

House To Push Action On Draft Of 18-Year-Olds

I FEEL SO LAZY IN THE SPRING

Ah innocence! Ah peace! Young Willie Ross of 720 E. Boundary St. can rest his six-year-old head on a bundle of newspaper telling of wars and disasters and infatuation and many instances of man's inhumanity to man and sleep like a baby. News Staff Photographer Jess Hunter found Willie dozing in the Springtime sunlight one day this week, waiting patiently for brother Frank Hoey to come along and deliver his pillow to more impressive grown-ups. (News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio.)

Bill Gets Top-Heavy Senate OK

Act Provides For Universal Training

By EDWIN B. HASKINSON
WASHINGTON.—The Senate has approved a permanent program for building up the nation's fighting forces through universal military training and the draft of 18-year-olds. The vote was 79 to five.

A similar measure is pending in the House Armed Services Committee.

Members said today they hope to begin voting early next week on proposed amendments. Some House leaders predicted that measures would be ready for final House action before the Easter vacation.

The top-heavy Senate approval came after weeks of hearings and arguments. Only five Republican Senators opposed passage: Dirksen of Illinois, Jenner of Indiana, Langer of North Dakota, Schoepel of Kansas and Welker of Idaho.

SUPPORT STRONGER

Support of the measure actually was stronger than the vote indicated. Four Democrats and five Republicans, unable to remain for the final balloting, were announced as favoring passage.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), who managed the Universal Military Training and Service Act, said the most persuasive arguments I know for adopting this program are the priority moving forward of the program had carried out all attempts at major revisions.

Some of the hardest fought provisions of the measure are not expected to apply immediately should they be enacted into law through House approval and signing by the president.

Lowering the present minimum draft induction age from 19 to 18 years is not expected to touch many 18-year-olds for a year or more. The Senate bill requires that the present 19 through 25 draft pool must be taken first by the president.

Then when 18-year-olds were called, those nearest 18 would go first, with the priority moving downward by three-month jumps. The first would be boys 18 years and 9 months.

Up to 75,000 men would be deferred for college study in each of the next three years.

The Universal Military Training provision which would apply to all males, said legislation now in the House.

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The hard-hitting and highly mobile Ranger units being trained at Fort Benning, Ga., are taking their work seriously. Sgt. George Rankin (left) of Newark, N. J., looks anxiously into the skies after making a parachute jump; Cpl. Gerald Williams (center) of Akron, Ohio, matches his camouflage with Nature's; and Sgt. Robert Grubb (right) of Morgantown, W. Va., crouches with a light automatic rifle. Ranger companies are composed of 110 men and five officers and all are volunteers. (Dept. of Defense Photos.)

Tanks Lead UN Advance Near Seoul

Many Reds Killed, Others Scattered

By OLEN CLEMENTS
TOKYO.—United Nations troops rumbled their bridgehead across the Han River ten miles wide and nearly six miles deep before noon today east of Seoul. Flame-throwing tanks rumbled ahead of U.N. fighting units and spit their fiery streams into Communist footlocks.

"We killed a batch of them and have driven many more back into the hills," one frontline officer said.

On the eastern front, South Korean reinforcements moved into the line. The bolstered defenders of Amidong. The Red Korean Second Corps had driven within less than the bulge in the line were straightened out within 24 hours.

In the west, patrols of the U. S. 25th Infantry Division and the 27th Wolfhound Regiment ranged off the South plains into rugged hills to the north.

The Communists fought back with automatic weapons and mortar fire.

Intelligence officers of the 25th (Tropic Lightning) Division said the mighty United Nations artillery bombardment and infantry drive across the Han apparently had broken the back of the Communist line to the north of the river. They said the Reds probably had pulled back to defend the main road leading west to Seoul. This is about five miles north of the present line.

WEATHER MILD

Skies were gray but the weather was mild as the doughboys slowly and methodically pushed their way through the hills and into the barracks. Then they threw their own firepower into the Chinese positions and finally climbed the hills to capture it kill any who stood their ground.

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Johnston Denies Wilson Dictated To Wage Board

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON.—Eric Johnston today branded as "a lie" reports he said were circulating in some labor circles that Economic Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson dictated or influenced decisions of the Government's wage board.

The board comes under Johnston's Office of Economic Stabilization and he has been trying to get the board to make decisions of the wage stabilization board in the walkout of organized labor representatives. They quit in protest over what union leaders called too tight wage controls and too loose curbs on prices.

"The old rumor that Mr. Wilson dictated or influenced decisions of the Government's wage board is heard once more in some labor circles," Johnston said in a statement.

"It's a lie."

"I want again to nail that discredited accusation for what it is — it is a lie."

"Those who have been repeating it must surely know too that it is a lie."

"We are all—representatives of labor and management, and Government—now engaged in discussions to get a board back into operation."

"Differences obviously exist among the groups but the honest desire of labor and management

Two American Agents Missing

VIENNA.—Two United States Army secret agents were unofficially reported today to have disappeared in Vienna during the last few days.

One was described as a U. S. Army sergeant who had applied for American citizenship and the other an Austrian in the employ of an Army intelligence agency. Their names were not given.

The U. S. Army refused to confirm or deny the reports, which said the Austrian had been abducted from the American sector of Vienna by a group of men supposedly in the employ of the Russians. Circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the sergeant were not known.

These reports came while American authorities were still hunting for Richard S. Winter, Wilson, Conn., and Robert C. Wilson, Oakland, Calif., two Americans who disappeared mysteriously here several months ago.

West Submits New Proposal To Soviet

PARIS.—The Western powers submitted today a revised and broadened proposal for relieving East-West tension to the deputy foreign ministers' meeting. Russia said it would reserve any decision on whether it could accept the proposal for the agenda of a Big Four foreign ministers' conference.

There was the new proposal for the Big Four agenda which the Western delegates submitted: "Determination of the causes of present international tensions in Europe and of the means to secure a real and lasting improvement in the relations between the USSR, the United States, the United Kingdom and France, such as:

"Measures to eliminate the fear of aggression, fulfillment of present treaty obligations, and examination of the existing level of armaments and questions concerning Germany in this sphere."

Russia's Andrei Gromyko said he would reserve any decision on whether to accept it.

Official sources who gave the account of the meeting said delegates from the United States, France and Britain spoke in favor of the new item. They stressed that all points which Russia wishes to discuss are covered by this proposal.

Gromyko said that he was reserving right to speak in more detail, especially since he felt the

Soviet Adopts Record Budget

MOSCOW.—A record peace-time state budget was adopted today by the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) of the USSR.

The budget calls for a 1951 fiscal year outlay of 451,000,000 rubles, including 96 billion for defense. Finance Minister A. G. Serev disclosed that of the defense appropriations, 22,000,000,000 is for the Navy and 74,000,000,000 for the army.

(The Soviet Union values its rubles at four to the American dollar, which would indicate a defense budget of about \$24,000,000,000, as compared with a proposal by President Truman that the U. S. in fiscal 1951 spend \$44,000,000,000 on Defense. However, it is not possible to compare the two budgets since it is not known how much of the remainder of the vast Soviet budget actually is for military purposes.)

The Soviet will hold its final session Monday night, to adopt a "law for the protection of peace," outlawing war propaganda. Such a law was passed recently in all people's democratic (Communist ruled) countries.

Legion Commander Injured In Korea

U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea.—An American Legion Commander J. Erle Cocke suffered a wrenched back in a jeep accident today two miles south of Hoengsong on the central front.

Cocke was on a tour of the front lines with Maj. Gen. Frank E. Low, president Truman's envoy to the armed forces in Korea.

Both were shaken up but not seriously injured.

Their jeep skidded and rolled down a 3-foot embankment while passing a convoy.

Cocke and Low took off later for Tokyo as scheduled.

Wood Pulp Price Jump Proposed By Sweden

WASHINGTON.—Government officials said Friday Sweden has proposed a \$100-a-ton increase in the price of wood pulp.

Officials at the Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) said they are "very concerned" that such an increase would boost paper prices Sweden ships about 300,000 tons of wood pulp a year to the U. S., the OPS officials said, for use in making newsprint.

They said one main type of pulp now sells at \$187 a ton.

Ill Vandenberg Urged To Quit

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—A serious condition of Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) remained unchanged today, and at Detroit the AFL Detroit and Wayne County Councils of labor called upon him to resign.

Frank X. Martel, president of the AFL Detroit, said a resolution had been adopted and sent to the Republican State Central Committee.

"These are important times for Michigan and for the nation. It is Senator Vandenberg's duty to step aside for another man, so Michigan can have the same representation in the Senate as other states."

Martel is a Democrat and active in politics.

Vandenberg underwent an operation 18 months ago for removal of a portion of a lung. Last summer an operation was performed to remove a benign tumor from his spinal column.

At Lansing, meanwhile, Republicans in the state house introduced a bill that would remove from Democratic Gov. G. Mennen Williams the power to appoint a United States Senator when a vacancy occurs.

45 Chinese Executed By Communist Squad

HONG KONG.—Chinese Communist authorities in Canton Saturday announced that 45 "counter-revolutionaries" were shot in a mass execution there Friday.

This was one of the largest mass executions the Reds have admitted. The announcement was carried in pro-Communist Hong Kong newspapers.

OUR WEATHER

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Kefauver Group To Release Findings On Liquor Handling Irregularities

By JOHN CHADWICK
WASHINGTON.—Senator Kefauver's committee said today that his crime investigating committee will make public records aimed at clearing out at least part of the criminal element in the national liquor industry.

His statement was a sequel to testimony by Southern tax officials yesterday that dry areas of their states are being flooded with tax-free whiskey from two wholesale liquor houses. Carol, Ill., doing a \$20,000,000 business annually.

Kefauver said that many former bootleggers and rum runners were taken into the wholesale liquor business after the repeal of prohibition but that distillers have shown a general indifference to weeding out wholesalers with criminal records.

Such an attitude gives persons favoring a return to prohibition "a strong argument," he said.

Kefauver said that before the crime investigating committee he made heads up its work on March 21. It will make public all the information it has gathered linking persons in the liquor industry to criminal activities.

PERMITS AT STAKE

Dwight Avis, assistant deputy commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, said he will make use of the information to deny Federal wholesale liquor permits to applicants with criminal records.

Avis, who has charge of the alcohol tax unit's enforcement activities, said legislation now in the mill is needed to make the screening job fully effective.

The bill would require wholesale liquor dealers to get their Federal permits renewed annually. As it is, the permits continue indefinitely unless they are revoked—a process likely to involve drawn-out court proceedings.

Avis said the bill has been approved by the House Ways and Means Committee but that liquor wholesalers are conducting a "wholesale lobby" against it. It is a waiting challenge by the House Crime Committee for action by the House.

Kefauver's committee has been prodding the liquor industry since last November to clean itself up. Representatives of the distillers have submitted a program to the committee but Kefauver said it was unsatisfactory in a good many respects.

Kefauver said he will make public the results of the program in a conference conducted by the committee but Kefauver said it was unsatisfactory in a good many respects.

Avis identified yesterday that the liquor industry "is a highly competitive business at all levels" and that while some companies favor strict self-regulation, none is likely to do so unless all cooperate.

Island Of Forgotten Children

By RUSSELL BRINES
TOKYO.—The barren islet in Incheon harbor on the west coast of Korea looked like a desert across the cold, muddy water.

Only one shell-rippled house stood on it.

Li (G) Edward H. Barr, long Beach, Calif., and a party of men put out for it in a small boat from the U. S. cruiser, St. Paul.

The cruiser's angry guns continued to blast at Communist troops behind Incheon, the port for Seoul.

The lieutenant was interested, for the moment, only in restoring a navigational light on the dirty rock islet.

That's the way the story began, when it was told here.

Barr walked to the house and peeked through its empty window frames. Hungry eyes stared back at him.

The Americans showed open the door.

HOUSE PACKED

The house was packed with children. They had jammed together for warmth. Their clothes formed

Cruiser Crew Adopts Korean Orphans

The ragged children were lined up. Cmdr. Amos T. Hathaway, Bakerfield, Calif., gave them their first meal. They returned to the ship with bags of gratitude, a phrase in Korean and the flash of a child's eye.

Li (G) Francis J. Linehan one of the ship's doctors, examined all and gave them medicine. The little girl, who will recover from her pneumonia.

Other boats put out from the cruiser. One party brought tools to repair the filthy house. Another purified the filthy well. A third ransacked the battered town of Incheon and came back with a pot-bellied iron stove.

Now the orphans of Pusan Islet have been adopted by the St. Paul. For a week, ship's boats have gone to it regularly with food.

It is an island of no names, because the sailors and their wards cannot talk to each other yet. They can only smile and gesture.

The men of the St. Paul will have received in Pusan as long as their ship is at Incheon.

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