

Extension Of U.S. Draft Law Predicted By Solons

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Four senators agreed today that the next Congress will extend the draft act but differed over other parts of the Pentagon's new military manpower plans.

Secretary of Defense Wilson outlined the program yesterday. It will call for a four-year extension of the draft law, a modified form of universal military service that will provide for long and short-term draftees, more pay for long-service men and little change in the historic reserve and National Guard setup.

Wilson told a news conference that, while some details remain to be settled, President Eisenhower will present the plan in his State of the Union message to the new Congress in January.

Chairman Saltonstall (R-Mass.) of the Senate Armed Services Committee and two committee members, Senators Stennis (D-Miss.) and Case (R-Ind.), agreed in separate interviews that Wilson would get a sympathetic hearing when he takes his case before the group.

"I heartily believe that an im-

proved reserve program is necessary," Saltonstall added, saying he had "tried five times" to get the Pentagon to submit details on it during the current session of Congress. The current Draft Act, passed in 1948, is due to expire April 30.

While concurring with the other three senators that the selective service law should be extended, Sen. Long (D-La.) said he doubts Congress would okay what he described as a new version of the universal military training program Congress has turned down several times in recent years.

"As one who previously supported UMTI," he said, "I think it can't be done."

Wilson said the manpower program as now planned calls for a double system of induction through the selective service. Most young men — nearly 300,000 a year at the current rate — would be drafted for two years of active duty, then go into the organized reserve.

Then, to build up the reserve, another 30,000 to 100,000 would be inducted for a four to six-month basic training period and then automatically become members of the ready reserve.

There would be two major distinctions between the short and longer term draftees:

1. The short-termers would not classify as "veterans," according to the latest Pentagon thinking, and thus would not qualify for most veterans benefits.

2. The 24-month selectees would spend less time in the organized reserves while the short-termers would be on call for emergency active duty for a year or two longer.

Wilson said the new program was intended to induce men to stay in uniform longer. He spoke in terms of a pay increase amounting to from 3 to 5 per cent, costing up to 600 million dollars a year.

Pentagon aides said the raise might exclude men who serve only the minimum two years, leaving more money to be given longer term and career military specialists.

Woman Hurt By Meteor

SYLACAUGA, Ala., (AP)—A woman was injured yesterday when an exploding meteor hurled a nine-pound fragment through the roof of her home.

The fragment hit Mrs. Hewlett Hodges, 32, on an arm and hip as she lay on a couch in the living room.

The object was identified as a sulphide meteorite by George Swindle, field representative of the U.S. Geological Survey.

A "bright flash" across the sky followed by explosions was reported about 2 p.m. simultaneously in Atlanta, Newnan and Columbus, Ga., Sylacauga and Birmingham in Alabama, and as far away as Greenville, Miss.

Father Calls Off Search

NEW YORK (AP)—Sherman Billingsley, owner of the Stork Club, has called off a police search for his 18-year-old daughter Barbara after learning she eloped with a New York photographer.

The girl had been missing since Saturday but her father waited until yesterday before asking police to try to find her. Then last night he telephoned police and said "we know where the girl is. We don't want any more police action."

Barbara telephoned home to confirm the family's suspicion that she had run away to marry John Rogers Christoffers, 28, a commercial photographer who uses the professional name of John Rogers. The couple met three weeks ago at a party.

Christoffers' brother Alfred said they were married Monday at Folkston, Ga., and are honeymooning in Florida. He would not tell where.

Hope Abandoned For Trapped Man

ST. CLAIR, Pa., (AP)—A second rock slide has forced rescue crews to abandon hope of reaching a trapped coal miner alive in a 280-foot-deep anthracite shaft here.

Crews of 16 men each were working in alternating shifts around the clock until the second rock fall yesterday in the shaft where Frank Pescavage, 37, of Gilberton, was trapped Monday.

Mine Inspector Timothy Ryan said it might be a month now before Pescavage could be reached.

US Immigration Service Changed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Retired Lt. Gen. J. M. Swing, commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said last night plans to reorganize the service are nearly completed.

Swing, who declined to discuss details of the reorganization, said it "would make the service a little more modern."

The New York Times says the reorganization will involve closing of some offices and merging of others. In the process, the paper says, some jobs will be wiped out and others transferred to new locations.



A-3C DOUGLAS HANSEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hansen, 1934 Riverside Drive has been assigned to the Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas, as a B-47 medium jet bomber mechanic. He is a former KUHS student.

Nation's Doctors Discuss Ominous Spiritual Disease

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE, AP Science Reporter

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—An ominous "spiritual disease" seems to be spreading, a prominent physician declared today, and a change of heart is needed to fight it.

"The physical and mental health of our people is relatively good, but there is evidence of spiritual disease," Dr. Julian P. Price, pediatrician of Florence, S.C., told the American Medical Assn. He said the signs include "lack of morals in our national government in recent years — the hold which organized vice has upon legislative and social life — dishonesty and corruption in various

state and local governments. "The increase in crime in our teen-age population — the evidence of bribery and unethical conduct in amateur athletics — the effort made by many to cheat on their income tax."

"The mad search for pleasure which causes our people to spend four times as much for alcoholic beverages as they do for religious and welfare activities — the inroads which the doctrine of atheistic communism is making upon the thinking of some of our citizens."

Dr. Price, a member of the AMA's Board of Trustees, declared the only remedy "lies in a change of heart."

"It is my sincere belief that the greatest need of our country today

—and of our profession—is a spiritual rebirth, a return to God and His eternal principles. And the rebirth must come in the heart of the average citizen—and in the average doctor of medicine."

He called upon doctors to remember that they are men and citizens as well as holders of M.D. degrees, that they should be active in community life, particularly in education, in work for boys and girls.

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in charitable and philanthropic organizations. "The basic unit of a community is the family — and whether the community is strong or weak, energetic or lazy, moral or immoral, will depend to a large degree upon

the type home which its families have built," Dr. Price said.

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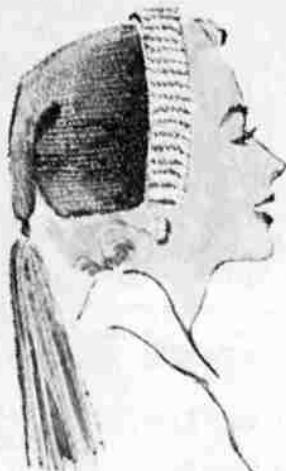
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