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DRAFT DEFERMENT CHECK REQUESTED

Tydings Wants Investigation Of 1,000 Young Male Employees Of Government

WASHINGTON, June 6.—(AP)—Chairman Tydings (D.-Md.) of a special Senate committee recommended today that the Selective Service System check up on draft deferments given 1,000 young male employees of the government.

At the same time, Tydings said his group, which is looking into general conditions in the executive branch, was considering holding open hearings on the question of draft deferment because of federal employment. Commenting on the results of preliminary investigations, he said:

"On the whole, the deferment privilege has been judiciously used by most agencies of the national government but the abuses we have found stick out like a sore thumb."

To illustrate his contention he cited the case of "Mr. X," 21 years old when he was appointed a year ago to a \$1,620 a year job in an unidentified department.

"Nine months later," Tydings said, "he had become such an expert in the field of personnel procedure surveys" that he was promoted and his salary raised \$1,000 a year.

Further, four months after his appointment he had become such an indispensable cog in the administration of this department that it was necessary to have him deferred, and six months later, not being able to replace this highly indispensable 21-year-old expert, it was necessary to obtain a further deferment. This was the claim of the department for which he worked.

"This seems to us clearly an abuse of the deferment privilege. He is not even a college graduate, which is unusual; he has never been employed other than a student before entering the government service."

Tydings said "Mr. X" was only one of 12 personnel officers who were granted deferment out of a total of 42 clerical employees in the one departmental unit.

"How the deferments of these so-called 'personnel officers' can be claimed or granted, because they are indispensable, rare or scarce, is incomprehensible," he added.

"To say that the work of this group is so demanding and requires such unusual abilities is ridiculous."

Another "classical example," the Maryland senator said, was "Mr. Y."

"He is 22 years young; was appointed in November, 1940, at the age of 21, and by May, 1941, he had become such an expert in the recruiting of stenographers, economists and junior administrative personnel that he was so indispensable he had to be deferred; in March 1942, he had continued to increase his experience and enhance his indispensability to the extent that he was again deferred."

"Possibly his local board in Kansas has the impression that the government of the United States would collapse without his expertise in recruiting stenographers."

Another employee, he recounted, was released from government employment because of lack of efficiency, "but 13 days later he was reinstated and continued his indispensable inefficiency."

JAPANESE REPORT FALL OF CHUHSIEN

(Continued from Page One) that Japanese planes attacked Chinese troops in the area in spite of bad weather and scored "brilliant results."

PAY HEAVY PRICE CHUNGKING, China, June 6.—(AP)—Forcing the Japanese to pay a heavy and bitter price for their Chekiang-Kiangsi offensive, the Chinese announced officially tonight that they had thrown back repeated Japanese attacks against the walled city of Chuhhsien yesterday.

(The Japanese news agency Domei reported from the Chekiang front that Japanese soldiers had occupied Chuhhsien at 6 p. m. today (Saturday) after a three-day campaign.)

As the 59th month of the Chinese-Japanese war ended, the Japanese were driving hard against determined Chinese defenses in the eastern seaboard provinces; the Chinese reported the capture of several points in Anhwei province and the Flying Tigers of the American volunteer group announced their planes had killed more than 200 Japanese in attacks along the west bank of the Salween river in Yunnan province and along the Burma Road.

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33 MEN WILL BE SWORN INTO NAVY

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the nation, the oath of enlistment will be given—and at 2:30 p. m. today, the Navy will be "strengthened by upwards of 20,000 men who are ready to fling the challenge back into the teeth of the Nipponese," said Lieutenant C. B. Neely, officer-in-charge of North Carolina's Navy recruiting yesterday.

Wilmington's program will be opened sharply at 1:15 p. m., with a concert by the Wilmington High school band, and at 1:30 W. R. Doshier, postmaster, will take over as master of ceremonies.

Scheduled to make short addresses during the program are Dr. Edwin F. Keever, retired pastor of the St. Paul's Lutheran church here who will deliver the invocation; H. W. Sass, veteran of foreign wars; Robert Strange, commander of the American Legion Post; C. David Jones, local commander of Civilian Defense; Mayor Hargrove Bellamy and Addison Hewlett, chairman of the board of county commissioners.

There will be military music throughout the program by the band until 2:15, when Commander Fields takes over for an address to the new Navy men. Fields is a veteran Navy doctor, having seen sea duty throughout the First World War. He recently was promoted to the rank of full commander, and commended for meritorious work.

Focal point of the nationwide ceremony, meanwhile, will be the Sail Loft at the Washington Navy Yard, where the oath will be administered to recruits of the Washington area. Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of Naval personnel, will give the oath there.

Fittingly enough, today has been named "Avenue Pearl Harbor Day," and the calibre of men who will take the oath from the Wilmington area is evidence enough of American patriotism. Never in history has a man been drafted for naval service by the United States, "and this should be proof that such will never happen," said R. L. DeLoach, chief petty officer in charge of the Wilmington recruiting station.

For today only, the Navy department has relaxed the routine recruiting regulations which means that for the first time, men will be enlisted and sworn into the service at sub-stations. Under normal procedure, the men are accepted at sub-stations and given transportation to the main station at Raleigh for final examinations and actual enlistment.

Thus the men accepted for enlistment here today will be sent directly to Norfolk for preliminary training.

Following are the men making applications today:

From Wilmington — William Bryan Whitfield, Elbert Harper Hewlett, William Scott Kenan, Wallace Ambrose Long, Blaine Robert Trapp, Arthur Elmo Raynor, Willis Marvin Batts, William Bryan Horne, Robert William Smith, Jr., Ralph Heath Buck, and George Webb.

From Willard — Jesse Dalton Higgins.

Others — Jack Lee Harris, Ernest Nello Seawell, Jack Warren Culpepper, Edward Hardy, Archie Troublefield, Otis Everett Daniels, Montford Beach Brigman, Jr., Ernest Troy Clark, Harvey Lee Williams, John Henry Williams, Oliver Leon Smith, Jr., Edgar W. Stephens, Henry A. Beacham, Thomas Eugene Brigman, William Henry Lee Norton, John O. Inman, Graham Walker Mills, Horace R. Prevatte, James F. Carmichael, and Robert Eugene Prevatte.

SHOWS U. S. DETERMINATION

WASHINGTON, June 6.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox declared tonight that mass enlistment of 12,326 men in the sea forces tomorrow would symbolize "this nation's grim determination to restore peace to the world by administering just punishment to those who have brutally and wilfully transgressed all the laws of humanity."

Dubbed "Avengers of Pearl Harbor," the Navy, Marine and Coast Guard recruits will be sworn in simultaneously in a radio ceremony at 2:25 p. m., Eastern war time—six months to the minute from the time Japanese bombers launched their raid upon Pearl Harbor.

The ceremony will be broadcast by the Columbia broadcasting system.

The recruits will be grouped in 500 recruiting stations throughout the country.

WEATHER

(Continued from Page One) WASHINGTON, June 6.—(AP)—Weather Bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m. Station High Low Prec. Asheville 86 63 0.36 Atlanta 86 66 0.00 Boston 76 67 0.00 Chicago 88 70 0.00 Detroit 85 69 0.00 Galveston 84 71 0.00 Kansas City 87 69 0.00 Little Rock 85 71 0.59 Louisville 89 69 0.00 Memphis 92 74 0.00 Miami 85 73 0.31 New Orleans 88 71 0.00 New York 83 63 0.00 Norfolk 85 62 0.00 Richmond 90 68 0.00 St. Louis 90 68 0.00 Washington 86 66 0.00 Wilmington 85 71 0.00

FATALLY INJURED

BRISTOL, Va., June 6.—(AP)—Oakie Virginia Williams, 16, of Bristol, Tenn., and Arthur Cregg, 22, of Wytheville, Va., were fatally injured Friday night when they lost their footing and plunged over Abrams' Falls and into the rocky creek bed 85 feet below.

Miss Williams and young Cregg were on a picnic outing with 12 of their friends.

REDS SINK 10 NAZI SHIPS IN BALTIC

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1942 invasion of Sweden, particularly if the United Nations move into Norway.

(The possibility of a sea attack upon Sweden or Leningrad or both was heightened earlier this week by a German radio announcement that all non-German shipping had been ordered halted between Denmark and Sweden except by special permit.)

Spar on Front Sparring continued on the long land front from the Baltic to the Black Sea throughout yesterday, the regular midnight Soviet communique reporting local engagements in many sectors along with a quickening of reconnaissance and air activity.

Three German battalions, supported by 35 tanks, were repulsed in one sector of the German-invasion front with losses of about 500 killed and 16 tanks destroyed, dispatches from the battle area said.

Only minor encounters were reported on the Kalinin front, northwest of Moscow, and on the southwestern and southern fronts.

The Soviet information bureau said Germany's central front army has lost several hundred infantrymen, killed or wounded, and eight tanks in one assault on Red army forces operating behind German lines.

Russian fliers were credited with downing two German planes by ramming.

BRITISH HAMMER NAZIS IN DESERT

(Continued from Page One) shal Erwin Rommel's battered army could escape through a gap in the British mine fields between Ain el Gazala and Bir Hacheim.

The British, catching their second wind in the furious 12-day battle in the furnace-like heat of the swirling sands, have opened a new drive in the triangular trap west of Knightsbridge, the cross-trail 15 miles southwest of Tobruk. Indeed, a military commentator said the British were battering at the Axis forces from three sides in a mighty stroke of attrition which had placed Rommel on the defensive.

Tamar, six miles west of Knightsbridge, was said to have fallen to the driving British, who firmly held the initiative.

To the north in the region of Ain el Gazala, South African troops captured some Axis prisoners in an attack on strong points. At the southern extremity, the Free French forces defending the odoriferous waterhole of Bir Hacheim had a quiet day after repulsing a second determined Italian attack.

The famed British 25-pounders, with which United States troops in Northern Ireland have been practicing for weeks, hurled tons of shells into Axis troop and materiel concentrations throughout the day and night with deadly effect. The artillery was so accurate it appeared to have thwarted Rommel's attempt to organize a counterattack.

BOND VOTE BOOKS ARE OPENED HERE

(Continued from Page One) gram are eligible to vote in the second bond election which will be held on June 30.

Approximately 13,000 voters are already on the books. City Clerk James R. Benson estimated Saturday.

"However, to be certain that they are correctly registered, voters should visit their registrar during the registration period," he said.

The books will be open at each polling place for the next two Saturdays.

FOUR MORE ALLIED SHIPS DESTROYED

(Continued from Page One) ed Fruit ship Atenas, attacked by two enemy submarines, sank one U-boat and deluded the other, the newspaper La Tribuna reported yesterday from San Jose, Costa Rica.

The vessel arrived slightly damaged at Puerto Limon, La Tribuna said.

The British-owned steamer City of Bremen was sunk recently in European waters, dispatches from Vigo, Spain disclosed. A fishing vessel with 22 survivors from the 903-ton steamer arrived at the Spanish port yesterday.

Average Temperature Reaches 78 Degrees

Saturday was the warmest day of the year, with an average temperature of 78 degrees, the U. S. Weather Bureau announced.

While April saw the thermometer rocket up to 86, one degree higher than yesterday's highest, the mean temperature was far below that of yesterday.

Humidity was not excessively high, weather officials said, reaching a maximum of 49.

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Health Defense League Division Plans Meet

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Another meeting will be held on Wednesday night at the same time in the Congregational church, on Nun street between Sixth and Seventh streets.

The program for both meetings will include two movies, group singing, and short talks by Dr. L. W. Upperman and Dr. S. James Gray.

Rae E. Kauffer of the New Hanover County Health Department will be present at each meeting to explain the program and to outline a plan for group activities.

A special session of the Central Planning Committee is scheduled following the Monday meeting. All are urged to attend.

One broken five pound flat iron contains enough iron to make four hand grenades.

MIDWAY FIGHT SEEN AS PART OF JAPAN'S PLAN FOR NEW GOAL

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from their distant bases in the Pacific implies that the Japanese expedition intended to make a landing somewhere. This was no landing on hunting strays detachments of the United States Navy or hit and run raid such as that made on Pearl Harbor December 7.

Until it is known how many troopships the Japanese were conveying it is impossible to more than guess their objectives. These may have been:

- 1. Seizure of Midway. 2. A landing on some of the main or outlying Hawaiian islands. 3. Attack on Oahu and the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor itself.

Had they succeeded in occupying Midway, which is rated an outpost of the Hawaiian group although it is 1,149 miles from Pearl Harbor, their long-range planes

and naval forces would have been in position to threaten and wage direct war on Honolulu.

The United States thereby would be forced to dislodge them or permanently concentrate huge forces in Hawaii to combat them.

Admiral Nimitz has carefully husbanded the facts of the engagement. Carefully shielded is whether any major units of the United States Navy have been in action or whether they are even in the neighborhood.

Some of the facts given, however, permit an imaginative reconstruction of the action as it occurred.

The Japanese sent a naval detachment considerably to the north of center between Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians and Midway to show a few planes.

This probably was not the main force, for it could hardly have got within fighter plane range of Dutch Harbor, and then attacked Midway the next morning.

This main fleet must have come quite close to Midway or Oahu itself, for the ferocity with which our planes swarmed down upon the Japanese suggests that any

carrier based planes taking part were greatly augmented by shore planes.

Madagascar came under a French protectorate in 1885, and was declared a French colony in 1896.

LENGTHY X-RAY TUBE An X-ray tube in St. Bartholomew's hospital, London, is 30 feet long and weighs ten tons. The patient under treatment converses through a microphone with the doctors, who observe him through a mirror system.

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