

## PUT DRAFT LOAD ON SINGLE MEN

Boards With Most Eligibles Lacking Dependents to Get Heaviest Calls.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (U. P.)—Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey, warning of the "serious military situation," today instructed state headquarters to apportion induction calls so that the heaviest load will fall on boards with the most single men or men with only "collateral" dependents.

Gen. Hershey said that "in so far as is feasible," no board should call one type of registrant with dependents substantially in advance of other boards.

At the same time he directed local boards to complete by Oct. 16 the initial classification of all registrants liable for service so that the selective service system will be prepared to fill calls during the coming year "which will be equal to or in excess of the monthly calls made in August, September and October of this year."

### Uniformity Sought

The effect of his order, he said, will be to level off inductions so that men from small towns and from cities will be called on an approximately uniform basis.

Collateral dependents are wives and children with whom the registrant does not maintain a bona fide family relationship; parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandchildren, divorced wives, and minors and handicapped persons whose support has been assumed "in good faith."

Dependents with both wives and children should not be made subject to induction "until such action is authorized by the national headquarters," he said.

The change in the order of induction with relation to dependency may take several months. Gen. Hershey said calls are sent out from national headquarters 30 days in advance, and "at least that period of time is required to conform to any change in policy."

### STATE ADDED TON OF SCRAP WEEKLY

Dudley A. Smith, executive secretary of the Indiana Salvage committee, said today that 42 counties under the direction of the WPA had netted 2000 pounds of scrap metal a week during August.

Eight thousand salvage depots have been set up in the state and more are planned as arrangements are completed. He said most of the August total came from farms and that indications showed a greater amount would be collected during September.

### LAWYERS TO HEAR STAMBAUGH SPEECH

Lynn U. Stambaugh, national commander of the American Legion, will address the Indianapolis Bar association at a dinner meeting at 6:15 p. m. Wednesday at 224 N. Meridian st.

He will discuss "The Legion's Contribution to the War Effort."



## Today's War Moves

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If Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's new attack in Egypt signifies the resumption of a major effort to drive to Alexandria and Suez, it is bound to result in the hardest fighting of the North African war. Its outcome will be of tremendous importance.

Should Rommel break through, the eastern Mediterranean will be lost to the British and the axis the entire sea. Not only will the southern road to the oil of the Middle East be opened, but the axis would have a clear field in all North Africa. That includes the west coast, across from South America.

On the other hand, Rommel's defeat, if decisive, might enable the British to sweep the axis out of Africa and regain control of the Mediterranean, which would be tragic for Italy. The stakes are high and the British are ready to carry out Prime Minister Churchill's pledge to defend Egypt as though it were their own soil.

It could be that Rommel is making only a preliminary thrust to test British strength but it seems more likely that he is embarking on his final bid. There would be no point in his sitting indefinitely in the narrow stretch of blazing desert between the Qattara depression and the sea.

Rommel is known to have been reinforced heavily, including at least one fresh division from Crete and a parachute regiment. The British believe he has as many as 142,000 troops at his disposal. Nothing has been revealed of the present British strength.

However, since Rommel started his drive into Egypt last May, the British have had ample time to send men, planes, tanks and material from home, while American equipment presumably has been arriving in quantity.

The loss of the canal would not of itself be a vital blow, the canal having long ceased to be the "life line of the empire." It is the threat to the near east and the possibility of the axis getting a free hand in the Mediterranean that matters.

## War Analysis

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LONDON, Sept. 1—German pressure on Stalingrad and the Volga lifeline does not appear to have been materially lessened by the Soviet offensive west of Moscow, which now has been going on for about a month.

After a very brief breathing spell last week, the Germans have renewed their assault on "Stalin's city" with full fury and it is still a complete tossup whether or not they will reach their objective.

Considering the scale of their attack, it is a wonder that the city is still in Russian hands, the wonder being explained partly by the stubborn resistance of the Russians who have been told to hold the place at any cost and partly by the excellent defensive system in depth which skirts the city on the north, south and west.

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German defenses west of Moscow are extensive and formidable and even the loss of Rzhev and the whole salient to the south would leave them with well-defended positions.

It is fervently hoped that the Russians are not losing so many men in their furious assaults on this salient that they would be exhausted as a fighting force in event of a grand German offensive against Moscow some time next month.

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