

Senators Reject Enlistment Curb

WASHINGTON, March 6—(AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) accused the Air Force, Navy and Marines today of "stockpiling" manpower by high pressuring youths into enlisting for four years in order to avoid the Army.

But he lost out by a 77-14 Senate vote in a move to curb the practice by reducing all the armed forces' voluntary enlistment periods to 36 months. That is the present minimum for enlistment in the Army.

Then the Senate, working toward early action on the administration's combined plan for an 18-year-old draft now and universal military training after the immediate service need is past, headed into what promised to be a slam-bang battle over the whole UM idea. The Senators may hold a night session tomorrow in an effort to get a final decision.

Hard Fight Foreseen
Meantime the House, where the universal military training and service bill is still in committee, showed signs of a hard fight of its own over the general training plan.

Simultaneously with the Senate debate there were these related developments on the military manpower front:

1. The Army called on Selective Service for 60,000 men in May, 20,000 less than it has been calling monthly since January. The May inductions will bring to 590,000 the number drafted for the Army since last year. The other services still get all their men by voluntary enlistment. Army officials said the reduced call-up represents no change of plans but was plotted weeks ago. The rate of induction is controlled by such factors as the availability of training facilities and the planned size of the Army. Unofficially the service has been estimated to reach 1,500,000 men some time this summer.

ROTC Deferments
2. Selective Service advised draft boards that only students actually selected for Reserve Officers Training Corps programs are eligible for draft deferment on that account. Aides to Selective Service director Lewis B. Hershey said the bulletin was issued because many boards mistakenly believe a College student is automatically deferred by ROTC service.

Morse, arguing for his amendment to cut the enlistment period of the Air Force, Navy and Marines down to three years, told the Senate that the recruiting drive of those services amounted to "grabbing more men than they can absorb" or train properly.

Their failure to take any men from Selective Service, he said, turns draftees into "second class service men."

He urged that they be required to get some of their men by way of the draft.

Wilson Warns Labor Leaders

KEY WEST, Fla., March 6—Defense Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson came out of a huddle with President Truman today with a warning to organized labor leaders that "nothing and nobody" will be permitted to impede defense production.

The red-faced, big, bespectacled mobilization czar told an eight-minute press conference on this naval submarine base:

"The President is in agreement with the general idea that the general mobilization program—which he approved—must go on.

"He is very much in agreement that the chances of having world peace will be advanced as we grow stronger. Nothing and nobody must interfere with that."

Truman apparently gave the former General Electric president 100 per cent backing for his decision to place manpower allocations under a "neutral body" independent of labor control.

Bridge Tournament

The recreation committee of the Hillel foundation is organizing a bridge tournament which will get under way in the near future. Anyone wishing to enter the tournament should see Howard Wolfson chairman, at the Hillel office before Friday.

Reds Strike As Allies Cross Han

TOKYO, March 7—(AP)—Red forces launched an attack on the east-central Korean front last night and early today, and Allied soldiers plunged across the Han river east of Seoul this morning, the Associated Press reported.

The Communist move was viewed by officers as the possible opening of an expected Red counter-offensive, the A.P. said. Red forces were reported to have struck "in strength" against South Korean lines north of Amidong, and first reports indicated they had penetrated Allied positions.

The Allied strike across the Han came after an artillery bombardment of the north bank, the A.P. said.

TOKYO, Wednesday, March 7 (AP)—American Second Division troops slogged forward more than a mile in a blizzard Tuesday on the trail of casualty-riddled Korean Reds retreating deeper into the mountain wilderness of east-central Korea.

Field dispatches said that while the snowstorm grounded Allied planes it helped the American troops to follow the tracks of the elusive Communists. Along the route lay the frozen bodies of "hundreds of enemy dead," killed in recent fighting.

Eighth Captures Changpyong
Farther east the U.S. Seventh Division was reported by Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, U.S. 8th army commander, to be in possession of the highway communication center of Changpyong.

A field dispatch, however, said a tank-led force that entered Changpyong Monday withdrew at nightfall. An Eighth army briefing officer reported a Seventh Division armored patrol drew stiff Communist anti-tank and mortar fire Tuesday one mile south of the town.

In the center of the United Nations line of attack Chinese Communists battled stubbornly at two road approaches to Hongchon—headquarters of the Chinese 66th army corps.

Red Parliament Meets To Talk On 1951 Budget

MOSCOW, March 6 (AP)—The Soviet Parliament met today with adoption of a 1951 budget as its chief item of business for the five-day session.

Foreign diplomats, on hand at the opening, were keenly interested in whether the defense budget, which will be presented tomorrow night by Finance Minister Arseny G. Zverev, will show a big increase.

The 1950 budget provided for total expenditures of 427,900,000,000 rubles (\$106,975,000,000 at the Soviet rate of 25 cents for the value of the ruble). The Defense budget was 79,400,000,000 rubles, up 400,000,000 rubles from 1949.

The two houses of the Supreme Soviet, the Council of Union and the Council of Nationalities, meeting separately, agreed quickly on an agenda which includes, besides the budget, the adoption of a "law for the protection of peace," election of a supreme court and the confirmation of laws passed by the presidium since the last session.

279 MORE CASUALTIES
WASHINGTON, March 6 (AP)—The Defense department today identified 279 additional casualties of the war in Korea.

The 243rd list issued since the start of hostilities reported 34 combat deaths, 211 wounded, four missing in action and 30 injured in accidents.

The borough of State College is located between the Seven mountains and the Bald Eagle mountain, in the geographical center of the state.

Opposition By Gamblers Foreseen For Penal Code

HARRISBURG, March 6—(AP)—A House lawmaker today predicted "strong opposition from gamblers" to a streamlined penal code sharply increasing gambling penalties.

The proposed penal code, which won committee approval, consolidates and modernizes Pennsylvania's entire crimes code. The committee action sent the bill to the House floor for debate and a vote.

Murray Defends RFC Hotel Loan

WASHINGTON, March 6—(AP)—Senator Murray (D-Mont.) defended today his support of a \$1,000,000 RFC loan for a Florida hotel and challenged investigating senators to make public a complete list of congressional contacts with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Publication of "all phone calls, interviews and letters" between members of Congress and the RFC, since its inception would show that his own action in the Florida case was routine, Senator Murray contended.

A Senate Banking subcommittee inquiring into alleged political influence on the lending policy of the RFC heard evidence yesterday that Murray went to bat for a loan for the Sorrento hotel of Miami Beach at a time when his son, James Murray, was acting as attorney for the hotel in loan negotiations.

Murray said in a statement today his son was a lawyer "conducting proper and ethical services for his clients." He added: "I can see no reason why, because he is my son, I should treat him any differently than I would any other lawyer."

Rep. Edwin W. Tompkins (R-Cameron), co-sponsor of the bill, said that provisions for heavily increased penalties on all forms of gambling will run into bitter opposition from gambling interests.

Lottery Fines Increased
The proposed new crimes code would increase fines for operating lotteries and gambling places from \$500 to \$1,000. It also would double gambling fines to \$1,000 and specifically names slot machines and punch boards as gambling devices.

Bookmakers would be made subject to \$1,000 in fines or two years in jail, or both. The same penalties would be imposed on anyone receiving or holding bets or wagers.

The new code would introduce for the first time in the state a double verdict method in jury trials.

That method would give juries a chance to act separately on the question of guilt and on the question of punishment. Once a jury found a person guilty of first degree murder, it would then hear arguments before fixing a penalty of life imprisonment or death.

The proposed code also raised from \$500 to \$1,000 the penalty (Continued on page eight)

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