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Senate Committee Asks Explanation Of Manpower Need

Wickard, McNutt and Nelson Summoned; Shortage of Food Is Predicted

Washington, Feb. 26—(AP)—Officially informed that America's explosive military power may soon force lowering of the civilian duty-work standards including the 45-year age limit, a senate investigating committee summoned the nation's manpower, agriculture and war production chiefs today to explain how the necessary food and equipment can be produced this year.

Some members of a Senate appropriations subcommittee inquiring into manpower problems noted that the planned growth of the armed forces will leave "mechanical workers" to turn out supplies needed for the soldiers, civilians and lend lease.

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Major General Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, told the committee in response to a query about the Army's refusal to accept men 38 or older, that there were "some very grave doubts in my mind whether you can continue to hold that 38-year line."

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Lieutenant General Joseph T. McNarney, deputy chief of staff, told the committee that he didn't suspect the nation would eat as well this year as last.

"And next year," he added, "we

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Work Or Fight Bill Offered

Washington, Feb. 26—(AP)—The House military committee cleared the way for action next week on a bill to compel civilians to work or fight, [illegible]

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Colder tonight and early Saturday, with temperatures about freezing on the coast, preceded by scattered light rains this afternoon.

Crew on WAVES

ON DUTY as photography specialists at Anacostia Naval Air Station, Betty Brown and Ellen Auman, both of Los Angeles, California, use some of their "libraries" lenses in Washington, D. C., to enjoy a frolic in the snow. This is an official Navy Photograph. (International)

New Fathers Feel Draft

Selective Service Orders Local Boards To Reclassify Those With Recent Babies

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DIRECTED ACQUITTAL VERDICT IS ASKED

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Nazis Admit Loss Of Initiative In Tunisia;

Allies Pursue Rommel

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House Group Bares 'Black Market'

Calls OPA And Wickard On Carpet

Lack of Cooperation Said to Have Caused 'Worst Black Market' In Nation's History

Washington, Feb. 26—(AP)—The czars of price administration and Agriculture Secretary Wickard were accused by the House small business committee today of not cooperating to correct conditions "resulting in the worst black market in meat" in the nation's history.

In a formal report, the committee declared that the OPA and the secretary "have not worked in close cooperation and have differed on important questions of policy."

The committee said that it felt justified in reaching these conclusions:

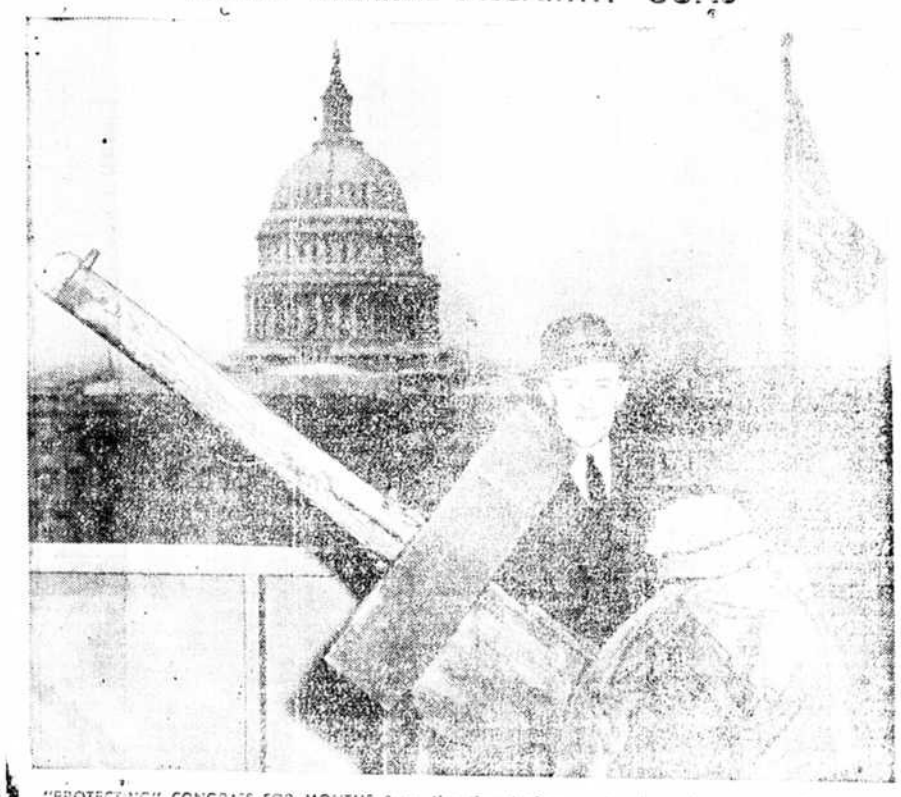
1. "The national shortage of meat for civilian consumption which has resulted from the large demand of our armed forces has been aggravated by a price 'squeeze' in which the packers have been subjected under the wholesale ceiling established by the office of price administration.

2. "The shortage of meat has also been aggravated by a quota system imposed by the office of price administration under which quotas for retail sales are granted only to the processors and none are allowed to the processors. Under this quota system the meat-slaughtering processors are dependent for supplies upon the willingness of slaughterers, in most cases the largest packers, to share their meager civilian quotas with them.

3. "A continuance of the price squeeze on the packers may well force as much as one-third or more of the packing concerns of the country to discontinue operation because of heavy losses.

4. "The ceiling price established by the office of price administration for supply of purchases by the government and its armed forces. The disadvantage by government edict of below cost prices on products which the packer must supply on compulsory government orders is inconsiderable and cannot be too severely condemned."

THOSE 'CHARLIE McCARTHY' GUNS



"PROTECTING" CONGRESS FOR MONTHS from the threat of enemy bombers, this is one of the dummy anti-aircraft guns pointing skyward over the House Office Building in Washington the existency of which has raised somewhat of a hubbub among the legislators. Made of wood and mounted by "sharp eyed" the guns broke into the news when Rep. Harold Cooley (Dem.), of North Carolina, [illegible] discovering them during the discussion of a billion-dollar naval store construction bill. (International)

Strategic Kasserine Pass Taken

Italian Rear Guards Left by Rommel To Bear Weight Of Allied Attack

(By The Associated Press)

Axis Rommel's high command today admitted loss of the initiative in the battle of central Tunisia, reporting that "our offensive operations have been concluded," and a bulletin from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced that the strategic Kasserine Pass was now in allied hands.

"British and American infantry, supported by tanks, successfully attacked enemy rear guards and forced their withdrawal of all enemy forces still in the pass," the allied communique said.

High ground northeast and southwest of the pass was captured by the advancing allies, the communique reported.

Overhead, allied warplanes swept across the whole front and bombed German-held Gafsa, 53 miles south of Kasserine, and Bizerte, the axis naval base in the north.

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On the Russian front, Soviet troops closing the jaws of a trap around the remnants of Adolf Hitler's Caucasus army was reported to have captured two more towns 60 miles north of the German "escape port" of Novorossisk on the Black sea.

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RAF Raids Nuernberg

Heavy Load of Bombs Dropped on German Industrial Center; U. S. Bombs Italy

London, Feb. 26—(AP)—The RAF roared more than half way across southern Germany to cascade a heavy load of bombs on the industrial city of Nuernberg last night in one of the most intense of recent raids.

Allied bombers, which included American planes, followed up the night assault after daybreak this morning with an attack on the German north coast, the Berlin radio reported.

At the same time it was announced that on the night before American heavy bombers in a third of 1,000 miles from the south-south Naples for the fourth raid this month.

The British announcement said that the raid on Nuernberg, one his [illegible] last August and on [illegible] points in western Germany yesterday RAF nine planes. In the last [illegible] attack last August on the city, [illegible] of the nazis [illegible] special [illegible] notes, the toll was 30 [illegible].

An RAF Mosquito [illegible] reported in Casoria and Naples, and [illegible] port of Crotone. The Berlin [illegible] cycle of the Italian fleet were [illegible] attacked in the American raid [illegible] the day night.

The last [illegible] raid on Naples and Crotone was in daylight Tuesday Saturday.

MacArthur Prepares For Salamaua Drive

President Still Ailing

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Allied Attack Planes Bomb, Machine Gun Towns and Trails In Mubo Region

(By The Associated Press)

General Douglas MacArthur's American and Australian troops were reported closing the way for a climactic offensive against the Japanese base at Salamaua in New Guinea today while low flying allied attack planes bombed and machine gunned towns and trails in the Mubo region twelve miles below Salamaua.

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On the Burma front, RAF planes flying from India carried on their steady offensive against the Japanese, strafing an enemy river craft, railway trains and boats.

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GANDHI'S CONDITION REMAINS UNCHANGED

Bombay, Feb. 26—(AP)—An official bulletin said today that there had been no appreciable change in the condition of Mohandas K. Gandhi now in the 13th day of his 21-day fast. It added that he was cheerful.

Kinston Police Kill Escapee

Raleigh, Feb. 26—(AP)—Kinston police last night shot and killed Harry Salter, [illegible] who escaped with [illegible] Yadkin county [illegible] Pittsburgh [illegible] Calvary [illegible] of the [illegible] escapee, on [illegible] of Salter. [illegible] the two with [illegible] immediately [illegible] Salter was [illegible] get surrender [illegible]

Pitts said [illegible] by officers [illegible] for Yadkin [illegible] they might [illegible] cabin who [illegible] shortly after [illegible]

Salter [illegible] August, 1941 [illegible] ing, entering [illegible] red shoes [illegible] and an attempted gateway that failed.

U. S. Products Go To Spain

Barcelona, Feb. 26—(AP)—It is [illegible] that the United States had been exporting [illegible] oil, cotton, food and other products to Spain to aid in reorganization of her economy, U. S. Ambassador Carlton J. Hayes declared today.

"The United States stands ready to continue and extend any help it can to Spain, which [illegible] work with such [illegible] to develop a peace economy that [illegible] and will carry this country safely into a future period of world peace."

He asserted that the amount of petroleum products available in Spain now is "considerably higher than the present per capita distribution to the people of the Atlantic seaboard of the United States itself," and said oil has been flowing to Spain since last September in an amount which equalled the full capacity of the Spanish tanker fleet.

The ambassador, speaking on the 250th anniversary of the American Chamber of Commerce here, praised Spain as having effected a [illegible] economic recuperation under "wise direction of the government, which, while fostering works of peace, has held aloof from war abroad."

House Reverses Itself On Unified School Board

Raleigh, Feb. 26—(AP)—The house, moving vigorously through a crowded calendar, reversed itself today and placed on second reading a bill offering a constitutional amendment to unify the State's public school setup.

The senate received the $115,382,570 appropriations bill and set it for consideration at 2:30 p. m. today. Sen. Ira Taylor said he hoped no amendments would be offered from the floor.

The motion to reconsider the senate-approved education bill was made by Representative Taylor of Wayne, who gave notice of such a move yesterday after the house failed to register the 60 votes necessary for its passage. The vote was 55 to 36 for the measure, but a three-fifths majority is necessary to submit a constitutional amendment to the people.

The measure will be up next Tuesday for second reading.

As the measure now stands, the legislature would create eight educational districts. The governor would appoint a member of the unified school board from each of them and two from the state at large. The

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