

Men Registered Before Last Monday To Get First Call

ARMY PREFERENCES YOUNGER GROUP

Older Eligibles May Never
Be Inducted Under
Revised Plans.

The War Department, it was learned today, is working on plans to call up new military quotas by age groups. Thus it is possible that the older men among those who registered Monday may never be inducted.

Such a procedure would be a departure from the method of the first 18 months of the selective service system.

Men of 20 and of 36 to 44, who registered Monday, are expected to be placed on a separate master list from that of the millions registered previously. This master list would be made up from order numbers to be drawn in March.

Use Existing Lists First

Until the new men get their order numbers and are classified, draft quotas will be filled from the existing registers. The new classification is expected to be completed about June 1, which means that no one who registered Monday, even the 20-year-olds, is likely to be called before that date.

It is well known that the Army prefers younger men.

Monday's registration boosted Indiana's pool of manpower under selective service jurisdiction to 662,000, Col. Robinson Hitchcock, State selective service head, reported today.

Approximately 226,000 men of 20-44 reported in the State during the third draft registration, he said. Approximately 35,000 were in Marion County.

236,000 Already Signed

A total of 414,000 registered in the first registration in October, 1940, and 22,000 registered last July.

Meanwhile, concern over the growing list of occupations subject to deferment was expressed by some members of the House Military Affairs Committee in Washington.

Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, draft director, was questioned by the committee about occupational deferments, particularly the deferment of movie-industry men and of labor leaders.

Chairman Andrew May (D. Ky.) said the committee planned a further inquiry as soon as requested information was supplied by General Hershey. But, Mr. May said, General Hershey had explained recent rulings to the committee's satisfaction, and as a result it would not at present consider drafting legislation to fix rigid deferment categories.

May Pays 'Essentials'

Other members, however, said they felt that the number of persons subject to deferment on the ground that they are necessary to an essential industry or enterprise was growing so rapidly that eventually such industries and enterprises would have to be defined by law. Some 30 occupations are now on the "essential" list.

These members felt that blanket deferments should not be granted, as was done in World War I, but that only key men in certain essential industries should be subject to deferment.

Mr. May said he believed the draft system had worked well so far.

"But we've got to be very careful about deferments or we'll destroy the faith of the country in the draft," he said. "We must be very careful not to injure public confidence in the system."

The committee questioned Gen. Hershey privately but he is reliably reported to have testified that his ruling that the movie industry was to be considered essential meant only that certain skilled employees engaged in the mechanical or technical production of pictures should be deferred.

Reports on Labor Policy

He read to the committee a memorandum to state draft directors concerning the occupational deferment of men engaged in labor relations. It said:

"It is considered in the national interest and essential to the war production program that a harmonious relationship be maintained between labor and industry. To accomplish this purpose it is desirable that there continue to be duly authorized and competent representatives of Government, labor, and industry who will, in considering and disposing of questions of mutual interest, expedite the successful prosecution of the war."

IN INDIANAPOLIS—MEETINGS—VITAL STATISTICS

Here is the Traffic Record

FATALITIES

County City Total
1941 8 9 17
1942 6 15 21

—Feb. 17—

Accidents 15 Arrests 386

Injuries 4 Dead 1

TUESDAY TRAFFIC COURT Cases Convic-Fine

Violations Tried Paid
Speeding 4 4 \$30
Reckless driving 7 5 30

Failure to stop at through street 2 2

Disobeying traffic signals 1 1

Drunken driving 1 1 20

All Others 20 15 22

Totals 35 28 \$105

MEETINGS TODAY

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

Indiana Building Contractors, conference, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Indiana Association of Ice Industries, convention, Hotel Indiana, all day.

Indiana Life Underwriters Association, convention, Hotel Indiana, all day.

Indiana Associated Press Association, meeting, Columbia Club, afternoon and night.

Hotel Antlers, noon.

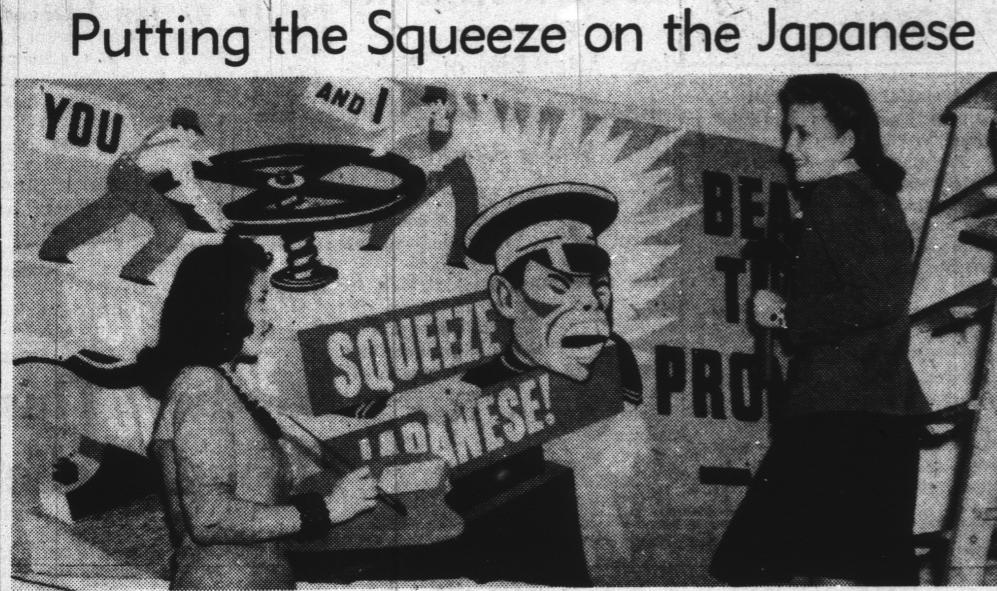
May Wright Sewall Council of Women, meeting, Hotel Indiana, 10 a.m.

Professional Engineers, meeting, Hurley Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Michigan St. B. P. M., noon.

Indiana Builders Association, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Indiana Motor Rate and Traffic Bureau, meeting, Hotel Soverin, 10:30 a.m.



Miss Rita Grissle (left) and Miss Sue Winchell, RCA employees, "put the squeeze on the Japanese" in preparation for the plant's rally tomorrow.

Putting the Squeeze on the Japanese

Two rallies tomorrow will launch the 1942 "Beat the Promise" production campaign of local RCA Manufacturing Co. employees.

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