

'Vacation' From Draft Is Proposed

House Likes Idea But Senate Doesn't; Pay Boost Struggle

Washington, April 8.—(AP)—The House military committee rejected today a proposal to prohibit draft inductions between May 15 and next February 15 and called an afternoon session to vote on a compromise. The compromise, offered by Rep. Nathan (D) of Virginia calls for a one-year extension of the draft law to July 15, with a two-year extension until December 15 and a provision allowing the President to suspend the draft after that date if conditions fall short of needs.

Washington, April 8.—(AP)—A draft bill, not an executive order, is the focus of the House today, but initial Senate statement seem to favor continuing selective service without any such experiment.

Both Senate and House military committees were striving to reach decisions today if possible, on what recommendations to make about extending the draft law, now due to expire May 15. The political considerations of an election year made the decisions touchy ones.

Senate Majority Leader Vandenberg was optimistic that the Senate would approve his proposal for a straight one-year extension with the service of inductees limited to 18 months. This is the program the armed forces have been urging.

Across the Capitol, however, influential House military committee members reported that the War Department was willing to agree to a four or six months ban on inductions of new eligibles after May 15, provided Congress would vote a full year's extension of selective service.

To encourage enlistments, Rep. Viscusi (D) of Georgia introduced legislation for a \$3,000,000 recruiting program. The measure carried provisions for raising the pay of all enlisted personnel with a 100 per cent boost for privates and for six months ban on draft inductions while the effectiveness of the recruiting campaign was being tested.

Experts Declare Professor Wrong On A-Bomb Test

Washington, April 8.—(AP)—The task force thinks the professor worries too much about the earth-convulsing possibilities of the atomic bomb.

Two of the atom test force experts were asked today about a statement by H. S. Usher, professor of physics at Yale university, that the selection of Bikini atoll as the site for the test was "an ill advised choice" earthquake of disastrous magnitude.

He suggested that the bomb explosion might crack the crust under the floor of the Pacific, letting in sea water which, coming in contact with volcanic heat, could touch off a chain of earthquakes strong enough to upset the stability of the earth on its axis and to distort its shape. Such a chain of earthquakes could generate a tidal wave a mile or more high, the professor theorized.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Mostly cloudy, little change in temperature, scattered showers this afternoon; clouds and a little cooler tonight and tomorrow.

Pros And Cons Of Farm Parity Rider Explained

College Station, Raleigh, April 8.—Dr. G. W. Forster, head of the department of agricultural economics at State College, today offered for consideration by North Carolina farmers the basic pros and cons of the Russell-Pace rider in the Senate-passed minimum wage bill.

Dr. Forster listed two factors which might be considered 'pro' and two on the 'con' side.

TWO KILLED IN NEVADA TRAIN DERAILMENT



TANGLED WRECKAGE IS ALL THAT REMAINS of the Western Pacific's crack Exposition Flyer, after it left the tracks near Pilot, Nev. Two were killed and 58 injured in the spectacular crash that occurred as the train, traveling eastward, jumped the tracks and smashed into four nearby buildings. Quick work of two section-hands in pouring water into the engine's fire-box prevented entire wreck from catching fire. (International)

Churchill Wanted U.S. To Enter War If Japanese Moved Against Singapore

Washington, April 8.—(AP)—Winston Churchill pressed the late President Franklin Roosevelt as early as February 1941 to "instill in Japan anxiety" that a move toward Singapore would mean war with the United States.

This was disclosed today as the Senate-House committee investigating Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor was given new documents gathered from State Department and White House files.

Seth Richardson, committee counsel, put them into the record when the committee reopened its hearings.

One document was a message from the then Prime Minister of Britain to Mr. Roosevelt dated February 19, 1941, expressing concern that "the Japanese mean to make war on us, or to do something which would compel us to make war on them during the next few weeks or months."

"There are some," Churchill added, "who consider that in Japan's present mood she would have no hesitation in entertaining an attempt to make war against both your country and mine. Although it is my personal belief that the odds are definitely against such an event, one can not tell."

Whatever you are able to do to instill in Japan anxiety as to a double war may succeed in averting this danger. Never the less, should we come to be attacked, it would be difficult to overstate the grave character of the consequences."

Five days later another message came from Churchill which said:

"I have received better news concerning Japan. It seems that foreign minister is shortly going to Moscow, Berlin and Rome for the purpose of covering the failure of action against us. The fear of the United States appears to have postponed attack which seemed imminent. While completely understanding your situation pending enactment of bill on which our hopes depend, the more these fears can be aroused, the better."

Presumably, the bill to which he referred was the lend-lease act, enacted in the spring of 1941.

Byrnes Takes Up For Brass Hats, Blames Congress

Washington, April 8.—(AP)—Don't joke to Secretary of State James Byrnes about "brass hats," in the armed forces, or the "striped pants" boys and the "cookie pushers" of the State Department's foreign service.

He thinks they are all right and are getting too much undeserved abuse.

Here are his views as given to the House Appropriations Committee during hearings on the State Department's 1937 supply bill which went to the House floor today.

"I have heard of brass hats and the striped pants boys and cookie pushers and as a matter of fact, I concluded from my knowledge of the army that the brass hat ordinarily is the fellow that some member of Congress, either the House or the Senate, appointed to Annapolis or West Point and that he is no more of a brass hat than the congressman who appointed him."

Russians End Boycott

Soviet Delegate Plans To Attend Today's Session

New York, April 8.—(AP)—Ambassador Andrei Gromyko, Russian member of the United Nations Security Council, said today that he would attend today's session.

Russia then ended the boycott which began March 7 when Gromyko walked out on the Iranian discussion.

Asked by reporters whether he would attend today's session, Gromyko said, "Yes, I shall go."

When asked if he planned to bring up the Iranian matter at today's meeting, however, he replied:

"Ask the President."

"Ask the president of the security council. He knows what's on the agenda."

Russia has filed with the council a complete dismissal of the Iranian case.

Barring one possibility, a stiff Soviet-American fight appears likely to result over this issue. Secretary of State James Byrnes indicated that the United States is opposed to reopening the Iranian case until May 6, the deadline by which all Russian troops are supposed to be out of Iran. Some officials say Britain holds a similar view.

Walkout Of Coal Miners Continuing

(By The Associated Press.)

There was a flurry of activity on the nation's labor front today, on the nation's major dispute — the work stoppage in the soft coal mines — persisted. Also continuing to slow the reconversion program were prolonged strikes by over 100,000 electrical and farm equipment workers.

As the 400,000 AFL United Mine workers remained away from their jobs, new lay-offs were reported in steel plants.

In addition to the miners, about 408,002 other workers were idle because of labor disputes.

On the credit side of the industrial books was the agreement by CIO transport workers to end an eight day transit strike in Akron, O., the averting of a threatened strike of 1,400 AFL electrical workers which would have affected power, lights and transportation for a million persons in the Cincinnati area and a labor-management agreement ending a six months old strike by 700 CIO workers at the American Tobacco Co. in Philadelphia. Wages were the chief issue in each dispute.

EDUCATOR DIES AT CHAPEL HILL HOME

Chapel Hill, April 8.—(AP)—Dr. Hamilton Rosenau, 77, dean of the University of North Carolina school of public health and former dean of the Harvard school of public health, died at his home here today after several weeks' illness.

Dr. Rosenau was widely known as an authority in his field. As teacher, author and director of various enterprises he had devoted his entire career to bettering health standards.

FRANCO AT CIVIL WAR VICTORY FETE



MUCH BERIBONDED and betted, Generalissimo Francisco Franco (above), last of the Fascist dictators, salutes during a parade in Madrid, held to commemorate the seventh victory of his forces in Spain's civil war. Meanwhile, in New York, Dr. Lange of Poland has suggested that the U. N. sever relations with the Franco Government. (International)

CAMERA SNAPS PURR-FECT PICTURE



IT MIGHT BE THE STORY that "Tabby" the cat is telling his pal "Rex", a St. Bernard dog, at the Brewster Memorial Hospital, Woburn, Mass., or it might be the cat's whiskers that are gently fondling the big fellow's face that give him such a soulful look. Anyway, its "Be Kind to Animals" week and here are two that really try to practice it. (International)

Jackson Again Opposes Rosenberg's Propaganda

U. S. Prosecutor Charges Defense Is In Contempt Of Court; Evidence Shown

New York, April 8.—(AP)—Justice Robert Jackson, chief United States prosecutor, charged before the international military tribunal today that the defense was attempting to "disseminate anti-semitic propaganda" through the war crimes trial and had committed a flagrant case of contempt of court.

Jackson based his charges on an exhibit of documentary evidence which the tribunal's pressers had printed for defendant, Alfred Rosenberg, Jackson contended the material, which he described as "vicious anti-semitic" and "trash," had been submitted to the printer by Rosenberg's counsel after it had been rejected by the tribunal.

Sharp Reaction.

Jackson's charges brought an immediate and sharp reaction from defense counsel, whose spokesman, tall, white-haired Dr. Rudolf Dix, replied with a suggestion that Jackson re-

tract.

"I stand on the facts," Jackson rejoined, and exhibited to the tribunal stenciled copies of the rejected material.

Jackson read to the tribunal excerpts from Rosenberg's book of documentary evidence which characterized Jews as a "bastard population, arrogant, shrewd and crooked."

"The United States can not print and disseminate to the press this violent anti-semitism," Jackson declared. "The defense believes we are here to try the issue of the causes of a totalitarianism, with this tribunal as the sounding board. That is wrong. The issue is not Rosenberg's philosophy but we are charging the murder of four to five million Jews."

The United States prosecutor proposed shutting off printing facilities to the defense.

Adm. Halsey In Hospital

Philadelphia, April 8.—(AP)—Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., was resting comfortably in Philadelphia naval hospital today suffering from an upper respiratory infection, the navy announced.

Halsey, who had been suffering for several days "with symptoms of a common cold" is in very good condition, Capt. Howard H. Montgomery, commanding officer of the hospital said.

"There appears to be no cause for alarm," Montgomery added, pointing out that the admiral was brought to the hospital here "where all facilities for examination and treatment are available."

Halsey's home is in Wilmington, Del. He recently was appointed vice-president of a large air transport corporation and was to assume his new job upon retirement from the navy.

Top Chinese Red Leaders Missing

Chungking, April 8.—(AP)—Communist headquarters reported today that a United States army transport plane carrying General Yeh Ting, former commander of the Communist new Fourth Army and other party leaders to Yenan is missing.

The plane left Chungking yesterday for Yenan, Communist headquarters, with 14 passengers.

Deng Fa, Chinese delegate to the recent international labor conference in Paris was one of the passengers.

Others beside Yeh were delegates Wang Jo-pei and Chin Po-ku, members of the recent political consultation conference steering committee, and members of their families.

Improvements Are Shown By Stocks

New York, April 9.—(AP)— Cotton futures opened 10 to 60 cents a bale higher.

Non-cotton	Close	Open
May 27.85	27.95	27.85
July 27.95	28.05	27.95
Sept 28.05	28.15	28.05
Nov 28.15	28.25	28.15
Jan 28.25	28.35	28.25
Mar 28.35	28.45	28.35
May (1947)	28.55	28.45