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Draft Of Men 20 To 29 Now "Authorized"

President Acts To Save Part Of Selective Service Wreckage

MEASURE CONDEMNED

Truman Tells Press He Hopes Congress Will Extend Law Full Year

WASHINGTON, May 16. — (AP) — Drafting of childless men who are 26 through 29 years of age was authorized Thursday by President Truman to "save what we can from the near wreckage of the Selective Service system."

Conscription of men in that age group was stopped by the President shortly after the fall of Japan. Mr. Truman announced in a news conference statement that he was authorizing the War and Navy secretaries to call upon Selective Service for the induction of such men.

The President repeated his criticism, made Tuesday night when he signed the 45-day extension law which stopped the induction of teen-age boys and fathers, that it was "bad legislation." Under the Draft Extension act and Mr. Truman's authorization Thursday all men except fathers, between 20 and 30 years of age are subject to induction call.

"It is to be hoped," he said, "that before July first, when the present extension expires, the Congress will extend Selective Service for a year in a form that will meet the nation's requirements."

To illustrate his assertion that the extension law was "loosely drawn," the President said it provided that men up to 35 years, seven months of age could be drafted, although "seemingly it was the intent of Congress to include only those now under 30."

He said there also was nothing in the law to prevent the re-induction of men already discharged.

The War department does not want men over 30 years of age, he said, and men over that age will not be reclassified.

Mr. Truman said Selective Service Director Hershey had reported that 80,000 acceptable 18 and 19-year old high school students were "lost to the armed forces" because of Congress' action. The extension law was "loosely drawn," the President said it provided that men up to 35 years, seven months of age could be drafted, although "seemingly it was the intent of Congress to include only those now under 30."

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GRACE METHODIST IS MISSION HOST

Meeting Is One Of Series Being Held In North Carolina This Week

Approximately 250 delegates and visitors from the district attended the one-day conference of the Methodist Board of Christian Education in the South, held yesterday at the Grace Methodist church.

Three featured speakers were heard at the meeting, which the Rev. A. S. Parker, Grace minister, termed as having an "unusually good program."

One of Series

The meeting was one of a series being held in the state this week. The speakers had addressed crowds in Durham, Goldsboro, and Elizabeth City. After the meeting here, they were scheduled to go to Fayetteville where similar meetings

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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

CITY CHILLUNS GOT A HOUSE FULL O' DESE EDJERCATIN' TOYS BUT HIT DON' LARN 'EM NOTHIN' 'BOUT BUMBLE BEES AN' PIZEN OAK !!!



In Runoff



Candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Alabama, James E. "Big Jim" Folsom, who is six foot, 8 inches tall, is shown in his Cullman, Ala., office. Folsom finished first over four opponents in the recent Democratic primary but failed to receive the required majority. He and Lt. Gov. Handy Ellis will have a runoff election on June 4. (International)

ACTION DELAYED ON CITY ZONING

Failure Of Quorum Of City Council To Appear Causes Postponement

What was supposed to have been the final official public hearing on the city's proposed zoning ordinance was voided last night when a quorum of the city council failed to appear at the meeting.

Under state law, a quorum of the city council (in Wilmington's case, at least four of the seven council members) must be present at the final zoning hearing before the council can enact the proposal into an ordinance, according to city officials.

Only One Present

Mayor W. Ronald Lane was the only council member present at the hearing in city hall last night. "I regret," he told the audience, "that only one member of the council showed up tonight. We shall have to schedule another final hearing in about two or three weeks."

Mayor Lane nevertheless threw the meeting open to public discussion.

A number of citizens questioned

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WALLACE BERRIES GROSS \$1,000,000 ON MARKET SO FAR

RALEIGH, May 16 — Strawberry sales on the Wallace auction market in 1946 exceeded \$1,000,000, according to a state Department of Agriculture report released Thursday.

As of May 14, a total of 88,926 twenty-four quart crates of the berries had been sold for \$1,010,344.96 for an average of \$11.36 per crate.

The Massey variety of strawberry, main type offered on the Wallace market, thus far this year has brought premium prices which were higher than prices paid for strawberries from other producing areas in North Carolina and elsewhere. Sales on the Wallace market will continue for two more weeks.

This Man Must Join Union To Paint His Own House

DETROIT, May 16 — (AP) — Protesting that "this isn't a democracy any more," the owner of a four-unit building—half residential, half commercial—carried his complaint of illegal picketing to police headquarters Thursday.

Alfred McEnhill, 65, told officers that members of the AFL Painters and Decorators union demonstrated in front of his building yesterday as he was painting window sashes. They notified him, he said, that he would have to join the union if he wanted to finish the job. Unionists contended the structure was an office building since it houses a beauty parlor and an insurance office in addition to two apartments, in one of which McEnhill lives.

REORGANIZATION

Truman Merges Welfare Activities

President To Make Federal Security Agency Regular Department Of Federal Set - Up

WASHINGTON, May 16. — (AP) — President Truman Thursday merged the government's far-flung welfare activities under the Federal Security agency and announced he will ask Congress soon to make it a regular department headed by a cabinet secretary.

The agency, now headed by Watson B. Miller as administrator, already has more employees and spends more money than "several" of the ten regular departments, Mr. Truman noted. He added that "the importance of its functions clearly call for departmental status and a permanent place in the president's cabinet."

The Weather

South Carolina and North Carolina—Considerable cloudiness, scattered showers and thunderstorms and not much change in temperature Friday. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., yesterday.

1:30 am, 71; 7:30 am, 74; 1:30 pm, 80; 7:30 pm, 75. Maximum 82; Minimum 70; Mean —; Normal 71. Humidity 1:30 am, 85; 7:30 am, 91; 1:30 pm, 86; 7:30 pm, 86.

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 0.61 inches. Total since the first of the month, 2.97 inches. Tides For Today (From The Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) Wilmington — 10:45a 5:44a 11:13p 5:40p Masonboro Inlet — 8:19a 2:30a 8:45p 2:23p

Sunrise, 5:09a; Sunset, 7:07p; Moonrise 8:44p; Moonset 6:09a. River stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 a.m., Thursday—11.9 feet.

GUERRILLAS TAKE HUGE LIFE TOLL

Nearly 7,000 Persons Killed In Poland During Month of April

LONDON, May 16. — (AP) — Dispatches reaching London from Central Europe said Thursday that nearly 7,000 persons were killed in Guerrilla fighting in Poland during April.

The Communist-dominated Warsaw government of national unity, these reports said, is making an increased effort to link the non-Communist Polish Peasant party with terrorist activities in the country.

Named By Allies

The Peasant party is headed by Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, who was named Vice Premier in the predominantly Communist Warsaw government at the insistence of Britain and the U. S.

The Warsaw correspondent of the Times quoted Polish Public Security Ministry statement as charging that "leading members of the party have cooperated with terrorists and abused their democratic rights in secret armed organizations. It is believed that about two divisions are hiding in the forest and mountains."

Branches Suppressed

Two regional branches of the party have been suppressed, according to Warsaw radio, and dispatches Wednesday reported the government as announcing that some party leaders are "in hiding from the authorities."

British Foreign Office sources have made thinly veiled suggestions that Security police measures against Mikolajczyk's party were designed to cripple it before the expected Polish elections are held this fall.

Fifty Per Cent

A source very close to the Warsaw government recently conceded here that under conditions of a free election, Mikolajczyk's party at present would receive as high as 50 per cent of the votes cast. The

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OFFICIAL CENSUS FOR CITY 47,483

Results Received Yesterday; 14,076 More Than 1940 Enumeration

Wilmington's official population count is 47,483, exactly 14,076 more than the 33,407 count recorded in the census of 1940.

The official figure, received yesterday by Acting City Manager J. R. Benson from J. C. Capt. Bureau of Census director in Washington, D. C., is 601 more than the unofficial total released by William B. Pournelle, director of the city's special interim census, immediately after the census was completed in the second week of April.

Additional Reports

Pournelle's figure, hand-counted was swelled by census forms sent to Washington by persons who were missed by the enumerators during the actual taking of the census. The final Washington count was tabulated on errorless electrical calculating machines.

The figures on housing, labor skills, and the city's general economic make-up are still being tabulated by the Washington office.

First Of Kind

When these figures are completed, they will be the first of their kind ever compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Census. The Bureau plans to take sample censuses of

JAMES W. PERRIN DIES IN HOSPITAL

Veteran Coast Line Official Succumbs After Long Illness

Funeral services for James W. Perrin, 1615 Market street, who died yesterday afternoon following a long illness, will be held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home.

The Rev. Alexander Miller, minister of St. Pauls Episcopal church will officiate. Burial will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Education At The Citadel

Born in Abbeville, S. C., March 22, 1869 Mr. Perrin was educated at The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., graduate of the class of 1891. He entered railroading Dec. 1, 1891, with the Charleston, Sumter and

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INDEPENDENCE

India Offered Union Form Of Government

British Cabinet Delegation Outlines New Proposals To Newsmen; Gandhi Advises People To Study Plan Wisely

NEW DELHI, May 16 — (AP) — The British cabinet delegation Thursday night proposed a union form of government for India as the best method for starting that country on the path toward independence.

The proposition hardly had been described to a large body of newsmen in the General Assembly building before comments from Moslem League quarters indicated it would not find widespread acceptance among Moslems.

Interim Government

In addition to calling for a constitutional convention, the plan advised immediate formation of an interim central government. A study of the plan, and comparison of it with Congress and Moslem League viewpoints as outlined during the past six weeks of

LEWIS, OPERATORS TURN DOWN PROPOSAL FOR ARBITRATION; TRUMAN TO SEIZE RAILROADS

Deadlock May Force Action By President

White House Will Act Before Strike Deadline Saturday Afternoon

STEELMAN IN TOUCH

Union Offers Slightly Modified Wage Demands; Operators Firm

WASHINGTON, May 16 — (AP) — President Truman plans to seize the nation's railroads if no agreement is reached in time to keep them running after the Saturday strike deadline, he told his news conference Thursday.

He stated his intentions amid indications that the administration will keep up unrelenting pressure to head off such a need.

May Ask Parley

Mr. Truman himself said he hoped seizure would not be necessary and a White House official said later that the President may ask carrier and union representatives to confer with him Friday in an effort to break the wage deadlock ahead of the 4 p. m., Saturday deadline.

Representatives of the carriers and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Engineers reported to the White House earlier in the day their inability to agree on a

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TOJO LOSES LAST ESCAPE LOOPHOLE

Tribunal Dismisses All Defense Motions On Jurisdiction Points

TOKYO, Friday, May 17. — (AP) — The legal fight by ex-Premier Hideki Tojo and 27 other former leaders of Japan to escape trial as accused war criminals failed completely Thursday.

In a five-minute session, the International Military Tribunal for the Far East dismissed all defense motions attacking jurisdiction of the court and seeking dismissal of the indictment accusing prisoners of promoting war.

Chief Justice Sir William Webb announced that "all motions are dismissed for reasons to be discussed later," then adjourned proceedings. The trial is scheduled to start June 3.

It was reported that Dr. Shumei Okawa, who slapped Tojo on the head at an earlier session, had been found to be suffering from brain disease and that former Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka was "dangerously ill." Both have been absent from the courtroom for medical examination. They may not be tried.

Unionists Leave White House



Following a meeting with President Truman, at which an attempt was made to halt the rail strike set for Saturday, railroad union officials leave the White House. They are (l. to r.); H. F. Frazier, president of the Order of Railway Conductors of America; T. C. Cashen, president of the Switchmen Union of North America; and C. J. Coff, assistant to the president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. The Chief Executive won an agreement between rail executives and labor chiefs to continue conferences in an effort to settle their differences. (International Soundphoto)

FRESH SEAFOOD

Air Fish Shipment Scheduled Weekly

Regular Cargo Service Slated For Inland Section Of State; Expanded Markets Seen For Local Fishermen

Wilmington's newest industry—ocean-fresh fish via the sky—will be extended next week to include Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point, and Durham, Eldridge Fergus, of R. C. Fergus and Sons, local fish wholesalers and retailers, announced yesterday.

The Fergus company instituted the new airplane marketing last week when it sent 2,500 pounds of newly-caught trout, flounder, and mullet to Atlantic and Pacific

Tea company stores in Charlotte.

Yesterday afternoon a similar shipment was flown aboard a giant Douglas South East Airlines plane from Blueenthal airport to Charlotte again.

Regular Trips

"We are going to have a regular Thursday schedule," Fergus said. "Next week's shipment will be about 5,000 pounds of fish, and it will go not only to Charlotte but to Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston-

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NEW HANOVER ROTC TO RECEIVE HONORS IN CEREMONY TODAY

New Hanover High school's ROTC unit, today, will hold presentation exercises in the school auditorium at 8:45 a. m. when 62 members of the senior class will receive military science and tactics certificates. It was announced yesterday by Capt. R. S. Andrews, ROTC commanding officer.

Capt. Andrews will also award certificates for successful completion of military hygiene and sanitation to members of the unit who are eligible to receive them.

After the meeting is opened, the cadet executive officer, Major L. B. Williams will introduce cadet battalion commander, Lt. Col. Harry M. Wellott, who will speak briefly before the awards are made.

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Aching Muscles Are Sign Of Grudge, Doctor Says

PHILADELPHIA, May 16 — (AP) — Chronic victims of pains and aches in the muscles and joints—without organic ailment—may be suffering from nursing a smoldering grudge against someone close to them.

This was the concept advanced Thursday by Dr. Edward Weiss of Temple University medical school in discussing a condition which he said has been called "psychogenic rheumatism" by some investigators.

He told the American College of Physicians that the term had been applied to persons who have aches and pains and often a slight fever but who disclose no organic ailment during physical examination and laboratory studies.

Asserting that the muscles serve as a means of defense and attack and that internal tension is most easily relieved by muscular action, Weiss said: "The individual with muscular aches and pains would often like to express his aggression against someone in particular but is prevented from doing so by the affection or respect for that person that is mingled with his hostility."

He declared such persons usually are totally unaware that they bear a chronic resentment.

Mine Seizure Step Not Yet Contemplated

President Cancels Missouri Trip After Principals File Answer

SMALL DEMANDS LAW

CPA Chief Claims UMW Head Has Stopped U. S. Economy By Actions

WASHINGTON, May 16 — (AP) — John L. Lewis and coal operators Thursday night rejected a presidential proposal that they submit their dispute to binding arbitration.

President Truman immediately cancelled a week-end trip to Missouri in order to seek some new method of averting another walk-out of soft coal miners when the present truce expires May 25.

"No Seizure"

Emerging from the President's office later, Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach told reporters that the "only legal power the government has" in the event of a complete breakdown in seizure of the mines. But he added that "we haven't yet reached a point of deciding on seizure."

Schwellenbach said that in the latest conference with the President there were indications on both sides "there might be a desire to reopen negotiations."

Welfare Fund

The operators were willing to arbitrate on wages and hours, the White House said, but they balked at arbitration on the health and welfare fund demand. John L. Lewis took the position that his union negotiating committee is not authorized to arbitrate anything, according to Charles Ross, presidential secretary.

Even before the twin rejections of arbitration were given to the President, his production administrator, John D. Small, speaking

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ARMY MEN KILLED IN FORT CRACKUP

Secrecy Of Authorities Lead To False Reports As To Plane

FAIRFAX, Calif., May 16 — (AP) — A Flying Fortress crash, whose aftermath was cloaked in such Army secrecy that an unconfirmed report circulated it was an atom bomb plane, killed two Army men and injured seven others Thursday on a ridge in Marin county, north of San Francisco.

Tonight as reports filtered in on the crash, another unconfirmed one was made public by a Navy spokesman of the western sea frontier in San Francisco that a plane may have crashed Thursday afternoon against Mt. Shasta in Northern California. A telephone caller, identifying himself as a State Highway patrolman, said he saw the crash. Nearby Hamilton Field dispatched its special air rescue group to the site.

MP's in Charge

For hours after the morning crash of the B-17, military police with sidearms prevented all access to the wreckage of the fortress. The plane, flying from Mines field, Los Angeles, struck the south slope of a ridge near Fairfax.

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And So To Bed

Mrs. E. F. Smith, of Forest Hills, went to Carolina Beach yesterday to pick some violets for her flower-boxes.

Her hunt was successful. She came home in the afternoon with a large paper bag full of the plants.

She readied the boxes for planting and then put her hand into the bag to take out the flowers.

Her fingers clutched not shy violets but a vigorous eight-inch water moccasin.

How the moccasin got into the bag, Mrs. Smith could not say. All she could say was, "For goodness sake!"