

Demobilization for Army May Be Slow; Other Agencies Fast

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (AP)—Demobilization of the army and navy is an important aspect of the war effort, but it is the one on which probably the least information is available. The joint chiefs of staff are not sure when demobilization will begin. Army demobilization will be slow, and will be done on an individual basis rather than in military units or soldiers' groups.

There is no evidence that special needs of the economy are being considered. The early release of loggers, for example, as a stimulus to postwar production, apparently is not contemplated. Instead, a point-system is reportedly being drafted, with points representing number of dependents, length of service, combat duty, and so on. The soldier with the most points goes home first.

Ground Forces First
The only demobilization expected after Germany's fall is for the ground forces. Some combat troops, instead of going into the army, will be sent to the Pacific theater.

Between the fall of Germany and that of Japan, army sources indicate, about 200,000 a month will be discharged while some 1,000 a month continue to be drafted. (Some civilian officials think the discharge rate will be higher.) After Japan's fall, an exodus of 500,000 to 600,000 a month is expected.

There are longer-range plans, all in the "suggestion" stage, aimed at streamlining the armed forces against future emergencies. They include:

1. A proposed merger of the army and navy departments into a single department of national defense, with four arms: land, sea, air and a supply force common to all three. The navy is opposed.

2. Combined officer training, perhaps in a single military academy, so that future military leaders would learn warfare as a whole.

3. Universal military service. Some officials believe this might meet congressional approval more readily than the "government service" proposed by President Roosevelt, because the latter has the sound of a relief agency.

Other post-European-war and post-Pacific-war plans are most easily summarized by agencies:

OWI Workers
Office of war information workers expects a heavy drain after the German phase in reversing the flow of arms and men from east to west, but after Japan's fall will fold up quickly. If the immediate future is confronted by the "October hump" in rail freight movement, a dangerous shortage of heavy truck tires, and a supply of usable passenger cars will get down near the danger level.

War labor board (2300 employees) may be involved in an amalgamation of government labor activities under labor department, with FEPC (fair employment practices committee) and NLRB wrapped in. This plan is merely at the conversational stage.

Selective service (22,000 workers): at present, has no postwar future except helping veterans get old jobs back. The

agency lives from one May 15 to the next, at the will of congress.

War manpower commission (25,000 workers): will not outlast the war very long, but 21,000 of its employees are in the U. S. employment service.

Permanent agency which will have a vital role in the post-war job-hunt.

War Shippers
War shipping administration (11,000 workers): will liquidate after the war, with maritime commission taking over.

Veterans' administration (50,000 employees): vast expansion ahead, and many headaches, including veterans' education, unemployment insurance and guaranteeing of veterans' loans, along with its permanent tasks including hospitalization, rehabilitation, pensions.

Petroleum administration for war (1200) and solid fuels administration (675): expire when the war ends.

Future Uncertain
War production board (15,000): future uncertain. Has not asked for postwar powers, but some federal controls over some scarce items may be needed after the peace. Chairman Nelson has mentioned lumber, tin and crude rubber as examples. The agency has been getting smaller for a year, and will end with the peace unless extension is ordered.

All in all, the government is now far better prepared for the end of hostilities than on Armistice Day, 1918. The first World War ended while officials still considered it "pro-German" to talk of peace plans. This government, alone among the major belligerents, had created no reconstruction agency.

Baruch, today the "elder statesman," then the head of the war industries board, was quoted officially—less than a month before the 1918 armistice—as disapproving any "discussion now of after-the-war plans and policies." Evidently having learned a lesson, Baruch has been the spark plug of this war's program of preparedness for peace.

Lane, Stone Bound Over to Jury
DALLAS, Sept. 1 (AP)—Elmer Lane and Malley A. Stone were bound over to the grand jury under \$15,000 bond each at a preliminary hearing in justice court here yesterday, on charges of robbing the Grande Ronde bank.

They were arrested August 22 in Boise, Idaho. FBI agents said they had \$9400 in their possession.

Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press

RATS
SPOKANE, Wash. — Hardly anyone wants 25 white rats, Deputy Sheriff Mons Ulvin learned after he arrested a man who used the rodents to test his food before dinner.

Ulvin was ready to join his captive in the psychopathic ward after vain attempts to give the rats to several physicians, Gonzaga university, the county health officer and a medical laboratory. He finally left them at a hospital with a note saying: "Compliments of Dr. X."

CLOSE CALL
EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The old army saw about shells "having your number on them" is no bunk, says Lt. John R. Slater, of Kenneth Square, Pa.

He wrote Evansville relatives that his Liberator bomber crew recently found a piece of flak embedded in the ship after a raid.

The flak had the number 508 written on it—and 508 is the number of Lt. Slater's plane.

HERE'S HOPING
BEDFORD, Ind.—Greater faith in advertising hath no man than the author of the following classified advertisement in the Bedford Times-Mail:

"Notice—Any amount of money sent to me by anyone at any time will be greatly appreciated. I sure need it. Bert Phipps, Route 5, Bedford."

TO WORK—AND REST
BROADUS, Mont.—Her job as superintendent of Powder River schools should be easy for Lillian Heiskari after the vacation she's been through. She spent the summer on her parents' Minnesota farm—driving a tractor, shocking grain, canning food, tending chickens, milking the cow, feeding hogs, hoeing gardens.

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MINOR CHANGES MADE IN POINTS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (AP)—

No ration points will be required to purchase dry beans, fruit butters and prune juices between September 3 and September 30, and other changes in blue point values generally will be minor.

An exception is pineapple juice, which advances from 15 to 25 points for a No. 2 (18-ounce) can.

Fruit butters which become free include apple, apricot, grape and peach.

The zero point value applies only to raw dry beans, regardless of variety or color. Ration points will continue on all varieties of canned dry beans.

Changes in point values for processed food included: Corn, vacuum-packed, whole kernel, 12-ounce can only, 3 to 5 points; mixed vegetables, such as succotash and carrots and peas, No. 2 (18-ounce can) 10 to 5 points; tomato juice, 7-ounce container, 1 to 2, 7-ounce container, 1 to 3, 10-14 ounce container, 1 to 4.

Boys Admit Theft Of Ammunition
ASTORIA, Sept. 1 (AP)—The theft of 1000 rounds of ammunition from Fort Stevens was believed solved today with the arrest of four small boys from Hammond.

Police said the youngsters admitted taking the shells when they called at the army post to see their parents, civilian employes there.

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English Girls Finish Test Despite Robot Bomb Raids

TACOMA, Sept. 1 (AP)—How

a class of English school girls carried on their matriculation examination while robot bombs soared overhead is described by an English mother in a letter to a friend here.

"They couldn't leave the room once they had seen the exam papers, so had to remain during an alert—and the sirens were going all day long," she wrote. "Shirley (her daughter) was luckier than some as they sat in

the library which adjoins the junior hall. In this hall the stage had been reinforced to make a shelter.

"Teachers took turns to watch outside for buzz bombs and give warning if one was approaching, and the girls were allowed to run under the stage until it had passed over or exploded."

At every sound, she said, the girls stopped work and listened. When they recognized it as a plane "or heard a bang," they

"relaxed and went on with their work." But when the call "danger" came "they ran to the shelter—and were not allowed to speak to one another (during the exam period.) This of course slowed them up, although the actual minutes spent in the shelter were allowed."

"I understand," added the mother hopefully, "that they (the papers) will be marked leniently."

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