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## News Behind The News

BY PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The papers amply reported what congressmen said about Mr. Truman's youth draft plan, but more important was what was not said.

Normally the democratic leaders rush to say any message from their president was a great speech, often the greatest ever. This time, House Leader McCormack told inquiring newsmen he wanted time to read the message thoroughly and Senate Leader Barkley could not be found although he was around.

A similarly significant void was evident all down the line of both democratic and republican ranks, where the men know the youth draft is not popular. Actually, only those congressmen who had already committed themselves on both sides of the question chose to comment.

Any rush for action likewise was missing. Acting Chairman Johnson of the senate military committee, a democrat who is against the Truman idea, said the matter could not be considered until about January 15 when the chairman returns.

The Truman proposition thus did not change votes or arouse supporting sentiment. His basic between-the-lines idea plainly was that Russia has not joined wholeheartedly in the peace, is the only competitive world military power to us, has announced plans for a youth draft of her own—and we should do likewise.

### Most Impressive

THIS unspoken part of the presentation was the most impressive. The written argument of the president cannot hold analytical water.

He says, for instance, he wants a small army and navy, a big national guard and a youth draft for reserves. His defense then would rest entirely on how big and good he made the national guard, because he admits the drafted youth would only have basic training—not the specialized training essential for modern war.

He claimed the rockets and atom bombs have robbed us of time to prepare in the future. But he said the army and navy could not use the youthful reserves until time was taken out to get an act of congress passed. By that time the nation might be destroyed.

He claimed our geographical ocean defense had been destroyed (directed missiles would come winging over the icy frontier of the arctic to our midwest), but his plan would risk our defenses to "a small" army and navy, and a national guard, which hardly sounds like adequate defense and completely abandons attack possibilities which are often the best defense.

Frankly, it seems to me Mr. Truman was sold an obsolete youth draft system by the old-time crowd in the war department, and he dressed it up with his national guard enlarge-

ment idea, and presented it as an answer for a job it will not do. From his own evidence, we will have to be ready to act faster than his plan would allow action.

Then again he said "universal military training is not conscription," assuming apparently that conscription applies only to direct service in the army and navy.

### "Enlisted By Compulsion"

CONSCRIPTION means "enlisted by compulsion" for anything, whether civilian service, youth camps or the democratic party. It is the Russian way, the communist way, the old Prussian way and the objection that will unquestionably sway congress against it is that there are many democratic ways of doing the same job better.

What we need for defense is a scientific army for this scientific age. First there should be a single department of the armed forces with a co-equal air force to fight the very things which Mr. Truman envisaged.

Fossilized ideas like youth drafts should be shoved out with the fossils, and a new enlightened spirit generated throughout our defense system. This armed force should not be "small" or "large" but enough.

Behind this armed force, a better system for more reserves could be built in a democratic way. We are a democracy favoring utmost liberty for the individual and should practice what we preach.

By the youth draft, the armed forces would only give basic training to a little more than 1,000,000 youngsters a year, taking them from their homes, their lives, the development of their talents and delaying their economic contributions as workers in the nation by a year.

If military training were brought to them in the schools in their home towns, millions of youngsters could get basic training and be kept trained throughout their high school and college years. Indeed they could get specialized training in scientific warfare subjects—at a fraction of the cost of the draft program, because their families would be supporting them instead of the government.

### National Guard Logical

FOR those who do not go to school, the national guard development is logical. They can get basic and specialized training at night, on weekends, in summer maneuvers without quitting their jobs, lives and families.

But they should be furnished the best officers, with war training and the latest equipment so they will know how to use it. Their aviation branch should not be a flying club, but a combat service.

These two steps would cover the entire youth of the country with a truly democratic kind of compulsion, by making service a required subject in the schools and national guard or army service obligatory for those who do not go to school.

For officer personnel, Annapolis and West Point should be duplicated to whatever extent necessary.

There is need for haste as Mr. Truman said. A long time will be required to get these things going efficiently. Many bills to carry out some phases of such a democratic training program are pending in congress, but there is no democratic program as a whole. This is the gravest fault of the current situation.

If the bullheaded war department will not work out what congress wants, and is able to control Mr. Truman, congress is likely to work out a piecemeal substitute which will not do the job either.

It is a condition screaming for skilled democratic leadership, which unless furnished might well cause this nation to fall before the first new aggressor.

## SIDE GLANCES



It's nothing serious, ladies—the clerk just said "Thank you!"

## News PTA Notes

**SHASTA**  
Shasta PTA held its annual family night Wednesday, October 17, following an excellent dinner. Tables were attractively decorated in the Halloween motif and dinner was served by room mothers. The Eve Benson dancing academy presented the following program: tap dances, "The Drum," "The Cake Tap," "Rhythm," Darlene Price; toe dances, "Winter," Linda Franklin; ballet, "Spring," Alreen Hatcher, Susanne Jenkins, Roberta Pruitt, acrobatic dance, Susanne Jenkins.

Shasta is planning a carnival November 9, the proceeds to go to the purchase of playground equipment for the school. All parents are requested to help in making this a success.

**RIVERSIDE**  
Thursday night, November 15, from 6 to 8 o'clock, parents and children of Riverside will gather in the school for a dinner and get-together, first social gathering of the year. All families are urged to keep this date open. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. H. A. Moore, 6111, or Mrs. H. S. Dewey, 4549.

Riverside PTA met Tuesday with Mrs. Lewis Hornby, president, presiding. It was announced that \$150 had been est-

ablished as a fund to buy needed equipment for the school with \$100 to be added each year. Darrell Potter, principal, Mrs. Dick Reeder and Mrs. L. D. Gass were named as a committee to handle the fund.

The second grade won the room count and 64 mothers were present at Tuesday's meeting. The membership in Riverside PTA is now 94, according to Mrs. Dale Mattoon, membership chairman.

Mrs. Lane Warren, last year's president of PTA, was presented with a past president's pin by Mrs. H. A. Nitschelm.

An interesting talk was given by Mrs. Ida B. Mommyer Odell on characters in early Klamath history, the clever manner in which Mrs. Odell spoke adding to the paper itself. The PTA appreciated Mrs. Odell's contribution to the afternoon program.

Mrs. Dick Reeder sang a group of numbers accompanied by Mrs. Brandsness at the piano. Later seventh grade mothers served tea from a prettily appointed table.

## Radio Programs

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**Friday Eve., Oct. 26**  
6:00 P. M. Gabriel  
6:15 P. M. News  
6:30 P. M. Dance  
6:45 P. M. Light  
7:00 Klamath Mill-  
lards—Voice  
of Sports  
7:15 Evening Con-  
cert  
7:30 Lone Ranger  
8:00 Nore Wolfe

**Saturday, Oct. 27**  
6:30 P. M. Wake-  
Up  
6:45 P. M. Bul-  
letins  
7:00 Frank Hem-  
mings  
7:15 Dance Time  
7:30 News  
7:45 Best Buy  
8:00 Favorites of  
Yesterday  
8:15 Morning Mail-  
ing  
8:30 News  
8:45 A. J. Jones  
9:00 House of  
Mystery  
9:15 Variety Re-  
view  
9:45 Song Time  
10:00 Glenn Hardy,  
News  
10:15 Al Williams  
10:30 P. M. News  
11:00 News Round-  
up  
11:30 News Round-  
up  
11:45 Novelty Re-  
view  
12:00 M. J. Jones  
Melodies  
12:15 News  
12:30 Your Dance  
Tunes  
12:45 P. M. Front  
and Market  
Reports  
1:00 P. M. Pop-  
ular Show  
1:15 A. J. Jones  
1:30 News  
1:45 U. S. vs.  
U. S. I. ball  
game  
4:00 Band Con-  
cert  
4:15 P. M. News  
4:30 News  
4:45 News  
4:55 News

## Realtors Have Part In Oregon's Future

GEARHART, Oct. 26 (AP)—

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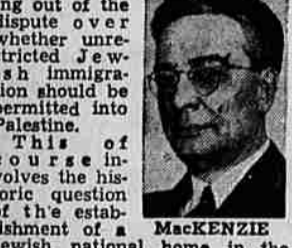
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## The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE  
Associated Press War Analyst

One of the most dangerous of the many crises which are threatening international peace is that growing out of the dispute over whether unrestricted Jewish immigration should be permitted into Palestine.



This of course involves the historic question of the establishment of a Jewish national home in the Holy Land. A host of homeless Jews in Europe—refugees from the Hitlerian storm—are crying for a raising of the barriers. Arabs in Palestine and in neighboring countries are offering bitter opposition—and threats of armed strife are in the air.

The situation demands quick adjustment, but it bristles with complications. The British government, which holds the mandate for Palestine, is trying to handle this hot potato, and the matter has been the subject of conversations between London and Washington. There has been a growing feeling in England that the United States should share in the responsibility of trying to reach a solution.

Statement Expected  
Well informed circles are expecting the British government to make a statement in the im-

mediate future. Whether this will relate to the exchanges with Washington remains to be seen.

This column yesterday suggested that the Japanese revolt against Dutch rule, and the native rebellion in French-Indo China, might well be taken up by the new world security organization for settlement. The question of self-determination is a logical one to come before all the United Nations. There naturally would have to be mediation by some country, to halt the fighting and preserve the status quo, pending the time when the security organization gets into full action.

Why shouldn't a similar program be applied to the Palestine difficulty? Certainly there could be no better jury before which to lay the case than the full assembly of the new League of Nations. As a matter of fact, any matter affecting the Palestine mandate naturally would fall to the security organization as successor to the League of Nations which originally granted the mandate to Britain.

**Problem Too Big**  
This idea doesn't involve any suggestion that Britain be asked to surrender the mandate. The point is that the problem of the Jewish national home has got too big and complicated for any one country to handle. Indeed, it is doubtful if the decision of any single country would be accepted by both sides to the controversy.

Should it be decided that the question should come before the general assembly of the United Nations as soon as that body is

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established, then the urgent need now would be for mediation to preserve the status quo until the assembly could function. Who would mediate? Perhaps we shall have an answer to that when we get the expected British statement.

**Arabian Opposition**  
There always has been great Arabian opposition to the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine, and there has been much violence over the years during which the effort has been made. This great project was set forth in the so-called Balfour declaration by Britain in 1917. That document, which recorded the ideal and recognized pitfalls, said in part:

"His majesty's government views with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of that object. It being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

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