

Air Reserves Due for Call Early in Week

2 Million Men To Be Under Arms By End of Year

WASHINGTON, July 22 (UPI)—The Air Force is expected to start calling its Organized Reserve units to active duty early next week. The Army and Navy already have begun calling up units.

The Air Force said it may make an announcement Monday about calling up its reservists.

Indications are that present defense plans would put at least 2 million men in uniform by the end of the year. That would be one-third more than the 1,450,000 Americans under arms when the Korean war broke out June 25.

The additional men will come from the draft and Reservists, National Guard units, and volunteers.

1.5 Million Eligible

The first draft call is going to provide 20,000 men. The draft now affects only men 18 through 25, but more than 1.5 million are eligible.

Considerably more than 50,000 of the nation's 2,555,000 Reserves—including some small National Guard units—already have been called. For security reasons the Defense Department is not identifying units or disclosing the numbers affected by its reserve calls.

Here is the Reserve picture:

MARINE CORPS—All of an estimated 47,000 organized ground Reserve units have been called. For security reasons the Defense Department is not identifying units or disclosing the numbers affected by its reserve calls.

There has been no call yet for the Marine Corps' Air Reserves, although 21 squadrons will finish two weeks of summer refresher training at Cherry Point, N. C., tomorrow.

Summer training for 20 other squadrons—scheduled to start at El Toro, Cal., Aug. 5—will be canceled if the Air Reserve were called to active duty, an official said.

NAVY—At least 12 squadrons have been called up affecting about 4000 men. An unannounced number of Reserves are being called on an individual basis. The Navy has a total of 1.2 million Reserves.

ARMY—Some ground units of less than division size have been called, both from the National Guard and the Organized Army Reserves. The Army has total reserves of 932,000, of which about one-third are in the National Guard.

The Army is calling individual reserves on a "selective" basis. National Guard divisions have been kept intact for possible later calls.

AIR FORCE—In calling up individual Reservists, as needed, the Air Force has ordered its organized units and air National Guard units kept intact as far as possible so they can be called as units later.

The Air Force has about 85,000 officers and men organized into units, of which roughly half are in the National Guard. All told, there are about 400,000 Air Force Reserves.

Orphaned Robin Is 'Nixnoots' but He Endears Himself to Protectors



In robin talk, Nixnoots said, "It's a corny pose, and you'll be sorry about the way you look, but I'll do it for you."

By HENRY BUTLER

It's against the law to keep a robin in a cage. I'll go quietly, Officer, but first let me explain about Nixnoots.

When you twice rescue a cheerful little chirper from hungry rushes by a neighbor's cat, you decide you have to protect the feathered critter against a world he never made.

That's why Nixnoots spends much of his time in a cage in our kitchen, where fang and claw can't reach him. We've decided Nixnoots must be a he because the last few days at 6 a. m. he's been practicing phrases from the standard male robin aria.

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HIS BACKYARD outings for practice in flying, worm-catching, bug-eating and general nature study are always carefully supervised. Nixnoots is preparing himself for the D-Day of departure when he'll finally take off and leave us all kind of lonely.

I'd better explain his name before I tell what I know of his story. "Nixnoots" is phonetic spelling for a Pennsylvania Dutch word meaning "good for nothing." My colleague and fellow-Pennsylvanian Jim Smith, Times makeup editor, who hails from Allentown and knows the lingo, could tell you better than I what "nixnoots" implies.

Sometimes it's a term of endearment. In connection with this bird, it certainly is.

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NIXNOOTS came to us over three weeks ago. He'd fallen out of his nest, been mauled by a cat and too ardently fondled by two families of neighbor children.

He was a sad sack, an almost spherical little fluffy job, with tail feathers no longer than a movie queen's phony lashes. All he knew was how to eat, and he hadn't been doing too much of that.

My mother recalls her own experience years ago in rearing another orphan robin. You dig worms, cut 'em up and gently drop 'em into the little one's open beak.

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THE PROBLEM was finding worms. Parts of our backyard look like abandoned gold fields.

His comment on this one: "For a big enough hunk of juicy vitamins, I'll even perch on your typewriter."

We even bought night-crawlers that smelled like carbolic acid and would have given any bird but Nixnoots a fatal case of ulcers.

Moistened gobs of bread and hard-boiled egg yolk helped. But the big deal turned out to be cherries—the sweet, black ones from California. Nixnoots never tires of them. He even willingly goes back into his cage after a bug-chasing romp in the yard, if I promise him cherries.

That's something you wouldn't believe if you haven't talked with a bird. You do it by whistling through your front teeth. If you have the whistling kind of teeth, which I have,

Up in piccolo register, you go "TSEE-oo, TSEE-oo," or sometimes Rinso-quall fashion. Nixnoots imitates and adds comments of his own. He's taught me a large vocabulary, but I have only a general notion of what it all means.

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NIXNOOTS can chirp and eat at the same time. That's a feat comparable to Lily Pons singing a roulade while consuming shrimp remoulade.

But what really gets me about Nixnoots—and also sums up a lot of things that are wrong with the world—is that he's never learned anti-human prejudice. We're pals. I've cuddled and warmed him in my hands when he slipped and went too deep in the cake-pan tub bath and got soaked and shivering.

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HE'S NOT afraid, unlike the injured adult robin I tried to save last summer, but couldn't do anything with. What that fearlessness will do to his future, I wouldn't know. If you've got to be a robin, it's probably better to have all the fears robins teach their young from generation to generation.

But getting acquainted with Nixnoots has given me some notion of what St. Francis of Assisi must have experienced in his legendary friendship with birds. This momentary insight into the possibility of kindness and trust where there's usually fear and hatred is upsetting.

I'm going to miss Nixnoots when he decides it's time to leave.

Retires From Bell After 34 Years

A career of 34 years serve to the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. will end Aug. 1 with the retirement of Ralph Emerson Walde, 2207 N. LaSalle St.

A native of Salt Lake City, he began his telephone work as a clerk for the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. here in 1916. In 1926, he was transferred to Indiana Bell as an accountant.

Mr. Walde advanced through the post of supervising clerk in 1930 to payroll payment supervisor and methods accountant in 1947. He is a life member of Telephone Pioneers of America.



Sgt. York Set To Press Button On the A-Bomb

WOLF RIVER, Tenn., July 22 (UPI)—World War I hero Alvin York said today that if we fight Russia, we should do it with the atom bomb and "if they can't find anyone else to push the button, I will."

Back in fighting trim after a siege of pneumonia, the graying giant of the Argonne said American forces must win in Korea or "we'll have the Russians to fight."

But, added the 63-year-old mountaineer who captured 132 Germans by himself two years ago, if we knock the Russians out of South Korea he doesn't think the war will spread further.

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HE PREDICTED that the Reds would be put out of South Korea, "and we're going to put them out rough."

The red-haired hero, whose mustache and sideburns are now touched with gray, also believes we are far better prepared than we were at Pearl Harbor.

"We're not late at all now. Those fellows who say we're not prepared don't know what they're talking about."

Sgt. York said that if we fight Russia, "Let's start at Joseph Stalin's and go all down 'til we burn 'em all up—atomic bomb and all."

GOP SCHOOL TO MEET WASHINGTON, July 22 (UPI)—The national Republican School of Politics, designed to win elections, opens a 17-day semester in Illinois Monday.

First State War Council Tomorrow

City Has Paid Out Half Million On Annual Loans for Operation

Temporary Funds for Expenses Pose Difficult Problem for Administration

First of Two Articles

By DAVID WATSON

Indianapolis taxpayers have lost 25 miles of paved streets.

The cost of a complete new swimming pool has disappeared. The price of a new bridge in Sherman Drive north of 16th St. has vanished. Enough money to pave the thoroughfare from 16th to 21st St. has dissolved in the vapor of deficit spending.

These are jobs which city tax money spent on temporary loan interest rates could have financed.

Within the last 20 years the long fingers of deficit financing have lifted approximately \$230,426 from the wallets and purses of residents here. Since 1914, nearly half a million dollars have been

month income. Its funds are replenished at each tax collection period. During collection intervals loans are made until cash is available.

Money in Bank

Ironically, the loans are authorized during periods when the city is credited with money in the bank. But this can't be drawn for general fund emergencies. It is consigned to specific uses.

Sometimes the amount in the banks is equal to the loan needed. The city actually borrows its own money and pays interest on it. Indianapolis cannot draw depositor interest on the banked funds, however. The money is credited to checking accounts which pay no interest.

115 City Workers

The 20-year interest alone would pay 115 city employees for one year at their average rate of \$2000 annually. If collected in a lump sum it would make a substantial down payment on officialdom's dream of a new police station. It is only a few thousand short of the cost of the University Heights sewer line now under construction.

City councilmen who authorize the loans denounce the financing system as "despicable—a waste of the taxpayers' money." But there is no immediate remedy available. City financial transactions are governed by state law. Heartbreakers have been able to make temporary tax reductions.

Meanwhile, more loans are made and more money for interest is appropriated by council. Total interest fees often run as

With the city living months ahead of its income, municipal money handlers are running on an endless treadmill in their search for a financial remedy.

Tomorrow: Possible solution.

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