

Aussie 3-Year Defense Plan Aimed At Having 125,000 Men

SYDNEY (AP) — Australia soon should have armed forces of some 125,000 men enlisted for overseas service, ready to go anytime to any part of the world in event of war.

This is the manpower objective of Australia's three-year defense program, now in its third year.

Provisions by the federal government that all permanently enlisted servicemen, all volunteers for the citizen forces of any of the services, and all national service trainees in the Navy and the Air Force should enroll for service anywhere

in the world in war time, have given Australia a bigger standing force of men available for overseas service than the nation has ever had before.

When the three-year program is completed next year, Australia should have in the three services the numerical equivalent of 10 infantry divisions, volunteered to serve overseas.

The defense program provides the following target forces enlisted for service abroad:

Navy—17,000 permanent officers and men and 10,000 citizen force and national service personnel, a total of 27,000.

Army—33,000 regular soldiers and 30,000 citizen force volunteers enrolled for overseas service—a total of 63,000.

Air Force—16,794 permanent personnel, 1,843 citizen force personnel, 10,000 active reservists and 5,000 national service trainees.

In addition there will be a general reserve for the air force and a reserve of officers and men for the army who could be drafted for overseas service after training.

There also will be 67,500 national service trainees completing training or on reserve, who, although not enlisted for overseas service, would be available for home defense call-up.

Latest surveys of the three forces indicate that about 90,000 men enlisted for overseas service are already available.

The federal government estimates the total cost of this program will be at least \$125,216,000, more than half of which has already been authorized.

BRADLEY FLIES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Omar Bradley left by air Thursday for Europe to confer with Allied commanders there and observe troop maneuvers.

Miner Plan Wins Approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — Southern coal operators appeared today to be joining with the idea of going along with John L. Lewis' share-the-work plan.

They didn't say yes, and they didn't say no after discussing the plan at a meeting of the Southern Coal Operators Association's directors yesterday.

They instructed their chief negotiator, Joseph E. Moody, to go ahead with bargaining in an effort to reach an agreement with Lewis' United Mine Workers before their contract expires on Sept. 30.

Leaving the matter open for further discussion, as they did, indicated the Southern owners may be attracted to the Lewis plan, particularly if it is coupled with only a modest pay boost for the miners.

Lewis wants employment more evenly distributed among his 230,000 union members in the soft coal industry.

Some now work as few as two days a week, others as many as five. Lewis has suggested penalty pay of time-and-one-half for a fourth day's work, double time for a fifth day's work.

With the demand for coal now fairly light, the mines working full time are mostly those known as "captive," whose output goes to steel companies, utility firms and railroads.

Most of these "captive" are in Northern states, so the Southern owners feel they might get a bigger share of the coal market under the Lewis plan. That's because the owners of the "captive" mines would have to buy coal from them to avoid the penalty pay.



REUNION—Two Northern California soldiers who had not seen each other for almost two years had a get-together in Frankfurt, Germany, recently. The men were (above, l to r) Bill Cockerham, Red Rock, and David Long, Dorris. Cockerham is stationed at Rhine Main Air Base and Long took leave from his base at Mildenhall Air Base, England, for the reunion.

Oregon's FEPC Law Said Successful

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's three-year-old fair employment practices law, which many legislators feared would cause trouble rather than cure it, is credited by the man who administers it with going a long way toward ending racial discrimination.

State Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey, who enforces the FEPC law, says many new jobs have been opened up to members of minority groups.

In the midst of the bitter argument over whether there should be a national FEPC law, Kimsey says Oregon proves that such laws can work on a state level.

Kimsey and his staff have devoted most of their time in convincing employers and labor unions that they shouldn't discriminate against racial, foreign and religious minorities.

Now he's ready to start on a new phase. This calls for an educational campaign for the general public, especially telling minorities what

FEPC guarantees them, and how they can appeal to Kimsey for their rights to get jobs and join unions.

Kimsey has hired Mark A. Smith, 49-year-old Vancouver, Wash., Negro, to help in this new phase. Smith will work with William S. Van Meter, the Episcopalian clergyman who has run the FEPC organization for Kimsey since it was organized.

In the past year, there have been only 22 complaints of discrimination. But the number probably will increase when the minority groups become better posted about their rights.

Kimsey says the number of complaints isn't any index as to how much discrimination there is, or how things are getting better.

"The law has been most effective in educating employers and unions against discrimination," he says. "Many, many persons in minority groups have been given jobs because the law exists."

Most of the work done by Kim-

sey's FEPC division has been in educating employers and labor unions against discrimination. Now equal emphasis will be given to educating the minorities.

Kimsey is printing 10,000 copies of a four-page pamphlet to help do this job.

Kimsey is proud that he recently signed a formal agreement with a labor union against discrimination against Negroes. It is the first such agreement, and he plans to sign more of them.

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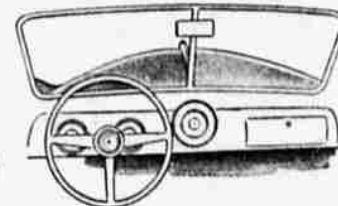
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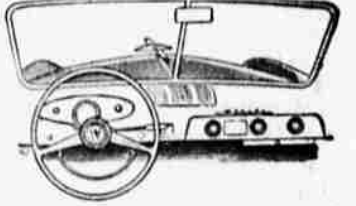
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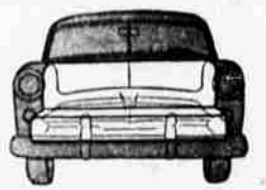
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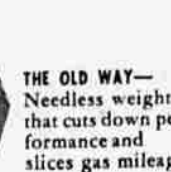
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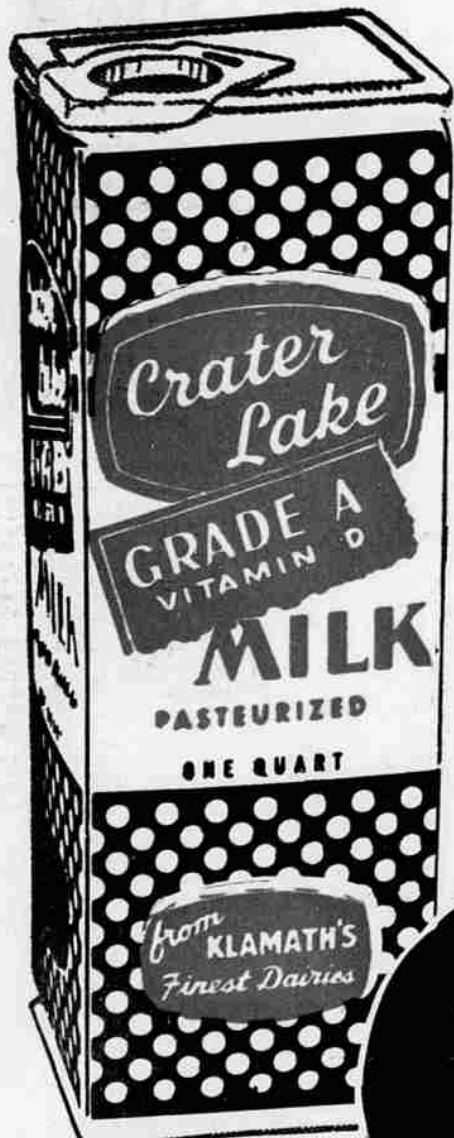
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