Hopes Fade To Curtail Draft Calls

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Defense Department apparently will have to recommend to President Johnson soon that the draft must be continued if the nation is to maintain adequate armed forces.

Precise proposals that will result from a year-long manpower study are still largely speculative. But once-high hopes of ending the draft appeared Saturday to be fading fast.

Military enlistments have been dropping since talk of ending conscription reached a high pitch in the presidential election campaign last fall. Recent draft calls have had to be increased to make up the deficit. There also are reports the Pentagon's studies may show that an all-volunteer force would fall about one million men short of estimated needs over the next five years.

The estimated needs are for land, sea and air forces totalling between 2.6 million and 2.7 million men. Doubts now have arisen that a force of more than 1.5 million to 1.75 million could be maintained without the draft.

Only the Army drafts men now. But conscription is a major factor influencing enlistments and volunteers for officer programs in all the services and in the armed forces reserves.

As a result of the enlistment decline, the Army has had to double its March draft call. It is requesting 7,900 men. In April it will draft 13,700 men. The increase for these two months is expected to continue in May and June. It was necessary despite the fact that the size of the Army is being reduced by about 15,000 men by next June 30.

ONPA Honors Publisher

EUGENE (UPI) — Giles French, former owner and publisher of the Sherman County Journal at Moro, was given the Voorhies Award by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association Friday night.

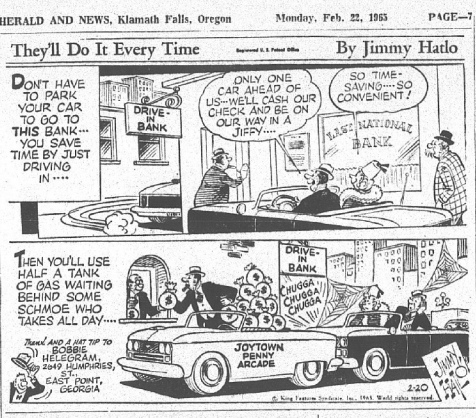
The award is the top journalistic tribute in Oregon and is given for outstanding journalistic achievement in the public interest. It honors the late Amos Voorhies, long-time Grants Pass newspaper publisher.

It last was given in 1962 to L. H. Gregory, sports editor of The Oregonian.

French was honored at a banquet of the Oregon Press Conference. The conference ended Friday.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Birthplace Of A-Bomb Ready For Sales Block

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (UPI)—Plans are moving smoothly for the sale of one of America's most famous cities: Los Alamos, birthplace of the atomic bomb.

The Atomic Energy Commission, which conceived and built the town, located in the northern New Mexico high country during World War II, hopes to sell the city by the end of 1967.

On the block are the city's homes, apartment houses, schools, utilities, parks and other facilities. The government built the town when it put up the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, but now wants to wash its hands of the problems of ownership by selling all property to businesses and private citizens and turning over municipal facilities and functions to city and county government.

About the only hitch in the transfer proceedings so far is a squabble between Mountain States Telephone Co. (Bell) and University Telephone Co. over who will acquire telephone facilities in the community.

The AEC will continue to operate the laboratory and Los Alamos will continue for some time as a one-industry town—a community of some 13,000 persons built around activities of the important atomic research laboratory.

The AEC already has turned over operation to the County of Los Alamos of recreational areas and the public library. Scheduled for later transfer to local government control are the county schools, police department and other public services. The facilities will be operated by the county, with the AEC footing most of the bills, until the end of 1967, when local government takes full control.

Vets Urged To Aid War

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman urged war veterans Saturday to enlist as community leaders in the Johnson administration's war on poverty.

Freeman, in a speech prepared for delivery to the mid-winter conference of the Minnesota Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), said government "support resources" in efforts to reduce poverty can be useful only if there is strong local community leadership.

"The people must have the will before government can throw in help to find the way," he said.

Freeman said that, "I am suggesting that you use your already-developed skills in community service to do more of what you have already been doing well—and do it on a broadened scale."

COOKED GARBAGE

TRENTON, N.J. (UPI)—The menu is improving for the pigs on two Cape May farms.

The State Agriculture Department fined Yacoob Ali and Jonathan Murray $50 each for serving their pigs garbage which hadn't been cooked.

Coup Chiefs Lack Rank In Viet Nam

SAIGON (UPI)—South Viet Nam's latest attempt at an army revolt was the strangest of a long line of military rampages into the field of politics.

None of the rebel leaders was even a full-fledged army officer.

All but two or three of them were ex-soldiers who tried an almost identical revolt against identical foes only five months ago.

They followed the plans for their earlier unsuccessful coup so closely that they even made the same mistakes.

This time around, the most visible rebel leaders were "Colonel" Pham Ngoc Thano "Brigadier General" Lam Van Phat and "Colonel" Huynh Van Ton.

Phat and Ton were ring leaders of the revolt of Sept. 13, 1965, when they streamed into the city at the head of the Vietnamese 7th Division which Ton then commanded.

Both of them were ousted from the army as a result. Thao was hustled off to Washington to become press attache at the Vietnamese embassy.

In both coups the rebels found their toughest obstacle in fiery little Air Vice Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky.

In their last revolt the rebels failed to seize Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport at the beginning. Ky was able to fly in reinforcements while keeping rebel tanks at bay by threatening them with fighter-bombers.

This time the rebels grabbed the airport—but not quickly enough to keep Ky from getting off the runway in one of his planes.

Ky set up shot at Bien Hoa airbase, only 12 miles away, and started the same procedure of ferrying troops and threatening the city with swooping dive bombers bristling with rockets and bombs.

BYPASS COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Friday voted to bypass the hostile Judiciary Committee in an attempt to get a hearing for a "truth-in-packaging" bill.

Members agreed in a voice vote to send the measure to the Commerce Committee, where Chairman Warren D. Magnuson, D-Wash., said the bill would get a friendly reception.

The proposal would tighten standards on packaging and labeling of consumer products.

Taxpayers Face Facts: Uncle Sam Bites Deep

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Treasury Department offered facts instead of sympathy Saturday to thousands of wage earners who have just begun to realize they will owe more income taxes this year despite an $11.2 billion income tax cut.

The main reason is that less money was withheld from their wages for taxes than they will owe for 1964. But many apparently did not anticipate the big end-of-the-year bite.

As part of last year's historic tax cut, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) lowered the withholding rate from 18 to 14 per cent. The lower rate plus the cut in taxes gave Americans more money to spend during the year.

Taxpayers were warned about the lower withholding rate's effect long before it was enacted.

In "a response to inquiries," the Treasury Department said bigger tax bills shouldn't be blamed completely on the withholding rate. It added that not everyone will owe the treasury this year.

Lower Refunds

"The fact is that since two out of three taxpayers receive refunds, much of the reduction in withholding attributable to the 1964 act will be reflected in lower refunds rather than in larger tax payments," the treasury said.

"Furthermore, the reduction in withholding attributable to the 1964 act has a much smaller effect on the average taxpayer—whether he has a tax payment or a refund due—than popularly supposed.

"For instance, in 1964, for a single person earning $4,000, the increase over 1963 withholding could not exceed $34. At $6,000, it could not exceed $61; at $8,000, $83, and at $10,000, it could not exceed $98.

The treasury said there were many reasons why some taxpayers will pay bigger bills this year.

"A common reason is that many taxpayers do not file their quarterly declarations of tax and do not realize the differences between their withholding and their current tax liabilities until the final accounting at the end of the year," the treasury said.

Variety Of Reasons

Here are some other reasons the treasury gave for taxpayers who are owing bigger tax bills:

—Underwithholding resulting from an increase inpay, more overtime or steady employment. "Personal income incre by $27 billion and employment, by 1.5 million, in 1964."

—Loss of exemptions through divorce, marriage of a dependent, death or other reasons and then failing to make withholding adjustments.

—"Moonlighting" on a second job even though duplicating the number of exemptions for both jobs.

—The wife going to work.

—Increased income from dividends, capital gains, fees and other income from self-employment.

—Changes in deductions permitted.

Hull Yields Red Arms

SAIGON (UPI)—The biggest find of Red weapons of the Vietnamese war has been uncovered in the sunken hull of a Communist ship and nearby Viet Cong supply dumps 35 miles northeast of Saigon, a U.S. military spokesman disclosed Saturday.

Authorities said 2,000 individual weapons were found—many of them of Chinese Communist manufacture. In addition, 150 heavy weapons used by the crew of the ship were seized. According to preliminary estimates there were 100 tons of weapons and 3½ tons of ammunition.

The American spokesman said the mammoth supply of weapons and explosives was found by salvagers after a camouflaged 120-foot long Communist ship was sunk in Vung Ro Bay Tuesday. The vessel was believed to have been a modified patrol gunboat. It was spotted by an alert U. S. helicopter pilot.

Brig. Gen. Nguyen Huu Co, of the Vietnamese Second Corps, called the find "undeniable evidence" of Communist North Viet Nam's support of the Viet Cong guerrillas in South Viet Nam.

The International Control Commission Saturday dispatched a team to the bay—long known as a Communist Viet Cong base area—to inspect the find at the invitation of the Saigon government.

THREE SAILORS DROWN

SANTA MARIA, The Azores (UPI)—Three seamen drowned Sunday when their Dutch cargo ship Sophocles caught fire and sank in the Atlantic.

Proposed Bill Requires Licenses, Fees For Door-To-Door Salesmen

SALEM (UPI) — A Portland legislator said he is going to try to force the collection of license fees from Fuller Brush men, Avon ladies and other door-to-door salesmen.

However, Rep. Fred Meek, R-Portland, said he would be willing to grant less expensive licenses to salesmen whose line is limited to cosmetics and household goods.

Meek, a druggist, is chairman of the House Public Health and Welfare Committee, which is considering a bill requiring $50 licenses of persons who sell products containing "any drug or antibiotic, estrogenic or hormonal substance."

The State Board of Pharmacy is not enforcing the present law which applies to a wider variety of itinerent salesmen, the committee was told last week by A. G. McLain of Roseburg, the board secretary.

"We have not had the staff... to cover any companies other than those who have been dealing with drugs or medicinal products," McLain said.

"I think that's an awfully poor excuse," commented Meek, who is frequently critical of the board. He said he thinks the State Department of Finance and Administration and Ways and Means Committee could give the board the money if it asked.

"I'm going to attempt not only to have them collect the fee but to enforce the regulations" covering door-to-door salesmen, he said.

He said he favored a license for all salesmen, but was agreeable to reducing the fee for those who sell only non-dangerous cosmetic and household preparations to $5 or less.

The point, he said, is to compile permanent addresses of all salesmen so they could be inspected by the Board of Pharmacy to make sure they weren't cheating on the law. He conceders it is the best way to prevent the sale of drugs and creams containing dangerous substances by salesmen who later disappear without a trace.

An attorney for the Watkins Co. told the committee that company was paying he $50 license fee for each of its route men.

However, a Fuller Brush Co. attorney indicated its salesmen had to pay their own fees, and to his knowledge, none had done so.

"They're not being unduly or unjustly licensed if you compare their lot to ours," Meek said of the $50 fee. He pointed out salesmen pay no inventory, property or social security taxes on their business.

At the same time, Meek was highly critical of companies which claimed to be "too poor" to pay the license fees of their "independent contractors."

Rocky Gill, a Portland attorney representing Watkins, has asked the committee to include patent and proprietary medicines under the lower fee, but Meek is cold to that idea.

He said the state's present law finished the patent medicine salesmen and the medicine shows in Oregon several years ago and he doesn't want to see them back.

If the legislature doesn't act on the subject, salesmen may feel the pressure of tighter enforcement. The state attorney general's office said in an opinion in September that the fee should be collected from all peddlers of the products listed in Oregon's present law.

That list includes "any drug, nostrum, face powder, face cream, face bleach, face lotion, cosmetic, tooth paowder, tooth paste, dentrifice or other toilet preparation, or ointment or application of any kind for treatment of any disease or injury or deformity."

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"It is important, likewise, that the habits of thinking in a free country should inspire caution in those intrusted with its administration to confine themselves within their respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the powers of one department to encroch upon another. THE SPIRIT OF ENCROACHMENT TENDS TO CONSOLIDATE THE POWERS OF ALL THE DEPARTMENTS IN ONE, AND THUS TO CREATE, WHATEVER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT, A A REAL DESPOTISM. A just estimate of that love power and proneness to abuse it which predominates in the human heart is sufficient to satisfy us of the truth of this position. The necessity of reciprocal checks in the exercise of political power, by dividing, and distributing it into different depositories, and constituting each the guardian of the public weal against invasions by the others, has been evinced by experiments ancient and modern. . . . To preserve them must be as necessary to institute them. If in the opinion of the people the distribution or modification of the constitutional powers be in any particular wrong, LET IT BE CORRECTED BY AN AMENDMENT IN THE WAY WHICH THE CONSTITUTION DESIGNATES. BUT LET THERE BE NO CHANGE BY USURPATION: FOR THROUGH THIS IN ONE INSTANCE MAY BE THE INSTRUMENT OF GOOD, IT IS THE CUSTOMARY WEAPON BY WHICH FREE GOVERNMENTS ARE DESTROYED. The precedent must always greatly overbalance in permanent evil any partial or transient benefit which the use can at any time yield."

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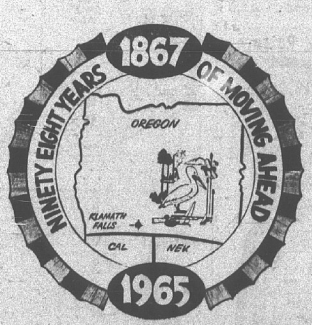

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