

# CONGRESS SPLIT ON DRAFT CALL

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## The Herald and News

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THE news today is pretty largely made up of what people think of President Truman's call for effective steps to make America strong. It is a mixed picture—as opinion-pictures nearly always are.

CONGRESS—according to an early-morning Washington dispatch—"splits down the middle, with party labels lost in the shuffle as leaders divide over the measures (the draft and universal military training) the President says are needed."

"The dispatch adds: 'Congressional leaders in both major political camps agreed on one thing—they want to do SOMETHING to stop the spread of communism across not only Europe but the world. But there the agreement stopped.'"

CONGRESS, one surmises, would like to wave a wand and have everything turn out happily without having to do anything more. This is an election year, you know, and in election years the less you do the less you have to explain to the voters.

[This writer would be as fond of wand-waving as anybody except for one thing] so far as he can recall, he never heard of a mean-tempered bear being stopped by waving a wand.

HENRY WALLACE just plain DOESN'T LIKE the Truman proposal to do something effective to make ourselves strong. He says it is a "damnable call for world re-education." His side-kick, filibuster Senator Taylor of Idaho, attacks Truman in a speech on the floor of the senate.

Representative Vito Marcantonio, who doesn't run on the communist ticket but faithfully follows the communist party line, criticizes the President "adversely," as does Representative Leo Isaacson, who represents the political apparition a while back by getting elected to congress from a New York district with Wallace's backing.

Class, the official Russian news service, quotes Wallace, Marcantonio and Isaacson with obvious approval in a broadcast from Moscow this morning.

TRUMAN, by the way, handed a hot one back to Wallace last night. Speaking at the annual dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in New York, he said he wouldn't accept the support of "Henry Wallace and his communists" even if refusing it meant certain defeat.

He added flatly: "If joining them or permitting them to join me is the price of victory, I recommend defeat."

The dispatches report that the sons of St. Patrick cheered wildly.

THE communist newspaper in Helsinki, Finland's communist-grabbed capital, says: "Truman is loading the guns. He is calling for universal military training and threatening with direct action." The communist newspaper in Budapest (capital of Russian-occupied, communist-run Hungary) puts in its two bits with these words: "The Truman speech is nothing but a cheap electroneering trick. He wants to excite war panic in the hearts of the disappointed masses, thus creating a reactionary national unity headed, naturally, by himself."

And so on throughout the communist half of the world.

YOU know the jingle: "No thief'er felt the halter draw 'With good opinion of the law." Apparently no communist has a good opinion of any American who wants to keep his country strong enough to resist threats to its liberty.

ON the home front, Defense Secretary Forrestal (a clear-headed, plain-speaking U. S. official) says succinctly: "Our armed forces want to add more than 350,000 men to their strength."

HE adds: "A DRAFT IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET THEM."

NEW TRAIL SEASIDE, March 18 (AP)—A trail row leads to the huge Clatsop county tree which is ranked as the world's biggest Douglas fir.

The tree, which measures 15 1/2 feet in diameter, is now easily accessible to week-end picnickers.

### HST Scorns Support Of Third Party

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP)—President Truman says he would not accept the support of "Henry Wallace and his communists"—even if his refusal meant defeat in the November election.

"If joining them or permitting them to join me is the price of victory, I recommend defeat," declared the president, who dropped Wallace from his cabinet in 1946.

Mr. Truman made the statement last night to 2500 persons at the annual dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

His challenge to "Wallace and his communists" came near the end of a foreign policy speech in which he reiterated his plea to congress for a temporary revival of the draft, universal military training and speedy congressional approval of the European recovery program. He said the fundamental purpose of his proposals is "to prevent war."

Not in Text Departing from his prepared text, Mr. Truman said: "I do not want and I will not accept the political support of Henry Wallace and his communists. . . . These are days of high prices for everything, but any price for Henry Wallace and his communists is too much for me to pay. I do not want to buy."

The president's remarks concerning Wallace brought cheers from the St. Patrick's Day gathering, which had just heard Francis Cardinal Spellman endorse the president's recommendation for universal military training.

Mr. Truman gravely informed the gathering that the United States must be prepared to assume perhaps unprecedented "risks" to meet the challenge of Soviet aggression.

The U. S. must be strong, he said, because it is "the principal protector of the free world."

### Forces Count May Be Upped

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Forrestal indicated today that the armed forces want to add more than 350,000 men to their strength, but did not say how many more. He said a draft is the only way to get them.

Forrestal was before the senate armed services committee supporting President Truman's plea for a revival of the draft and for universal military training.

He told the senators he will approve recommendations for increases in the authorized strength of the army, navy and air forces, but would not make public the figures.

The "authorized strength" of each service is a "ceiling" which has put on the number of men it can have. The present "ceiling" for army, air force, navy and marines adds up to 1,732,000 men. Actually they have 1,392,000 men.

### Washington Tosses Pelicans From Hoop Finals 35-33



Here is a rare bit of action from the state basketball tourney at Eugene as the Washington (Portland) team eked out a 35-33 victory over Klamath's Pelicans in the preliminaries. Klamath's Jack Lust is shown going high into the air to shoot one for the bigbirds, while Ed Whitney (18) watches for rebound. Washington players in the picture are Virgil Webb (44), Jim Norton (31) and Don Schuber (33).

### Coal Using Trains Cut Down Runs

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—The government today ordered a 25 per cent reduction in coal burning passenger train service because of the coal mine shutdown.

The office of defense transportation order is effective at midnight next Sunday, March 21.

It was issued under the wartime powers which the ODT still retains.

The agency said the step was necessary because "railroad coal stocks today are considerably lower than they have been on previous occasions when stoppages in coal production have interfered with railroad operations."

The bureau of mines reported two days ago that coal stocks generally were at a dangerously low level.

At the time the ODT acted, the government was making other moves to end the work stoppage which already has forced the steel industry to cut operations.

Cancellation Meet Federal Conciliation Chief Cyrus S. Ching met with Ezra Van Horn, spokesman for the mine operators, and arranged to talk later with John L. Lewis, chief of the United Mine Workers.

The ODT order requires railroads to reduce coal-burning passenger train service 25 per cent under the operations as of March 1, 1948.

It prohibits the carriers from substituting diesel-electric or other equipment for coal burning locomotives, which will be laid up as a result of the order.

All special passenger train service requiring coal will be prohibited, and circus and carnival trains using coal will be banned for the duration of the order.

ODT authorized the railroads to cancel out passenger reservations or take any other action necessary to carry out the terms of its order.

### Train Run Cut Misses Northwest

SEATTLE, March 18 (AP)—Railroad officials said today the order for a 25 per cent reduction in passenger service because of the coal mine work stoppage is not expected to have much effect in the Pacific Northwest.

Most operations out of Seattle, both eastward and to Portland, are with diesel or other oil-burning locomotives. Coal is burned on some lines in Montana, but rail officials said they do not expect any change in through service.

SALEM, March 18 (AP)—Roy Davidson, Forest Grove, was appointed by Governor Hall today as justice of the peace for the Forest Grove district. He succeeds the late Charles O. Roe.

### WTC Vote On Security Split

The plant went against and the logging camp voted favorably this week in Weyerhaeuser Timber company elections on the question of giving the CIO-IWA union authority to seek union security.

Yesterday's vote at the plant was the first in this district where the union security proposal failed. The vote:

Yes, 229; no, 87; eligibles not voting, 150; challenged, 3. Under the law, a majority of those eligible to vote must cast a favorable ballot to adopt the proposal, and it lost by a narrow margin at Weyerhaeuser mill, with absentees making the difference.

In voting at the woods operations Tuesday, the results were: Yes, 124; no, 15; not voting, 62; void, 3; challenged, 1. In that case, the proposal carried, and the union will negotiate with the company for a security clause providing for compulsory union membership.

Employees of Bly Logging company are voting today, and tomorrow the Ewauna Box company plant will vote.

### Next Soviet Move Waited

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—Diplomatic officials agreed today that President Truman has flashed a powerful spotlight on Premier Stalin.

But what has them worried is this: Will—or can—Stalin apply the brakes to bring Russia's communist aggression in Europe to a quick halt in the face of possible steps to build up America's military might?

Or will he decide to grab while the grabbing is good? There is some fear here that the Kremlin may try to step up its offensive operations in a hurried attempt to extend its control over one or two more countries of Western Europe before the United States can act.

Hence on the general issue of peace or war, the next month may be the most critical since the summer of 1939.

### Snow Holds Up Diamond Work

A second delay in the opening of the Diamond lake highway was experienced this morning when the other giant Sno-Go broke down and it was necessary to send away for parts to make repairs. Two plows are operating in the area and one was down for repairs yesterday and went back into operation this morning when the second machine went out of commission.

The one plow now working has hit a pack close to eight feet deep, highway men reported this morning, and 17 1/2 miles of the 18-mile stretch has been opened. It will take the remainder of the week to plow to the end of the pavement to a point beyond the resort.

Snow which has fallen the past 10 days on the open section has been cleared by smaller plows, the highway office here said. The state highway is opening from there to its point of operation to Tokote Falls.

### Late Spud Bulletin

LOS ANGELES, March 18 (AP)—Potatoes: 28 broken, 27 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—California 11, Utah 1, Illinois 1, Idaho 17; market steady; Idaho Russets No. 1-A \$5.25-35.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18 (AP)—Potatoes: 6 broken, 6 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—Oregon 2, Idaho 7; new stock 2 cars on track; arrivals—Florida 2; market about steady; Klamath Russets No. 1A \$5.60; Deschutes \$6.15.

### Consolation Games

EUGENE, March 18 (AP)—Newberg capitalized on a strong second-half margin today to defeat Pendleton 63-41 in the first consolation game of the state high school basketball tournament.

### General Obligation Bonds For Roads Opposed At Meet

Additional funds for highways should be raised through increases in gas taxes, auto registrations and driver's license fees, it was agreed by Lake and Klamath highway groups meeting here yesterday to consider recommendations to the state legislative interim committee on highways, coming here for a hearing in April.

The county courts and chamber of commerce road committees voiced their disapproval of general obligation bonds to finance road work, but said that if the legislature finds bonds necessary, they should be short-term, callable revenue bonds to be paid off from the proceeds of the gas tax and auto registration increases.

These suggestions on financing will probably be offered to the interim committee by the two groups. In the case of the Klamath chamber, the directors must yet approve the recommendations of the road committee.

The proposals are for gas tax increases not exceeding two cents per gallon; auto registration boosts not exceeding \$5 per car, and a driver's license fee boost not exceeding \$1.25.

In another action, the groups proposed that any increase in gas taxes should not be subject to refund for non-highway use. At present, state taxes are refunded on gasoline used for farm purposes, logging, etc. The groups approved continuing this practice insofar as present taxes are concerned, but suggested that the additional tax, if voted, be made non-refundable in all cases except aviation gas.

This suggestion, the committee anticipates, will be subject to lively discussion before the board of the chamber when it comes up next week. Committeemen said they hoped that all chamber members with opinions to express upon it will make themselves heard at that time or record their sentiments with the chamber manager.

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### General Bails Out Of Plane

BERLIN, March 18 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Telford Taylor and seven other Americans bailed out of a C-47 plane and landed in the Russian sector of Berlin today, Templehouse airfield reported. Taylor is chief U. S. prosecutor in the German war trials.

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Taylor was returning to Nuerenberg after conferring here with Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. military governor for Germany.

The plane carried 10 persons, including the crew. The pilot and co-pilot stayed with the C-47 to make a forced landing rather than abandon it over the city. They landed safely at the Gatow airport, manned by the Royal Air Force, in the British sector of Berlin. They were not injured.

### Jackson Keeps RC Race Lead

JACKSON county today continued to hold a long lead on Klamath in their contest over attainment of goal in the annual Red Cross drive.

Art Reinhart, Klamath chairman, said that Jackson has reported 51 per cent of its quota reached, while Klamath has barely reached 30.

## Truman Asks Prompt Action On ERP Bill

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—Congress split down the middle today on President Truman's plans for shoring up the nation's military strength with universal training and revival of the draft.

Party labels were lost in the shuffle as leaders divided over the two measures Mr. Truman said are needed to flex the muscles of a country that has become "the principal protector of the free world" against communism.

The upshot seemed to be a trend toward giving the president one—but not both—of the manpower-raising laws. Universal military training looked like slightly the better bet although the cards are stacked against UMT in the house right now.

As a third step to halt the aggressive march of "one nation"—Russia—Mr. Truman also called for quick and final approval of the \$5,300,000,000 Marshall plan for European recovery.

The senate already has passed its bill. And within four hours of the president's address to congress, the house foreign affairs committee stamped its okay on a similar program.

The chief executive told a New York St. Patrick's Day banquet audience last night that the big issue in the world now is "tyranny versus freedom."

"Our faith and our strength," he said, "must be made unmistakably clear to the world."

Sabotage Tried Bluntly, Mr. Truman accused Russia of trying to sabotage the peace and of seeking to bring all of Europe under communist sway.

Congressional leaders in both major political camps agreed on one thing—they want to do something to stop the spread of communism across not only Europe but the world.

But there the agreement stopped. Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) of the senate foreign relations committee said that if this country does not now have the essentials of national armed security "we must provide them by the most available immediate means."

Vandenberg was said to view with some favor the president's request for a limited military draft. But he apparently is less inclined toward universal military training.

Senator Taft of Ohio, a GOP presidential candidate, indicated he may fight the draft, as well as the UMT proposal which he long has opposed.

Taft said he regretted that Mr. Truman "did not press for 'real unification of the armed forces' and for the world's biggest air force."

The air force idea found wide support. Senators Brewster (R-Me.), Russell (D-Ga.), Edwin C. Johnson (D-Cole.), McCarran (D-Nev.), Umstead (D-N.C.) and Malone (R-Ind.)

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## B-29 Crash Kills Ten

TAMPA, Fla., March 18 (AP)—Ten men were killed and four injured early today when a B-29 from the Spokane, Wash. airbase crashed and burned on landing at Macdill field here.

The four survivors were admitted to the base hospital. Their condition was described as "good."

The bomber was coming in for a landing in a dense fog when it hit the edge of the runway at the southwest corner of the field. It was reported by Capt. George G. Byrne, Macdill field public information officer.

Burns The big craft hit the ground, bounced once and then crashed and burned. Wreckage was scattered over a wide area.

The injured men were listed as First Lt. Roy M. Walsh, believed to have been the pilot; First Lt. R. H. Hathaway, Staff Sgt. C. C. Miller and Corp. J. M. Miller. Their home addresses were not immediately available.

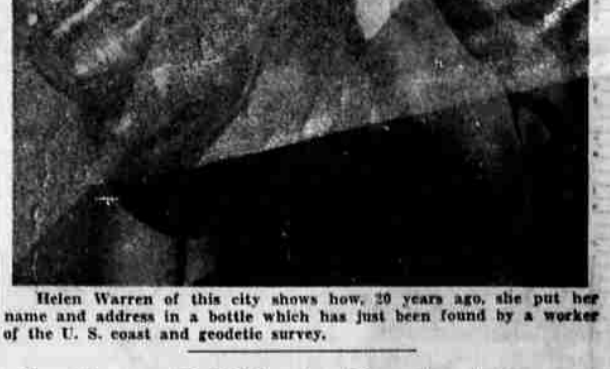
Names of the dead were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The plane had stopped at Maxwell field (Montgomery, Ala.) and was arriving at Tampa from that base. The crash occurred at 2:32 a. m.

The fog was rolling in from the bay and was hugging the ground about 150 feet thick and apparently it was virtually impossible to pick out a runway quickly, observers said.

The accident board at Macdill field immediately began an investigation.

## She Put Note In Bottle



Helen Warren of this city shows how, 20 years ago, she put her name and address in a bottle which has just been found by a worker of the U. S. coast and geodetic survey.

## Author Of Note Sealed In Bottle 20 Years Ago Asking For Mail Living In City

It is not "too late," Helen Warren of the Buffalo Lunch on S. 6th, told The Herald and News reporter today. She is not married and has not lived in Hawaii, she said.

## US Military Leaders Tot Up Strength Left In This Country---Compare With Red Forces

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—The army's 350,000 men are spread across half the world. In the United States, the Caribbean area and the Panama Canal zone are 275,000, in Europe 100,000, in the Pacific (Japan, Korea, Alaska, Hawaii and small islands), 175,000.

At the borders of the American occupation zones in Germany and Austria, in tense Trieste and at the 86th parallel in Korea United States soldiers face either red army forces themselves or troops of Russian satellite states. How many?

The army estimated for the house foreign affairs committee last December that the Russians had 1,702,000 troops in Western Russia and the occupied zones of Europe. This did not include an estimated 1,121,000 soldiers of satellite countries.

This 100,000 American troops confront 2,823,000 potentially hostile troops in Europe.

Under arms in the regular services (the army, air force, navy and marines) are 1,392,000 men—and comparatively few Wacs and Waves. The total authorized strength is 1,732,000. By contrast, the Russians had some 4,050,000 actually under arms according to the most recent estimates.

Mr. Truman told congress yesterday the services have been unable to maintain strength through voluntary enlistments; therefore, a temporary revival of the wartime draft is in order.

The army, at a present strength of 350,000, is 119,000 short of authorized strength. The navy, with 392,000, says it is 160,000 under the act figure; the marines, at 80,000, are 20,000 under. The air force has 730,000 men, which is all its current budget allows, but is 41,000 short of the figure originally planned.