

ARMED FORCES PAY RAISE ADVOCATED

Move Designed To Spur Lagging Enlistments In Services

WASHINGTON, June 1—(AP)—A sharp increase in servicemen's pay to encourage volunteers gathered powerful bi-partisan support in the Senate today. It was a reaction to demands from supporters of draft extension for a peacetime military force strong enough to uphold this nation's international commitments.

Legislation compelling pay proposals and extension of the draft on a modified basis comes up for Senate consideration Monday. A plan to take it up today was dropped.

How high the Senate would agree to boost the pay of those in the armed forces remained uncertain. Senator Gurney (R-S. D.) said he would advocate increases ranging up to 30 per cent for enlisted men, at cost of \$474,000,000 a year.

This would split the difference between the \$830,000,000 measure passed by the House, with increases up to 50 per cent for a private, and recommendation of the Senate Military committee which would cost \$275,000,000.

War Department officials reported that the first week after Congress exempted 'teen-agers from the draft produced the lowest number of volunteers for any week since the army started its recruiting campaign last fall.

A total of 10,398 signed up for the seven days ended May 21, compared with 11,043 the previous week.

Selective service advocates have contended that existence of the draft was a spur to recruiting.

Gurney said that he had been informed by military chiefs that the rate of volunteer enlistments has been falling off about 20,000 monthly. He said that, "as an optimistic estimate," the most that could be expected for the last half of the year would be 30,000 volunteers monthly.

POPE PIUS SCATHINGLY DECRIES COMMUNISM

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year after Germany had been crushed, "the first and decisive step towards a just peace has not been taken."

He said the grave duty of the church to arouse the consciences of all "to inculcate rectitude, moderation and respect for truth and law becomes particularly hard and distant in times of agitation and crisis."

The Pope saw a long and arduous road to peace, a road "too long for the pent up aspirations of mankind starving for order and calm."

He pointed out that there have been multiplied efforts, discussions, exchanges of views, and even direct contacts between the statesmen "in whose hands lie the destinies of the world."

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Section 2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds shall be annually levied and collected.

ATOMIC CONTROLS ASKED BY SENATE

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able or developed for the project.

3. Require commission licenses to manufacture facilities for the production of fissionable materials.

Urging approval of the bill, committee chairman Brien McMahon, D. Conn., said it would assure this country the greatest possible security against "a great menace" and encouraged full peaceful use of the new cosmic force.

The bill provides: 1. Outright government ownership of all materials which serve as the source of atomic energy, including uranium, plutonium and thorium.

2. Exclusive government monopoly of facilities essential to produce these materials from raw ores.

3. Source materials as deemed by the commission essential to production of fissionable materials would be acquired for the government by purchase or condemnation. Likewise, such materials found on public lands would be reserved to the commission.

4. The commission, acting under presidential direction, would be the sole manufacturer of atomic bombs. It would hold exclusive power to engage in developmental work on atomic weapons and would store and control the bombs.

McMahon said the bill would assist in eventual development of world wide, international control of atomic power, possibly along lines laid down in a recent special state department study of the problem.

Under the measure, the commission would take over the facilities of the Army's Manhattan engineer district, which directed development and production of the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The commission would have exclusive ownership to patents on discoveries useful to production of fissionable materials and those embracing atomic uses for war. Patents concerned with non-military uses of atomic energy would be licensed to private enterprises.

Commission members would be appointed for five-year terms at a yearly salary of \$15,000.

These committees would assist the commission: 1. A military liaison committee, assigned by and responsible to the secretaries of war and navy, to consult with the civilian group on all matters relating to military application in cases of disagreement, the military group would be empowered to appeal to the President for final decision through the secretaries of war and navy.

2. A general scientific and technical committee of nine civilians to advise on materials, production, research and development policies.

3. A joint senate-house committee to study legislative aspects and review the commission's work.

Historic Thalian Hall Closed During Survey

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action yesterday, Mrs. Lester W. Preston, Thalian president, said she planned to ask the Thalian board of directors, at its meeting next Tuesday night, to initiate action for the restoration of the hall.

The little theater directors are expected to request that a building expert from another city be called in to furnish an estimate of the cost of repairing the hall.

Mrs. Preston said, adding that the Thalian board then would present the expert's figures to the City council and request that the city board make provision for the necessary work in its budget for the 1946-47 fiscal year.

Mrs. Preston also disclosed her plan to ask other organizations in the city to cooperate with the Thalian in an effort to have Thalian hall restored.

Federal Aid Airport Program Starts Soon

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WASHINGTON, June 1—(AP)—Senator McCarran (D-Nev.), chairman of a Senate appropriations subcommittee, said today the committee probably will recommend funds for an early start on the administration's half-billion dollar Federal aid airport construction program.

He revealed the budget bureau wants \$53,000,000 for a start next month on the mammoth, seven-year plan to construct airports in both small and large cities, in all states.

A bill authorizing Federal participation in the plan was signed May 13 by President Truman after the House already had completed action on the 1947 state, commerce and judiciary appropriation bill.

McCarran said the funds could be added to the bill in the Senate, where it now is before McCarran's subcommittee.

ANTI-STRIKE BILL SPECULATION TOPIC

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enbach has on his desk an analysis of the measure concluding that its unfavorable aspects outweigh its favorable aspects.

Schwellenbach has said he would recommend a veto if the bill appeared to have more disadvantages than advantages.

Congressional speculation centered around whether the President would veto the Case bill if the senate and house are able to work out differing provisions of the emergency legislation.

There is strong indication that supporters of the Case bill will try to stall conference committee action beyond the June 12 deadline in order to force executive approval of the Case bill.

Case said his bill as sent to the White House was less restrictive than the legislation Mr. Truman asked for as an emergency measure.

The President's bill, however, is a temporary measure while the Case bill would go on the books as permanent law. Mr. Truman requested a congressional investigation of labor relations before enacting permanent law.

"It is my personal opinion that President Truman wants this (the Case) bill to become law and provide him with tools that will help to meet the problems of the day," Case said.

He said the "only point" differing with Mr. Truman's suggestions on labor legislation was that the Case bill would create a mediation board, under control of the President, as an independent agency rather than under the labor department.

"The President can hardly veto the bill on the ground that its form places the appointive power for the board in his own hands rather than in those of the secretaries of labor," Case said.

Case said his bill carries these provisions along with the mediation board, all of which meet Mr. Truman's suggestions:

1. Authorizes creation of fact-finding boards in public utility disputes when a substantial interruption of essential service is threatened.

2. Provides some restrictions on sympathy and jurisdictional strikes.

3. Prohibits violence of threat of injury in picketing and in efforts to require an employer to recognize one union as against another.

4. Legalizes employer contributions to employee welfare funds where there is equal management employee control of the funds.

5. Makes unions liable on equal basis with employers for carrying out collective bargaining contracts.

6. Admits foremen to union membership but prohibits them from representing unions in collective bargaining.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday.

SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UP

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grades for students who lack subjects to make them regular in their high school work, those who wish to repeat work on which they failed during the regular session, and those who wish to take subjects which, because of an already full program, cannot be taken during the regular session.

A fee of \$25 will be charged for a year's work in a subject, while 12.50 will be charged for a semester's work.

Teachers for the summer session will be selected from the faculty of New Hanover High school.

A student will be expected to spend about four hours a day in classroom work, from 8:30 a. m. until 12:50 p. m. including a 20-minute recess from 10:30 until 10:50 a. m.

Class members may register for either one or two semesters' work; for example, a student who has passed the first semester of a subject but who failed on the second, may earn credit for the whole year's work by enrolling for the subject for the second half of summer school and successfully meeting requirements. A student who failed both semesters' work on a subject may earn a year's credit for the subject by enrolling for the course for the entire summer school session and successfully meeting requirements.

A student may register for only one subject during a summer school semester. Summer classes will not be conducted on Saturdays except by arrangement.

MARITIME UNION OFFER REJECTED

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from the 40-hour week due to its impracticability.

He said that the government is now operating 80 per cent of all shipping, and the taxpayer will pay any additional costs caused by higher wages but when shipping is returned to the owners, "costs will be so prohibitive that vessels may have to be withdrawn."

The ship owners announced their rejection as the government weighed creation of a fact finding board in an effort to settle the dispute without a strike andangry unionists expanded their walkout call to include Mississippi River system barge lines.

At the same time, the National Maritime union strike committee of the Port of New York appealed to the CIO maritime unity committee here to advance the strike date to next Wednesday.

The request was made on the basis of President Truman's announcement that he would use the Navy, Coast Guard and War Shipping administration to keep vessels sailing in event of a walkout.

The Unity committee acknowledged receipt of the telegram but withheld comment.

Government mediators met union and employer representatives in further informal conferences to determine whether there is a readiness to accept a fact finding board in lieu of the June 15 walkout for settlement of the dispute over wages and a 40-hour week.

A fact finding board already has made recommendations for settlement of the dispute between the Waterfront Employers Association of the Pacific Coast and the Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union (CIO), headed by Harry Bridges, one of the seven unions threatening to call the nationwide strike.

The employers were understood to have accepted the findings with reservations. The union has not indicated its position.

PERON SEEKS ARMS FOR DEFENSE USES

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ly determined to participate in hemisphere defense plans and to adhere fully to the good neighbor policy.

Reliable sources here described his trip as of great importance in future Argentine-United States relations.

President Truman's continental defense plan, recently submitted to the U. S. Congress, was described here as "possibly the best vehicle for an understanding between Argentina and the United States."

Von Der Becke, these sources said, carried a memorandum outlining this country's points of view and general ideas on its full incorporation to hemisphere unity and good neighbor policies. Such memorandum, they said, would be the starting point for the conversations which the Argentine general would undertake in Washington, unofficially, at first.

He has been authorized by Peron to make suggestions to open a new Argentine-United States policy of mutual respect, reciprocal and cordial relations, they said.

City Briefs

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BIBLE SCHOOL

The annual daily vacation Bible school of Calvary Baptist church will begin tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and will continue for two weeks each morning from 9 to 12 o'clock. There will be classes for all children from four through 16 years of age.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. John Verzaal, Jr., have announced the birth of a daughter, Dorothy Ann. Betty Bright Cook of Wilmington.

GRADUATES

Tech. Sgt. Charles H. Register graduated Friday from Edward Military academy at Salemburg and has returned to the home of his parents, Capt. and Mrs. Charles H. Register, 1012 S. Fourth street.

TWO FIRES

Carelessness was the reported cause of two fires extinguished by the City fire department yesterday. A cigarette carelessly left, set fire to a settee at 2719 Michigan avenue, while wood piled against a stove was cause of a fire at 512 1-2 Nixon alley.

FOUND NOT GUILTY

J. F. Kissner was found not guilty yesterday when he appeared in Recorder's court to answer charges of larceny of a gun. Kissner had told authorities he had sent the gun off to be repaired which was proven when he was tried. Kissner was arrested by city police and immediately released under \$300.

RED CROSS COURSE

Miss Dorothy Shearin, physical education teacher in New Hanover High school, will represent the local Red Cross chapter at Camp Carolina, Brevard. She will take courses in first aid and accident prevention this month.

CALLS FROM TOKYO

Mrs. Harry D. Griffin, 2321 Princess street, received a telephone call Thursday night from her husband, Major Harry D. Griffin who is stationed near Yokohama. The call came from Tokyo. The major told his wife he expects to return to the states before the end of the summer.

ATTORNEYS TO MEET

The regular quarterly session of the New Hanover county Bar association will be held Tuesday evening, June 4 at 7 o'clock in the banquet room of the Crystal restaurant. Members should contact Clayton C. Holmes for reservations.

REVIVAL TO END

The revival at the Church of God, South Fourth and Market streets, will end tonight after a three-week unbroken session. The Rev. C. D. Henry of Boswell, Pa., will preach his final messages this morning at 11 o'clock and tonight at 7:30 o'clock. There will be baptismal services at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the east side boat landing in Greenfield Park.

BROTHERHOOD MEETS

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen will meet at 2 p. m. today in the Junior Order hall, according to an announcement by E. F. Pittman, secretary-treasurer.

VITAL EUROPEAN ELECTIONS HELD

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Political observers have reported that an early swing to the left in the sentiment of Italian voters ended with the abdication of the old King Victor Emmanuel and the astute campaigning of the new King Humbert.

TRUMAN PLUGS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

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Chief Executive Declares America Facing A Great Age

CHESTERTOWN, Md., June 1.—(AP)—President Truman, relishing the role of a small town owner sold on small institutions that produce "big shots" declared today that America "is facing the greatest age in its history."

Its government, greatest in the world's history, he said, never will come under the absolute control of "any one man or any one group of men."

Without establishing any identifications, Mr. Truman added: "Sometimes they think they have control, but it has never turned out that way—and it never will."

A diffusion of powers prevents it, the chief executive asserted. As he accepted an honorary degree from Little Washington college in this little town on Maryland's eastern shore, the President declared that "this country is great on account of its small educational institutions, more than anything else."

In a homey, chatty talk omitting any reference to big issues, Mr. Truman recalled that he was born and raised in a small town. Home to him, he said, still is a Jackson county, Missouri, farm.

"You know," he said, "I am rather an advocate of small business, and small educational institutions, and small communities."

"I have said time and again that I would much rather see a thousand insurance companies with four million dollars in assets than one insurance company with four billion. I would rather see a hundred steel companies than one U. S. steel corporation. I would rather see a thousand banks than one national city bank."

FINAL OPA ACTION URGED BY WAGNER

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historic discounts and mark-ups for wholesalers and retailers.

Approved Extensions

The Senate committee has approved a full year's extension of OPA past June 30. The House voted only a nine months extension. The Senate group, however, has voted to end subsidies May 1, 1947, and allow only \$1,100,000 for them over the 10 months.

The senators also voted to give the Secretary of Agriculture the power to decide what agricultural products shall be kept under price control.

Meanwhile, Senator Willis (R-Ind.) announced in a Senate speech that he will press legislation to abolish the office of price control altogether, effective June 30. He said the agriculture department could be given control over foodstuffs, with rents and building material prices handled by the National Housing administration.

A three-year project, initiated by Congress to solve the problem of all-weather flying, will be conducted by the United States Army, Navy, Weather Bureau and the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

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ISLAND SHIPYARD SOLD FOR \$50,000

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many years its yard foreman. Wooten will continue in that capacity, Pretlow said.

The new owner, identified with his family in ownership and management of the Friendly cafeteria, was recently separated from the Army Air corps in which he served over two and one-half years as skipper of an 85-foot air-sea rescue boat in the state and in Philippine waters.

In announcing the purchase, Pretlow disclosed that he planned immediate expansion of the property, including enlargement of the two storage ships, and the addition of more personnel to provide a great

er variety of services to boat owners, both pleasure and commercial. An immediate step, Pretlow said, would be the installation of modern wood-working equipment and machine tools in the two shops.

He also announced the retention of an experienced marine engineer, Robert K. Langley of New York City. Langley, chief engineer in the rescue boat squadron with which Pretlow served overseas, will assume duties as chief engineer of the Hamme company about June 10. He is an experienced diesel machinist, having been employed by the Cummins Diesel Engineering company of New York for three years prior to his military service.

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