

Urge Proposed Welfare Board Choose Personnel

The legislative welfare investigation commission today recommended that the selection of welfare personnel be taken from the state personnel board and vested in a new state welfare board, the creation of which it urged last week in recommending abolition of the present state board.

Recommendations of the investigation commission, which has been studying the state welfare setup for the past two years, will be submitted to the 1945 legislature. The commission said in its report today that if the giving of merit system examinations is left in the hands of the state personnel board, that the preparation and grading of the examination papers for any category of employment should be done by the new state welfare board.

The new board would be composed of three full-time members and an executive secretary. The present board contains five members who meet monthly to confer with the welfare administrator, Thurman A. Gottschalk.

He said that, under an attorney general's opinion, the legislative commission's recommendations could be put into effect without passage of a law. The attorney general has held, he said, that it is discretionary with the state welfare board as to whether the examinations for welfare department employees shall be given by the personnel board. Up-to-date, the state welfare board has chosen to have the personnel board conduct examinations for the selection of its employees.

Recommendations Made
The legislative commission also recommended today that:
The number of rules and regulations issued by the welfare board "be radically reduced" and that when a regulation is issued it contain a definite reference to the law which warrants the issuing of the rule.
That all regulations be made available to the public the same as any law under which the citizens are bound.
That the lien provision (repealed in 1941) be restored in the welfare law in a modified form, providing for a claim against the estate of the deceased for welfare monies received which shall be preferred as against all claims other than those now preferred under the statutes of Indiana.

ARMY DAY ONE OF HARD WORK

Heads of Services Thank Their Troops for Devotion.

WASHINGTON, April 6 (U. P.).—The parades and demonstrations of former years were missing today as the growing U. S. army observed Army day—anniversary of American entry into world war I—with intensive training and preparation for the coming invasion.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall, banning the customary celebrations and public inspections, said, "The necessities of war make it inadvisable to transport and divert troops for this purpose."

"This year," said Marshall, "like any other day, April 6 will be one of hard work to carry us that much nearer to victory."

But it was also a day for soldiers and WACs at home and overseas to receive the tribute of their chiefs.

Owe Gratitude
"To every man and woman in the army," said Marshall, "we owe an increasing debt of gratitude for the fortitude and spirit with which their duties are being performed."

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson sent greetings and "my personal gratitude for your courageous and unselfish service." "The trust of America lies in your accomplishment of the great tasks which lie before you . . . you will not fail that trust," he said.

The Romantic South Seas—Knee-Deep Mud, Gunfire

LIFE, 1944-STYLE, in the romantic South seas . . . sweltering days and cold nights with rain that never stops . . . knee-deep mud that clings and hardens . . . always the sound of gunfire in the distance . . . K-rations for breakfast, dinner and supper . . .

When Mrs. Christine Pruitt, 1515 E. 62d st., asked her son, Cpl. Charles W. Paris, what it was like in the South Pacific, that was his answer.



Jack Paris Donald Summers

In the Pacific more than two years, the 23-year-old marine is with the first marine division, working on the reproduction of aerial map photography.

He had his taste of front line fighting on Guadalcanal. From there he went to New Guinea and now he's at another Pacific base.

In his letter of Feb. 10 he described the way the men lived the first few days of a "recent" week.

"You leave your boat, and step off into waist-deep water. . . The great rolling white sanded beach you have read about turns out to be a debris-riddled black sanded 10-yard strip seemingly pushed back into the ocean by a jungle so dense your visibility is limited to 20 yards."

"It starts to rain—not the gentle rain we knew back home but a deluge. It is the first time you realize there is weight to rain. It seems to beat you into the ground."

"You march to a prearranged area for bivouacking. The sand, cut by the troops which landed that morning, is a bed of mud. . . By the time you reach the area you are covered with mud from head to foot. . ."

A cartoonist's view of the high-speed activity which takes place in the bivouac area when the air raid siren sounds in the jungle night. The drawing, which Cpl. Paris said is "not exaggerated," was made by a fellow marine.

"You clear an area to set up your hammock . . . the most useful article conceived to aid men fighting in the jungles. It consists of a regular hammock with a rubber roof over the top. Mosquito netting makes it one unit. . . The whole thing is watertight and weighs about four pounds."

"You begin to notice the mosquitoes. There are droves of them. If you could hold your hand still 30 seconds, you could count 15 or 20. They simply cover you when you remain motionless."

"You sit down to eat. Your meal is K-ration. . . canned meat, biscuit, beverage, a stick of gum and four cigarettes."

"It is dark and you are tired from the strain and excitement. All this time it has been raining. Stripping off the wet and muddy clothes, you crawl into your hammock. Having left your blankets with your heavy gear in order to lighten your load and because everything you own is wet, you sleep naked. Several times during the night, you are awakened by gunfire—sometimes so fierce you wonder if your lines are going to hold."

"Reassuring yourself you drop off to sleep. Later you awaken shivering from the cold for in the early hours of the morning it gets cold even in the tropics. . . Until daybreak you spend the time in fitful sleeping. . ."

"Daylight dispels some of the anxiety and miserable feeling of the night. It is still raining and you dread getting out of the sack to pull on wet, muddy clothes. However, there is work to be done."

"After breakfast, which is another K-ration, you set out to look for your boxes of gear. The job is somewhat easier than the

proverbial looking for a needle in a haystack. Along the beach for about one and one-half miles is strung the division's gear, ton upon ton of it. Out of this mess you have 13 boxes to find.

"You eventually find them and set to work."

Keeps on Move
"For six days these conditions prevail. Wet clothes day and night, K-ration until you are sick of it. . . You would give most anything for something hot to eat."



Pvt. Charles Paris

"The straw that breaks the camel's back is that you move four times in those six days—tearing down and setting up each time. This finally ends when you reach your objective and set up permanently."

"These conditions pertain only to the administrative troops. The front line troop conditions are three times as bad. They can't set up hammocks. They must live in foxholes, often half full of water, for 15 to 20 days on end."

"Yes, indeed, this is the romantic South Seas!"

2 Brothers Serving
Mrs. Pruitt has two other sons: Pfc. Donald Summers, now on his way overseas with the infantry, and Machinist's Mate 3-c Jack Paris, who is making his eighth trip with the Atlantic fleet.

Mate Paris took part in the invasion of Sicily and the landing at Salerno. At Sicily he was at his battle station 72 hours, with only sandwiches and coffee to eat, he told his mother.

Mrs. Pruitt's husband, Capt. Harry W. Pruitt, retired this week after almost 24 years as a fireman. He was the captain at station 13 for nine years.

HULL TO ADDRESS NATION ON SUNDAY
WASHINGTON, April 6 (U. P.).—Secretary of State Cordell Hull will deliver a long heralded radio address on foreign policy next Sunday evening, it was announced today.

It will be broadcast over the entire network of the Columbia Broadcasting system from 5:30 to 6:30 p. m., Indianapolis time.

G-Men Lift Hollywood's Hoods, Hunt Butane Gadgets

HOLLYWOOD, April 6 (U. P.).—G-men put on their overalls today for a look under the hoods of some of Hollywood's fanciest automobiles—where they expected to find expensive and illegal gadgets to make them run on countrywide stove gas, without coupons "A," "B," or "C."

Lawrence W. Zonker, an automotive tinkerer, was held on charges of the war production board that he violated regulations in selling butane conversion units without priorities.

The butane gas tank, the same as used in place of natural gas in rural homes, and a 400 carburetor conversion were installed on about 600 cars in the Hollywood area, James E. Harrington, head of the justice department's war frauds unit, said.

Among the car owners he listed Bob Hope, Errol Flynn, Cary Grant, Eddie Cantor, Gary Cooper, Producers William Goetz and Leo Spitz, Barbara Hutton, richest girl in town, and Louis B. Mayer, head of M-G-M and recipient of the nation's highest salary.

Some of the asserted purchasers said they wouldn't know a butane unit if it bit them.

The FBI investigation came at the personal instigation of Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes, who toured the West recently and wanted to know why butane consumption was up to 3,000,000 gallons a year.

Driving a butane-operated car takes no more gas coupons than cooking a pot of beans, and most of the purchasers said they thought it was just as legal.

There was some doubt on that point. John H. Hamey, war production compliance chief, said it was entirely possible that buyers would be prosecuted. It wasn't clear what statute would apply in their case.

Board Kind to Hope
Zonker was accused of diverting strategic materials from the war effort.

Hope's brother Jack said the comedian investigated the butane arrangement, found it illegal, and stuck to gasoline.

"Bob uses his car to drive to all those service camp entertainments," Jack said, "and his ration board has been very good to him on that account, giving him what he needs."

Gary Cooper said he thought butane was a waste product and certainly didn't know it was illegal. If it hadn't been for the gas, he said, he couldn't have driven to work.

Goetz said he informed his ration board of the installation Feb. 8 after clearing it with Southern California headquarters.

Mayer was on a train east and not available for comment, but Grant spoke for his wife, Miss Hutton.

"The charge is ridiculous," he said. "Barbara and I are having our troubles with gas coupons just like anybody else."

Cantor said he never knew there was such a gadget and Errol Flynn concurred.

"—or rather my automobiles—run on gasoline," he said.

"Apparently somebody just thought it was about time I showed up in court again."

TIRPITZ LEFT AFIRE BY TWO RAF RAIDS
LONDON, April 6 (U. P.).—The 35,000-ton German battleship Von Tirpitz was left burning amidst after two forces of British Barracuda naval planes scored hits with heavy and medium-sized bombs as she was about to leave her anchorage in the Alten fjord of northern Norway Monday, the admiralty announced last night.

The Barracudas, escorted by fighters, took off from aircraft carriers near dawn. The first flight laid bombs near the bridge, amidships and forward. German attempts to screen the Tirpitz with smoke failed to prevent the second force from making additional hits.

The British planes encountered anti-aircraft fire from the Tirpitz and shore batteries but no enemy aircraft were sighted.

Three Barracudas and one fighter plane were lost in the action, the admiralty said.

STREETCAR SMOKER VICTOR BY A PUFF
Sgt. Alex Dunwoody, public enemy No. 1 of Indianapolis smokers, came out on the losing end today against a "streetcar" smoker.

The case of George Fisher, who was arrested Oct. 11 for smoking on a W. Washington streetcar, was discharged in circuit court this morning by Judge Earl Cox.

Mr. Fisher, 1717 Ingram st., was fined \$1 and costs in municipal court Oct. 12 but he appealed the case. At the hearing today Judge Cox ruled that Mr. Fisher intended to get off the streetcar when he lighted the cigaret and therefore should not be convicted.

Sgt. Dunwoody's score is now 10 wins, 1 loss.

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