

Davis Denies OWI 'Sugar-Coating' News

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(AP)—War Information Chief Elmer Davis, answering charges that his office sugar-coats news, said today that its purpose is to do "its damndest" to present the American public with accurate information.

The office of war information, Davis told a press conference, is "neither tough or soft" in handling news.

He distributed copies of an OWI report on the food situation, but denied it had been forced into the open by the criticism of certain members of the agency's writing staff. The report—for publication in Friday morning newspapers—may not be "tough," Davis said, but it is "an accurate document."

He said the chief reason for withholding the food forecast—which originally was prepared more than three months ago—was the fact that two bureaus within the department of agriculture disagreed over certain facts.

The food report precipitated an internal feud in OWI which culminated in the ousting of Henry F. Pringle, Pulitzer prize-winning biographer, and the resignations of more than a dozen members of OWI's writing staff.

"It is not our purpose either to smooth things over to kid the public or to slug them just to be tough," Davis said. "The food document is as near correct as we could get it. I don't know whether it is a tough report or not, but it is accurate."

He said he still is trying to influence the resigned writers to reconsider. He expressed hope Pringle will return to another branch of OWI.

Gleemen Prepare For Radio Broadcast

Eugene Gleemen will hold a special rehearsal, Thursday, 7:45 p.m., Elks temple. The event is in preparation for the broadcast to be presented by the chorus over the Mutual network next Tuesday evening, April 20. This broadcast is a special one arranged for the program of the Gleemen and will contain no commercials. It will be sung at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Million-Dollar Bond Purchase Made By Firm

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14.—(AP)—A million dollar check for war bonds put a dent in the \$110,000,000 quota set for Oregon's second war bond drive, but emphasis still was put on obtaining \$100 loans from every Oregon resident.

The million-dollar check was presented by the Standard Oil Company of California.

R. R. Adams, co-chairman of the promotion and publicity committee, told his workers "a few big checks will only make up for the slackers," so salesmen went back to ringing doorbells with renewed vigor.

Tokyo Hints U. S. Coast Soon To Be Raided

LONDON, April 14.—(AP)—The Tokyo radio broadcast a speech today by Maj. General Kenryo Sato, chief of the bureau of military affairs, declaring that preparations for a Japanese air offensive against the American continent have been completed.

In his speech, the general said "a vast air attack on the American mainland" was envisaged, with Japanese, German and Italian air forces striking in collaboration.

The broadcast was recorded here by the Associated Press.

OREGON DOGS ENLIST

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14.—(AP)—Forty-one more Oregon dogs were en route today to the Fort Robinson, Neb., training school. Contributed from all parts of the state, the dogs were shipped from here by Dr. James B. Harrison.

6,400,000 WORKERS NEEDED

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14.—(AP)—Approximately 6,400,000 additional workers will be needed in 1943 to complement the nation's wartime labor pool, Dr. William Heber, labor utilization specialist of the war manpower commission, said today.

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Questions of Draft Revision Of Dependency Clause Listed

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(AP)—Questions and answers prepared by the selective service bureau on the revised draft classifications:

Q. What is the main effect of the revision? A. Elimination of dependency deferment for all registrants except those who maintain bona fide homes with children, those whose induction would cause extreme hardship to a wife, child, or parent with whom they maintain bona fide homes, and registrants with dependents who are necessary to and regularly engaged in agriculture.

Q. What happens to registrants in classes III-A and III-B who had been deferred because of collateral dependents or a wife only? A. Local boards, reclassifying them, will consider whether such a registrant is available for induction into the military forces; or, if he is a conscientious objector, for assignment to work of national importance under civilian direction; or whether he should be deferred for occupational reasons, or because induction would cause extreme hardship to dependents.

Child Dependency
Q. Who are recognized as dependents for classification of registrants in class III-A? A. Children who were born not later than September 14, 1942. The "imminence of selection" provision has been eliminated, but the rule is continued that dependents acquired on or after December 8, 1941, when war was declared, will not be considered as a basis for deferment. Any child born on or after September 15, 1942, therefore will be considered as having been conceived on or after December 8, 1941, and therefore will not be considered as cause for deferment unless medical evidence established that birth was delayed.

Q. Are only registrants with children eligible for class III-D classification? A. No. A registrant is placed in class III-D if his local board determines that his induction would result in extreme hardship and privation to a wife, child, or parent with whom he maintains a bona fide family relationship in his home.

Q. In determining whether induction would cause hardship or privation to a registrant's dependents does the fact that his wife or other dependents are working have any weight? A. Not necessarily. The local board will consider only whether or not the dependent, or dependents, could work, as a factor in determining whether they could maintain themselves, if their financial income were limited to the allotment and allowances they would receive when the registrant is inducted.

III-B Elimination
Q. Why was class III-B formerly for men deferred for dependency who also are engaged in an essential activity, eliminated? A. Because, with the exception of men becoming 18 years old and single men whose occupational deferments are ended, the pool of registrants available for induction is composed largely of men with dependents. Registrants with collateral dependents, or with wives only, now will be reclassified and those who must be deferred because induction would cause hardship to dependents will be placed in class III-D. Those who have dependent children will be placed in class III-A, which class will not be reclassified for induction until specific orders are issued by the director of selective service. The other dependency classification is class III-C, which is for men regularly engaged in agriculture who also have dependents.

Q. In reclassifying registrants now in class III-A and class III-B who have collateral dependents or wives only, will their occupational status be considered? A. Yes. In such reclassifications, local boards are specifically instructed to consider whether the registrant who, according to selective service regulations, is no longer entitled to dependency deferment should be placed in class II-C because of agricultural occupation, or in class II-A or class II-B by reason of being a necessary man in an activity essential to the support of the war effort.

Q. Why is there separate dependency classification for men in agriculture? A. Agricultural deferment differs from other occupational deferment in that it was made definite by law; also because when a class III-C registrant loses his agricultural deferment, by change of occupation or because he is no longer deemed essential to agriculture, his dependency status must be considered before he can be classified as available for induction, whereas when a class II-C registrant, who has no dependency claim, is reclassified, his new occupation only need be considered, together with the question of his age and physical fitness for military service.

Q. When a man is placed in class I-A will he be inducted immediately? A. Class I-A means that the registrant is available for induction. Such registrants will be called, in the sequence of their order numbers and, insofar as possible, in the following order: Single men with no dependents, single men with collateral dependents, married men with wives only, and finally, when the specific order is issued, men with children. An order to report for induction is mailed to a registrant at least 10 days before the time specified for reporting.

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