

**Mayer LaGuardia Favors Amendment To 18-19 Year Old Draft Bill**

Mayer F. H. LaGuardia of New York City in a recent radio address emphasized the need for amendments to the 18-19 year old draft bill now being considered by Congress. Mayor LaGuardia sent Charles S. Williams a copy of his address, part of which follows:

I want to discuss with you today a matter which is very dear and near to the heart of every American — our boys of eighteen and nineteen years of age. I have a right to talk on this subject, for I am the father of a boy of this age. I can also tell you from my experience as a member of the House of Representatives for fourteen years, that it is just as easy to write a good law as it is to permit a bad bill to become law.

The bill passed by the House of Representatives, and the bill reported by the Senate Committee, are not good bills. Unless amendments are made, the desired objectives

will not be obtained. The bills are not constructive and will not be helpful to the Army or to our country. Apparently it has not been thought out well by the Army, and the Congress, desirous to be helpful in every way, has accepted the bill as requested by the Army.

Along comes the bill now, disregarding entirely all social, economic and educational implications, disregarding entirely the needs of our country. Our President, the Commander-in-Chief, has recommended the drafting of younger men. There is no opposition to that. What I want to submit to you today are certain amendments to the existing bill which I urged on the Military Affairs Committee of the Senate a few days ago, that will provide safeguards for the education of our boys, elimination of favoritism, the administration of the selective service law in equitable and fair manner, as well as proper and due consideration for the future of our country some time this war will be over — not as soon as you and I would like. We will continue as a great nation after that.

Winning the war does not imply pushing the country backward. We are still in time to avoid a grave mistake, continued injustices and a great setback to our otherwise good. You, the American people, can do it by forcefully asking your representatives in the House and the Senate to give this matter their serious consideration. In fact, the overwhelming majority, I know, are in favor of the amendments, but are under pressure for immediate passage. We must all accept the necessity for enlarging our army now and therefore accept the judgment that men of younger years must be drafted. This can be done in such a way as to increase the efficiency of the army and also without any necessity for ruining the future of hundreds of thousands of young men. I have but three suggestions for amendments. These are:

1. They have been suggested by educators and people who have given the subject a great deal of study and recognized by high ranking army officials.

2. The records of local draft boards should be made public. By

that I do not mean that neighbors should be free to rummage the records of local draft boards. I do mean that a mother whose son has been called to the draft has the right to know why another mother's boy across the street is living comfortably and safely at home if a boy is drafted, that is a public record. Yet the reason why another boy is deferred are carefully guarded and kept suspiciously secret. As that is needed in that the reason for deferment be made public if the reason is that the man is employed in essential industry that fact and where he works should be made available. If it is because of dependency that reason and whom he supports should be made public. Cases are numerous where men have been deferred on account of dependency when as a matter of fact he is supported by a wife or parent. It is not necessary for a public record to go into details as to physical unfitness. A notation of "physical disqualified" in all that is necessary for public use.

Second Recommendation:

Provision should be made in the law to continue the education in high schools and colleges of students who are qualified. This would not detract a single man from training. The formula is simple. A graduate from high school should be permitted to take college entrance examinations and an matriculating in a college of ed standing he would be inducted into the service and assigned to that particular college. He would there receive his military training in addition to his regular college course. At the end of his college courses which could be from two years on in accordance with the need the Army would have a completed, trained, educated soldier and the necessary material for of their personnel. If during his college course the student does not do acceptable work he should be transferred to regular military duty.

My third recommendation is that young men who have received deferments and will not be called into the armed forces because of dependent services at home in the civilian defense of their city, county or state is it unreasonable to ask a young man who has been deferred because he has a wife and children, and who sleeps comfortably at home and who is living in safety to give a certain amount of hours each week to civilian protection to protect that same family for which he has been deferred from military service? These services would be rendered outside of office or working hours. Every city along the coast needs a large number of men

in civilian defense services. There are many many kinds of work in the larger areas that these men could perform. Why should they be let of seat five getting hitched to new living comfortably while others are enduring the hardship and danger of war, such a provision could easily be administered and carried out without any expense to the United States Government.

Several hundred acres a week in Panama and cost after being cut from the jungle and needed to manilla fiber plants as a step toward filling the United Nation's need for rope.

About one fifth of the families in the United States live on farms and make their livelihood there, according to the latest report of the U. S. Census Bureau.

**OAK GROVE NEWS**

Miss Daley Hawkins of Gastonia was the guest of Miss Pauline Ware during the week and other guests in the Ware home were Misses Melba and Olive Hill.

Miss Ellice Ford spent the week end visiting with Miss Ellice Ware (sister of Patterson Grove).

Miss Ruth and Louise Champion spent Saturday night with their family in town and family.

Mr. Frank Ledford of the U. S. Navy returned Tuesday to Norfolk after spending a five days far touch with his parents Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Ledford.

Mr. James S. Ware has accepted a position as Vice Principal Teacher in the Ware High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ware and daughters Misses Pauline and Annette spent a white Sunday after noon visiting.

Miss Virginia Ware of Gardner Webb College.

Mr. Frank Ledford of the U. S. Navy was the Saturday guest of per guest of his cousin, Stoker Wright.

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New York, N. Y.  
Condition December 31, 1941, as Shown by Statement Filed.

Amount of Capital paid in cash	\$2,000,000.00
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year	\$10,110,285.27
Total	\$12,110,285.27
Income—From Policyholders	\$6,970,012.80
Miscellaneous	\$815,389.90
Total	7,785,402.70
Disbursements—To Policyholders	\$1,805,317.61
Miscellaneous	2,332,379.73
Total	4,137,697.34
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Value of Bonds and Stocks	\$15,590,356.27
Cash in Company's Office	8,425.00
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	4,268,849.68
Premiums in course of Collection	693,427.31
Interest and Rents due and accrued	103,896.11
Bills Receivable	2,316.95
All other Assets as detailed in statement	294,966.85
Total	\$21,260,891.27
Less Assets not admitted	877,754.57
Total admitted Assets	\$20,383,136.70
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Unpaid Claims	\$2,935,646.03
Expense, Investigation, and Adjustment of Claims	94,851.60
Unearned Premiums	4,272,581.54
Commission, Brokerage, and other charges due	88,030.36
Salaries, Rents, Expenses, Bills Accounts, Fees, etc. due or accrued	71,673.69
Estimated amount of Federal, State, county and municipal taxes	731,320.86
Reinsurance	426,820.39
All other Liabilities	2,626,745.34
Total amount of all Liabilities	\$14,983,499.81

except Capital	\$11,247,670.31	
Capital paid up	\$2,000,000.00	
Surplus over all Liabilities	7,135,466.39	
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$9,135,466.39	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$20,383,136.70	
<b>Business in North Carolina During 1941</b>		
Property damage and collision		
Accident	\$ 518.00	\$ 112.00
Auto Liability	12,746	4,248.48
Liability other than auto	2,283.00	707.00
Workmen's compensation	85.00	
Validity	12,554.00	6,943.00
Barrett	15.00	
Purglary and theft	1,604.00	
Auto property damage	2,287.00	596.00
Auto collision other than auto	207.00	11.00
Totals	\$74,749.00	\$12,934.00

President: Geo. H. Reaney  
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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**  
Raleigh, March 11, 1942

I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the U. S. Guarantee Company of New York, N. Y. filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1941.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.

DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.

**STATEMENT VIRGINIA AUTO MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.**  
Richmond, Va.  
Condition December 31, 1941, as Shown by Statement Filed.

Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year	\$470,414.45
Decrease of Capital during year	\$2,000.00
Total	\$468,414.45
Income—From Policyholders	\$475,326.36
Miscellaneous	\$10,379.01
Total	485,705.37
Disbursements—To Policyholders	\$259,316.81
Miscellaneous	\$194,005.25
Total	453,322.06
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Value of Real Estate	\$ 2,452.66
Loans secured by pledge of Bonds, Stocks, or other collateral	7,142.80
Value of Bonds and Stocks	130,471.49
Cash in Company's Office	500.00
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	153,587.26
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	130,000.00
Premiums in course of Collection	51,745.19
Interest and Rents due and accrued	1,769.69
Bills Receivable	3,897.94
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	14,512.69
Total	\$617,015.44
Less Assets not admitted	\$ 152.25
Total admitted Assets	\$616,863.19
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Unpaid Claims	\$164,704.15
Expense, Investigation, and Adjustment of Claims	8,578.00
Unearned Premiums	139,032.00
Commission, Brokerage, and other charges due	4,787.89

Salaries, rents, expenses, bills accounts, fees, due or accrued	4,317.84	
Estimated amount of Federal, State, county and municipal taxes	863.78	
Reinsurance	9,843.48	
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	14,322.83	
Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital	\$36,347.93	
Capital paid up	\$42,200.00	
Surplus over all Liabilities	123,142.03	
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$165,342.03	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$501,562.91	
<b>Business in North Carolina During 1941</b>		
Auto Liability	\$ 9,886.00	\$ 7,500.00
Auto property damage	\$ 3,549.00	\$ 2,329.00
Totals	\$13,435.00	\$10,829.00

President: Oscar L. Shumake  
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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**  
Raleigh, March 11, 1942

I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Virginia Auto Mutual Insurance Company, of Richmond, Va., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1941.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.

DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.

**STATEMENT WHAT CHEER MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.**  
Providence, R. I.  
Condition December 31, 1941, as Shown by Statement Filed.

Amount Ledger Assets, Dec. 31st previous year	\$1,308,324.40
Income—From Policyholders	\$1,426,295.26
Miscellaneous	\$114,770.00
Total	\$2,849,389.66
Disbursements—To Policyholders	\$187,912.82
Miscellaneous	\$1,012,422.34
Total	\$1,199,335.16
Fire Premiums—Written or renewed during year	\$2,820,778.00
In Force	\$4,985,851.26
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Value of Bonds and Stocks	\$7,038,770.34
Cash in Company's Office	2,120.00
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	344,305.00
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	29,241.70
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to Dec. 31, 1941	444,350.22
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1941	30,194.00
Divid. Ceded Reinsurance	
Balance Payable	—
Interest and Rents due and accrued	34,909.85
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	2,000.00
Total	\$8,925,877.31
Less Assets not admitted	416,400.00
Total admitted Assets	\$8,509,477.31
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims	\$ 50,000.00
Unearned premiums	1,471,334.63

Salaries, rents, expenses, bills accounts, fees, due or accrued	1,610.94
Estimated amount payable for Federal, State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued	15,428.67
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	100,604.55
Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital	\$117,644.16
Capital paid up	\$1,794,287.25
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$1,676,643.15
Surplus as regards Policyholders	1,653,664.76
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$3,268,598.11
<b>Business in North Carolina During 1941</b>	
Fire Risks written	\$3,767,782.00
Losses Incurred—Fire	1,025.00
Premiums received	21,000.00
Paid	12,321.00

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Raleigh, March 11, 1942

I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the What Cheer Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Providence, R. I., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1941.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.

DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.

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