

SOLDIER BALLOT IS LAW TONIGHT

FDR Permits Measure to Become Effective Without Signing.

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allow votes only for President, vice president, senator and representative.

Effective Tonight

The bill will become law at midnight tonight. To permit this, congress had to defer its Easter vacation, which had been scheduled to start yesterday. Both houses will hold perfunctory sessions tomorrow. If they had begun their recess before midnight tonight, the bill would have died under the "pocket veto" provisions of the constitution.

It was considered most unlikely that congress would take any further action on soldier vote legislation as urged by the President.

The President charged in his message that the bill could "fairly" be called nothing more than "a standing invitation to the several states to make it practicable for their citizens to vote."

Congress in passing the bill placed a certain responsibility on each state for action. Mr. Roosevelt said, and those in the armed forces, "who want to vote but cannot" would understand that "the congress itself shares the responsibility through the complexities of this bill."

"This bill is, in my judgment," he said, "wholly inadequate to insure to servicemen and women as far as is practically feasible the same opportunity which they would have to vote if they were at home."

Governors Canvassed

That determination will largely depend upon the extent to which the states co-operate to make the measure as effective as its provisions permit. In view of this situation, I have resolved the doubt in favor of the action taken by the congress and am permitting the bill to become law without my approval."

"No state or federal red tape should take from our young folk in the service their right to vote," Mr. Roosevelt said in appealing further for individual state action to authorize the use of federal ballots.

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Russ Advance Units Enter Passes in Sight of Hungary

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years which reported the fall of Cernauti, the Russian crossing of the upper Prut and "fluctuating fighting" in Bessarabia.)

(The Nazi party organ Voelkischer Beobachter said "streams of refugees are fleeing from threatened districts in Bessarabia, Bucovina and Moldavia into Rumania.")

Ankara advises said a group of Hungarian officers had fled westward from Budapest to gather soldiers and organize resistance against the Germans.)

(Soviet dispatches said the Russians crossed the upper Prut in a two-day battle that cost the Germans extremely heavily after Russ army units seized river crossings ahead of sizable Nazi detachments.

The Germans were reported unable to carry out their customary destruction at Cernauti because of the speed of the Soviet advance, but they left the city clogged with thousands of mines and booby traps.

(The Czechoslovak government press bureau in New York reported that the entrance of Mr. David into the gubernatorial race would cause a shifting of political groups, resulting in a final lineup of Jim Tucker and Ralph Gates vs Homer Caphael and Charles Dawson.

Mr. Gates owes his election as state chairman in 1941 to Mr. Tucker who with his cohorts had sufficient power through the auto license bureau to bring about the ouster of Chairman Arch N. Robbitt.

This bill, that responsibility is shared by the congress.

"Our boys on the battlefronts must not be denied an opportunity to vote simply because they are away from home. They are at the front fighting with their lives to defend our rights and our freedoms. We must assure them their rights and freedoms at home so that they will have a fair share in determining the kind of life to which they will return."

Prior to deciding what to do with the bill, Mr. Roosevelt canvassed governors of all the states about whether their state laws permit use of the federal ballot and if not, whether they planned to seek legislation to validate the ballots. He said in his message today that replies indicated many states have not taken action to legalize the federal ballots, and many states plan no such action.

Out of the 48 replies only seven states said definitely that they would accept the federal ballot; 18 said they would not accept it; five said they probably would; 14 promised to make an effort to legalize the federal ballot, and three were undecided.

POLES BATTLE NAZIS

LONDON, March 31 (U. P.)—The Polish government said today that Polish guerrillas and 4000 German troops supported by tanks and planes fought an all-day battle recently near Kielce in central Poland.

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AIRCRAFT LABOR CHIEF INDICTED

U. S. Jury Charges False Information Given in WLB Application.

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labor leader admitted to a house naval affairs sub-committee in November that he had once said "our policy is not to win the war at any cost. It is to win without sacrificing too many of labor's gains."

The indictment charged that De

Lorenzo stated in the affidavit filed with the civil service commission that he had never been arrested or indicted except on traffic violations, whereas he had a record of three arrests and one indictment for other causes in New York City and New Jersey.

At that time, De Lorenzo was quoted as telling the committee he had used half a dozen different names during his life, had lied on various applications, including that made the basis of the present indictment, his 1940 income tax return, his application for a job at Brewster, and his draft board

ly false.

He was re-elected president of the Brewster local, No. 365, in February, and this week was cleared by members of the union's international board of charges of election irregularities.

WILLIS TO HEAD FARM PLANK QUERY

Times Special

WASHINGTON, March 31—Senator Raymond E. Willis (R. Ind.) will go to Chicago this weekend to conduct farm hearings for the Republican national committee, he announced today.

A member of the senate agriculture committee, Senator Willis was appointed to the Republican committee by National Chairman Harrison Spangler to conduct the hearings for the purpose of drafting a farm plank for the G. O. P. 1944 platform.

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard is a farmer from Carroll county.

Crying Triplets, Quads in Tune

NEW YORK, March 31 (U. P.)—The Bachant triplets kept squalling company with the Zarief quadruplets today in an isolated corner of the nursery at the Sloane hospital for women.

The triplets were born late yesterday to Mrs. Muriel Bachant, 21, wife of Cpl. Herbert Bachant, now stationed in England, and arrived just a day after Mrs. Harry Zarief, wife of a radio violinist, gave birth to New York's first quadruplets—in the same delivery room.

The triplets were all girls, while the foursome was three girls and a boy. All were reported doing well.

AYRES A DOWNSTAIRS A STORE

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Little Fashions for a BIG Easter!

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SURPLUS OF EGGS IS PROBLEM HERE

Chain Store council, the state egg board, state poultry association, the war food administration, Purdue university's agriculture department and the farm bureau's poultry department plotted a campaign to convince the housewife that eggs are her best buy from the standpoint of food value and thrift.

The representatives also discussed an appeal to the government to hold its support price of 30 cents a dozen for eggs which would pay the farmers an adequate wage for their work.

The congestion in the egg market was attributed to these factors:

1. A shortage of cold storage space. Seventy-three per cent of the space is now filled as compared with 57 per cent in 1943.

2. Egg dryers have an adequate stock and are unable to secure sufficient egg breakers to operate at capacity.

3. Cancellation of government contracts for dried eggs. Last year the government ordered 400 million pounds of dried eggs; this year the figure is set at 185 million pounds.

4. Cancellation of chick orders, resulting in hatching eggs going on the market. Hatcheries are running 17 per cent under that of 1943 whereas a reduction of only 5 per cent was requested.

5. Holding of current receipts by grocerymen and dealers, hoping for results from price supports.

6. Reluctance of retail trade and eating places to reduce prices in line with buying prices and thus stimulate consumption.

7. Less baking by housewives due to sugar and butter rationing.

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BOYS' SPORTS COATS

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Leisure coats, corduroy sports coats and flannel sports coats in the group. Perfectly tailored, well fitting styles. A very fine value for now and Spring. Tans, browns, blues in the group. Small, medium and large sizes.

Boys' Slacks

\$5.00

Finely tailored in cashmere weave all-wool. Sturdy, well-wearing slacks for school or dress. Tans, browns, grays, blue-grays. Sizes 12 to 22.

Boys' Easter Hats, \$1.98

Snap brim, Tyrolean and pork pie styles. 96% wool. 4% rayon content. Heather, teal, blue, tan, green. Leather sweat band. Sizes 6 1/2 to 7 1/2.

Boys' Sturdy Oxfords

For Dress or School

\$3.85

Good looking shoes for growing feet! They'll take a lot of wear and tear, too! Brown elk uppers with leather or cord soles. Moccasin or tipped styles. Sizes 1 to 6, A to D widths.



DOWNSTAIRS at AYRES

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In the Right COLOR!
At the Right PRICE!

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The newest styles, the smartest colors in this group! Plenty of the new shades of gray, tan, brown and blue in 100% pure worsted. Tan, brown and teal gabardines! Single or double breasted models. Sizes 33 to 46.

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\$17.95

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