

Senate Committee Approves Deferments for Farmers

WASHINGTON, March 3 (U.P.)—Opponents of a modified bill to defer farm workers from military service until the end of 1943 today began a campaign to prevent the congressional farm bloc from pushing it through to final senate approval.

Even the optimistic farm members of the senate military affairs committee, which approved the bill yesterday, were surprised at the 9 to 7 vote. The bill had been denounced by Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson as a potential threat to morale, both civilian and military.

The original farm deferment bill, sponsored by Senator John H. Bankhead (D. Ala.) would have deferred all farmers for the duration.

But the approved substitute, sponsored by freshman Senator George A. Wilson (R. Iowa) would:

1. End farm deferments at midnight, Dec. 31, 1943, by which time congress presumably will have enacted changes in the selective service act to halt the inroads into farm manpower made by the armed forces and industries flush with government contracts.

Does Not Alter Freezing

2. Issue certificates to recipients of the farm deferments. By putting into writing the board's opinion of the essentiality of the deferred worker, proponents of the plan argue, boards will be careful not to place themselves on record in favor of individuals whose sole farming activities consist of growing foodstuffs for pleasure or mere self-sufficiency.

3. Specify that the work entitling the worker to deferment must be done on a farm. Otherwise, some committee members contend, men engaged merely in the processing of foodstuffs might be considered eligible for similar preference.

The Wilson version of the bill does not alter the provision freezing farmers in their present occupations unless they can convince local draft boards that they would be more

LEE JURY HEARS BOY'S MOTHER

Ran When She Heard Shout Of Warning, but Was Struck, She Says.

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walking west in front of Ayres when she heard someone yell, "Watch out for that car."

"I started running towards the entrance to Ayres," she testified. "The car hit me, I guess. I remember seeing the car and the women lying in the broken window. I don't think I was unconscious. There was someone lying on top of me and I yelled for someone to get that person off of me."

Kept Asking for Boy

"I was injured from head to foot. There were cuts and bruises on my face, arms, legs and body."

She exhibited a scarred elbow to the jury.

"A policeman bandaged my elbow and thumb at the scene of the accident," Mrs. Hall continued. "They took me to the Methodist hospital."

"I didn't see my little boy immediately. I kept asking people where he was. They told me he was all right. The next day they told me."

Mrs. Hall was well composed as she told of the death of the child.

Long Under Doctor's Care

She said she was under a doctor's care until December.

"I was pregnant at the time of the accident," Mrs. Hall said, "and I lost another boy."

Fred Wellman, 5414 Central ave. said his wife was unable to appear in court because of a physical and mental collapse resulting from the accident.

She received a fractured right leg and a portion of her other leg was severed, he testified. Her right forearm was mutilated, pelvic bone broken and she lost considerable blood, he said.

Collapses in Store Told

Dr. Willis Dorman said that he attended Lee at his home on June 15, 1940, but Judge Samuel E. Garrison sustained defense objections to having the doctor tell the type of treatment he gave Lee.

Sanford Hanks, an employee of a grocery at 919 N. Delaware st., described seeing Lee collapse there last June 10.

"I asked Mr. Lee what he sold and he looked at the ceiling and said 'oh' and fell back," the witness testified.

He said Lee's face was pale, his body rigid and his eyes rolled to the back of his head.

Other Victims Testify

Mr. Hanks said Lee was unconscious for about 10 minutes and was taken to City hospital in an ambulance.

Three of the 15 who were injured in the accident described the scene. They were Mr. and Mrs. Berl E. Newcomb, 5528 S. Meridian st., and Marjorie Pueteney, Mooresville.

Mr. Lillian L. Johnson, 1819 N. New Jersey st., an eye-witness, also described the accident.

Dr. Roy B. Storms, Marion county coroner, told the jury yesterday afternoon that in the death of the Hall child he returned a verdict of accidental death resulting when Lee lost control of his automobile while suffering an epileptic seizure.

Tavern Proprietor Heard

Another witness was Everett Stoelting, proprietor of a tavern at 5221 E. Washington st., who said that the defendant had bought beer from him almost daily for more than five years.

"Mr. Lee would come in around 3:30 or 4:30 almost every afternoon," Mr. Stoelting said. "He would usually drink two or three 12-ounce beers and occasionally four or five. He usually stayed until 4:30 or 5 o'clock. As a rule he came back in the evening and would drink the same amount. Once in a great while he would take two or three bottles home in the evening."

On cross-examination, Mr. Stoelting explained that he had never seen Lee drunk.

Lee's physician, Dr. John K. Kingsbury, 5776 E. Michigan st., stated that he had attended Lee ten times between 1937 and June 10, 1942. Lee is said to have collapsed in a grocery store on June 10.

Objection Sustained.

Judge Garrison sustained the objections of the defense attorneys when Prosecutor Sherwood Blue asked Dr. Kingsbury for what he had treated Lee. The judge decided that such testimony was a matter of privacy between the doctor and the patient.

Herbert Jackson, a mechanic at E. C. Atkins Co., testified yesterday that he was the first person to reach Lee after his car had crashed into Ayres and stopped at a fire hydrant at the corner of Meridian and Washington st.

Mr. Jackson said that as he opened the car door, "Lee's head was on the back of the driver's seat and he was frothing at the mouth. His eyes were rolling, his face was pale and distorted, and his body was rigid. I put my hand on him to keep from falling to the pavement."

He stated that Lee "seemed to come out of it in five or ten minutes and said 'It looks like there has been an accident.'"

Two City hospital doctors told of aiding the accident victim.

Dr. Donald McCartney said he gave emergency treatment to the injured in front of Ayres.

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Only Land Action Will Crush Japan, Far East Expert Says

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The Far Eastern war does not require the capture of "every Japanese island" in the South Pacific. He believes, however, that it is necessary to reduce the important Japanese bases at Truk and in the Philippines.

"If we had control of the Philippines we could get at any point on the South China coast," he asserted, and pointed out that before the fall of Hongkong twice to three times as much war material was being smuggled to China from that area than was sent across the Burma road.

He believes that any bridgehead in this area could soon provide the Chinese enough supplies to retake Canton; they already are almost in the outskirts of that great metropolis. Then a land offensive toward the north, both by land toward Shanghai and by sea toward Formosa could be launched.

There is little possibility of Russian participation in the Far Eastern war until Hitler is definitely on the downgrade. Dr. Bates believes.

"If in the future, the Germans are pretty well shoved back and the Russians don't have to carry the whole load in Europe as they do now, the U. S. S. R. might be inclined to come into the war against Japan. But there is no reason to count on it."

Blueprint of Attack

Dr. Bates also saw the possibility that Japan might attack Russia if the imperial government should "feel that was the only way to keep Hitler in the war."

A Japanese attack would come, he believed in a land, air and amphibious attack on Vladivostok, attacks in two or three places to cut the trans-Siberian railway and a flank attack from the railway of north China into Outer Mongolia.

Dr. Bates was professor of history at the University of Nanking when the Japanese attack came and he was left in Nanking to maintain its properties and hospital and high school after the rest of the university was moved to Chengtu in the interior. He found in the Japanese army at Nanking a "professional clique of officers whose sole purpose in life is to defeat Russia."

He praised the Chinese for their five years and eight months of resistance against Japan, saying that some of the obstacles they have overcome have been stupendous. The propeller for one 200-foot Yangtze river steamer was chiseled from a block of iron by hand, he said.

The Chinese are "practical-minded," he said, and realize that the defeat of Hitler is as important as the defeat of the Far Eastern

BAIN CALLS FOR NEW JURY PANEL

Action Follows Discovery of Contract Held by Hellenberger.

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tracts, had been awarded one himself on Feb. 1.

Judge Bain said he would make every effort to investigate the background and personal connections of every person selected for the new jury.

"This is merely a continuation of the court's policy in selection of all juries," Judge Bain said.

"Each new juror selected will be examined closely as to his connections with county, city or state governments and whether he has any connection with litigation in any court."

Mr. Hellenberger, following dismissal of the grand jury yesterday, explained that he was asked about his business connections with the county and that he had none at the time he was selected on the jury.

"The judge did not say anything about future contracts with the county," Mr. Hellenberger said.

Pick Panel by Lottery

The panel of 25 to 50 names will be picked entirely by lottery, County Clerk Jack T. Wilson said. Names of prospective jurors, taken off township property assessment books at the rate of several hundred a month, are kept in a locked box at the county clerk's office.

"When a call is made for a jury panel of any kind, jury commissioners pull the names out of the box in lottery fashion," Mr. Wilson explained.

Under the law the only qualification for a grand jury is that prospective jurors either own real estate or have status of being the head of a household.

STATE MERIT BOARD IS OUT OF OFFICE

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legislated out of office, were Rowland Allen, William C. Birthright, Edmond Foust and Earl Beck.

The measure abolishing the present merit system law and re-creating the same law, thus ousting the top personnel in the merit system setup, was passed by the Republican controlled legislature as a compromise move.

It satisfied both the Republican legislators who were determined to oust Mr. Allen and Mr. Johnson even if the merit system law had to be abolished entirely and the Republican party leaders who wanted to retain the merit system law on the statute books.

TRAIN COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON, March 3 (U.P.)—Men not subject to selective service who have enrolled with the coast guard volunteer security force will receive instruction in the coast guards training institute at the University of Pennsylvania, the navy announced yesterday. The course will include small arms practice and instruction in port security work.

Axis Positions at Faid Pass Threatened by Allied Gains

By VIRGIL PINKLEY
United Press Staff Correspondent

A L L I E D HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, March 3.—American and British troops pushed south and southeast of Sbeitla today in thrusts that menaced the axis position at Faid pass.

The allied forces were pushing back across ground over which they had been driven in retreat as the start of Marshal Erwin Rommel's offensive in south-central Tunisia.

Their victory over the axis at Kasserine pass became all the more gratifying today when they learned that Rommel, "the desert fox," had been in personal command of the German-Italian forces in that engagement.

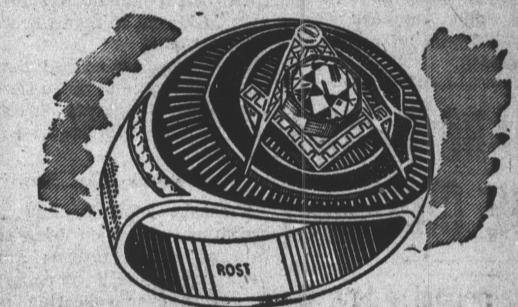
United Press Correspondent Phil Aut reported from the front that Rommel personally had commanded the enemy at the battle of the Kasserine pass and that he had spent two days at the home of a Frenchman four miles west of the town of Kasserine.

In the north, the first army turned back three small enemy attacks against Beja and Medjez El Bab.

Flying forces, supporting ground troops with attacks on communication lines, delivered a two-wave attack against Tunis and La Goulette, scoring hits on quays, industrial areas and warehouses. Three enemy planes were destroyed by the fortresses.

The royal air force made a series of savage attacks yesterday, particularly along the Matera-Beja and Beja-Medjez El Bab roads. Bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters were busses on busy downtown streets.

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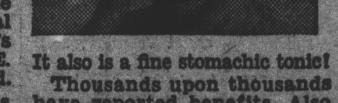
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