

TODAY on the HOME FRONT

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Here are the principal arguments—with the \$64 question at the end—in the congressional uproar over soldier voting.

The 48 states have different requirements, and they vary as to the time they print their ballots, some holding off until within two weeks before election day.

One congressional group—headed by Sen. Lucas (D-Ill.) and Green (D-R.I.)—says this: By next November there will be 11 million men in the armed services, most of them outside their own states.

Therefore congress should step in and tell the states: "In the case of servicemen, you'll have to waive your pre-voting requirements in such things as registration, poll taxes and absentee ballot laws."

A number of states already have done so voluntarily but others haven't.

The Green-Lucas group would do this, too: Set up a federal ballot commission of two democrats and two republicans to run the election machinery this way:

Blank ballots would be supplied all the servicemen, ashore and afloat, by the armed forces.

The 48 states would supply the ballot commission with the names of their candidates for federal office: President, vice president and congressmen. These, of course, would be the candidates in the run-off elections. The servicemen would not vote in primaries nor for state or local officials.

The commission in turn would give the candidates' names to the army and navy for transmission to their men everywhere. This could be done by radio. The total number of names transmitted would be the entire house of congress, 435, one-third of the senate, 32, and the two or more presidential and vice presidential candidates.

The servicemen then could vote either by candidate or by party, filling in the word "democrat" or "republican" instead of a candidate's name if they wished.

This blank-ballot-and-write-in method, according to the Lucas-Green group, would assure a vote.

By Associated Press
Burns suffered in a fall into a tub of boiling water proved fatal to two-year-old Sterling Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marx Johnson, Empire, . . . The Oregonian announced purchase of a block in downtown Portland as a site for a new newspaper plant to be built as soon as materials are available.

Benton and Lincoln county AFL lumber workers organized a new labor council to coordinate union activities. . . J. Fred Bergesich resigned as war production board district manager for Oregon and Paul Hirsch, Portland businessman recently on the Seattle WPB staff, was named to succeed him February 1.

Robert W. Hansen, grand worthy president of the Eagles lodge, told Portland members the order would add the 104,000 Eagles in the armed services in finding jobs after the war. . . Jimmie O'Connell, Ireland-born Indian fighter of pioneer days, observed what he said was his 108th birthday at Baker. . . Frank Welterholt, Portland butcher, was fined \$125 in federal court on his plea of guilty to violating OPA regulations by selling surplus ham ration-free.

Keeping two liquor stores in Portland open until midnight would decrease sales of bootlegged drinks, a liquor committee told the state liquor control commission.

Poetry Prizes Offered
Two new poetry prizes will be offered for university student competition this year, Dr. C. Valentine Boyer, head of the English department, announced this week. Upper division students may enter the Julia Burgess contest, while lower division students may compete for the Walter Evans Kidd prize.

Both prizes are sponsored by the English department and are open to all regularly enrolled civilian and military students. Deadline for both contests is April 15. The Julia Burgess prize of \$25, which will be a permanent annual contest, will be held in honor of the late Julia Burgess, former professor of English at the university.

The Walter Evans Kidd prize of \$15 will be offered for two years by W. E. Kidd, Portland teacher and poet who was graduated from the university in 1926 and received his master of arts degree here in 1935. Both prizes were established because of the volume of student poetry read and exhibited last year at Odeon, creative arts show.

Judges for the contest will be Dr. Boyer; E. G. Moll, professor of English; Alice H. Ernst, associate professor of English; and Dr. R. D. Horn, associate professor of English.

Welfare Costs Rise
PORTLAND (AP)—Public welfare costs have increased nearly \$36 for each assistance case since October, the state public welfare commission said here. Inflation was blamed for the increase.

The commission reported \$64.78 spent for general assistance; \$69.12 for old age accounts; \$91.3 for the blind and \$72.76 for dependent children. The total was \$142.00.

The Inca constructed a 2,000-mile highway system that dwarfed Rome's famous roads.

by every serviceman no matter how late his home state might distribute its printed ballots since he wouldn't have to wait for one of them.

The servicemen's marked ballots, collected by the army and navy, would be returned to the ballot commission which would sort them and relay them to the states where they belonged.

Then, if for any reason a state decided a ballot should not be counted, it could throw the ballot out.

President Roosevelt, in a recent message to congress, supported the Lucas-Green group.

The other group—this is a rough category here for simplification purposes because there are groups within the group—says this:

Congress has no right to dictate to the states on how to handle their elections since those are states' rights; every state should make up its own ballots with candidates listed, including state candidates; the armed services should distribute these ballots; or these ballots should be sent only to servicemen writing in a request for them; once the ballots have been marked, they should be returned by the armed services to the individual states directly and not through a ballot commission.

To this the army says: "The army and navy have repeatedly made plain that they cannot undertake to distribute to servicemen of a given state the particular application form or the particular ballot of that state. Such an undertaking is an administrative impossibility."

At the public market Saturday there was a big sale of lamb, who have the big stall in the south end of the building where they deal in local and shipped-in products, reported the arrival of a big lot of lambs, and on a lot for planting. Pineapples have been to arrive and there was a big lot of pineapples, mostly from the south, besides the usual line of vegetables.

The flower stalls at the market present a big picture of the winter always a big business in that line. The displays are artistic and the attendants courteous.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Weekly review, north Portland livestock market.

Cattle: for week saleable 1900; calves 100. Market mostly steady, opened fairly active. Lambs, 14.00-15.00. Good choice feeders 15.00-16.00, medium good 13.00-14.00, medium down to 12.00. Choice 12.00-13.00, medium down to 11.00. Choice 12.00-13.00, medium down to 11.00. Choice 12.00-13.00, medium down to 11.00.

Sheep: for week saleable 925. For week market strong to 20 cents higher. Good choice 12.00-13.00, medium down to 11.00. Choice 12.00-13.00, medium down to 11.00. Choice 12.00-13.00, medium down to 11.00.

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