of here.

Gordon Fredicks, 21, was critically injured in the crash and Ralph Johnson suffered cuts and bruises. All three lived at Twin Rocks.

## Polio Victim Said Improved

DALLAS—Donna Fast, 7, stricken with polio last Thursday, was reported in "slightly improved" condition at Salem Memorial Hospital Saturday night.

The little girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fast of Polk Station Road, has been in an oxygen tent since her arrival in the hospital, but was able to talk to her mother Saturday.

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## Group Doubts Russians Plan All-Out Grab

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Committee for Economic Development said Saturday that in the next few years there probably will be greater danger of piecemeal Communist gains than of a military attack deliberately launched by Moscow.

For this reason, the businessmen's group, in a survey of American and foreign policies, pictured Southeast Asia and the Middle East as particular danger spots to this country and the free world.

Calling for "continuous political support, technical and administrative assistance, and foreign capital on a large scale" for Asia and

the Middle East, the group said also.

"There is need for the United States to assert vigorously, in the name of the whole free world, an interest in social and economic reform in free Asia and to support that interest with practical action through United Nations agencies and otherwise."

The report was prepared by the research and policy committee of the CED, which is composed of business leaders and educators and is devoted to research and planning in economic affairs. The CED is headed by Marion Folsom, treasurer of Eastman Kodak Co.

### BEND TO SWITCH TIME

BEND (AP)—This city, operating on daylight time without a fixed end for it, is going to go along with Portland and other major cities and revert to standard time at 2:01 a.m., Sept. 22. Prineville will have the same change date.

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