

Voluntary 'Draft' Of Labor To War-Time Jobs Planned

OFFICIALS TO LIST MANPOWER IN U.S.

If Workers Fail to Shift to Vital Industries as Suggested, Compulsion May Follow; Hoosier Boards Sort New Names.

Selective service and the U. S. Employment Service today undertook a joint program to "draft" workers on a voluntary basis for vital war industries that face labor shortages.

Officials in Washington said appeals to the patriotism of the workers and their employers, the lure of higher wages, and, possibly, threats of induction into the Army would be the only instruments for shifting men from non-essential war jobs.

But they hinted that if that program fails, Congress may be asked eventually to authorize compulsory assignment of workers to jobs where they can contribute most to the war effort.

This was found necessary in Great Britain and some of the conditions which brought it on, it was said, already are developing in this country—tendencies among employers to "pirate" badly-needed workers from competitors and among workers to "shop around" for the easiest, highest-paid jobs.

Plan Inventory of Manpower

Basis of the new program will be a detailed inventory by Selective Service of the training and specific skills of all of its eventual 48,000,000 registrants—virtually every man in the United States between 18 and 65 years of age.

Questionnaires on vocational skills will be sent to the 9,000,000 men who completed registration yesterday in the third national enrollment of manpower within a 16-month period, to the 17,000,000 already registered, except for those now in the Army, and to another 22,000,000 in the age groups 18 through 19 and 45 through 64 and who will register next spring or early summer.

Selective service officials reported that the third enrollment ended successfully last night. It affected men in the 20-through-21 and 35-through-44 age groups. A lottery to determine the order in which the new registrants will be called will be held sometime next month.

Hoosiers' Cards Sorted

Meanwhile, Indiana's 152 local draft boards today began sorting the cards of those who registered for the draft in the state yesterday, preparing to send them to the proper draft boards.

The transfer of cards must be completed before the lottery next month.

After the lottery, the new registrants will get their draft questionnaires. Then, the draft boards will classify them.

Col. Robinson Hitchcock, State Selective Service head, termed yesterday's draft registration "a success" and said that everything "went off smoothly."

Draft officials said that figures on yesterday's registration would be released late today or tomorrow. Washington first banned publication of the registration figures but today rescinded its order.

It is estimated 300,000 registered yesterday in the State and 30,000 in the County.

Labor Leaders Deferred

Selective Service headquarters in Washington last night announced that labor leaders had been classified as essential to the national welfare and would be deferred in Class 2-B. The announcement brought criticism from Rep. Clare Hoffman (R. Mich.), who said if the ruling was "used to defame agitators, we might just as well turn our production over to the enemy."

An A. F. of L. official described it as a "sensible decision." Senator Robert Taft (R. O.) said "deferment of such men in the 35 and 45 year age group should be somewhat liberal" but he believed deferments of labor leaders in the lower age brackets should be "strictly limited."

Selective Service also disclosed that teeth and eyesight standards for the Army had been reduced "materially," allowing induction of anyone whose teeth—real or false—are workable enough to handle the Army's "chow."

Data on Skill Sought

Eyewitness requirements for "all noncombatant branches" were reduced from a minimum visual acuity of "not below 20/100" to "below 20/100, but not below 20/200 in each eye" if correctable (by use of glasses) to 20/40 in each eye.

The questionnaire on vocational skills, in its present, tentative form, will ask:

1. The registrant's name, age, address and telephone.
2. His present place of employment and his duties there.
3. Complete data on trades learned in the past.
4. The three trades at which he thinks he is most proficient.

The registrant also will be asked to indicate his primary skill on a check-list of more than 200 trades on the backs of the cards.

BOY SCOUTS DISPLAY SKILL TO GYRO CLUB

Just what the Boy Scouts of Indianapolis could do in case of an emergency was illustrated by seven scouts at the Gyro Club's noon luncheon meeting today at the Spink-Arms Hotel.

The seven Scouts who took part were Allen Miller, Bruce Duncan, John Crump, William Sprague, William Green, William Wilcox and Robert Reed.

State's Lighted Highway Scheme Hailed as Innovation in Safety



Indianapolis was well represented at the 2d annual convention which will continue through tomorrow. Left to right are: Louis W. Brandt, convention treasurer; Joseph Mattingly, president of the Henry C. Smith Roofing Co., and Charles McGarvey, plastering contractor. Today's session was devoted to division meetings.

Telegraph Briefs

SEVEN NAVAL FLIERS KILLED

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 17 (U. P.).—The Fifth Naval District announced today that seven Navy fliers were killed late yesterday when a patrol bomber crashed into the mountains nine miles east of Buena Vista, Va. Two members of the crew escaped without serious injury.

VISIONS POST-WAR BOOM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (U. P.).—Assistant Attorney General Thurman W. Arnold, the Government's chief trust-buster, today predicted there will be a post-war boom and prosperity if large corporations are prevented from entering into monopolistic agreements now to curtail production.

MORE RAYON HOSE LIKELY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (U. P.).—Increased use of rayon yarn and additional imports of fine cotton yarn from Great Britain were discussed today among Government officials trying to alleviate the impending shortage in full-fashioned hosiery—the kind that adds allure to the legs of American women. Substitution of rayon for silk and nylon offered the greatest possibilities.

SEES VICTORY WITH BOMBERS

CHICAGO, Feb. 17 (U. P.).—Brig. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, commander of the South-east Air Corps Training Center, Montgomery, Ala., declared today that the key to victory is heavy bombers "in which we lead the world."

MUNICIPAL STRIKE ENDS

MCKEESPORT, Pa., Feb. 17 (U. P.).—After a five-hour strike which paralyzed essential city services, 168 organized municipal employees returned to work at noon today while a grievance committee pressed their demands for a \$1-a-day wage increase and a signed contract.

'We're Grateful,' British Wire Allison and Curtiss-Wright

Allison and Curtiss-Wright workers in Indianapolis should be as proud as the British are grateful, a cablegram from the Air Ministry in London said today.

The cablegram, sent to F. C. Kroeger, general manager of the Allison Division of General Motors Corp., described the feat of 18 Kittyhawk planes, which are powered with Allison engines, in shooting down 20 of 30 enemy aircraft in five minutes and damaging all of the other enemy planes.

The action took place in the Middle East campaign.

The cablegram said a British pilot told of the fight as follows:

"The enemy were starting to groundstrafe our boys when we dived on them. Numbers didn't mean a thing. It was like swatting flies the way they went down. I could see our troops flinging their hats into the air as the ground

ASKS CARE IN SAFETY

CHICAGO, Feb. 17 (U. P.).—The National Safety Council carried its wartime campaign into America's homes and farms today to prevent manpower losses which result from 37,500 accidental deaths and 5,000,000 injuries annually.

Managing Director W. H. Cameron told delegates to the first National Home and Farm Safety Conference they must work to eliminate the "human failure" of misunderstanding, stupidity and recklessness—which caused 85 per cent of all accidents.

He estimated that safety education had saved approximately 265,000 lives since 1913.

CHARGES CRIMINAL ATTACK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (U. P.).—A 20-year-old blond Government worker testified in Federal District Court today that Orman W. Ewing, former Democratic National Committeeman from Utah, broke into her rooming-house bedroom and criminally attacked her.

STRAUS QUITS U. S. H. A.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (U. P.).—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt had accepted the resignation of Nathan Straus, administrator of the U. S. Housing Authority. Mr. Straus explained that he resigned to devote his full time to the "slightest pretext" for enacting housing legislation which he said "will jeopardize our war effort."

PLANE SALES LIMITED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (U. P.).—The War Production Board today took over sales supervision at all light airplanes under 500 horsepower, except those needed in the war effort. Civilians may buy planes only if they have a certificate from WPB's director of industry operations or are listed on a delivery schedule approved by the joint aircraft committee.

DESCRIBED FOR CONTRACTORS

Speed Is Vital in Defense Housing Work, National Association Told.

Indiana was praised today by M. W. Watson, retiring president of the Associated General Contractors of America, for literally blazing a trail in highway safety.

Mr. Watson, a Topeka, Kas., contractor, attending the association's convention at the Claypool Hotel, referred to the illuminated center strip which blazes on Hoosier roads as the glass chips in it reflect the lights of autos.

"While no statistics probably are not yet available," Mr. Watson said, "I am sure that this center strip will reduce the number of fatal accidents. It is an idea which other states will might adopt."

Held Divisional Meetings

The 800 members of the A. G. C. attending the three-day convention spent the second day in three divisional meetings—those of building contractors, heavy construction and railroad contractors, and highway contractors.

Tonight they will assemble in the Claypool Riley Room for a forum discussion by all members. The greatest emphasis in defense housing today is speed, Baird Snyder III, Federal Works Agency administrator, told the Association yesterday.

Stress Pre-fabricated

"President Roosevelt has made \$153,000,000 available for temporary defense housing and in order to obtain the greatest speed the pre-fabricated house building industry's output is to be entirely used," Mr. Snyder declared.

When the pre-fabricated supply is exhausted, he said, the building of permanent houses will be resumed. He added that the nation's housing program was moving so fast that up-to-the-minute figures could not be cited.

He pointed out that the Government's housing program was well in advance of what it was in 1917.

New Methods Urged

W. V. Kahler, chief of the construction branch of the War Production Board, told the contractors yesterday that the construction job which is going on in nation is the largest ever undertaken by "this or any other nation."

He requested the contractors to develop new methods of construction that would conserve critical materials and asked for more supervision by management on the job to produce satisfactory progress.

GETS OLD NEWSPAPER

The South Side Library, Madison Ave. and Prospect St., has on display a copy of the New York Herald of April 1865—the issue which announced the death of Abraham Lincoln. It was donated by Harry J. Stewart, 339 E. Norwood St. Mr. Stewart found the issue in the family Bible brought to this country from Scotland several generations ago. The Bible was printed in 1795.

Baird Snyder III (left), acting administrator of the Federal Works Agency and one of the speakers at the Associated General Contractors' convention which opened yesterday at the Claypool, chats with W. E. Mohler, associated president.

Indiana Politics

By Vern Boxell

NOW THAT they have the mayor race all set up to their own satisfaction, Democratic organization leaders are busy ironing out some other spots as the primary battle gets under way in earnest.

Causing the most trouble, it seems, is the Criminal Court bench which will be vacated by Judge Dewey Myers if he is nominated and elected mayor. So far there are at least three men under consideration and a decision on the favorite will be made soon.

There's Municipal Judge John McNelis, who had the inside track for a while, former Municipal Judge Thomas Garvin, and Floyd Matlack, former deputy prosecutor. It's hinted now that the nod favors Mr. Garvin, but the huddling goes on and no one is certain just what will happen.

Two other spots also are open on the ticket, and the final selection in the Criminal Court squabble may be decided partly on the basis of what happens in these cases. The Treasurer's berth has been held open for Sheriff Al Feeney if he will get out of the mayoral race, but he has said that he will not take it. No other candidate has been decided upon.

Also open is the Sheriff choice, with an overstudied field from which to choose. For some time, it has been reported that James Scott would get the o. k., but even this has not been decided definitely.

Otherwise, the ticket is rounding into shape rapidly. Among the latest reports making the rounds is one that Superior Judge Joseph Markey, who was marked for organization opposition in seeking his third term, may not be challenged after all.

Spotlight Shifts

THE POLITICAL spotlight will shift from local to state races this week-end, when editors of both parties convene for their mid-winter huddles here. Most of the attention will be centered on the Republicans, who have highlighted their session with a speech by Rep. Joseph W. Martin, the national chairman, Saturday night.

Naturally, the 1942 G. O. P. hopefuls will be on hand sounding out their chances for places on the state and Congressional tickets. They also will keep their eyes on the struggle for control of the organization, which has been going on behind the scenes.

A State Committee meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, and one of the questions likely to be settled is what to do about the secretary vacancy caused when Neal McCallum was appointed to the A. B. C. L. S. Bowman, committee statistician, has been moved up to the main offices and is carrying on the duties temporarily.

Meanwhile, the Democratic editors have put the damper on the office seekers by limiting their pow-wow to one business session. No banquet, no big-name speaker, very little hoopla. There won't even be a State Committee meeting until March 9. But you can't throttle political hopefuls that easily. They will be here, and busy, too.

COUNCIL VOTES TAXI FARE HIKE

Rate Raised From 15 to 25 Cents for 1st Mile; 'Bootleg' Cabs Hit.

The City Council has passed an ordinance increasing taxicab rates in Indianapolis from 15 to 25 cents for the first mile or a fraction of a mile. The rate remains 10 cents for each additional four-fifths of a mile.

The measure was passed with two dissenting votes after a heated debate among councilmen, two of whom criticized Police Chief Morrissey for permitting "bootleg" cabs to operate.

Councilman Harmon A. Campbell and Walter E. Hemphill, Republicans, voted against the ordinance.

Charges 150 'Bootleg' Councilman Campbell said he opposed the measure "because 150 bootleg taxicabs are permitted to operate in Indianapolis without being molested."

Police Chief Morrissey told the Council he couldn't arrest all the "bootleg" cab drivers because his department had no funds to pay the fares required to obtain evidence.

The chief said, however, that 24 convictions were obtained against unlicensed cab operators last fall. Paul C. Wetter and Charles Strouse, representing the Indianapolis Federation of Community Civic Clubs, spoke against the rate increase.

Claim Costs Higher

Officials of taxicab firms said the increase was necessary because of rising costs in operation. The increase will become effective when Mayor Sullivan signs the measure.

Albert O. Deluse, Council president, announced that a conference will be called with the Works Board in the next three weeks to discuss a proposed new Municipal Airport lease contract.

The proposed lease would provide that three airlines using the local field advance \$30,000 in rentals to the city to finance construction of an addition to the Administration building.

Postpone Film Inspection

The Council postponed action on an ordinance to establish a film inspection service for all movies shown in local theaters. The ordinance was referred to the Safety Board for further recommendation.

The ordinance proposing new left turn regulations for traffic was introduced with Safety Board recommendations that it be passed. The measure would require motorists making left turns to cut in to the left of the center of intersections instead of going around to the right under present laws.

FUNERAL TOMORROW FOR CHARLES D. MAY

Funeral services for Charles Dudley May, claim agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad, who died Sunday in his home, 3124 College Ave., will be held at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Chase Chapel at Logansport. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport.

Following the first World War, Mr. May and his brother, Russell May, now of Ft. Wayne, were in business together in Logansport. He became associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad 23 years ago.

Besides his brother, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Henderson May; a son, Charles Jr.; two daughters, Carol and Martha May; his mother, Mrs. Bert Cole, Denver, Colo., and a sister, Mrs. Sylvia Kiser, living in California.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS—MEETINGS—VITAL STATISTICS

Here Is the Traffic Record

FATALITIES	County City Total
1941	8 9 17
1942	8 15 23

Accidents	31 Arrests	117
Injuries	10 Dead	9

MONDAY TRAFFIC COURT	Cases Convicted	Fines
Violations	31	31
Speeding	9	\$1
Reckless Driving	3	\$21
Failure to stop at through street	2	4
Disobeying traffic signals	3	31
Drunk driving	2	40
All others	20	50
Totals	39	\$33

MEETINGS TODAY

Associated General Contractors of America, convention, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Indiana Association of Ice Industries, board of directors meeting, Hotel Severin, 8 p. m.

American Chemical Society, luncheon, Hotel Severin, noon.

Indiana Apartment Owners Directors, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Alpha Delta Omega Sorority, meeting, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m.

National Association of Women, meeting, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m.

Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, dinner meeting, Ft. Friendly, 6:30 p. m.

Rotary Club, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The Times therefore is not responsible for errors in names and addresses.)

Paul J. Jackson, 21, of 444 E. Market; Thelma M. Fuller, 19, of 837 Lord.

Leonard T. O'Connor, 20, of 1090 Bacon; Mary E. Bowdler, 19, of 1135 Park.

Robert Layton, 22, of 1451 N. Holmes; Barbara McGuire, 22, of 1451 N. Holmes.

William J. Moulton, 24, of 1905 Mansfield; Marie B. Wood, 20, of 528 N. Traub.

James R. Sykes, 23, of 1184 E. Ohio; Margaret Thompson, 22, of 1109 E. Ohio.

William T. Scott, 24, of 3928 N. Capitol; Martha L. Graver, 21, of 3928 N. Capitol.

Norman Terry, 22, of 310 N. Walcott; Ruth Phillips, 21, of 3136 Forest Manor.

Stanley R. Wells, 38, of 524 E. 25th; Forest D. Benson, 27, of 2427 E. Riverside Drive.

Forest D. Degraphenreth, 22, of 2617 Boulevard Place; Minnie C. Block, 24, of 1618 E. 16th.

Robert A. Waters, 25, of 1810 N. Alabama; Catherine M. Metzger, 23, Chicago.

John W. Stanford, 30, City; Regina E. Fleury, 27, of 2430 N. Pennsylvania.

George E. Conrad, 31, of 430 N. Noble; Lloyd Libby, 28, of 481 W. 10th.

Forrest E. Newell, of Lebanon, Ind.; Venus L. Alley, 17, of 1847 Fletcher.

Margaret Bates, 20, City.

John H. Wolf, 24, of 3628 N. Pennsylvania; Phyllis A. Block, 24, of 1918 N. Delaware.

William J. Vickers, 19, of 609 Knox; Marjorie Sprague, 17, of 2906 Winthrop.

DEATHS

Reno, Dorothy Jane Lehman, at Methodist.

Ernest, Beatrice Hartig, at Methodist.

James, Frances White, at Methodist.

Sherman, Edna Pitzer, at St. Francis.

Harry, Albert Nicholson, at City.

Ivan, Nina Oelting, at St. Vincent's.

Stephen, Mary Ellen, at St. Vincent's.

Ralph, Eula Enslin, at St. Vincent's.

Robert, Lillian Miller, at St. Vincent's.

Harold, Katherine Clark, at St. Vincent's.

Eugene, Frances Mader, at St. Vincent's.

Frank, Bernice Boyd, at St. Vincent's.

Frank, Virginia Griffith, at St. Vincent's.

Daryl, Dorothy James, at 1028 N. Cornell.

Charles, Goldie Padgett, at 1233 Elaine.

Norman, Fern Armstrong, at St. Vincent's.

Norman, Rose Van Bibber, at St. Vincent's.

Leonard, Margaret Bates, at St. Vincent's.

Frederick, Viola Bohley, at St. Francis.

Harold, Ernest Reimer, at Methodist.

Melvin, Mary Frances Burke, at Methodist.

Robert, Mildred Talbert, at Methodist.

Allen, Magdalen Salisbury, at Methodist.

Ray, Mildred Hawkins, at 2161 Adams.

Frank, Ernestine Blaggett, at 144 W. 19th.

William, Anna Morris, at 1844 Sugar Grove.

U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANA WEATHER

Moderate cold with this afternoon and tonight, temperature falling to zero to 10 degrees above in north portion and 10 to 20 degrees above in south portion; a few snow flurries in extreme northeast portion.

(Central War Time)

Sunrise 7:30 Sunset 6:23

TEMPERATURE

Feb. 17, 1941—

25 2 p. m. 30

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 8 a. m. 0.06

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 4.94

Excess since Jan. 1 41

The following table shows the temperatures in other cities:

Atlanta	60	44
Bismarck, N. D.	2	-10
Boston	39	32
Chicago	39	14
Cincinnati	52	26
Cleveland	47	32
Denver	47	32
Evansville	53	33
Ft. Wayne	42	30
Indianapolis	50	31
Kansas City, Mo.	36	9
Miami, Fla.	70	74
Minneapolis-St. Paul	27	-10
New Orleans	74	56
New York	47	24
Oklahoma City, Okla.	42	28
Pittsburgh	53	37
San Antonio, Tex.	71	51
St. Louis	47	18
Washington, D. C.	50	42