

## FATHER DRAFT PROPOSAL HIT

Congressmen Report Home District Aroused by Prospect.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18. (U. P.) — Returning Democratic and Republican congressmen today reported that their home districts were "extremely agitated" over the prospects of the forthcoming draft of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers.

Rep. Robert Ramspeck (D. Ga.) house Democratic whip, advocated a congressional review of military and industrial manpower in the light of recently announced plans to induct fathers this fall. The draft question will be the first order of business for congress when it returns on Sept. 14.

One of the major arguments of those opposed to the drafting of fathers will be the fact that nearly 10,000,000 men are in the armed services now and that there are prospects of a sharp cut in draft quotas.

There are about 7,000,000 men and women in the army. Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said yesterday that the navy, marines and coast guard now have a total personnel of 2,666,500 and during the remainder of the year will need only 154,000 more.

WLB Ruling Hit

The major target of congressional critics of the manpower program will be the War Manpower Commission's latest "work-in-warplants-or-fight" regulation. Returning congressmen reported their constituents concerned over the possible disruption of the home front which they claim will result from indiscriminate drafting of fathers who refuse or lack qualifications to work in war plants.

Rep. Pat Cannon (D. Mo.) predicted that congress would enact legislation exempting all fathers with children born prior to Dec. 8, 1941. Other responsible sources supported this conciliation with arguments that a wholesale dislocation of such a nature would create thousands of "ghost" towns, accelerate the amount of juvenile delinquency and practically wreck the already-strained civilian economy.

Cannon, author of a bill to prohibit the induction of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, insisted that the army already has more men than it can use, adding:

"The people in my district, and apparently throughout the nation, are deeply concerned over the violent disruption of family life that would result from such a tremendous dislocation on the home front. I can see no necessity for drafting fathers at this time."

Rep. Charles S. Dewey (R. Ill.) agreed with Ramspeck that all phases of manpower should be explored by congress.

"It involves all the factors which enter into the family life of a nation," he said. "A thousand and one new equations must be considered before this question is finally decided. Problems such as the care

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## ICE PICK THIEF IS AT IT AGAIN

North Side Is Menaced By Prowler; Scared From One Place.

The "ice pick" burglar menaced the North side again last night; he raised a ladder to the window of Miss Rose Pekarsky's bedroom at 2622 Central ave., cut the screen and ransacked her room. He took a purse containing \$15, her ration books and a pin valued at \$1.50.

Miss Crystal Dobbins, 1220 N. Illinois st., was awakened when she heard a prowler in her room. The man fled through a window without obtaining any loot. Police obtained fingerprints from the window sill.

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