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SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION CARRIED OUT

Potential draftees by millions presented themselves on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 125,000 designated places throughout the land, and signed up for call by lottery to the armed forces of the United States.

It was the first active step in the first peacetime conscription in the nation's history, carried out under terms of a program that took the country by surprise last summer and fought its way to enactment through intensively bitter controversy between sharply divided and unyielding schools of thought.

It was carried out, however, more peaceably, taking the country as a whole, than many national elections of candidates to civil office have been. And it was watched by all the world, with varying reactions.

Reports reaching national draft headquarters disclose the nation's man power as represented by those between the ages of 21 and 36 years, responded promptly and maintained a flood of registrations that reached a volume of more than 1,000,000 an hour, as 16,400,000 men marched to polling places to register.

The registrants, moreover, were willing ones, accepting their new responsibilities easily. The unwilling were scattered cases.

An estimate quarter of a million young Maryland men registered.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

These suggestions come from the Nutrionist of the Bureau of Child Hygiene of the State Department of Health:

School again--and again mothers have the daily school lunch to plan and pack.

Mothers are fortunate whose children live in communities where a lunch is served at school and children can buy either all or part of their noon lunch.

The school lunch standards are the same whether a lunch is bought or brought. The daily lunch should include: A cup of milk, or two milk dishes; a substantial food such as a sandwich; a hot dish; a serving of fruit or vegetable; and a simple dessert if desired.

The daily lunch should include a hot dish if possible. A hot dish is advised not only because it is more enjoyable than a cold lunch, but because it aids digestion and helps to prevent the excessive fatigue that overcomes so many children toward the close of the day at school.

The hot dish may be a nourishing soup; a creamed vegetable; coca; an appetizing stew; baked beans; or a combination, such as macroni and cheese, or rice and tomatoes. The school cafeteria always serve several of these hot dishes.

Milk is always available at the cafeteria and is often hard to pack in the lunch brought from home. The cafeteria also furnishes simple desserts and a complete lunch, if it is more convenient to have a child buy his whole lunch than bring it from home.

Mothers are urged to visit the cafeterias at the schools attended by their children and see for themselves what is available. They can advise the children more readily when they know just what can be bought.

The managers of the cafeterias will always be glad to explain to each mother what food combinations are usually served, and the type of lunch that is best for the individual child, either as a complete lunch or to supplement what is brought from home. They will also be glad for suggestions from the parents.

Congress has been scrapping over ways and means to slow down the sessions and has finally cleaned up all the matters of business that it proposes to tackle until after election. The National Labor Relations Act is a "hot potato," and the Senate has it safely packed away on ice where it will remain until the new Congress goes into office in January.

Congress refused to adjourn for the reason that it felt it must hold its own power to reconvene, without surrender to the President's suggestion that he would call them together "if" they were needed.

THE HEADACHE CITY

By J. E. Jones

Washington, October 21—The actual responsibility of keeping this country at peace, or drifting toward war, rests on Washington. Even the people who live in the National Capital are not entirely sure about what some of the greatest leaders in the Gevernment may do in the next series of emergencies. While the talk is all to the effect that the energies of Government are backing national defense it is pretty easy for anybody to understand how some overt act committed by Germany, Italy or Japan, might precipitate trouble with the United States.

Everyone remembers how one difference after another strained the relations between the United States and Germany before the World War, so that the sinking of the Lusitania was the last straw that broke the back of peace.

The United States is involved in the protection of a good deal of outlying territory which our Government says shall not be invaded by conquerors of nations that have previously held these possessions and colonies in the Western Hemisphere.

Many members of Congress are afraid to desert their posts in Washington and go home to attend to their campaigns. The reason is obvious. That's why Washington is the city of headaches.

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Idle Bank Funds

It is generally understood in Washington that the National Defense Commission has completed plans for tapping idle bank funds, and using the money to build more defense factories, and implements of war. The Defense Commission is entering into direct relations with manufacturers so that the latter will be able to secure their loans from local banks, with guarantees from the Government.

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Labor Board Holds The Fort

You can go mostly anywhere in Washington and discover that the National Labor Relations Board is considered to be the most ineffective, clumsy and irrational agency in the National Government. Nevertheless, the Board dodges the axe in the Senate---just because politically-minded members of that legislative group are content to let the Board blunder-away until after election.

The House of Representatives has already put through a plan to correct many of the methods by which the Board has been more or less a failure. With the probabilities favoring almost continous sessions of Congress during the coming desire to straighten out the Board. Some day the Senate will wake up and untangle this problem that means a great deal to employers and employees.

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How The Money Flows

The appropriations of Congress this fiscal year will reach 13 billion dollars. Word from the United States Treasury indicates that the deficit will be about $5,760,000,000. It's another "serious matter" that no one seems to worry about.

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Lots Of Food Stamps

Surplus food stamps valued at $4,500,000 were used by 1,907,000 people in 125 cities throughout the United States during August. This represented an increase of nearly 400,000 persons, and a million dollars worth of surplusstamps as compared with the previous month of July.

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Buying Homes With A Shoestring

Plans to house American families are very noble in their intentions Private lending agencies have long stood back of movements of this kind and have been willing to loan about 60 per cent of the actual cost of the new buildings. That method was found to be about the limit of safety for investmens in new homes. The Government plan raises the limit, and guarantees around 85 per cent of the houses, with payments spread out so thin that owning a home costs less than rent, and any time the borrower wants to move out he is not making any sacrifice in doing so. But who holds the bag?

WAR AND FAMINE

A news commentator writes: Great wars have always brought the threat of famine, and sometimes the actuality. But it is a reasonable supposition that this war, different as it is from its predecessors in so many ways, may be the precursor of greater hunger than the modern world has known. In the past, nations, when embarking on the great adventure that is war, have usually been fat, prosperous, well-fed. But the Germans, long before war began last September, were living on short rations. And the wars of the past were usually fought by professional armies, at least at the beginning, and military life was but one phase of the life of the nation. In the present case, Germany, and to a lesser extent Italy, have been following a war economy for years--everything, men and material alike, has been dedicated to preparing for conflict. Production of food has necessarily been held to lowest possible minumum--substitutes of little nutritional value have long been employed. It is not unnatural that serious diseases have been growing in both number and intensity for many moons in Germany and Italy.

Disease, of course, is the ever-present ally of famine--and disease, once it gets the upper hand, becomes plague. Plague, according to the international grapevine that mysteriously brings news past the iron-clad European censorship, has already come to Poland. And plague respects no boundaries. The lack of soap in Europe is a factor here--dirt provides the finest possible breeding place for any kind of disease.

No one knows exactly how serious the food situation is in Hitler-occupied Europe. But it is known that the conquered countries have been systematically gutted of their food reserves, in order that the German Army and the German people can be fed. The fine dairy herds of Denmark, products of centuries of development, have been slaughtered for beef. Already the people of Holland, Belguim, France and elsewhere have felt the pinch, as basic foods, notably fats, become more scarce. Germany, because of her seizures, is better off than most, but even there the people exist on a bare subsistence basis.

SEVEN MILLION PRODUCERS

There are seven million farmers in the United States. Add their families, and the total comes to some 32,000,000 people who live from tilling the soil--and who constitute the largest single market for the products of our factories.

That is one reason why agricultural cooperative marketing has been given such wide approval by the spokesmen for industry, no less than the spokesmen for the farmer. This kind of coperation has definitely proven itself to be the strongest economic weapon the farmer possesses. It is based squarely on business principles, not on tenuous theories. It goes on unchanged year after year, while government farm relief varies with every shift in the political wind.

A good percentage of those 7,000,000 American farmers are members of farmer-owned, farmer More are joining yearly. The co-ops don't perform miracles. But they do obtain the best possible break for agriculture as a whole.

Those individuals who are inclined disregard the importance of peacetime fire-fighting and fire prevention may be impressed by the manner in which such work affects the strength of our national defense program.

According to news reports, negotiations are under way to send 25 American firemen to London to study new methods of quenching bomb-set fires. The plan was announced by J. Ray Pence, Secretary-Treasurer of the International Association of Fire Department Instructors. He is waiting approval of United States officials and sanction of London fire-fighting authorities.

Linking the proposed expedition with the national defense program, Pence said that after six months' experience in the combat area, the American firemen would return and train their colleagues in war-time fire-fighting technique. "Fire-fighters are almost as important in this war as aviators", said Pence.

In London, England, more than a quarter of a million gallons of water are consumed every 60 seconds. That is enough to supply 100 average human beings for 10 years.

Americans eat crackers at an incredible rate. Our factories now turn out $400 worth of buscuits and crackers every time one minute goes by.

Think It Out

The Presidential election is not a one-sided affair and the safety of America is in the hands of the voters, who should "stop, look and listen" to all sides of the question and make their own answers. This country belongs to the voters and not to the politicians.

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NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSION

Some of the most prominent clergymen and Christian leaders of the nation will speak during the National Christian Mission in Baltimore next month in a program to which every Protestant church in the state has been invited to send delegates, it was announced this week by Dr. J. H. Mason Knox, Jr., General Chairman. Dr. Knox is Chief of the Bureau of Child Hygiene, Maryland State Department of Health.

The Mission, to be held in November 24th to December 1st, is a "United Movement for the Spiritual Awakening in America." The program for Baltimore and Maryland is the tenth in a series of twenty-two to be held in every section of the nation.

Four of the noted clergymen who will speak are former Marylanders. Another is the famous Muriel Lester, of London, England, the "Jane Addams of England" and founder of Kingsley Hall in the London slums.

Thirty clergymen and Christian leaders will comprise the "team" conducting the Mission with the cooperation of twenty-eight Christian agencies.

Well known to every Marylander is the Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, a native Marylander who has become a world famous Christian missionary and writer, and is the author of "Along the Indian Road," which describes his missionary experiences in India.

Dr. Jones is included on the list of speakers at mass meetings to be held nightly during the week at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Balto.

Another Marylander returning for the Mission is Rev. Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, former pastor of the Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, and now a professor at Drew University.

The Rev. Dr. Oscar F. Blackwelder and the Rev. Dr. Arthur Lee Kinsolving are the others returning to their home state. They and the others are participating in the National Christian Mission, conducting programs on both the East and West coast and in northern and southern cities.

Dr. Blackwelder was former pastor of the Christ English Lutheran Church Balto., and also former pasident of the interdenominational Ministerial Union of Baltimore and Vicinity. He is now pastor of the Washington, D. C.

Dr. Kinsolving, now rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Princeton, N. J., is a former rector of the famous Old Trinity Church in Boston. He is the son of the Rev. Dr. Arthur Barksdale Kinsolving, rector of Old St. Paul's, Baltimore.

OFFICIAL RECORD BY GUERNSEY

A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class has just been completed by a five year old cow Rose King's Rosalind 451677 of Port Deposit, Md., tested and owned by Donaldson Brown. Her official record supervised by the University of Maryland and announced by The American Guernsey Cattle Club is 10937.5 pounds of milk and 604.4 pounds of butter fat in class A.

1940 Call for Red Cross Recruits

The 1940 Poster of The American Red Cross sounds the call to the nation to serve humanity within the ranks of this army of mercy.

KEEPING step with the boys called to the colors in America's new defense army and navy, will be the American Red Cross, fulfilling its mission of service to the men in the line and to their loved ones at home, Chairman Norman H. Davis announced in Washington.

"Several thousand Red Cross nurses already have been called to the colors," Mr. Davis said, "and Red Cross field directors, and thousands of Red Cross workers in Chapters throughout the nation, are ready to help America's soldiers and sailors with personal problems, just as in the 1917-18 World War period.

"Every patriotic man and woman in the United States, who wants to do his or her share in upholding the national defense of our nation, can do so by sharing in the vitally important work of the Red Cross. Join as a member of the local Chapter during the roll call, November 11 to 30, and through your support you will strengthen the Red Cross army of mercy.

"Recruits are needed not alone as members, but also as volunteer workers in the Red Cross Chapters."

Red Cross work will continue undiminished in its usual domestic program of relief in disaster; community public health nursing; safety education and promotion of the Junior Red Cross. An individual membership supports all of this work, not only in Red Cross Chapters, but in the nation. Relief to war victims in Europe is financed by the $20,000,000 war relief fund contributed by the public during the summer of 1940.

STRIPS ATTRACT BIRDS

Recent counts of the number of birds that have their nests on cultivated land in Ohio show that grain fields that are strip cropped barbor nearly three times as many birds as do fields that are planted solid, according to biologists of the Soil Conservation Service. Many of the birds attracted are insect eaters and help control insect pests.

Strip-cropped meadows attract about twice as many nesting birds as solid meadows, they find. When the ends of crop strips run out to adjoining woodlands, or to bushy fence rows, birds and small animals find conditions particularly attractive. Many birds are attracted to places where there is a variety of vegetation that produces both food and cover. Stripped crops, the biologists point out, do this very thing---and twice as well as one crop.