

Army Tosses Out Archaic System Of Promotion In Favor Of New Program

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (AP)—The army's archaic system of promotion by seniority went out the window today with President Truman's signing of legislation setting up a permanent promotion-by-merit program for the army and navy.

One of the lengthiest and most-complicated measures enacted by the 80th congress at its first session, the legislation is the outgrowth of months of study by committees.

In addition to setting up a new promotion system for the armed forces and tightening the navy's existing advancement system, the bill cuts down on the number of high-ranking officers in both services and abolishes in peacetime the wartime rank of five-star officer. However, it does not effect the rank of the eight officers now holding five star rank.

Officers Affected
Affecting directly or indirectly the status of an estimated 175,000 officers in both services, the legislation is intended to encourage the better-qualified men and to weed out through a process of elimination those unfit for command.

The new plan provides for promotion of officers by selection in the lower ranks, with boards of officers determining the qualifications of applicants for advancement. Failure to meet the advancement qualifications twice in succession, authors of the bill said, will automatically drop an officer from the service.

One of the major provisions of the new act is a limitation on four-star officers. It limits the peacetime military establishment to 14 four-star officers after July 1, 1948, five for the army, four for the navy, four for the air corps and one for the marine corps. In addition, the president's chief of staff would hold four-star rank while serving in that capacity.

There would be 62 three-star officers, 23 in the army, 11 in the air corps, two in the marine corps and 23 in the navy. The army would

have 122 two-star generals and 202 one-star generals.

Until such time as the armed services' strength reaches the levels prescribed by permanent law, the new law continues the present system of temporary promotions for temporary-duty officers.

For the navy, the legislation introduces for the first time the selective system of promotion in the grade of admiral. Hereafter, an officer of admiral rank must justify his retention in that rank after each four years of service.

One result of that change, the committee said, will be to permit outstanding officers to become admirals at an earlier age by weeding out the older men ahead of them who can't qualify to retain their status.

Another change is the introduction of limited duty officers into the navy system. These officers will come from enlisted and warrant officer ranks only. They may rise as high as commander, but will be assigned to specialized duties not competitive with general line officers.

Loggers Quit In Wage Row

SPOKANE, Aug. 7 (AP)—Officials of the CIO Woodworkers of America said this morning that some of the 5000 workers at operations of three firms in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho already were leaving their jobs last night in a wage dispute.

O. D. Armstrong, Spokane district IWA president, said "as far as we know they are all going out." He said a number of workers had left logging camps of the area for their homes last night. Early this morning he lacked full reports from all operations.

The dispute involves Potlach Forests, Inc., of Lewiston, Idaho, and the Diamond and Ohio Match companies which have operations in both North Idaho and Eastern Washington.

The strike was called in support of a union demand for a 7 1/2-cent increase to eliminate a differential between coast fir and Inland Empire pine operations.

Armstrong said this morning that he had heard of no overtures by management to prevent the strike.

More than 1000 CIO workers have been on strike over the same issue at eight mills in Spokane and one each in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, and Deer Park, Wash., since June 18.

Airmarking Signs To Be Painted

SALEM, Aug. 7 (AP)—Contract for painting 84 airmarking signs throughout the state has been awarded to the Shields Painting & Decorating company of Portland in the amount of \$10,000, the state board of aeronautics, which is providing the funds for the project, has announced.

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Held On Murder Charge



Joseph L. Hardy Jr., 24, of North Kittery, Me., and his bride of a week, the former Lois Hunt, 21, a native of New London, Conn., pose at Las Vegas, Nev., police headquarters where they are held on a murder charge that says they lured a California business man to his death. The charge has been filed by Nevada county, California, police. —AP wirephoto.

Timber To Go On Market Sept. 9th

PORTLAND, Aug. 7 (AP)—A bureau of land management sale September 9 will place approximately 55,000,000 board feet of timber before Oregon buyers.

Mostly Douglas fir, the timber is located on Oregon and California revested lands in Polk, Lane, Douglas, Coos, Jackson and Klamath counties.

DIVIDEND

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 7 (AP)—The Pacific Finance corporation, an automobile finance agency operating in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and five other western states, yesterday declared a quarterly dividend of 35 cents a share on common stock, payable September 1.

It is the first dividend since control of the company was acquired by Lockheed Aircraft corporation in 1943.

American Legion Regular Meetings

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Box Social Judge Named

WOCUS, August 7—William Loudon, justice of the peace of Stronghold, Calif., will attend the Wocus box social Saturday night to serve as judge on the Kangaroo court. The Kangaroo court will mete out punishment to any man found buying his wife's box at the auction. The box social will begin at 9 p. m. at the Silver Dome.

The ladies can display their artistic talents in decorating a box with any theme they choose. A lunch for two should be inside the box, and an auctioneer will auction it off to the highest bidder. The woman's name should be inside and a covering of some kind should conceal the box to prevent it from being recognized before it gets to the judges' table. All money received from the auction will go to build bus shelters for school children.

A ten-minute spelling bee will be a feature of the evening for which a prize will be given to the side having the greatest number left standing at the end of the ten-minute period.

Anyone in the county is invited to attend, including single men and women. Some residents of Merrill are forming a party to attend and other communities are invited to participate. Henry, Lindley Heights and Klamath Falls will be represented by their oldest lady contestant.

Charlie Mack, of the Klamath Flower shop, will give an orchid and

Police Hold Willie Pigg

Willie Pigg, 21, of 4316 Frieda, and Clifford Zurbrugg, 22, 4517 Biabee, are back in jail today after giving state police a nocturnal chase through suburban streets last night. Zurbrugg and Pigg are accused of reckless driving and Pigg for allowing an unlicensed person to operate a motor vehicle. They were both on Pigg's motorcycle, with Zurbrugg driving.

State police said they observed the two young men weaving in and out of traffic across the viaduct and out S. 6th and when the patrol car siren was sounded they took off down side streets in an effort to elude the officers.

Finally, at the dead-end corner of Radcliffe and Washburn way, the motorcycle skidded out and dumped both on the ground. They were unhurt.

Both youths have been arrested many times on traffic counts. Recently Pigg received a broken leg in a motorcycle wreck at Moore park.

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North Bend Packing Company To Be Sold

NORTH BEND, Aug. 7 (AP)—The Reconstruction Finance corporation, with the personal property of the Commando Packing company already under control, today awaited an Aug. 25 sale at Coquille to acquire the rest of the property.

F. H. Peike, Portland chief of the RFC liquidation section, said the government agency would bid in the sale then, in order to keep the property together for sale to an operating concern.

The company once borrowed \$200,000 from the RFC and the government agency won a court

judgment that \$132,495.14 was due it. The sale of personal property yesterday was the first in an attempt to satisfy the judgment. In the RFC acquired the property for \$22,000.

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