

Congress Divided On Bill

Reaction Greet's President's Request to Boost Army, Keep Selectees

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By WILLIAM R. SPEAR WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—A sharply divided Congress today received from President Roosevelt an urgent appeal that it declare a national emergency so that army selectees, National Guardsmen and reservists can be kept in service.

Mr. Roosevelt asserted emphatically that "the danger to American safety... today is infinitely greater" than it was last year when these troops were called to the colors for service expected to last only a year, and he urged that they not be mustered out now.

He also recommended "because of the swiftness of modern events," that Congress remove the restriction which now limits to 900,000 the number of selectees that can be enrolled in any single year.

The army as a whole could not be increased beyond the force of 1,725,000 now contemplated, however, unless Congress appropriated funds for more troops. Its present strength is about 1,500,000.

Emphasizes Time Mr. Roosevelt's appeal, emphasizing that "time counts," was directed not only to Congress, in the form of a message, but to the people as well with an unprecedented resort to a vocal recording which permitted radio stations to broadcast his words in his own unmistakable accents.

Immediately Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the House Military Committee introduced two resolutions to retain the army in service and to remove the limit on the number of selectees, but making no declaration of an emergency on behalf of Congress itself.

As Necessary? One resolution provided that Mr. Roosevelt might call up an unlimited number of selectees "to serve for such period beyond 12 months as the President may deem necessary in the interests of national defense."

The other resolution extended enlistments, appointments and commissions of limited time or tenure which now exist or which may hereafter exist in the army, including those of guardsmen and reserve officers, until six months after the termination of the unlimited national emergency which the President already has declared.

At the same time Senator McNamara (D-Utah) of the Senate Military Committee introduced legislation which would provide a declaration of national emergency but restrict the President's authority under it to the mere retaining in service of selectees and guardsmen. Thomas' resolution also would permit selectees to waive the restriction against sending them outside the Western hemisphere.

Mr. Roosevelt remarked in his message that he was "not asking" (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)



U. S.-MADE PLANES RUST UNDER TRI-COLOR—Purchased by France before Vichy, these American-made pursuit ships got as far toward their destination as the island of Martinique. There the Hitler-dictated peace caught them; and there they have been for more than a year. Reportedly, there are several hundred of the planes at Martinique, and it is no secret that Uncle Sam is keeping a close eye on them, too. In an enemy's hands, these American sky-fighters could be dangerous to the U. S.

Vice Leader Denied Mercy; Nets 22 Months On Roads

Terming the defendant "the lowest form of human being," Judge Alton A. Lennon yesterday sentenced W. A. Somerset, found guilty in recorder's court of operating a house of prostitution, to 22 months on the roads.

Somerset drew 18 months on the morals charge and an additional 4 months were added when he was convicted of violating liquor laws.

Three young women, arrested with Somerset in a police raid Sunday morning and charged with vagrancy and prostitution, drew sentences to 12 months on the roads.

CAROLINA POWER HEARING BEGINS

Public Utility Charged By U. S. With "Writing Up" \$23,920,000 Valuation

Charges that the Carolina Power and Light Co. had "written up" its books to show \$23,920,000 in excess of proper plant valuation were made today at the opening of the Federal Power commission hearing which, counsel for both sides agreed, might last several weeks.

Norman B. Gray, conducting the hearing for the commission, denied at the outset a company motion that the case be dismissed.

The company has been ordered to show cause why the \$23,920,000 item should not be placed in an adjustment account and written off, reducing its book valuation from the present total of \$97,000,000 to about \$73,000,000.

Counsel for the commission said if such action were taken, as recommended by commission investigators, most of the utility's \$25,000,000 of common stock would be worthless. The majority of this (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

Senators Authorize Seizures

Bill Would Give President Power to Take Property For Emergency

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—Legislation granting the President powers to requisition private property "to promote the national defense and to overcome shortages" was approved by the Senate after a stormy session today.

The proposal, passed on a voice vote and sent to the house, would authorize the chief executive to draft military and naval materials, machinery, tools or materials necessary for the manufacture of such articles.

The President could requisition private property only in the event of "immediate and impending" need in the defense program and then could invoke the draft powers only after having exhausted all other efforts to obtain the necessary equipment.

Fixed Compensation Compensation for the seized articles would be fixed by the President on a "just and fair" basis, and owners would be permitted to buy them back at the end of the defense needs.

The powers would be effective during time of war and national emergency but would expire June 30, 1943. Senator Chandler (D-Ky.), floor manager of the bill, told the Senate the proposal was necessary for the success of the preparedness effort, and Democratic Leader Barkley termed it vital for defense.

Chandler's support of the measure drew Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.), the declaration that the Kentuckian "wants to go to war tomorrow." Chandler and Wheeler engaged in a shouted exchange, the Kentuckian expressing resentment "at being called a warmonger" and Wheeler denying "that I am or ever have been a pacifist."

Senator Barkley, in pleading for the measure, said the country was facing some dangers which could not be discussed in public, whereupon Senator Smith (D-S.C.) asked: "What is this real menace? The Senator talks as though we were in war."

Barkley replied that we were not at war, but that if we should have to face a war he wanted to be prepared for it. "I voted for one war, and I hope to vote for another one," he said. "But if war is a last resort, I will not shun it."

Wheeler's Charges Wheeler said "British agents and royal refugees" and subversive influences "should be run out of the country." He said British "propagandists" were "trying to tell us to send men to their war and that congress (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

COLLISION SENDS MAN TO HOSPITAL

R. W. Smith, Jr., of Winter Park, Seriously Hurt in Intersection Accident

R. W. Smith, Jr., of Winter Park, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when his car collided with one driven by Benjamin Mills, Jr., of Leland, at the intersection of 16th and Orange street.

Smith was carried to James Walker Memorial hospital, suffering from a possible fracture of the spine, internal injuries and lacerations. His condition was described late last night as "fair."

The accident occurred at about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

OPM Creates Three Pools To Supply Defense Power

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—Through creation of three gigantic power pools in critical areas, the Office of Production Management reported today it had obtained the 1,000,000 kilowatts of electricity necessary to run the new government-owned plants which are to produce aluminum and magnesium for bombing planes, tanks and warships.

Power resources of the North-eastern states, the Southwest and the South will be linked into huge regional power grids, it was announced, so that the surplus energy in each area may be diverted to the cities where defense production has created a power shortage.

Pools Solve Problem Codirectors William Knudsen and Sidney Hillman of the OPM said that the pools would solve the problem of providing energy (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

BERLIN CLAIMS ARMY DESTROYS HUGE UNITS OF DEMORALIZED FOE

RAF Steps Up Assaults On Vital German Centers

By The Associated Press LONDON, July 21.—The aerial offensive against Germany's western front, marked again today by swarming cross-channel attacks, is but the prelude for the heaviest air raids in history which the RAF will launch against Germany in the next three months, it was asserted authoritatively in London.

There is widespread speculation in London on the extent of RAF attacks on German fortifications across the English channel on the French coast.

Large-Scale Landing? Some quarters hold such attacks are preliminary to some large-scale landing by the British, but it is more reasonable to assume that the British are merely trying to smash German guns which shell channel convoys.

Since the majority of these guns are railway-mounted it is assumed that they are well hidden when not in action. The British bombers probably are trying to destroy the tracks by which they are brought into firing positions and to batter the fixed-mount, short-range cannon which would stand in the path of any British attempt at a landing.

As the nights lengthen attacks on a scale "which will make Coventry look like a pinprick" will be aimed at German industry from the industrial Ruhr valley to Prague, capital of dismembered Czechoslovakia.

It is presumed that big Boeing bombers and Consolidated Liberators—two of the heaviest weapons in Britain's aerial armory and both American-made—will lead the assaults.

In the number of planes engaged and the weight of bombs dropped the attacks will surpass those which, the British say, distributed 7,000,000 pounds of bombs on Cologne, Bremen and the Ruhr from June 16 to July 10.

No Slackening As the raids increase in range and strength there will be no slackening of the daylight offensive aimed at attrition of Luftwaffe fighter strength and German coastwise shipping.

There is every indication that these forays, which among other things are said to have sunk or damaged more than a quarter million tons of shipping in the last two weeks, will be doubled in intensity. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

DAVIS REQUESTS PARKING CHANGE

Says Traffic Conditions On Waterfront Streets Are "Terrible"

Lieut. John H. Davis, head of the police department's traffic control division, in a report yesterday termed traffic conditions on Water and Nutt streets "terrible," and recommended that an ordinance be passed prohibiting parking on the east sides of those streets.

Bad traffic conditions, Lieutenant Davis said, were caused by the narrowness of the streets, parking on both sides, and the railroad tracks which run down the west side of the streets.

Yesterday, according to the report, a fire truck responding to an alarm from Water and Chestnut streets, was unable to get through because of a box car standing on the tracks and a parked automobile on the other side of the street.

Frequently a car must wait until one proceeding in the opposite direction has traversed an entire block before it can proceed, the report said. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

High Ranking Bolivian Officers Linked With Nazi-Inspired Revolt

LA PAZ, Bolivia, July 21.—(AP)—Defense Minister Gen. Miguel Candia returned from Cochabamba province tonight and reported to President Enrique Penaranda on the arrest there of several high-ranking Bolivian military officers in connection with the energetic investigation of an alleged Nazi conspiracy to seize power.

Herman Schroth, a German citizen and former manager of Lloyd Aereo Boliviano, also was among those arrested in Cochabamba as well as several civilians. Over the weekend-end the government declared a state of siege and arrested three newspapermen and former Finance Minister Victor Paz Estenssoro, and ordered the expulsion of the German minister, Ernst Wendler.

A German legion spokesman said Wendler would leave tomorrow for Antofagasta, Chile. President Penaranda, who favors close cooperation with the United States in Western hemisphere defense plans, met with his cabinet just before General Candia reported. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

Leaps Overboard To Avoid Flames

Tom Carlton had his choice between fire and water yesterday and promptly chose the Cape Fear river.

State Department Hears New Axis Move May Engulf Portugal, Spain

BY J. C. STARK WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—A warning by the United States that Germany was planning military moves against other free nations of Europe centered speculation anew tonight on the Atlantic possessions of Spain, Portugal and strategic French North Africa.

Refusing to name countries or give details, Sumner Welles, acting secretary of State, said the government had evidence that new Nazi steps of aggression were contemplated against some remaining independent states in Europe.

Spain, Portugal and North Africa were named as next possible German objectives by General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, in testifying on selective service legislation before the Senate Military Affairs committee last week. "You can see Spain, Portugal and North Africa covered very quickly," Marshall said. "Each move leaves the Axis forces more and more ready for another move."

President's View From President Roosevelt today also came a warning that the danger to national safety was "infinitely greater" than it was a year ago.

Both the President and Welles made it clear that other American republics could count on full support from the United States in resisting any Nazi moves below the Rio Grande.

Welles announced that Bolivia had been assured of all assistance by the United States in any international incident that might grow out of the suppression of an alleged Nazi coup in that country and the expulsion of the German minister by the Bolivian government. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

BALLOON SCHOOL TO BE RELOCATED

Barrage Training Unit Will Be Moved to Paris, Tennessee

Camp Davis will lose in November its barrage balloon school, at present the only one in the country, of fliers at the camp said yesterday. The outfit will be moved to a permanent balloon training camp at Paris, Tenn.

Col. Robert Arthur has been commanding officer of the barrage balloon training center at Camp Davis and has also been commandant of the barrage balloon school.

In connection with the removal to Paris of the center, it was announced that Major John N. Dwyer will move to the Tennessee site to serve as liaison officer representing Col. Arthur in construction activity.

The reason for the removal of the center, to which there are now 2,500 men assigned, is that Paris offered a location which is off the country's main air traffic lanes.

Thirty barrage balloons are now at Camp Davis and experiments with their use are reported progressing satisfactorily. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

WEATHER

Table with weather forecast data including temperature, humidity, and precipitation for various locations like North Carolina, Washington, and other regions.

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