

# Failures to Register on Time For Draft Creating Headaches

Increased failures to register on time for the draft are creating headaches for the Jackson county draft board—an "an" could cause heartaches for those who disobey the law thereby.

Draft board members warn that "delinquents"—who deliberately avoid registering—technically go to the head of the induction list once their names are known.

The law requires that all young men must register on their 18th birthday, or within five days thereafter. Every male born since Aug. 30, 1922, must have signed up at one time or another. This includes veterans.

Those on active military duty, excluding members of Reserve or National Guard units, must register within 30 days of their release.

### Manpower Available

Draft board spokesmen point out that the purpose of registration is not solely to provide lists of prospective peacetime draftees. It has the basic purpose of letting the government know what manpower would be available should total mobilization ever be necessary.

Members of the local board report that about 90 per cent of the young men in this area register on time. Of those who do not, they say, most are careless or simply misinformed.

These wander in, a few days or weeks after their deadline, with such excuses as they were working and could not find time, or they were waiting for the draft board to remind them.

### Shirking Obligation

But others, it appears, are deliberately shirking their obligation.

These delinquents could be subject to heavy fines or prison sentences if Uncle Sam elected to crack down.

Draft board members here are reluctant to resort either to prosecution or to inducting the delinquents ahead of others their age. But they warn that if the current trend continues they may have to get tough.

They believe that drafting of delinquents would set an example, warning others that trying to avoid military service can lead to entering it well before one's more cooperative contemporaries.

The draft board itself is not

equipped to keep tabs on which young men have not registered. It relies on various law enforcement agencies to catch up with them sooner or later. Social security records provide another means of checking up.

Actually, the number of Jackson county draftees these days represents a mere trickle compared to the reservoir of young men who are eligible. Only three or four a month are being inducted.

While anyone between 19 and 26 who is otherwise eligible can be drafted, the age level of those currently being inducted from this county is generally 22 or 23.

In other words, although a young man registers at 18 he may have a wait of four years or more before facing induction.

month. Since the county's quota includes both enlistees and draftees, the quantity of enlistments reduces the inductions needed to fill it.

## Investigators Accuse Convair of Withholding Data

Washington—UPI—House investigators accused a big defense contractor Thursday of refusing to provide the government with information on contracts for B58 bombers and Atlas guided missiles.

Rep. F. Edward Hebert (D-La.), chairman of the House armed forces investigating subcommittee, immediately sent a wire to the Convair Division of General Dynamics Corp., demanding full access to files.

The action came after officials of the General Accounting Office informed the House group that Convair had once again balked on giving the data to the government auditors looking into defense contracts.

The GAO also reported that Uncle Sam will be overcharged for fighters unless contracts are adjusted. The GAO is Congress' watchdog on government spending.

Hebert sent the telegram to Frank Pace Jr., board chairman of General Dynamics, in New York. Pace served as Secretary of the Army under President Truman.

Rep. Porter Hardy Jr. (D-Va.) said that if Pace doesn't open up the files, the GAO should direct the Air Force to halt all payments under the contracts. GAO officials said the Justice Department might be asked to seek a court order forcing Convair to release the information.

## Elephant Causes Panic; 14 Perish

Kandy, Ceylon—UPI—An elephant ran amok in a mammoth Buddhist torchlight procession Thursday and set off a panic in which 14 persons were killed and 525 injured.

One hundred thousand spectators and participants fled in terror as one of 100 elephants in the procession broke loose and charged into the throng. Men hurled hundreds of kerosene lamps at the beast, which further enraged him. Many of the lamps fell among

the crowd, scattering flaming fuel. Screams of the frightened, injured and dying turned the scene into a nightmare.

Police finally shot and killed the elephant. About 125 of the victims suffered serious injuries.

The tragedy occurred shortly after midnight during the final night of Ceylon's biggest Buddhist procession.

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**REFUSED BAIL**—Carole Tregoff, tears streaming unchecked, hears the court decision that she be held for trial in the murder of Mrs. Barbara Finch, wife of Dr. Bernard Finch. The municipal judge ordered her bound over to Superior Court on a murder charge. Attorney Robert A. Neeb Jr. (left) looks glumly forward.

## Wasp Believed Carrying Bombs

Quonset Point, R.I.—UPI—The Wasp's arsenal may have included nuclear bombs when a fire broke out on a hangar deck, killing two men and injuring 21 others, it was reported Thursday.

The 32,500-ton aircraft carrier's submarine hunter squadron has carried anti-submarine nuclear devices in the past. The Navy, however, said only that it would have "no comment" on the report.

Unofficial estimates of damage done by the fierce fire which broke out aboard the ship Tuesday 250 miles east of Norfolk, Va., was over \$5 million. In addition to the

damage done to the vessel, four helicopters were destroyed and three others badly damaged.

Cause of the fire was a runaway helicopter engine which exploded.

The pilot of the 'copter, Lt. (jg) Jim Frank Hagan, 24, Marianna, Fla., was killed in the explosion. The other fatality was Aviation Apprentice Donald H. Trask, 17, Keene, N.H., who was killed while fighting the fire.

## House Members Get Campaign Threat

Washington—UPI—James B. Carey, electrical workers president, has sent letters advising 229 House members who voted for the administration-backed labor reform bill that "we shall do all in our power" to beat him in the next election.

Dahlia were named after Swedish botanist Andreas Dahl.

## CZECH OFFICER DEFECTS

Vienna—UPI—A Czech army lieutenant has defected to Austria, police disclosed today. The police report, which did not identify the Czech officer, said he crossed the border into Austria last week end carrying a machine gun and wearing part of his uniform.

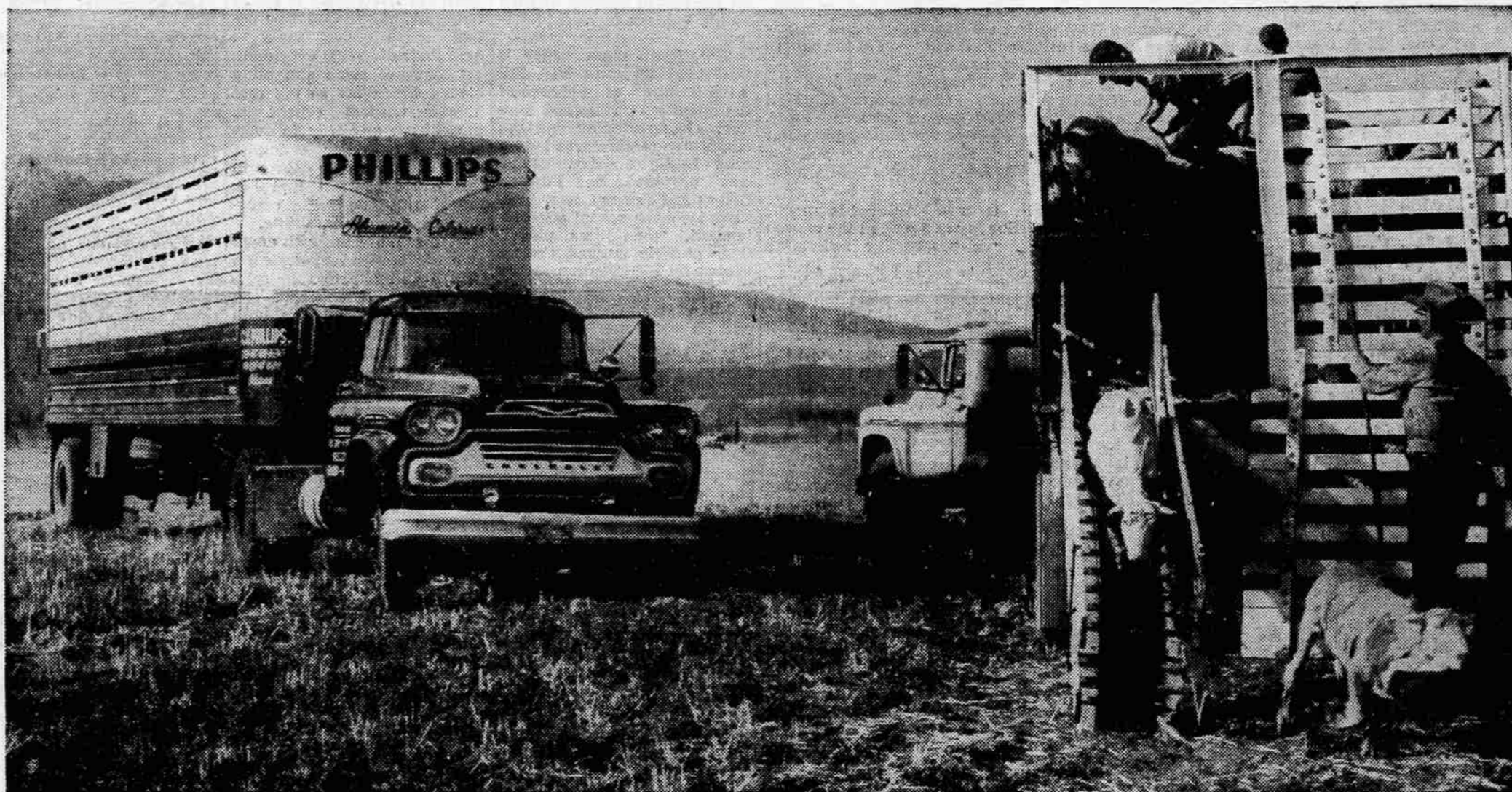
## DROWNS IN WASHER

Duarte, Calif.—UPI—An 18-month-old girl drowned Wednesday after falling head first into an idle washing machine while her mother was hanging out the wash. Little Elsa Marie Barney was found in the machine among soaking clothes by her mother, Mrs. Patricia Barney, 26.

## PERILS OF SUBURBIA

Tuckahoe, N.Y.—UPI—The special dangers of suburban living caught up with a pair of skunks here Wednesday. They fell into swimming pools. One was pulled out by humane society agents—after it had been put asleep by chloroform. The other managed its escape unaided.

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