

Don't get your hopes up, but there may be price cuts in major household appliances before long. Elmer Hoesinger tells the story in his dispatch column on page 2-A of this edition.

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Congressmen Would Exempt Veterans From New Draft

Also Favor Deferring Husbands, Men Over 27

Military Chiefs' Views Awaited

WASHINGTON (AP)—Plans to exempt husbands, veterans and men over 27 from any peacetime draft gained fresh backing in Congress today.

While Capitol Hill waited for military chiefs to blueprint the nation's defense machinery, lawmakers spoke out for keeping manpower demands within narrow limits.

Chairman Gurney (R-SD) of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told a reporter he expects any plan to revise Selective Service to leave out "all real veterans and their wives as well as all married men."

And Rep. Wadsworth (R-NY), who wrote the World War I law, said he thinks the age span should be extended to 27. He also suggested exempting veterans.

Wadsworth said Chairman Anderson of the House Selective Service Committee has asked him to help draw up new draft legislation.

Discussing Pageant Plans



News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Shows the artists of Mecklenburg's Symphonic drama who will write and produce it—are meeting informally, as pictured above, to shape the plans for presenting the drama on May 20. They're finishing the script, writing the music, studying the dress of early Mecklenburgers, and discussing presentation plans with the drama's director and its business manager. The group is composed of (left to right) Kenneth Whitsett, costumes; Lamar Stringfield, music; Bob Allen, business manager; LeGette Blythe, script; and Tom Humble, director.

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Pageant Cast To Total 100

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On-The-Spot Inquiry

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U. N. May Probe Czech Red Coup

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Leg Is Crushed

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No DAR Contests In Boston Schools

BOSTON — The Boston school committee has voted the chapters of the American Revolution in the city's public schools.

Man Is Injured While Crawling Under Train

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — A man was injured while crawling under a train at the crossing of the Southern and Memorial railroads.

President Moves In Soviet Given Notice

J. S. Strengthens German Foothold

Operators Call For Fast Action

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman moved in on the coal strike today and operators called for a speed-up in the drive to get a court ban against the walkout.

They said the board of inquiry set up by Mr. Truman under Taft-Hartley law "should report a matter of hours to the court."

That report — a bare statement of facts — is the soft copy that the Government can ask for a Federal Court injunction.

Under such an order the court could let very heavy fines or even jail terms await John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers members if they failed to obey.

The President issued an order yesterday creating the inquiry board and directing it to report by April 5, or sooner if he like. The members were announced by the White House today.

The appeal for the board to function is fast-acting. It quickly came from John D. Battle, executive secretary of the National Coal Association.

The board, he said, should act with dispatch in order that the law of the land be made applicable to this threat to the wellbeing of the nation.

Government officials estimated that it will take a week, at the best, for the board to complete its task.

The strike grew out of the inability of Lewis and the mine owners to agree on how to spend the \$30,000,000 welfare fund set up by their contract last July. They struck snag over how many miners are to be eligible for pension.

Lewis wants fifty miner aged 60 or more and with twenty years mine service to get \$100 a month. The operators say the amount is too big for the fund and that only mine employees in 1947 or 1948 should benefit.

The union invoked the Taft-Hartley emergency clause with a declaration that if the strike continues and coal continues it "will imperil the national health and safety."

Members of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council (Vaad Leumi) declared the announcement after a joint conference in the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv.

They rejected any plan to establish a trusteeship over Palestine by the United States, even for a brief period.

The Jewish Agency and Vaad Leumi have learned with regret and astonishment the attitude adopted by the United States and to enter into permanent trade relations with the Arab States and to advance the development of all countries of the Near East.

The Jewish people extend their warmest greetings to the Arab people. The Jewish state will be pleased to cooperate with neighboring Arab States and to enter into permanent trade relations with the Arab States and to advance the development of all countries of the Near East.

The Jewish Agency is the administrative group elected by the World Jewish Congress. The Jewish National Council is the administrative body of the national assembly. The assembly is elected by Palestine Jews.

Earthquake Rocks Batavia

BATAVIA, Java.—An earth shock rocked Batavia during the noon hour today. It lasted several seconds and shook even the largest buildings. No serious damage was reported.

Eight Men Died

Two Survivors Relate Dramatic Tale Of Air Crash In Mountains

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