

WLB GETS BIG WAR REPEL. SUPPLY BILL

**D. C. Speaker Says: Fathers May Not Ever Get Draft Orders**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Don't be surprised if the delay in drafting fathers, now presumably put off until October, is extended again, and—without official announcement—perhaps indefinitely.

For that, according to D. C. Speaker, unofficial but well-informed capital news source, is the present prospect for the nation's dads—barring unforeseen and adverse changes in the current war picture.

**THREE REASONS**

"There are three reasons behind that prediction," said D. C. the mythical District of Columbia observer who represents authentic but unquotable sources, "and the first one may hurt the dads' feelings. They aren't wanted—if their sons and younger brothers can fight instead."

"Second reason, of course," he continued, "is that the planned quotas now are nearly full, and the new crops of 18-year-olds are expected to supply most replacements, aided by the single and childless married men who have occupational or minor physical deferments."

"But the third reason is a combination of increased emphasis on aerial warfare and a turning-point trend toward sharpening the present striking force rather than continuing to expand it."

"In both cases," D. C. summed it up, "the result should be about the same: a lessened military demand for men, and one that will affect even older men who are not fathers."

**PICTURE COULD CHANGE**

Speaker said the whole question hinged on casualties and the replacement problem, that it concerned the available forces of all United Nations. A major setback on any front would change the picture, he said, but added that otherwise, much drafting may cease off after the first of the year.

"Even the replacement problem up to now has been less troublesome than anticipated," D. C. said, asserting that North African casualties were considerably less than had been expected.

**Would Equip & Maintain An Army of 7,500,000**

\$71,510,438,873 Measure Up

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Appropriations Committee fired a financial broadside at the Axis today, sending to the floor a \$71,510,438,873 War Department Supply Bill to equip and maintain an Army of 7,500,000 enlisted men and black enemy soldiers with warplanes by the end of the year.

Largest appropriation bill in history, it boosted to almost \$200,000,000 the War Department's funds since July 1, 1940, and to an estimated \$400,000,000 the outlay for defense and war purposes for the fiscal year 1943.

Army officials said, will be spent for soldiers during the twelve months starting July 1.

**"THE DECISIVE BUDGET"**

"The decisive budget" was the label given the measure by Lieut. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Deputy Chief of Staff, during hearings on the bill.

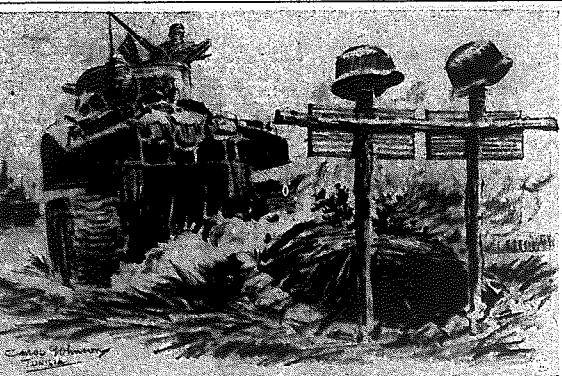
"These decisive dollars will be translated into decisive strategic and tactical plans," he said.

Commenting that the bill provided more than three times the total outlay of the War Department during the entire First World War, the committee said it "determined that the armed forces shall have every dollar essential for the early attainment of an unconditional surrender by all of the Axis powers."

It shaved only \$287,866,827 from budget estimates and left untouched the \$22,855,481,000 estimate for the Air Corps.

"The cost is frightful," the committee observed. "Global warfare and modern imperialism are the cause."

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"THE END OF THE BEGINNING..."—Winston Churchill called the Tunisian victory "the end of the beginning," and that is the story told by this sketch: German graves in North Africa are grim milestones along the path of the continuing Allied drive against the Axis. On the road near Mateur, NEA Staff Artist Carl Johnson saw and recorded the symbolic scene as a rumbling line of American M4 tanks detoured the graves of two German infantrymen.

**Reds Turn Back German Attacks**

Report Enemy Manpower and Equipment Cut in Engagements

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN

MOSCOW (AP)—German efforts to recapture lost positions northwest of Minsk, above the Russian battlefront "things" at Orel, have been smashed and the Red Army has inflicted heavy losses upon semi-trained Nazi reservists and rear-line troops thrown into the struggle, front line dispatches said today.

The Soviet midnight communiqué said several German attacks in the area were repulsed yesterday and enemy manpower and equipment were cut.

**REGULARS KILLED**

The dispatches from the front said that German prisoners as admitting that his division was composed entirely of reservists because all of the highly-trained regular troops had been killed.

There were no important changes along the front, the midnight bulletin said, but it told of heavy punishment dealt Maglev, a German-held river and rail base on the upper Dnieper, in a recent air raid.

A special Moscow broadcast declared long-range Russian bombers, continuing the offensive, smashed Nazi war supplies, set 100 big fires in raids on German airfields and depots last night.

The Soviet noon communiqué as recorded in London by the Soviet Radio Monitor from a Moscow broadcast, said seven German bombers were shot down in the Leningrad area and that Russian artillery pounded German land forces and headquarters along that front in last night's action.

**OFFENSIVE TALK**

Both the Germans and the Russians have said that the other side intended to begin the summer offensive in the Orel region, explaining the continued land action, both above and below the strongly-held German base which commands a wedge in the Russian position.

The Germans asserted the Russians were massing troops before Orel and west of Kursk.

The German radio said that Nazi bombers ranged eastward last night to repulse "Soviet counterattacks."

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**Both RAF & Nazis Attack**

Exchange Air Blows Across Channel

LONDON (AP)—The RAF carried its current offensive against Axis targets across the Channel last night while the German Air Force dropped bombs in London and on a South Coast town.

Intruder planes ranging over northern France dropped their night bombs on the Channel, and a single packet of bombs on the airfield at Poles near Amiens; peppered a spending E-bomb off the French Coast with bombs and cannon fire, and shot up railway trains and barges, the Air Ministry news service said.

"One Mosquito pilot reported that he believed he had hit an ammunition train standing at a station so he went back and fired through the trainhead, touching off more explosives."

**SMALL FORAYS**

The forays were on a small scale compared with the attacks carried out during the last week on Düsseldorf, Münster, Bochum, Oberhausen and Cologne, which had its 11th air raid on the war Wednesday night.

Nazi raiders, meanwhile, running at top speed and low over the English coast, dropped a single surprise bomb in a major strike wrecking a post office building in London.

The post office fire, extinguished after several hours, caused no civilian deaths or serious damage to the post office itself.

Three or more persons were killed in another raid on a South English town, the Ministry of Defense said.

Meantime, as another forerunner of the obliterating air offensive still to be unleashed against Germany, it was disclosed today that the second American-bomber American bomber raid on the German coast by the United States Army Air Force.

It is a 600-acre, \$2,000,000 plant.

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No Signs Of Tension Over Border Sealing

By WILLIAM B. KING

ANKARA—Delayed—The long winding frontier between Turkey and Syria was reopened at 4 A. M. today by the British, after 48 hours of complete traffic except Allied diplomatic and military personnel between the Middle East and neutral Turkey.

A British source here said the cross-border movement had been halted to shield Allied troop movements from Axis agents but officers in the border zone said they thought the order had some connection with the visit of King George VI to the African Front.

The German radio announced yesterday without Allied confirmation that the border zone had been reopened yesterday.

**JUST IN TIME**

I entered Turkey barely in time to avoid being affected by the order, and saw no signs of tension as its result.

Planes operating from Africa and the Middle East into Turkey hardly were affected by the order, since they are being mainly for transportation of diplomatic personnel and military supplies and technicians entering Turkey to assist in army training and development of military defenses.

I left Cairo one of these transport planes shortly after dawn June 15. There was a single halt between Egypt and Turkey, at the airport near Tel Aviv, Palestine, where a British RAF officer informed me I would not be allowed to continue.

He declined any explanation, except to say that the civilian was allowed to travel.

I convinced him I did not come under the ban and continued the journey. It was not until the plane reached Turkish soil that the border zone was closed.

The Taurus Express which was being run by the order resumed its journey this morning and was expected to reach Ankara more than a year before that he was stationed in London.

(King, a native of Florence, S. C., covered the Tunisian battles before the American forces moved to North Africa for their landings last November. For a year before that he was stationed in London.)

Wavell Appointed India Viceroy

NEW YORK (AP)—The German agency Transocean broadcast today a dispatch asserting that General Archibald Wavell had been appointed Viceroy of India in succession to the Marquis of Linlithgow.

The broadcast, from Berlin, was credited by the Associated Press.

It said that General Sir Claude Auchinbach had been named Wavell's successor as commander-in-chief of the forces in India.

Sicily and Naples Feel Heavy Air Blows

By NOLAN NORGARD

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—United States Liberators flew from Middle East bases to bomb the Sicilian airdrome at Comiso and Biscari by daylight yesterday after a night attack by Wellingtons of the Northwest African Air Force on the Naples docks, it was announced today.

Workshops, dispersal areas, a hangar and the runway of the Comiso field were covered by explosive bursts, a Cairo communiqué said. At Biscari, which lies a few miles from Comiso near the southwestern corner of the invasion threatened island, attacks were concentrated on the northeast and northwest corners of the airdrome.

Some 50 Liberators, protected by Malta-based Spitfires during the attacks, dropped 125 tons of explosives on the two airdromes, a Cairo dispatch said. The British fighters destroyed a Macchi-202, large columns of black smoke arose as the raiders headed home.

Cannon and machine gun fire from the docks and railway yards reported to have damaged an Axis sailing vessel in the Aegean.

The RAF Wellingtons dropped several twelve-bomb loads along the Naples waterfront and showered other explosives on the docks and railway yards of that Italian supply port before dawn yesterday.

The continued aerial pressure upon Italy and her Guardian Islands was accompanied by an announcement from Ankara that the Turkish-Syrian frontier had been reopened yesterday after 48 hours in which only Allied diplomatic and military personnel were permitted to cross. A British source in Ankara said the closing had been intended to screen troop movements in Syria from Axis agents.

**BERLIN FISHES**

The Berlin radio, perhaps fishing again for information, broadcast a dispatch reporting that additional British and Indian troops had been moved to Cyprus. Axis sources say the Americans were among the garrison of Cyprus, a potential base for the invasion of the Balkans, Crete or the Dodecanese Islands.

Arizona Wants To Get Rid of Jap Internees

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Gov. Sidney P. O'Brien of Arizona, where 40,000 Japanese are now quartered in relocation centers, says residents of his state believe the Japanese-born Nipponese should be sent back after the war, to the states where they were born.

"We don't want them turned loose on us, and we don't know if they are going to be turned loose," he said in an interview yesterday.

From Bataan To The Solomons—They Call It Pacific

By Clark Lee

endured due to the temporary absence of pursuit planes. Of course, the pursuit forces would be replenished shortly, help was on the way!

That afternoon the USAFFE communiqué went back to the old front. It asserted: "Our forces are holding firmly on all fronts." Next morning's papers said the same thing, and even on New Year's Day the people of Manila did not know that there were no forces in front of them either to the north or south.

I determined to go to the southern front. It seemed a check on how close the Japanese advance units were to the city and whether the road to the coast through Cavite was still open.

At seven-thirty on Dec. 31 I went to USAFFE and found Colonel William Marquat on the second floor studying maps. The big office was nearly deserted and there were evildoers in the hallways. I asked Colonel Marquat whether I should drive on down south and see if I could find the road.

"If you do," he said, "it will be the last thing you will see. The Japs are at Pasay, which is only a few miles from Nichols Field. They are definitely on the Batangas road and the road to Tagaytay. Don't go."

I fully realized then that we did not have the situation as it was. See THEY CALL on page 4

No Restrictions Upon Package Delivery Bikes

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Director of Price Administration (OPA) today released from rationing restrictions bicycles made specially for package delivery service, but unavailable for other uses. Most bicycles of this kind have a small front wheel and large basket.

Three U. S. Destroyers Reported at Gibraltar

MADRID (AP)—Dispatches from La Linea, near Gibraltar, said today that three United States destroyers joined a British fleet of two aircraft carriers, two battleships and twelve destroyers already in Gibraltar's harbor.

Board Refuses To Take Action On Portal Pay

**Board Described as Powerless To Act in Pay Matter**

WASHINGTON (AP)—The War Labor Board today rejected the United Mine Workers' portal-to-portal pay demand on grounds that it constituted a law case which the board is powerless to settle.

The vote was 8 to 4, labor members of the board dissenting. They took the position that the case is a labor dispute which the WLB could dispose of, but declared "the decision is the decision of the War Labor Board and the decision of the Government of the United States of America."

This statement was made by Van A. Blinn, a former official of the United Mine Workers. He added that "the no-strike agreement made to the President of the United States must be carried out today just as it was the day we made it."

**FOR TO PUSH DEMAND**

The board's directive order said "the Mine Workers remain free to press their demand before the Administrator of the Fair Labor Standards Act and in the Federal Court; and the operators also retain the right to seek pertinent administrative and court rulings."

"The parties also remain free to agree to a settlement of their respective lawsuit. If they should agree to a settlement, the board, as the agency of Government charged with administration of the labor stabilization program, will rule whether the agreement is a genuine settlement of the dispute compatible with the stabilization program."

WLB Chairman William H. Davis pointed out in a press conference that the miners' claim for travel time pay "represents an unknown liability."

He said the Board offered an opportunity to the parties for settlement of their dispute but "we cannot force upon them the settlement of a law suit we have no power to enforce."

Wayne L. Morse, a public member, said it would be "seriously dishonest in the name of public policy to grant a wage increase."

He said the foremost issue was the mine workers' claim for the same rules and same laws as everybody else? It is one issue that cannot be compromised.

Public Member George W. Taylor said a wage increase for the miners "would necessitate a wage increase in all industries and make wage stabilization impossible."

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Axis Watches For Attack

**Radios Bleat Tales of Allied Preparations**

LONDON (AP)—Invulnerable Axis broadcasts continued today to talk at some length about great concentrations of Allied forces in the Mediterranean, Africa, and glibly bragged about their own plans to repel any landing attempts.

The Berlin radio quoted German Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels as writing to Reichstag that Germany looked forward with "anxious anticipation" to the impending storm from the West.

**CRITICIZES CRITICS**

His editorial ordered "our policy critics" to keep quiet and argued that Germany's early success gave her the opportunity to expand her war potential in time.

The Berlin radio also said that Goebbels spoke today at a mounting service for victims of the raid on Wuppertal.

The radio quoted him as saying the Allied raids were crying out for retaliation and "everything possible was being done to bring about this retaliation."

The Rome radio, which previously had told listeners of "many landings" in the Mediterranean, declared in a post-midnight report recorded by Reuters that British forces are concentrating along the southern frontier of Sicily.

**ALLIES SILENT**

Allied sources, understandably silent about the next major move, gave no confirmation of this report, which presumably was the interpretation of the closing this week of the Syrian-Turkish border. Berlin, taking note of a possible Allied lunge from that quarter, reported in a broadcast heard by the Associated Press that Premier General Nuri Fehdus Said of Iraq had informed his troops of an approaching "hour of decision and active service."

**GOEBBELS' WARNING**

Goebbels' admonition to Nazi critics to keep their objections to the German situation to themselves, Rome radio in a broadcast reported by the Ministry of Information, said that Goebbels was writing in an article in Das Reich: "Silence above all should be observed by our policy critics."

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Pipe Line Completion To Bring Curbs On Motoring In Midwest

WASHINGTON (AP)—Completion of the eastward extension of the "big inch" oil pipe line around Aug. 1 probably will mean tighter restrictions on Mid-Western motorists without relaxing civilian use of gasoline in the East.

An informed source, declining to be named, said today the Midwest is being spared now because gasoline that would be saved by additional restrictions there could not be removed eastward by the heavily burdened railroads, but opening of the pipe line section would change the picture.

He gave this picture:

The 24-inch pipe line now delivers about 250,000 barrels of crude oil daily into Norris City, Ill., from Texas oil fields, but only about half of it can be hauled east by rail to meet military and civilian needs on the seaboard.

The rest goes to Mid-Western refineries at present, but it will be pumped straight through to the coast after the East leg of the big inch opens and deliveries are stepped up to its capacity of 200,000 barrels a day.

There will be little chance of offsetting the consequent loss of the Mid-West, already dependent on the Southwest to help feed crude oil to its refineries and further troubled with declining oil production, until Sept. 1 or later.

Then, the second Texas-to-East Coast pipe line, a 20-inch tube, will be completed to Norris City and will pump some 165,000 barrels of oil products daily into the area of which 40,000 barrels or so will remain for local use to transport it all to the East.

However, an eastward extension of this line is due for completion around Jan. 1, and all 165,000 barrels can be pumped to the coast.

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WEATHER

Little change in temperature
 Today's Temp.: H. 85; L. 70
 Sunset Today: 6:20
 Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:00
 Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 7
 Twenty per cent more than fall in July was in January, says weather bureau
 early '76 through