

COMMITTEE OK'S 2-YEAR DRAFT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Jewish army (Haganah) insists today that Arab armies from Syria and Lebanon have invaded Southern Palestine. An AP reporter after a tour of the border, says he found no signs of an attack.

The Arabs say there has been no invasion and will be none until the British get out on May 15.

ARAB refugees pouring out of Palestine are highly critical of Arab leadership. They say it looks like another case of "too little and too late." They add that the Arab leaders have been talking about amounting to size to no more than regiments or battalions.

The Jews, they say, have 60,000 or more trained troops, of whom 25,000 are World War II veterans. The implication is that a lot of bluffing might have been going on.

MEANWHILE, the British are preparing to GET OUT in less than two weeks. It seems to be pretty well established that they decided to get out when we began to use Palestine as a sounding board against which to play American politics.

Our big problem is how to keep the Russians out—first, once they get in with an army, we don't know how we'd ever be able to get them out again, short of shooting war, in which they would have a great advantage because of the fact they are close and we are far away.

In the clear light of hindsight, we can see plainly now that it would be a lot better to have the British there upholding a formal and LEGAL mandate.

THERE is one lesson we should draw out of this situation: If we are going to be a world power—as, apparently, we shall have to be—we'll have to learn not to play domestic American politics with world affairs. That may have been safe enough in our childish days, but we're a big girl now and must face the facts of life.

IN Washington this morning, the house armed services committee votes 28 to 5 for a two-year draft bill. That puts the selective service issue squarely before congress. It can no longer be dodged, even if this is an election year.

THE bill, as at present drawn, would raise the total authorized manpower of the armed forces to 2,005,882. The present total strength of the services is 1,384,500.

Under the new bill, the army strength would be 837,000, the air force 502,000 and the navy and marines 666,882. It is generally conceded that if it comes it will be AIR WAR FIRST. So, you may ask, why should the air force be the smallest force in point of numbers?

The answer is fairly simple. It takes more than pilots and planes to run an air war. There must be ground crews. There must be ground crews. The planes have to be SERVICED.

And the fields have to be held against attack. In China, we had an air force but not much else. When it began to be bothersome, the Japs simply moved in with an army and TOOK OUR FIELDS.

UP at Hood River, scientists announce that they can now start snow storms by hanging blocks of dry ice in trees on mountain tops in the path of moisture-laden clouds moving inland from the ocean. Not only that, but they DID IT NINE TIMES last winter.

Man, you see, is moving toward CONTROL, as well as mere forecasting, of the weather.

Lumberman Dies In Portland

PORTLAND, May 3 (AP)—James A. Malarkey, 75, prominent West Coast lumberman, died here today. He was the founder of the M & M Woodworking company, which owns 11 plywood and lumber mills in the three West Coast states.

He founded the firm in Portland in 1918. Among the plants are the M & M plywood mill at Longview, Wash., and the Plycock corporation at Albany, Ore., the latter jointly owned with Thomas Autzen.

Curfew Rings for May Day



Caught on the wrong side of the barrier at curfew hour, this civilian on Yugoslav territory put up a losing argument. The barrier remained down. Curfew rule was put into effect by U. S. and British authorities to keep communists from Yugoslavia out of the city over May Day. Photo by Julius Hume, NEA-Acme staff correspondent.

—NEA radio-telephoto

WEATHER

Max. (May 3) 55 Min. — 35
Precipitation last 24 hours — 7
Stream flow to date — 10.58
Normal — 10.10 Last Year — 5.15
Forecast: Showers.

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British Troops Used In Palestine

Tornadoes Kill 21 In Seven States

By The Associated Press
Tornadoes and violent windstorms whipped across seven states over the week-end, killing at least 21 persons and injuring more than 160.

Property damage was estimated in the millions.

West Virginia and Kentucky communities were lashed by tornadoes last night. Twisters hit in Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas Saturday. High winds and heavy rains occurred in Indiana and Illinois.

The death toll by states:
West Virginia 6, Kentucky 4, Oklahoma 3, Missouri 3, Kansas 2, Illinois 1.

Six Towns Hit

In West Virginia, tornado winds ripped through six rural communities near Clarksburg in the northern part of the state. State police reported more than 65 persons were injured.

West Milford, Lost Creek, Wolf Summit, Mount Carey and Quiet Dell were the communities hardest hit. Highways were blocked and communication lines were down, hampering rescue operations.

In Kentucky a tornado hit Alpha, a town of 140 in Clinton county. The storm wrecked the Davis Chapel church where an estimated 133 were attending services. At least 30 persons were reported injured in the county. Many of the injured were in the church.

Deputy Policeman Wiley Gregory said that quite a few houses were destroyed. Alpha is midway between Albany and Monticello near the Kentucky-Tennessee border.

Rescue workers sought additional victims in the debris and mud of the tornado-battered West Virginia communities. Wrecked automobiles, trees and debris from nearby strip-mining operations cluttered U. S. route 19 leading to the damaged town of Hupp Hill, W. Va.

The twister hit in West Virginia about 9 p.m.

Bruce Named For AEC Post

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Howard Bruce of Maryland was nominated today to be deputy administrator for economic cooperation.

Bruce is a Baltimore industrialist. He was for 14 years a member of the democratic national committee from Maryland.

Bruce would work under Paul Hoffman, administrator of the agency which handles the European recovery program.

Bruce now is chairman of the board of the Worthington Pump and Machinery corporation and chairman of the Maryland Dry Dock company of Baltimore and a director of numerous other corporations.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his services during the last war in which he served in the army service forces. At one time he was director of materiel.

His nomination was sent to the senate by President Truman.

Bruce was born in Richmond, Va., August 31, 1879. He is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute with the degree of B. S. in civil engineering.

2000 Fans Attend Breneman Funeral



Part of crowd of 2000 persons, most of them women weeping unashamed, waited outside the Reformational church at Forest Lawn Memorial park, Glendale, Calif., to hear funeral services conducted for Tom Breneman, nationally known and popular radio mentor of "Breakfast in Hollywood." Breneman died suddenly just an hour before his radio program was to go on the air.—NEA telephoto.

Supreme Court Reopens Theatre Ownership Hearing

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—The supreme court reopened today the question of whether major motion picture companies should be required to dispose of their hundreds of movie theatres.

A 7-1 decision sent back for new proceedings in district court the government's anti-trust case against the five top producers and a long list of other producers and distributors.

The court's ruling cancelled findings by the district court that the

organization and operations of the big concerns did not show a "purpose" of monopoly.

The majority consistently referred to joint agreements among the defendant movie concerns as a "conspiracy." The majority said the agreements "had monopoly in exhibition for one of its goals."

Justice Douglas spoke for himself and six colleagues.

"It is, therefore, not enough in determining the need for divestiture to conclude with the district court that none of the defendants was organized, or has been maintained for the purpose of achieving a 'national monopoly,' nor that the five majors through their present theatre holdings 'alone' do not and cannot collectively or individually have a monopoly of exhibition," he said.

"For when the starting point is a conspiracy to effect a monopoly through restraints of trade it is relevant to determine what the results of the conspiracy were even if they fell short of monopoly."

The cold weather of the past week has prevented the tile squares used in covering the floor from setting, and teen-agers decided to put out their open house rather than ruin the floor of their brand new center.

It had been hoped to have the opening of the center anticipated by teen-agers and the community as a whole, Saturday, May 1.

Teen-agers will be at home to their parents and to everyone interested in the Teen-Age center beginning at 7:30 o'clock the night of May 8. The following week, from Monday, May 10, through Friday, May 14, the teen-agers will hold open house from 1 until 9:30 p. m. each day. Their regularly scheduled activities will begin May 17.

The convention was highlighted by arguments involving the federal government sustained yield agreements concluded in Washington and being negotiated in Oregon.

H. J. Andrews, North Pacific forester, and W. H. Horning, regional administrator of the bureau of land management, defended the plan. But Ellory Foster, research director for the CIO-IWA and Leif Erickson, former justice of the Montana supreme court, said the contracts are monopolistic. They argued the agreements eventually will put independent loggers out of business.

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Narrow Escape, But All Safe

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Jews Stick To Tale Of Invasion

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The British rushed soldiers back into the country to deal with what they called a "seriously deteriorated" situation, less than two weeks before the May 15 date they have set to end their rule.

They guarded a new 48-hour truce between Jews and Arabs in the southern Katamon quarter of Jerusalem while they negotiated for a truce to cover the whole city and its Christian, Jewish and Moslem shrines.

Truce Kept

The truce, enforced by the highland light infantry, apparently was being respected. Its spirit was evident all over Jerusalem. No single shot was heard today from within the city, either in the new or in the old quarters.

The first British reinforcements were an estimated 1000 soldiers in full battle dress who reached Haifa yesterday from Cyprus aboard the Troopship Empire Test.

Before that, competent sources had estimated British strength in Palestine at 25,000 troops, including skeleton armored and gun forces. The British army has been shipping out under a pledge to be gone by August 1.

Rescue Move

Official sources in Amman, Trans-Jordan, said Thursday Trans-Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and Iraq would send at least 30,000 regulars to "rescue Palestine before May 15."

The strength of the Jewish militia Hagannah is estimated unofficially at 53,000 and that of the Jewish underground Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern group together at 2500 to 7000.

Hagannah, which had announced an Arab invasion Saturday of Palestine's northernmost thumb, said in Tel Aviv last night attacks on five Jewish settlements there had been beaten off but Syrian troops still were massing on the border.

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Jaycee Prexy



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Sandmeyer To Head Jaycees

John Sandmeyer, Klamath Falls insurance man and long active in work of the Klamath County Junior chamber of commerce, was elected president of the Oregon Junior chamber of commerce at the closing sessions of the state convention in Portland Saturday.

Sandmeyer appointed James Stillwell of Klamath Falls as secretary-treasurer.

The organization named Baker as site for the 1949 convention, Salem for the September meeting and Bend for the spring meeting next February.

Among the district vice presidents named at the convention was Dr. James Dreher of Prineville, former resident of this city.

The Gelsenberg Memorial award each year to the outstanding chapter went to the Portland group. Eugene was second and Albany third. Baker won a citation for its organization of new chapters in Ontario and John Day.

Plane's Wheel Found On Beach

PORTLAND, May 3 (AP)—The national guard reported today the finding on the Oregon coast of what apparently was the wheel from a navy fighter plane.

The wheel was discovered by beach visitors near Otter rock, north of Newport. It was sent here on the possibility it was a wheel from a missing national guard attack bomber.

Major Gordon Doolittle said the wheel definitely was not from the missing national guard plane, and sent it on for inspection at McCord field.

Doolittle said the wheel appeared to have been exposed to surf and sand for some time. It was believed to have washed ashore.

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Vote Puts Issue Up To Congress

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—The house armed services committee today approved 28 to 5 a two-year draft bill.

The vote puts the issue for selective service formally before congress for the first time since the war.

Before voting, the committee heard Secretary of Defense Forrestal call the measure "excellent."

Immediate Need

"There is an immediate and imperative demand for something to augment the size of our armed forces," he said. "This bill provides it."

Chairman Andrews (R-N. Y.) called Forrestal and Secretary of the Army Royal in for a final look at the measure before a formal committee vote. Royal said it is "thoroughly acceptable to all the services"—army, navy and air force.

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They did not ask that the committee put in any provision for limited training of 18-year-olds, but Forrestal emphasized that he still believes universal military training is needed.

Andrews has been assured by house leaders that the bill will be called up for debate next week.

These are the bill's principal provisions:

1. It would raise the total authorized manpower of the armed forces to 2,005,882—army 837,000, air force 502,000, and navy and marine corps 666,882. The present total strength is 1,384,500.

2. Men from 18 through 30 would be registered, with those from 19 through 25 liable for two years' service. Men in the 19-26 group could enlist voluntarily in the regular army for two years, but in no other service.

3. Most veterans would be exempt from service, but those under 31 would have to register.

4. Industrial plants could be seized by the government if they refused to stop top priority to armament orders, or if they did not provide equipment at what the secretary of defense considered reasonable prices.

5. Doctors up to 45 years old could be drafted for two years' service. The armed forces would be allowed to call for doctors up to five per cent of their total manpower and dentists up to two per cent. At full strength that would put some 100,000 doctors and 40,000 dentists into uniform, counting those already in service.

6. Ministers, divinity students and some conscientious objectors would be exempt from service. Objectors willing to perform non-combatant service would be inducted for such service only.

7. Deferments for schooling, dependency, and occupation would be determined by the president.

8. The law would expire two years after it went into effect.

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