

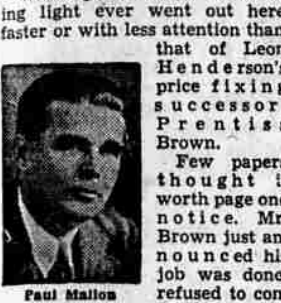
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DAD DEFERMENT VOTED BY HOUSE

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon



Washington, Oct. 26.—No shining light ever went out here faster or with less attention than that of Leon Henderson's price fixing successor Prentiss Brown.

Few papers thought it worth page one notice. Mr. Brown just announced his job was done, refused to consider Mr. Roosevelt's request that he stay, and dropped through a trapdoor.

The inner story, most often told, is that Brown, two or three months ago, had enough of Washington and the obstacles of conflicting government policies, personalities like Mr. Ickes, and Mr. Henderson's radical holdovers in OPA. His friends thought he might not come back from his summer vacation at that time. Good Roosevelt supporter that he is, he did, and finally offered no word of complaint as he insistently said goodbye.

Surface developments attach a greater significance to his withdrawal. These suggest he quit while quitting was good.

Last week, Mr. Roosevelt first had the farm leaders into the White House. A few days later, labor came in. The labor demand for more wage increases could be pushed aside for only the next 60 days or so by presidential appointment of a commission to study his own government statistics. That day Brown quit.

LLA, OCW, OFRR AGENCIES MERGED

Washington, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—Foreign Economic Administrator Leo T. Crowley today consolidated the lend-lease administration, the Office of Economic Warfare, and the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation in a move designed to eliminate overlapping and duplication of operations.

The sweeping reorganization was intended to prevent duplicating and conflicting actions by agencies working abroad for the various units. There had been charges that they often worked at cross-purposes and refused to cooperate with each other.

The shakeup also brings under Crowley's direction parts of the state department's Office of Foreign Economic Cooperation and of the Commodity Credit Corporation which have economic dealings with foreign countries. It was believed likely that the move would have early repercussions in the form of some state department resignations.

STORM WARNING

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—The weather bureau announced today the small craft storm warnings had been raised from Point Arena, Cal., to Tatoosh, Wash., starting at 8 a. m., for 24 hours.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Major Morris enacting a touching balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet," complete to the portrayal of both characters.

Gertrude Stanley flustered at having reduced a colonel to the rank of corporal by a slip of the tongue.

Postmaster Frank DeSouza doing his worrying early over the Christmas mail flood.

FATHERS BEFORE DEC. 8, 1941 TO BE LAST DRAFTED

Deferment to Hold Until All Eligible Non-Fathers Have Been Called to Service.

Washington, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—The House today passed by voice vote a bill to defer fathers until all eligible non-fathers have been inducted, and to give Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of selective service, full authority over the service's operations.

Passage came shortly after President Roosevelt had denounced as "groundless" and "irresponsible" charges that the federal government is a haven for draft dodgers.

Give Hershey Power

The House approved by voice vote an amendment sponsored by the Military Affairs committee which provided that the President is "directed" to delegate "all" instead of "any," authority vested in him over selective service to the system's director, Hershey.

The amendment was designed to give Hershey that draft authority now exercised by War Manpower Commission Chairman Paul V. McNutt.

Originally a senate measure, the bill was re-written in the House Military Affairs committee and now must go to the senate for concurrence.

Deferment Amendments

The House also defeated: By voice vote an amendment that would have eliminated a section giving appellate jurisdiction in deferment cases to appeals boards at the place of employment if a man has moved since he registered. Such appeals now are carried to boards in registration area.

By a vote of 80 to 58, an amendment by Rep. Everett M. Dirksen, R., Ill., which would have deferred all fathers instead of only those married prior to December 8, 1941.

By a vote of 70 to 24, an amendment by Rep. Hamilton Fish, R., N. Y., providing that induction of fathers over 32 be delayed until all fathers below that age are drafted.

By voice vote, an amendment to require that all men 30 or under be called before older pre-war fathers. It was offered by Rep. Joseph P. O'Hara, R., Minn.

ALLOTMENT HIKE SIGNED BY F. D. R.

Washington, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today signed legislation increasing the allowance for children of servicemen from \$12 a month for the first child and \$10 for each additional child to \$30 for the first child and \$20 for each additional one.

The new law, which also increases allowances for various classes of so-called secondary dependents—parents, brothers, sisters, etc.—was approved by congress last week. It does not change the present \$50 a month for wives—\$22 from the soldier and \$28 from the government.

BAY AREA SHAKES IN EARLY EVENING

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—An earthquake of moderate intensity shook the San Francisco bay area for three minutes beginning at 9:49 p. m. last night, but it did little damage.

Dr. Perry Byerly, University of California seismologist, placed the epicenter of the quake at San Jose, 40 miles south, where police reported downtown store windows were broken.

A near-panic was reported at a Palo Alto theater, but servicemen aided the theater manager in calming nervous patrons.

Sunday Games At University Arranged By Army Is Answer To Medford Pastors' Protest

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—The hubbub over playing Sunday football on Oregon University's Hayward field quieted down today, following a protest from the Medford Ministerial association.

The University of Oregon absolved itself from the game and said army authorities arranged the contest between army trainees on the Oregon campus and the Oregon cavalry unit from Marshfield.

NAZIS SLAUGHTER ITALIAN CIVILIANS AS BRITISH COME

By Reynolds Packard
United Press Correspondent
Spauranise, Italy, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—The Germans slaughtered 17 civilians in a last burst of vengeful anger against this town where escaping American war prisoners were hidden, an Italo-American resident told me today.

Mrs. Nicolina Frisi, who has an American passport listing her home address as Millsbury, Mass., said the killings occurred when British patrols entered the town.

British Kissed

"The populace went crazy, rushing to meet the British soldiers whom they hugged and kissed," she said.

"During this excitement a German patrol which was still in Spauranise let loose with machine gun fire that killed 17 Italian people."

She said that on another occasion seven were killed by the Germans who ordered a group of 20 out of an air raid shelter. They were shot down as they came out.

The town, an important railway center and once a prison camp for Americans, has fallen to the British after changing three times in a battle that lasted several days.

Americans Freed

I was told that hundreds of Americans interned behind barbed wire fences in Spauranise were freed by the Italians and scattered last September 8. The Germans then re-established the camp and prisoners taken during the landings at Salerno were sent here by truck to await transportation to Rome.

Enrico Russo, station master here, estimated that thousands of prisoners passed through the town.

"Many Italians," he said, "helped Americans escape by hiding them in attics, cellars and even their own bedrooms. The Germans became so infuriated they issued a proclamation stating they would kill those found succoring American and British soldiers, while a prize of 1,000 lire was offered to Italians who turned over escaped prisoners."

Cairo, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—Allied middle eastern headquarters announced today that British forces have evacuated Cos Island in the Dodecanese, which was seized from its Italian garrison a month ago.

ALLIED AIRMEN WREAK HAVOC IN SOUTH PACIFIC

By United Press
Allied fliers wreaked great new destruction on Japanese air fleets in the southern Pacific in a series of weekend raids.

From 131 to 203 Japanese aircraft were smashed in the northern Solomons and at Rabaul, New Britain, in bombing raids by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's airmen.

The three days of attacks appeared to have wrecked Kahili, on Bougainville Island in the Solomons, temporarily, while Rabaul, the major enemy base north of New Guinea, rapidly was becoming untenable.

Besides the plane losses—which represented additions to enormous losses suffered by the Japanese the last few months—the enemy also lost a destroyer and five coastal vessels. Total allied cost was five planes.

New York, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—A surprise practice air raid test was held today for all of New York state, including New York city where traffic was stopped and defense volunteers went into action in wind and rain-swept streets.

War Situation Truly Grave Says Hirohito; Tojo Places Trust In New German Efforts

By United Press
Emperor Hirohito told a special session of the Japanese diet today that the empire's war situation is "truly grave," but Premier Hideki Tojo assured the members that Germany is planning new blows in Europe to help "bring the United States and Britain to their knees."

Tojo's address and Hirohito's sober appraisal of the situation, one of his rare statements on the course of the war, were broadcast by the Radio Tokyo and recorded by the Office of War Information.

Germany Plans Blows

Tojo expressed confidence in the outcome of the war and told the diet that Germany is planning new military operations "in all directions."

"Japan expects and believes firmly that her ally, Germany, will in due course attain the desired results in the coming new operations, and that the day will soon arrive when she will, in full collaboration with Japan, bring the United States and Great Britain to their knees," he said.

Tojo warned that the United States and Britain have recovered from their early setbacks in the Pacific and that the war is growing in intensity.

Navy Minister Shigetaro Shimada told the diet that Japanese armed forces sank 17 Allied cruisers, 18 destroyers, 22 submarines, and 70 transports between June 15 and Oct. 20, along with 70 other war vessels. He also claimed that American plane losses totaled 1,613 during that period.

He placed Japanese losses at six destroyers, 12 other warships and 415 planes.

Hirohito's statement emphasized the need for a greater effort by the Japanese people to "destroy the evil ambition of the enemy nations."

In a second speech, this one in his hole of war minister, Tojo said that "Japanese military operations in all theaters of war are going on smoothly according to plan."

He stressed the "brilliant achievements" of the Japanese garrison on the Aleutian island of Kiska for making a "successful strategic withdrawal" on July 29. He said the Japanese adversaries were "completely unaware of our movements and kept on attacking Kiska for about two weeks."

TAX INCREASE ON CUP THAT CHEERS GAINS APPROVAL

House Committee For \$10 Gal. on Liquor—Tobacco, Gas Tax Turned Down.

Washington, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—The house ways and means committee today approved excise tax increases totaling more than \$1,000,000,000, including an increase in local postage rates from two to three cents. It voted to double the rates on second class mail and to increase the charges on third class mail, money orders, registered and insured mail and collect-on-delivery mail. The three-cent rate on out-of-town letter mail would not be changed, however.

Beer and Wine Also

The committee also approved increases in beer and wine taxes. It estimated that these and the higher liquor taxes would bring in \$557,000,000 additional revenue a year.

These were the first major tax increases the committee has approved for 1944. The administration has asked \$10,500,000,000.

The schedule approved by the committee today included:

1. Distilled spirits, \$10 a gallon instead of the present \$6.
2. Beer, \$8 a barrel instead of \$7.
3. Still wine, under 14 per cent, 15 cents a gallon instead of 10 cents; 14 to 21 per cent, 60 cents instead of 40; over 21 per cent, \$2 instead of \$1.
4. Sparkling wine, 15 cents a half pint instead of 10 cents.
5. All other wines, 10 cents a half pint instead of five cents.

Until War End

The committee specified that the increases shall be terminated six months after the war.

It reserved decision on other excise increases, such as on toilet articles, candy soft drinks and chewing gum, until later today.

On the controversial sales tax issue, a compromise has been put forward. It embodied a coupon sales tax plan designed to distribute more equitably a levy on consumer goods. Researchers for the joint congressional committee on internal revenue are understood to have drafted it.

PIT PRECEDENT

New York, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—The New York Stock Exchange established a precedent today by designating a 20-minute trading period, from 3:20 p. m. to 3:40 p. m. EWT to make up a loss before the 3 p. m. official closing time resulting from a practice air alert.

MAN RETREAT IN SOUTH UKRAINE BORDERS ON ROUT

Russian Columns Plunge Through Nazi Defenses—Allies Advance in Italy.

London, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—Russian forces swept four to 12 miles closer to the gates of the Crimea today and captured 20 towns and villages in their drive across the Nogais steppes from Melitopol, a communique broadcast from Moscow reported.

By United Press

Russian columns plunged almost at will through tumbling German defenses in the southern Ukraine today in a great offensive to clear the Nazis from Soviet soil in a matter of weeks.

Panicky German efforts to prevent disaster appeared failing everywhere along the lower Dnieper bulge, and the approaches to the Crimea and the enemy retreat verged on a rout.

Advance in Italy

While Allied armies in Italy made a general but slow advance toward Rome, seizing six more towns and edging toward the outer fringes of a new enemy defense line, the Russians were bidding to reach the Polish and Balkan borders by the first of the year.

London sources said the Germans might be able to save half their 800,000 men in the eastward bend of the Dnieper if they could muster enough strength for a counterattack.

Capture of Dnepropetrovsk and Dneprodzerzhinsk, on the eastern end of the bulge, gave the Soviets complete control of a 600-mile stretch of the Dnieper except for Kiev. Beyond the river, three columns were speeding ahead. They were heading toward the Crimean railroad from Melitopol to cut off the the Crimea, southwestward past Krivoi Rog toward the lower Dnieper, and southwest along the Kremenchug-Odessa rail line.

Rog By-Passed

Germans still held out in the mining center of Krivoi Rog, about halfway across the bulge, but the town was by-passed and of little importance. Kiev appeared doomed to fall soon.

London sources reported that Nazi Marshal Albert Kesselring, commander of the German army in Italy, had been replaced by Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, who had been in command in the northern part of the country and in Yugoslavia.

Allied planes, raiding along the Italian battlelines and north of Rome in aid of the ground troops, attacked southern Yugoslavia again to support the fighting Partisan and Guerillas in that occupied land. Their objective was the Podgorica airfield.

Britain's big bombers remained on the ground last night, presumably because of weather.

WEALTHY WIDOW RUES MARRIAGE

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Dean Ladd Kidder, 60, socially prominent widow of a wealthy oil refiner, said today she paid an itinerant tree trimmer \$3000 for working on her estate, and then she married him.

"I'll give the devil his due," she said; "he did a fine job on my lawns."

The tree trimmer, Ross Hastings, 30, of Peoria, Ill., was arrested yesterday on a charge of kidnapping Mrs. Kidder. The marriage was disclosed when Hastings showed police a marriage certificate.

At Peoria, police revealed that Hastings has a long police record. He was arrested 10 times in 1940 and 1941 at Peoria on charges ranging from petty larceny to attempted rape. He also has been arrested at Cleveland and Youngstown, Ohio, and St. Louis, Mo., Peoria police said.

Allies Use Power Tactics



American Fifth army and British Eighth army forces are resorting to "power tactics" to gain a few miles each day in Italy. Progress has been slowed by autumn rains and stiffer Nazi resistance. Map gives closeup view of the battle drives.

NAVY COMMANDER TELLS HOW JAPS EVACUATED KISKA

Washington, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—Vice Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid has been transferred from command of joint military operations in the North Pacific to command of the U. S. naval forces in the Southwest Pacific, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox announced today.

Kinkaid replaces Vice Admiral Arthur S. Carpender who becomes commander of the Ninth Naval district, headquarters at Great Lakes, Ill.

Knox made the announcement at a news conference at which Kinkaid told how the Japanese on Kiska "foiled him" by continuing to build a roadway and by maintaining heavy anti-aircraft fire as a cover to their evacuation from the island by submarine.

Kinkaid said that American forces in the Aleutians got "some of the Japanese subs" which were evacuating the Kiska garrison.

"I hope they were full of evacuees, but I don't know," he added.

Asked the number of enemy submarines destroyed, Kinkaid only said:

"We got quite a few—enough to make it hurt."

He said that the Japanese used big submarines for the evacuation, each probably able to carry 100 men.

A reporter said that on a recent visit to the west coast he found many people there still worried over the possibility of a Japanese attack and inquired whether, the reconquest of the Aleutians didn't alleviate such a threat.

"I don't see how anybody can get gray hairs over an attack on the west coast," Kinkaid replied.

Spy Ring Leader Admits Her Guilt

Detroit, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—Grace Buchanan-Dineen, 34-year-old alleged head of the American branch of an international spy ring, pleaded guilty to charges of espionage when arraigned before Judge Edward J. Moine in federal court today.

Miss Buchanan-Dineen, who previously had pleaded innocent to the charges, was brought into court by John S. Bugas, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Michigan, and Harold Hove, special agent assigned to the case, and reversed her plea from innocent to guilty.

Thanksgiving Day Menu For Army

Washington, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—Civilians in the United States may or may not have turkey on Thanksgiving day, but they can be thankful that army men and women will.

The War Department has announced the Thanksgiving day dinner menu for army camps, posts and stations and will endeavor to see that army personnel overseas are served the same menu even where iron rations are the general fare.

The menu: Fruit cup, roast turkey with dressing and gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, corn, tomato and lettuce salad, celery, assorted pickles, pumpkin pie, apples, grapes, candy, nuts and coffee.

P. S. Sales of turkeys to civilians were resumed yesterday after being banned nearly two months while the army accumulated more than 10,000,000 pounds to satisfy soldiers' appetites.

GERMAN MORALE CRUMBLING FAST SAY REPATRIATES

Leith, Scotland, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—German morale is crumbling and the people of Germany would end the war "tomorrow" if not deterred by the Gestapo, some 4,300 repatriated prisoners of war reported today upon their arrival aboard three exchange ships.

Many of the repatriates, veterans of the battle of France and Belgium, had been in German prison camps for four years. They observed the deterioration in the Nazi's war spirit, and expressed a belief that the average German now knows the war is lost.

Three Ships Full

The three vessels carrying the prisoners of war exchanged for an equivalent number of Germans at Göteborg, Sweden, completed their mission successfully.

Tears came from the eyes of the repatriates as they sailed past flag-decked wharves lined with cheering people.

There were 17 Americans among the exchange group.

The people of Germany are terrorized by the thought that the Russian armies will occupy their cities, a chaplain in the exchange group said. He said Russian prisoners had at first been treated brutally, at times being flogged unmercifully, but that now they were being given improved care as the tide of war changed.

PRICE PEGGED ON CHOICE CATTLE

Washington, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—Economic Stabilizer Fred M. Vinson today ordered prices for choice live cattle pegged at a minimum of \$15 and a maximum of \$16 per hundredweight on the Chicago market.

ROOSEVELT'S FEVER VANISHES IN NIGHT

Washington, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—The White House today reported further improvement in President Roosevelt's head cold. "All traces of fever had disappeared this morning, but to be on the safe side Mr. Roosevelt scheduled no appointments. He cancelled his regular Tuesday afternoon press conference."