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Army Will Discharge Or Transfer Reserves

Action To Weed Out 'Dead Wood'

By C. YATES MCDANIEL

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army announced today it will discharge 475,000 ready reservists and transfer 500,000 others to the standby reserve list.

It described the action as a wholesale effort to terminate the military service liability of World War II and Korean veterans and to weed out dead weight from the reserve list.

An Army announcement said this screening process will take place in the 12 months starting promptly in line of war or a national emergency declared by Congress or the President.

The standby reserve is liable for active service only in time of war or in an emergency declared by Congress.

The Army's ready reserve now has a nominal strength of 1,885,000. The screening program will reduce it to 1,385,000 by the end of this month. The present strength of the standby reserve is only 8,500.

The Army said most of the reservists who will be discharged from the ready category are those who have not served since prior to June 19, 1951. Most of this group also served during the war in Korea.

EMERGENCY UNITS

The ready reserve is composed of individuals and organized units who would be called to active duty promptly in time of war or a national emergency declared by Congress or the President.

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PRIORITY

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The Army said, however, that ready reservists who now are members of organized units and want to continue their military duty will be retained. Young men who have volunteered for the ready reserve and who have had no prior active service will not be included in the weeding out program, the Army said.

The screening program will be automatic, the Army explained, and reservists who do not object to discharge or transfer need not write to the Army.

TRANSFER PRIORITY

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ASSAULTS CLICHES

Daniels pointed out that the youth's case "assaults all our cliches." He was born in a "supposedly orderly" rural county; "it was not a product of the un-disciplined, irreligious or broken home" and the neighborhood in which he lived was not a slum, Daniels explained.

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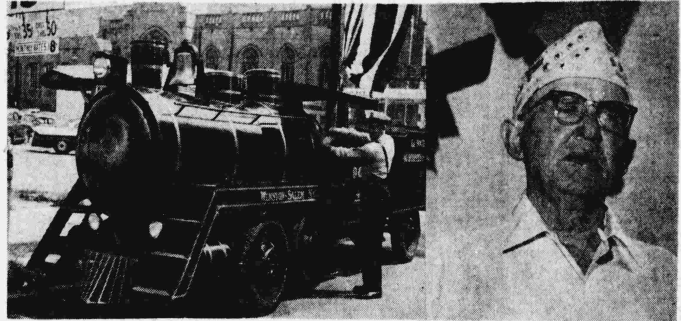
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THE LEGION'S 40 & 8 marched into the Barringer Hotel today and Walter Ideo, who drove the Winston-Salem's vintage train to the city, promptly took over the elevator. Riding with him are John Petty, rear, and J. Leslie Dunagan, also of Winston-Salem.



A FRIENDLY GREETING and not a ticket is being placed in the windshield of this 40 & 8 train which brought several members of the Winston-Salem veterans of the 40 & 8 to the state convention here today. The train was parked on Tryon St. in front of the Barringer Hotel. Right, Legionnaire Herman J. McLawhon proudly displays the stars in his crown which show he is one of the leading Go Getters in the nation. Mr. McLawhon, a Greenville man, obtains thousands of Legion memberships each year.

Colorful Meet Draws 4,000 To Charlotte

By EMERY WISTER

Charlotte hotels were filled to overflowing today with colorfully arrayed American Legionnaires and members of the Legion auxiliary and the fun-loving 40 & 8. The three-day convention of the North Carolina Department of the Legion opens today and will run through Saturday.

4,000 ON HAND

Approximately 4,000 Legionnaires and members of the auxiliary are expected here for the meeting which will be climaxed Saturday night with an address by Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson in the Hotel Charlotte ballroom. The banquet at which Mr. Peterson will speak, will be served at 7 o'clock.

Legionnaires and members of the 40 & 8, the organization's honor society, registered at the Charlotte and Barringer Hotels. Registration for the auxiliary was at the Selwyn Hotel.

The convention of Division 6, composed of Negro members of the Legion, is being held in the McCrory Branch of the YMCA and its auxiliary is meeting at the Phillips Wheatley branch of the YMCA.

Today's activities centered around meetings and a "check-out" or initiation of new candidates into the 40 & 8.

Jack Dunwoody, grand chief of the 40 & 8, presided at a meeting this morning at the Barringer Hotel. The wreck was scheduled for 2 p.m. at Firemen's Hall with a dance to be held there at 9 o'clock tonight.

40 & 8 BUSINESS

The 40 & 8 will also hold a business session tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Barringer Hotel. New officers will be elected and installed at this time.

First event on the department's convention program is a contest of drill teams on the athletic field of Harding High School, tonight.

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Hot Time In The Old Town? Not With This Gentle Breed

By JIM SCOTTON

Chad Yow's Staff Writer

The Legionnaire who fired that cannon out the window of the Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel at last year's convention won't do it in Charlotte.

That was the prediction of American Legion District 12 Commander Jack Ingram last night as American Legionnaires began swarming into the city for the state convention today, tomorrow and Saturday.

"They got pretty excited when he let that thing go right out the window," said Commander Graham. "We just can't have that stuff anymore."

That seemed to be the prediction by both old and young ex-soldiers. No hand buzzers, no electric cans. Why, not even a water pistol fight at Independence Square is planned.

It wasn't always this way and some eyes filled with gleeful memories as the first to arrive sat around the Hotel Charlotte lobby last night.

"They did have quite a time here in 1950," admits Mark Mchette, a World War I veteran from Asheville. "Some of the boys did toss a few pillows around and some of the feathers did sort of get loose."

Some of the bellboys remembered too. "I was here then and it was downright dangerous to walk by the side of the hotel," said one. "They bought out every paper bag in town, filled them with water, and were tossing them out of the windows on the 9th and 10th floors. They were real good shots, too," he added.

A World War II veteran from Asheville, Richard Hulme says they are going to be very peaceful this year.

"These first World War vets are getting old, you know," said Mr. Hulme. "They can't take it anymore and our World War II vets never were as wild and rowdy as they were."

"Why look at old Mchette over there," said Legionnaire Hulme. "He looks so weak and feeble you'd think he was a Spanish-American War vet."

Mr. Hulme and O. H. Westbrook, another "old soldier" of World War I just smiled and said deeper into the cushions of their chairs. "It will be pretty lively tomorrow and then we'll see who's old," said Mr. Hulme. "Of course I mean politically. We've got some hot races for state officers going."

All in all, hotel managers, bellboys, the police officers around town and even Legionnaires expect—or maybe are just resigned to—a reliving of the more peaceful moments of service life of a few more short years ago.

By 9:30 p.m. all the Legionnaires had gone to their rooms or settled down before the lobby television set.

But in some there was the spark of joviality too lively to be quenched by any predictions. Laughers looked across the lobby as two hearty looking fellows retold old stories. These were old timers and they were planning to turn telephone poles upside down and set off a smoke bomb in the lobby and all sorts of things.

"What unit are you from?" a reporter asked.

"Unit?" one answered. "What unit?"

"We're here with the ladies' ready-to-wear show out at the Radio Center."

Poll Finds Presbyterians Divided

By HELEN PARKS

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Should women hold high office in the church?

The Southern Presbyterian men have had their say, and now some of the women including a preacher's wife — have theirs.

A spot check of local women leaders in church shows a variety of opinion in the aftermath of last Saturday's historic vote of the general assembly meeting at Montreat, the highest law-making body of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The men, 234 of them, voted to allow women to become elders and deacons.

NARROW MARGIN

The measure passed by a narrow margin of eight votes, with 235 of the commissioners opposing it.

Court Upholds Passport Action

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals today upheld the State Department's denial of a passport to singer Paul Robeson, who refused to say whether he is or has been a Communist.

The court unanimously upheld the ruling in which U. S. Dist. Judge Burnita S. Matthews dismissed Robeson's complaint against Secretary of State Dulles.

Writing for the court, Judge Edward Barrett Prettyman said Robeson made no reply to the State Department's request that he execute an affidavit concerning present or past membership in the Communist Party.

Robeson then was told, Prettyman said, that he could have an informal hearing but would be expected to answer questions about past and present membership in the party. He made no reply to this, but instead filed suit contending the passport regulations violated his constitutional rights.

In upholding dismissal of Robeson's suit, the court said he "failed to exhaust his administrative remedies." In non-legal language, this means he failed to comply with State Department procedures and thus was not in position to bring suit.

Hodges Says Court Opens School Path

(Earlier Story on Page 3-A)

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Hodges said today the State Supreme Court's decision yesterday in an Anson county bond case "gives us a free path to issue bonds for school construction."

He told his news conference that a 25-million-dollar state school building bond issue will be marketed "just as quickly as we can."

Sale of the bonds had been delayed pending the court's decision. The Supreme Court held yesterday that Anson county could proceed with sale of the final \$750,000 portion of a 14-million-dollar bond issue approved in 1952.

The decision also cleared the way for the state to sell the 25 million in bonds — the remaining portion of 30 million in bonds authorized in 1953. It also apparently cleared the way for the sale of several millions in bonds by other local school units.

In his ruling the Supreme Court held that the State Constitution still carries a mandate calling for a state public school system despite the Supreme Court decision banning racially segregated schools.

Hodges said the court's decision cleared the way for sale of the bonds and "gives us a free path unless there is a holdback by bond attorneys in New York."

The governor left immediately following the conference for a 10-day vacation. He said he hopes to get in two or three days of fishing in an undisclosed spot.

In answer to a question, Hodges said he was "very much pleased" by rulings by Superior Court Judge Walter Johnson on concerning land for limited access roads. The judge held in two cases that the Highway Commission has the authority to condemn right-of-way for limited access roads.

"It would be good," Hodges said, "to have some legislation at the next regular session of the Legislature" to spell out the authority of the Highway Commission. He added the judge's ruling "takes the pressure off."

Hodges said he was notified yesterday that federal legislation providing funds for hurricane damage repair has been approved by Congress and awaits the President's signature. The state hopes to get upwards of six million dollars under the bill for drainage of hurricane-clogged waterways.

Patience Urged In Peace Quest

BONN (AP)—Former President Truman and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer appealed today for patience and firmness by the free nations in the quest for world peace.

The two statesmen conferred for 30 minutes in the federal chancellery. Truman said they spoke mainly of world peace.

"We both hope that this period of world peace" will arrive," Truman said. "If we are patient and do what we must do, we will get it one day."

He said his visit with the 80-year-old Chancellor "was one of the most pleasant since I left the White House." Adenauer leaves tomorrow for Washington to confer with President Eisenhower.

Adenauer voiced appreciation for the energy with which President Truman put forward the idea of restoring Germany when he was the American chief executive and said:

"I share his view that we will succeed in maintaining peace if we remain patient and continue to have confidence in our aims. We are both agreed in the hope that this day of world peace will soon come."

On his arrival this morning for visits with Adenauer and President Eisenhower, Truman told newsmen he was "glad" that Adlai Stevenson had defeated Sen. Estes Kefauver in the California Democratic primary. He termed the Stevenson victory "good news."

Truman drove in pouring rain with a three-man motorcycle escort to the birthplace of Beethoven. He had less than 10 minutes to take a quick look at the composer's relics before going to City Hall to sign the visitors' book.

Mayor Peter Bussen thanked Truman in the name of all Germans for American aid and efforts to bring peace and unity to the world.

Evening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for Thy loving provision for us. May we live life fully, using every opportunity to lay up for ourselves treasures in the "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.

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Juvenile Court Secrecy Rapped

BALTIMORE (AP)—Secrecy without either the community which ejected him or the one which received him knowing any facts about the case, the editor asserted.

John Daniels of the Raleigh News and Observer told the Maryland State Conference of Social Welfare that problems regarded as juvenile delinquency represent "adult American failure — and failure all across the line in all the aspects of social health and social welfare."

As illustration, Daniels related the case history of Billy Ray Preville, waiting in a Maryland jail for trial on a charge of shooting to death a Seal Pleasant school teacher.

The 15-year-old boy, after expulsion from a Raleigh school where he threatened a teacher, was sent by his parents to live with an older brother and attend the Maryland school.

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Bulganin Sends Note To Ike

WASHINGTON (AP)—Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin has written a new letter to President Eisenhower. Soviet Ambassador Georgi N. Zarubin arranged to deliver it at the State Department today.

A Soviet Embassy source, questioned about an afternoon that Zarubin made with Secretary of State Dulles, told a reporter: "I understand he is going to deliver a letter from Mr. Bulganin for the President."

Zarubin had been scheduled to return to Moscow last Saturday for consultation, but canceled his flight. There was speculation today that he had received instructions to stay here and deliver the new note.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and mild today, tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning—35.

High tomorrow—60.

High today—85.

High yesterday—87.

High tomorrow—88.

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