

Here's How Proposed Draft Would Work Out If Passed By Congress

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—President Truman has asked congress to pass two draft laws.

1. A new—but temporary—draft like the old wartime draft. Under this men would be inducted into the armed forces.

The draft could start within 60 days after the law was passed. It would take that long to set up draft boards and start the machinery.

2. A permanent, compulsory military training program for youths. They'd be drafted for military training, although not necessarily into the armed forces.

This program might not be able to get into full swing for at least a year after such a law was passed. Now take the two proposed laws separately:

The temporary draft—The wartime draft law died last March 31. It gave the government power to draft men. Now it can't. So the armed forces must depend on volunteers.

Not enough men have volunteered. So the armed forces don't have as many men as they say they need. How many do they need? Somewhere between 150,000 and 350,000. It's a debatable figure.

What age group would be drafted, if congress passed such a law? Mr. Truman didn't say. Congress would decide. Probably youths 18 to 26 or so. That's a guess. Veterans of World War II are not likely to be drafted.

Compulsory military training—If congress passes such a law, no one can say now positively how it would work. Congress would decide. A lot of thought has been put into a compulsory military training law. Here's a little background on it.

A special committee of civilians—

set up by Mr. Truman to study the problem—made a long investigation and recommended such a training law. That was last year.

Then the house armed services committee took it up, held long hearings, and finally okayed a compulsory military training bill. That bill has been bottled up in the rules committee. The full house hasn't had a chance to vote on it.

But there can't be any compulsory training bill unless the full house and senate approve. It's a long way from a vote in the senate. The senate armed services committee started hearings only yesterday.

That committee is starting from scratch, not using the house bill. So compulsory training seems to have a long road ahead in congress.

This is what the house bill would do if it became law: Youths 18 to 20 would be drafted for six months of military training under army and navy officers. They'd be trained in camps or on ships. But—they would not be a part of the armed forces.

After six months of such training they could do one of two things:

1. Go back to civilian life but continue military training—either at school, or in the national guard at night, or in some other way.

2. Finish their required training by enlisting in the armed forces.

But unless they so enlisted they could not be used in the armed forces, here or abroad, except in a national emergency, like war. Then it could be done only by special act of congress.

But through such military training a big pool of young men would be trained and held in reserve in case of emergency. But 900,000 would be trained a year. But—

Why did Mr. Truman call for a "temporary" draft and a compulsory military training law, too?

He said he wanted the "temporary" draft until the compulsory training could get started. Then he said the armed forces could keep up their strength through volunteers.

Heads Elks



Glenn L. Evans, new exalted ruler of Klamath Falls Elks lodge.

Evans Named Elks Ruler

Glenn L. Evans was elected exalted ruler of Klamath Falls Elks lodge No. 1247 at the annual lodge voting held last night. He succeeds C. E. Seavey as the head of the local lodge.

Evans has held several elective offices in the lodge and has been a leader in committee work. He is business manager of the Klamath Medical clinic.

Other officers elected last night include:

Jack Brandon, leading knight; John Schubert, loyal knight; Estin Kiger, lecturing knight; G. W. Houston, executive secretary; E. B. Hall, trustee for five-year term and alternate delegate to the grand lodge; Homer Ellis, treasurer; Fred Glover, tiller.

New officers of the lodge will be installed at the first meeting in April.

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Safeway To Close Two Stores Here

To provide better supplies of food and more complete service, Safeway Stores today announced plans to remodel and improve two of its Klamath Falls locations and to close two others.

Joining other local grocers, all Safeway stores in Klamath Falls will remain open Sunday after next week, when the stocks from the two closed stores can be moved to the regular Safeway locations.

"We believe that these moves will simplify our Klamath Falls operations and allow us to concentrate on giving an even improved service to our customers," M. B. Houser, district manager, explained.

New Stands
The stores at 211 North Eighth street and 2316 S. 6th street each will receive four new type check stands for faster service. These two stores will be among the first Safeway stores in Oregon to add the company's new designed stands. The new T-shaped checkstands provide faster service for customers and reduce store congestion, Houser said.

The two stores located at 357 East Main street and 1215 Oregon avenue will be closed after Saturday. Location managers, Homer Truax and Berton DuBois, have been assigned temporary special management duties in Safeway's remaining three Klamath Falls locations. "As rapidly as the company is able to complete expansion plans already under way, both Truax and DuBois will be given new, permanent assignments," Houser stated.

Both of the stores to be closed Saturday are near Safeway's locations that will be remodeled as soon as the new check stands can be built, Houser pointed out, stating that he believed Safeway customers would find these shifts a worthwhile improvement rather than an inconvenience.

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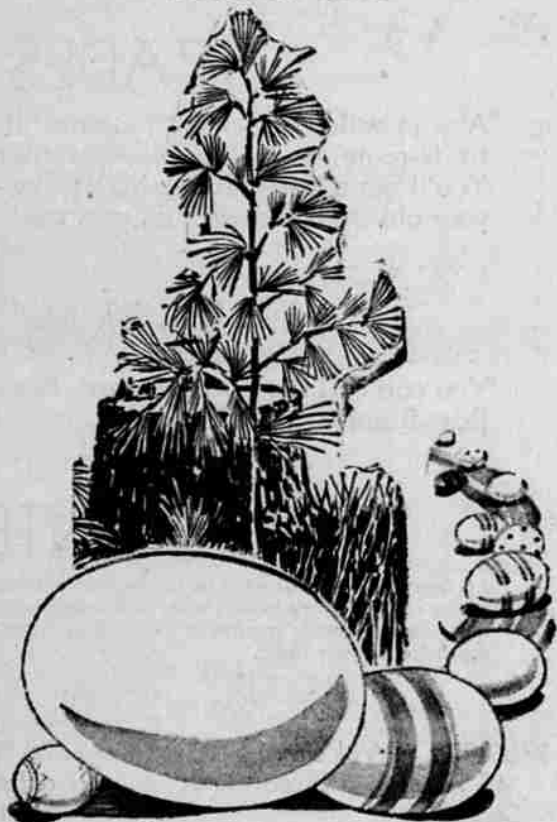


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3. Entries must be in not later than Friday, March 26th.
4. Eggs entered in contest are to be property of Pelican Cafe Candy Jar.
5. Work of professional artists cannot be accepted as this is strictly an amateur contest.
6. Contestants may make more than one entry.
7. Decision of judges is final.

JUDGES WILL BE...

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