

## RAMSPECK ASKS PENSION REPEAL

Sponsor of Annuities for Congress Says Law Causes Disunity.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (U.P.)—Chairman Robert Ramspeck (D Ga.) of the House Civil Service Committee, who sponsored the recent pensions-for-Congress legislation, said today he would take the lead in repealing it because it is "causing a lack of unity so necessary for winning the war."

"I am not willing to be a party to anything that deters our efforts for victory," he said in a statement which took cognizance of the furor resulting from enactment of the Congressional annuity plan as part of a revised Federal retirement law.

### Committee Hears Debate

Rep. Ramspeck issued this statement as the Senate Civil Service Committee held a hearing on several bills to repeal the Congressional portion of the Retirement Act.

Harry B. Mitchell, Civil Service Commission president, testified that under the retirement legislation it would be possible for members of Congress to get life annuities ranging from \$696 to \$4175 a year in return for a \$4.17 payment.

The Pennsylvania Republican delegation, meantime, issued a statement which said the members had decided unanimously in favor of immediate repeal of the controversial sections of the act.

## WEST COAST SPIES UNCOVERED BY FBI

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18 (U.P.)—The FBI announced today that it had uncovered evidence "of the greatest importance" indicating Japanese had been engaged in espionage around three vital Sacramento airports.

Nat J. L. Pieper, San Francisco FBI office chief, said they seized records confirming reports that "espionage was being carried on" near McClellan Field, Mather Field and Sacto Muni Airport at Sacramento.

Kumataro Nabeshima, former Japanese army officer, and Takiyo Takenaka were arrested in a raid at their ranch house across the highway from Mather Field. State Highway Police had told Federal authorities the house "was lit up like a Christmas tree" during a blackout. They were among 205 aliens questioned this week by the FBI.

### FDR WARNINGS SPUR VOTE ON WAR CASH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (U.P.)—Warnings by President Roosevelt and members of the Senate that American cities and Alaska still are vulnerable to attack today—74 days after Pearl Harbor—appear certain to result in speedy enactment of the \$32,070,801,900 war appropriations bill.

The bill provides \$31,000,000 for coastal defense and \$13,000,000 for Army ordnance, part of which probably will be used to strengthen defenses around important cities.

Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference yesterday that under certain conditions it would be possible for enemy planes to bomb cities as far inland as Detroit or for enemy ships to shell New York City.

## ORDER IS AMENDED FOR REFRIGERATORS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (U.P.)—Future sales of new mechanical refrigerators must be limited to stocks on hand at 10 a.m. (E. W. T.) Feb. 14 or units actually in transit to dealers at that time, according to a clarifying statement issued today by the War Production Board.

The original order which froze

manufacturers and distributors

stocks of new refrigerators as of Feb. 14. This order stated that

retailers may sell 1/2 of the number

of new refrigerators they sold during

1941 or 100 units, "whatever is greater," after which remaining stocks automatically are frozen.

However, if a dealer entitled to

sell 100 refrigerators had on hand

at 10 a.m. (E. W. T.) Feb. 14 only

40 refrigerators, he cannot obtain

an additional 60 to make up his

permissible quota.

CHIANG VISITS GANDHI

BOMBAY, India, Feb. 18 (U.P.)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, Chinese supreme leader, and Madame Chiang conferred twice today with Mahatma K. Gandhi, Indian nationalist leader, regarding India's role in the Far Eastern war.

### U. S. 'Het Up'

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## Mother of Two Generals



Two sons, both generals in the Army Air Force. Is there another American mother who can boast the same? Mrs. Madeline Harmon has a right to the title of "America's Mother of Generals." She is shown with her two sons, Maj. Gen. Millard F. Harmon Jr. (left), Chief of Staff, Washington, and Brig. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon, Commanding General of the Gulf Coast Air Corps Training Center at Randolph Field, Texas, during a visit of Gen. Millard Harmon.

### D. of A. to Mark 30th Birthday

Under the supervision of Mrs. Maude Foxworthy, district deputy and state vice councelor of the Daughters of America, Community

Council 47 will be hostess to a class of 50 candidates for the celebration of the society's 30th anniversary in Maywood tomorrow.

Degree work will be exemplified by Indianapolis Council 57, and the Daughters of America and the Junior O. U. A. M. will sponsor the exhibition of a "Fraternal Coach." State and national officers will be present.

Mrs. Louise Tegeler, Community Council 47, is state councelor.

### CIVILIAN GAS HAS LESS ETHYL NOW

By Science Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The slightly inferior grade of gasoline that is now being sold at many filling stations has been necessitated by reduced rations of tetraethyl lead to refiners for civilian use. The Government is conserving this material for military purposes.

No exact figures can be given as to the amount by which the octane ratings have been lowered, since they differ with the different companies and with different grades of gasoline. The companies have been left to portion out their allowances of the tetraethyl as they think best.

The government has made no official tests as yet. The time has been too short and samples have not been received. Third-grade gasoline and lower grades are not affected because little or no tetraethyl is used in them.

The companies declare that the new gasoline gives just as good mileage as the old and that engines start just as easily. They give a little less rapid acceleration and a little more tendency to knock in pulling a heavy grade. The latter may be noticeable in high compression engines.

### TINFOIL COLLECTOR FINDS 307 POUNDS

SUPERIOR, Wyo. (U.P.)—Years ago Edward Hanking decided he'd collect tinfoil.

When he turned his collection over to the Rock Springs, Wyo., fire department recently he had 307 pounds of the shiny wrapping, which were sent to a children's hospital in Salt Lake City.

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dromes has been accentuated in

tropical warfare. Crackups losses,

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## THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

### DELAY TELLING RIO OF SINKING

Officials Feared Rioting By Crowds Enjoying Mardi Gras.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 18 (U.P.)—The Government prepared a communiqué today to inform the public, after its gay Mardi Gras carnival yesterday, that the Brazilian steamship Buarque had been sunk in the first attack on Brazilian shipping by submarines since the severance of relations with the Axis.

The Government withheld the news until today in fear that excited crowds, who danced and sang in the streets by hundreds of thousands last night, might have taken mob reprisals against Axis property and nationals.

Informants said it was unlikely that the government would take more forceful part in the war on the allied side because of the sinking.

The view was taken that such incidents must be expected as the result of the Government's severance of relations with the Axis.

U. S., DUTCH PLANES SEARCH CARIBBEAN

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Netherland West Indies, Feb. 18 (U.P.)—United States and Netherlands planes continued a relentless hunt over the Caribbean today for German submarines which had brought the war to the South American coast. It was confidently believed that official reports would show the U-boat fleet had been reduced in size by death bombs which American planes had dropped.

(The United Press listening post in New York heard the Curacao radio broadcasting last night a warning to ships that German submarines were operating between Aruba and the coast of Venezuela. It was not definitely indicated whether the warning covered a new appearance of submarines.)

An official statement announced that a German torpedo which had been beached at Aruba had exploded yesterday and killed two officers and two marines, all of the Netherlands forces, and had slightly wounded a marine and civic guardsman.

Final reports of the toll taken by the submarines had not been received. Various reports listed three tankers definitely sunk, a fourth probably sunk, one afire at sea and three torpedoed but taken to port.

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"War makes strange bedfellows," he observed. "The Japanese, believing in yellow supremacy, and the Germans, believing in Nordic supremacy, are allied with each other."

128 MORE ENROLLED DURING 'Y' CAMPAIGN

At a meeting of Y. M. C. A. membership campaign workers last night, 128 men and young men were inducted into the association, bringing the total enlisted during the drive to 824.

Friday is the deadline for the association's goal of 1274 new members. On that evening there will be a victory fathers' and sons' banquet, at which the 11 divisions will make final reports. Dr. William G. Spencer, Franklin College president, will speak.

C. O. Mogg, general chairman of the 1942 drive, presided at last night's meeting, at which workers heard George Mercer, chairman of the Southwest branch membership committee.

The sinkings listed off the U. S. Coast include that of the Canadian liner Lady Hawkins, which went down at an undetermined point en route to Bermuda, with a loss of about 250, and the Brazilian steamship, Buarque, the sinking of which was announced last night.

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