

Mid-Atlantic States Favor Total Mobilizing For Defense Program

The following article by the Gallup Poll, fifth in a series of eight, shows the reaction of the Middle Atlantic States to the idea of total mobilization of American men and women for the war effort.

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PRINCETON, N. J., March 6.—The Middle Atlantic section, with six states comprising nearly one-fourth of the nation's total population, votes for total mobilization in a sampling plebiscite conducted by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

357 MILLION FOR ARMY CIVIL JOBS

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—A \$357,150,820 appropriations bill for the War Department's civil functions, embracing huge funds for the Panama Canal and for flood-control projects, reached Congress today with the message that the expenditures were an essential part of the nation's war effort.

The appropriations committee sent the measure to the House floor for probable action tomorrow, and simultaneously made public a transcript of testimony by Brig. Gen. Glen E. Edgerton, governor of the Panama Canal, and other officials charged with expenditure of the funds.

Canal Is Crowded
In seeking \$47,034,637 for maintenance and operation of the canal, \$56,826,800 for a third set of locks now in the process of construction, and \$2,157,000 for sanitation, Edgerton told the committee that:

"As a result of increased demands . . . practically all canal facilities are taxed beyond their safe and economical capacity and are subjected to critical and dangerous overloading at the very time that complete assurance of their dependable operation assumes the highest importance."

In addition to the Panama Canal allotments, the measure carried \$151,473,700 for general flood-control projects, \$29,954,000 for projects on the Mississippi and its tributaries, and \$3,210,000 for those on the Sacramento.

\$4,166,000 for Bonneville \$1,300,000 for hydroelectric power at the Fort Peck Dam, and \$4,166,000 at the Bonneville Dam.

\$957,531 for the United States Soldiers' Home in Washington. \$832,345 for cemeterial expenses. \$227,840 for the Alaska Communication Commission.

Maj. Gen. Reybold, chief of Army engineers, said budget estimates of \$20,629,000 for new work included these items:

Neah Bay, Wash., \$1,375,000. Lieut. Col. Miles Reber testified that authorized flood-control projects for which funds were impounded included: Tacoma, local protection project, \$129,035.

A statement showing proposed application of funds in 1943 for flood-control projects included: Mud Mountain Dam, Wash., \$200,000 for construction; Diking and Improvement District No. 4, Washington, \$42,800 for construction.

The bill failed to include \$500,000 recommended by the Budget Bureau for a long-range flood-control planning program of the Agriculture Department.

The sentry at the gate of a naval training station near Glasgow must present arms when the station's postman arrives. The mail carrier worn a Victoria Cross in the First World War. In accordance with naval regulations, a V. C. wearer must be accorded flag officer honors when he goes ashore or comes aboard.

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The survey in the Middle Atlantic states covered various aspects of the issue. The first question revealed that 80 per cent are in favor of a nation-wide registration for civilian defense and war work of all able-bodied men and women over 18 years of age.

Then the total mobilization question itself was put to voters in the following form:

"After finding out what each person can do, should the government have the power to require each citizen what to do as his part in the war effort and require him or her to do it?"

The results follow:
Mid-Atlantic Section
Yes 60%
No 33
Undecided 7
Excluding the "undecided vote" the results would be:
Vote of Those With Opinions
Yes 65%
No 35

Throughout the Middle Atlantic states the poll found that many millions of people are willing to devote time to defense work without pay.

The survey question on that subject was:
"What is the greatest number of hours a week you would be willing to spend doing defense work without pay?"

Estimated total for Middle Atlantic states, 120,000,000 hours per week.

RESULTS TO DATE ON TOTAL MOBILIZATION

	For	Against	Undecided
Philadelphia . . .	67%	29%	4%
Massachusetts . .	53	39	8
New York State . .	60	33	7
New England . . .	57	36	7
Middle Atlantic . .	60	33	7

Tomorrow—How the East Central states vote on total mobilization.

Army Selects Centers For Alien Evacuees

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—(AP)—The Army, preparing to evacuate 200,000 Japanese and others from Pacific Coast military areas, disclosed plans for establishing two main reception centers in sparsely settled portions of South-eastern California.

One center will be in the Owens River Valley, east of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and some 270 miles northeast of Los Angeles. The other will be on the eastern fringe of the California Desert, in the Parker Dam-Blythe district, alongside the Colorado River.

Lieut. Gen. J. L. De Witt of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, said the centers would be set up for "the processing and organizing of thousands of aliens and others to be excluded from military areas."

Center Limits Set
General De Witt's civilian aide on alien control, Tom C. Clark, said the evacuees would be registered at the centers and their capabilities determined before they were resettled to other places for the duration of the war. Some may stay at the processing stations.

Clark indicated that no more than 10,000 persons would be retained at a center at any one time. "The Army's plan to move Japanese to the Owens River Valley drew criticism even before it was announced. Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles termed any such move "a serious thing for the city." The Owens Valley Aqueduct, vital part of Los Angeles' water system, flows through the valley.

L. A. to Present Case
The City of Los Angeles expected to present its position in more detail before the Tolson congressional committee on defense migration and alien evacuation, which opened hearings there today.

General De Witt's announcement emphasized that so far evacuation has not been ordered. Until specific proclamations are issued it will not be required. They are expected shortly.

General De Witt said additional prohibited zones, covering areas of special military significance throughout Alaska and the eight states of the Western Defense Command, also would be announced soon.

Ketchikan Building Plans Job Awarded

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, March 6.—(UP)—Harold B. Foss, Juneau architect, was awarded a \$3,750 contract to prepare plans for a new Ketchikan fire hall and a \$5,000 contract for plans for a new school. The fees represented 5 per cent of the estimated construction costs.



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