

Congress Enacts First Peacetime Draft In History

Sixteen And A Half Million Men Will Perhaps Be Called To Register Between Now And Mid-October

DRAFT AGES ARE 21 TO 35 YEARS OF AGE

All That Remains To Make Draft Measure Law Is President's Signature Which Is Expected Today

For the first time in United States history, a peacetime draft bill won final approval of Congress Saturday, and the President's signature, expected early this week, was the last remaining step necessary to start the machinery for raising a conscript army of 900,000 men.

In a nutshell, the draft bill provides that 16,500 men between the ages of 21 to 35 inclusive, must register on a day to be fixed by the President perhaps early in October. 75,000 men are expected to be mustered into service in November for a year's training.

A total of 400,000 conscripts are due to be in training early in January, 1941, others later. The bill places a 900,000 limit on the number of conscripts in the army at one time.

Exemptions and deferments are to be granted to men with dependents, ministers, theological students, men in essential occupations, certain government officers, the physically unfit, and conscientious objectors. The latter are liable for non-combatant training.

Draftees will receive \$21.00 a month for the first four months.



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Where Ignorance Is Danger ---A Modern Tragedy

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By L. M. Thompson, M. D., Assistant National Director First Aid, Life Saving, and Accident Prevention Service American National Red Cross.

War today is a blight even upon the non-combatant nations. But the great American tragedy continues to be death and injury by accident. During the past five years the number of persons killed by accident in this country has averaged well over 100,000 a year. That annual toll is just about twice the number of Americans who were killed in action and died of wounds during the World War.

Even last year, despite an 11 per cent decrease, Americans lost their lives from accidents at the rate of 260 per day, 1,800 a week; while accidental injuries occurred at the rate of 24,000 per day, 170,000 every week, 8,900,000 for the year. If accidents are permitted to continue at this rate, one in every 14 persons will be killed or injured within the next year.

The causes of this annual harvest of death and injury demand the attention of the public, if the gruesome crop is to be effectively curtailed.

That automobile accidents are responsible for a greater number of deaths than any other type of accident will occasion no surprise. In a country which boasts more than 70 per cent of the world's motor vehicle registration, or one automobile to every 4.5 of its inhabitants, this hazard is bound to loom proportionately large.

But there is no escaping the tragedy of the fact that there has been an increase of 51 per cent in the annual total of motor vehicle fatalities since 1923. Last year the automobile accident death rate was 89 per day, or 32,400 for the year. And the number of non-fatal injuries from this cause was 1,150,000, of which 90,000 resulted in permanent disability.

Despite this terrible toll, automobile accidents accounted for no more than 34 per cent of the all-accident death total. Falls, which in 1923 were responsible for 14,114 deaths, last year resulted in 26,700 fatalities, or 28 per cent of the total.

Other important accident causes were drowning, 7,500 deaths; burns and scalds, 7,400; railroad accidents, 4,850; firearms, 2,900; food and drug poisoning 2,100, and poison gases, 1,500.

It is significant that the greater proportion of these deaths—exclusive of those caused by motor vehicle, drowning and railroad accidents—were the result of accidents that occurred in the home.

Altogether, home accidents were responsible last year for 31,500 fatalities, which is very close to the number killed by automobiles. And the number injured non-fatally in home accidents was 4,650,000, of whom 140,000 were permanently disabled.

The most important causes of home accidents were falls, 16,500 deaths; burns and scalds, 5,300; and \$30 subsequently, with opportunity for raises. Industries balking at filling government orders can be taken over on rental basis.

The millions of America's young manhood will be registered by some 700,000 election officials. In mid-November, the first batch of 75,000 are due to be called. The president, anticipating Congress' action, asked for an additional \$1,733,886,976 for the defense program.

Obviously prepared before Congress finished its job, this proposed appropriation would speed the conscription process. Although registration may take place when the President has signed and fixed the registration date, the legislation requires that appropriations must precede actual calling of men.

MEASURE WILL REGISTER 4,000 IN THIS COUNTY

Enactment by Congress of the first peacetime draft in history, will require the registration of some 4,000 young men from Columbus county between the ages of 21 and 35 inclusive, it was unofficially estimated here today.

What percentage of this number registered would actually be called to the colors was not known.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Mixed sentiment exists in Congressional circles as to the advisability of quitting now for the election period. The party leaders are under terrific pressure from their Capitol Hill followers to settle the question at an early date. The casualties among the incumbents at recent party primaries have unnerved some who were persuaded to stick on the job while their rivals worked on the voters in the home districts.

On the domestic political front, reports are current that Willkie campaigners have finally recognized a need for closer relations between the candidate and Republicans in Congress. It is said that the G. O. P. leader has not always considered the problems of legislators in making his personal pronouncements on ticklish policy matters. G. O. P. stalwarts want better "timing" on their candidate's public statements and their voting on public questions.

In the Democratic camp the leader sate hopeful Jim Farley will take the stump on behalf of Mr. Roosevelt. The best information they have to date is Farley's promise to speak for the re-election of two Democratic Senators, Mead of New York and Walsh of Massachusetts. If Jim keeps silent on the national ticket it will cut heavily into Democratic unity.

The Republican camp is eagerly scrutinizing "low down" reports on the reaction of the people in various communities visited by Mr. Willkie. It is expected that this current swing around the country as an active campaigner will effectively counteract the wave of pessimism which has permeated G. O. P. wheelhorses. They are doing their utmost to brush aside the defeatist psychology. Many Republican workers are of the opinion that international affairs are taking a turn which seems to bolster the chances of Roosevelt's re-election.

The high command of the G. O. P. admits that this kind of thinking is unhealthy, but contend it is entirely unwarranted. They argue quite plausibly that Mr. Willkie is now engaged in peddling his wares direct to the voters so that any measurements of his strength before the tour is unfair and premature. The Democrats, too, are watching the Willkie pilgrimage to determine what new campaign tactics are necessary to meet the challenger.

In view of Candidate Roosevelt's open bid for the political support of organized labor a few days ago by promising the retention of all labor's social objectives, it seems unlikely that Congress will court trouble by attempting to revise labor laws before the next session. A bill by Senator Bailey, North Carolina's old-line Democrat, to suspend the requirements of labor laws in a national emergency will be fought tooth and nail by Administration and other prouder forces. Bailey proposes lifting the statutory restrictions on the 8-hour day to speed contracts for the U. S. Maritime Commission. Union lobbyists

that 900,000 can be in training for the army at any one period in peacetime. Exemptions and deferments—Ministers, theological students, men in essential occupations, men with dependents, legislative, executive for non-combatant service.

Pay of conscripts—Basic army pay of \$30 a month, with opportunity for advancement. Period of training—One year, with subsequent short re-training periods for 10 years, or until a conscript becomes 45 years old. Place of service—Anywhere in the Western Hemisphere, American possessions, and Philippine

Man Provisions Of Conscription Given In Brief

Who must register—16,500,000 males 21 to 35 years old, inclusive.

When—The date is indefinite but it is expected to be within two weeks after President Roosevelt issues a proclamation ordering it.

Number of draftees—Not more than 900,000.

Mr. Bankhead presided as chairman of the Democratic national convention in Chicago in July.

An Old War Debt Repaid



Diana Long, 7, another tiny British war refugee, finds a new pal and a foster home with Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Vanderpoel, of Chicago. A debt is thus repaid, for during the last war, Diana's grandmother nursed Vanderpoel and two of his pals, war vets, back to health.

Heads Sheriffs



Chatham county's Sheriff G. H. Andrews (above) is the newly elected president of the North Carolina Sheriffs association. He succeeded Sheriff C. David Jones of New Hanover. In a letter to State Director Edgar H. Bain, President Andrews commended the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee for its "outstanding and efficient service" in ridding the state of more than 100 undesirable beer outlets as a part of the "clean up or close up" campaign.

For Register Of Deeds Brunswick County I will appreciate your support on November 5, and if elected I will stand for the rights of the people of Brunswick County.

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F. London Lewis

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Death Has Taken Rep. Bankhead

Speaker Of The House Died Yesterday Morning At 1:35 a. m. After Illness Since Tuesday

WASHINGTON — Speaker of the House William B. Bankhead, of Alabama, died in Washington early yesterday morning, of an internal hemorrhage.

President Roosevelt will attend the funeral services for the late speaker in Ala. The White House announced that the President would leave for Jasper, Ala., aboard his special train immediately after a state funeral for the speaker, which was held in the House chamber today.

Sam Rayburn, of Texas, the house democratic leader, was today elevated to the speakership and presided over the services at the capitol at noon.

Rep. Bankhead, a soft-spoken, gentleman of 68, died at 1:35 A. M. yesterday morning. His last illness began Tuesday while he was in Baltimore to address a political rally. He fainted just before the speech which he was to have delivered. At the time Dr. George W. Calver, capital physician, announced that he suf-