

DISCUSS DRAFT AFTER V-E DAY

Congressmen Believe Only Boys of 18 Will Be Taken.

WASHINGTON, April 5 (U. P.).—The war department expects to draft nothing but 18-year-old boys after the collapse of Germany, it was reported in congressional circles today.

Plans for army strength after V-E day have been under discussion recently between military and congressional representatives in connection with two bills now pending in the senate.

One measure would extend the selective service act for one year beyond the present May 15 expiration date.

The other would permit resumption of enlistments in the regular United States army instead of the war-time army of the United States. It is designed to build up a regular army force that will continue in service through the period of post-war demobilization of draftees.

Only 18-Year-Olds

Discussions in connection with those two bills, in addition to general demobilization plans, have given congressional leaders the impression that the army wants only 18-year-olds after Germany is defeated. Approximately 100,000 boys turn 18 each month, of whom about 70 per cent are acceptable under present draft regulations.

"They should be enough for the replacement problem confronting us in the war against Japan," commented one member of the senate military affairs committee.

"The real job will be one of demobilization of the men already in service rather than drafting anything more than replacements."

It was pointed out that the army already has nearly 8,000,000 men in uniform.

"That's more than we can use in the Pacific war," it was said. "We haven't even got the shipping to put that many men in the Pacific."

Shift to Pacific

The navy revealed yesterday that it is lowering its calls for men through selective service and by June will be calling up only half as many as the 35,000 drafted monthly during the past year.

It is contemplated that not more than 1,000,000 men will be left in Europe as an army of occupation. An undetermined number will be demobilized under a point system on which the war department has been working. Still others seasoned in European battles will be shifted to spearhead the Pacific drive. They will be augmented by the 18-year-olds drafted as they come of age.

Congressional leaders generally believed that all men over 18 who have not been drafted before the German collapse therefore will never see service in the present war.

3 HOOSIERS AMONG PRISONERS FREED

Two Hoosier servicemen and a civilian are on today's list of liberated prisoners from the Philippines.

They are Pfc. William C. Murphy, Peru; Chief Boatswain's Mate Leslie N. Jones, Mitchell, and Muriel Gertrude Jones, Bluffton.

Pvt. Murphy and Chief Jones have arrived in San Francisco.

Campaign to Collect Old Clothes Is Planned Here



Suits, Dresses, Coats and Shoes Needed in Europe

Who in the war-torn world will wear your old suit, dress, coat, hat, shoes?

Marion county soon will be asked to donate two million pounds of clothes for the destitute people of once-occupied countries.

Basic plans for the collection were discussed yesterday by relief and civic organizations in the War Memorial building.

County participation in the United National Clothing collection has been tentatively scheduled for a one-day drive April 23.

Use Fire Stations

Mayor Tyndall has promised the use of city fire stations as collection depots which will supplement a possible curb pick-up.

Lending advice in the planning session was J. Eugene Cecil, co-ordinator of the Greater-Chicago area.

Mr. Cecil outlined the plan to be used in his district.

He urged representatives of about 65 organizations to "get out and get the clothing."

"I really felt the need of the campaign when I received reports on European conditions," he said.

People Barefooted

"In some of the once-occupied countries the people have made clothes out of paper. In Czechoslovakia the people are barefoot. That country once made more shoes per population than any in the world."

Only serviceable clothing should be donated for this cause, he said. Clothes should be clean but not necessarily have been sent for cleaning before collection.

Mr. Cecil asked that no clothing be donated that would still clothe and keep warm a person here at home.

"But give that old suit that you put away in the closet. The one you were going to have altered six months ago and instead bought a new one. The same goes for the women," he said.

Work of co-ordinating various phases of the local drive with sub-

sequent sorting, packing and shipping will be in charge of George A. Smith, local collection activities co-ordinator.

Mr. Smith has established offices in room 300, Board of Trade building. His phone is MA-5361.

The local committee is headed by former Governor Schricker with Bishop R. A. Kirchhoffer as vice chairman.

BOYS ADMIT THEFT OF 8 AUTOMOBILES

After confessing to juvenile aid authorities the theft of eight automobiles in Indianapolis and nearby towns, two teen-agers were held here today.

The youths, one 14, the other 16, told police they drove to Edinburg, Shelbyville, Boggsstown, ditching one car in the process.

NEW MEETING PLACE

Ellen Rebekah lodge will meet today in a new location, the Holiday building at 241 E. Ohio st., room 305.

TWO JAILBREAKERS STILL AT LARGE

ANDERSON, Ind., April 5 (U. P.).—Two convicts who escaped yesterday from the Madison county jail after overpowering turnkey, Perry Hoffman, still were at large today.

State police reported they had found no trace of the missing men, Danny O'Brien, 22, Elwood, and Kelso Bowers, 23, Bloomington, despite a state-wide search throughout the night.

The men attacked Hoffman, subdued him with crude weapons and freed themselves. A third man, was held by the turnkey and did not escape.

Hoffman suffered minor cuts from a knife, fashioned from a spare-rib bone and a nail, welded by the two. The convicts escaped along the Pennsylvania railroad tracks. State police halted a freight train in the vicinity last night but a search revealed no trace of the men.

C. I. O. WINS AT JASPER

WASHINGTON, April 5 (U. P.).—The national labor relations board today designated the United Furniture Workers of America, local 331 (C. I. O.) as bargaining agents for the production and maintenance workers at the Jasper Veneer Mills, Jasper, Ind.

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U. S. Casualties Exceed 900,000 for All Branches

WASHINGTON, April 5 (U. P.).—U. S. combat casualties, officially compiled and announced here, reached 892,909 today. This means that the actual total, including losses yet to be recorded in Washington, has surpassed 900,000.

Today's official figure was 20,047 greater than that announced a week ago. It included 798,383 army and 94,526 navy, marine corps and coast guard casualties.

The figures:

	Army	Navy	Totals
Killed	156,471	36,649	193,120
Wounded	486,929	42,988	529,917
Missing	88,755	10,623	99,378
Prisoners	66,226	4,266	70,494

Totals

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said at his news conference today that 187,799 dead Japanese have been counted in the Philippines.

U. S. casualties in the Philippines now total 8138 killed, 28,356 wounded and 487 missing, he said, pointing out that the ratio of Japanese counted dead to Americans killed is 23 to 1.

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Accomplishments of the council, created as a post-war planning agency, were to be discussed at a meeting today.

Mr. Cain, vice president and gen-

BAKER WILL HEAD LEGAL AID GROUP

Charles C. Baker has been elected president of the Indianapolis Legal Aid society.

Other officers are Jeremiah I. Cadick, vice president; George W. Eggleston, secretary, and William G. Davis, treasurer. New member elected to the board of directors were Herbert E. Wilson, formerly superior court judge, and William G. Davis of the law firm, Baker and Daniels.

Mr. Cadick succeeds Joseph M. Bloch and Mr. Davis succeeds Arthur C. Shea.

Following the resignation of Mr. Eggleston as general counsel, the society is operating with Herbert J. Baker, Robert P. Blehl, Perry S. Key, George M. Ober and William E. Steckler, part-time attorneys, serving as counsel.

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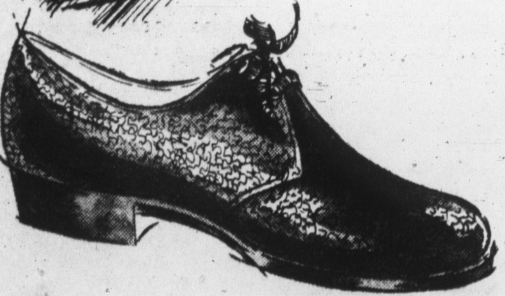
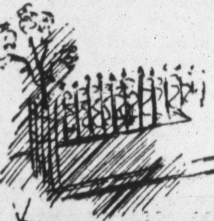
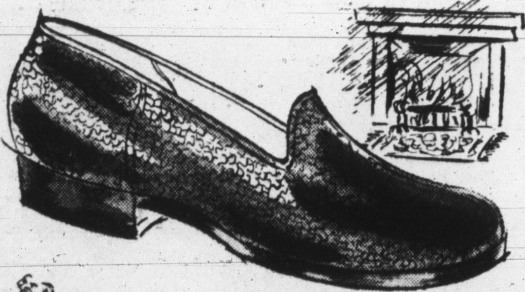
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