

If You're Male, Single, Between 19 And 26, Be Prepared

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A lot of Maine's young men who think the draft is something that takes the guy on the next block are going to be proved awfully wrong.

That'll be the story because draft calls have almost doubled and will probably stay that way — or get worse — until Viet Nam becomes more tidy.

Men who are between 19

and 26 and don't have a deferment will get their "streetings." It's about as simple as that.

The draft call for Maine in September is 131 men, according to Lt. Col. Raymond J. Crosby, manpower officer for the state Selective Service Board. For comparison the August quota was 70.

Col. Crosby thinks the October figure will be even higher.

The only persons who'll get around this will be full-time students, married men and workers in agricultural or "strategic" jobs.

Col. Crosby said the high calls — the result of President Johnson's order to increase the nation's armed forces — will extend at least through January. But he also indicated it could last much longer.

Local boards in Maine already are drafting men born in April, 1945 (aged 20 and four months) and expect "to clean up 1947" by November.

This means some 19-year-olds will be called before the first of the year.

Although the age for draft registration is 18, Col. Crosby said minimum age for induction won't go below 19.

He said the state's draft

pool — men 19 to 26 not deferred — was 2,236 men at the end of June.

This includes 941 men who've been examined and qualified for service and 1,295 others who haven't been examined.

He said a good number of the men in the second group probably wouldn't qualify and wouldn't be drafted. "We have a very high rejection rate," said Col. Crosby, alluding to

the national rate of 83 per cent.

Local boards will start taking a look at married registrants. If men who were married and deferred turn out not to be married now, they'll be eligible for the draft.

If they have children, they'll be moved into the relatively safe 3A category.

Col. Crosby said Maine draft boards won't take a second

look at student deferments, although at least 13 other states will do this.

He said Selective Service headquarters in Augusta had received instructions from the Washington office and didn't intend to change its policy — at this time.

Georgia, for instance, is one state where registrants in college better watch out.

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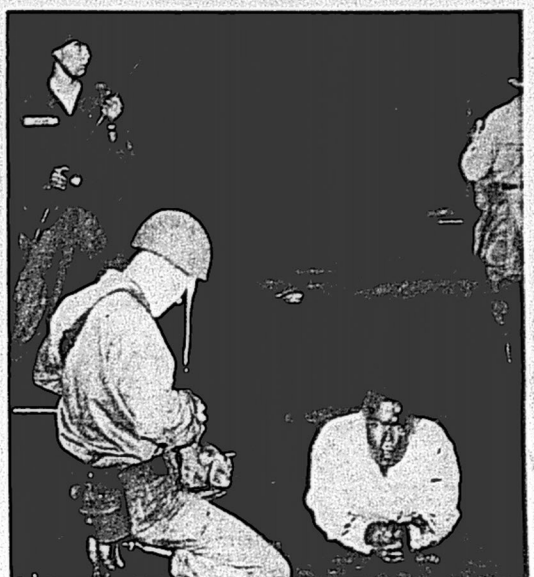
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Death In The Streets

Death overtakes two Negroes in the riot-torn streets of Los Angeles Saturday. The man fleeing in the picture above was shot to death seconds later by National Guardsmen. Defying commands to stop, he had tried to drive a car through a roadblock. He fled

from the vehicle when troops opened fire. His passenger lies mortally wounded in the street, right photo, as a Guardsman prepares to give him first aid. He was dead on arrival at a hospital. (AP Wirephoto)



Wild Riots Continue In L. A. Negro Areas

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Wild rioting continued for the fourth night in Negro sections Saturday and Sunday. National Guardsmen fought shoulder to shoulder to check it, a curfew was proclaimed.

An eight-mile fire department said there were at least eight areas of major blazes in a 22-square-mile area declared unsafe.

Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson signed a curfew proclamation ordering citizens off the streets at 8 p.m.

Meanwhile, 8,000 troops from Northern California's 42nd Infantry Division began arriving by air shuttle to reinforce troops already on duty from Southern California's 40th Armored Division. Both are guard units.

President Warns Rioting Negroes

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP) — President Johnson cautioned Negro rioters Saturday that "equal rights carry equal responsibilities" and called for an end to a spree of killing, looting and disorder in Los Angeles.

The President assailed the violence as "contrary to the best traditions of this country."

Troops in battle formation conducted sweeps aimed at driving arsonists and looters from sections where 19 men have

been killed since Friday night, most by gunshot.

At dusk, Fire Capt. William Clutterham said, after a helicopter flight over the Negro district: "There seemed to be at least eight major areas of big blazes. In each one there were groups of smaller fires that have burned or are burning dwellings. It's fantastic."

"We scooped low in several places and saw three or four young Negroes putting wood scraps against buildings and setting them afire."

"We could see their faces but we just had to watch. We were helpless. And even if our units do get to a fire it's a losing game. We can try only to keep it from spreading. We don't have a chance to extinguish them."

"For every call we answer there may be hundreds we can't take care of. There's a pall of smoke lying over South Los An-

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any racially inspired disturbance in recent times.

The affected area was bounded by the Santa Monica Freeway on the north, Alameda Street on the east, Imperial Highway on the south and Crossway Boulevard on the west.

In most of the area there was no mail delivery, no bus service. Gas and power repair crews would enter only on an emergency basis, under escort.

The curfew affects about 18 of the 22 square miles within the perimeter. Anderson said any one on the street after 8 p.m. within the area would be arrested.

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Four Months More For Navy, Marines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tens of thousands of Marines and Navy men who thought they would be returning to civilian life soon received new orders Saturday.

Stay on for four months beyond the scheduled end of enlistment terms.

This involuntary extension of active duty for enlisted men in the regular establishment was ordered by Secretary of the Navy Paul H. Nitze.

The purpose is to enable the Marines and Navy to carry on until the two services can build up more manpower under the recent presidential authorization for expansion in the nation's armed strength.

Viet Nam is one direct factor. The Marines, with about 26,000 men deployed in Viet Nam, want to keep experienced men there until trained replacements can be sent.

For this reason, the order becomes applicable in the Marine Corps almost a month earlier than the Navy.

Nitze's order says the four-scheduled service departure month extension applies to date was Sept. 15 or later are Marines on Aug. 20 to the Navy's effective.

The immediate impact will be on about 25,000 Navy men and whose terms of enlistment 12,000 Marines whose normal would have expired on Aug. 20 release from service would have or thereafter are caught in the (come between now and the new order. Navy men whose

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Picnic At Thomas Point

Today's That Big Day For Clearing House Fans

Today is Clearing House Picnic Sunday in Maine. It has been unofficially proclaimed by nearly 6,000 followers of the Portland Press Herald's Clearing House column who've already obtained tickets for their annual get-together at Thomas Point Beach, Brunswick.

Those who have not obtained tickets may do so at the entrance to Northern New England's largest picnic grounds, a 20-acre grove surrounded track nestled along New Meadows River.

With Frances A. Hapwood, Clearing House editor, as master of ceremonies, picnic activities will get under way at 9 a.m. and there'll be plenty to do and see until twilight.

In keeping with the relaxed atmosphere, entertainment will be informal. It will be provided by Clearing House fans who will sing, dance, recite, give imitations and present instrumental numbers.

In event of inclement weather the picnic will be postponed to Sunday, Aug. 29. If required, postponement announcements will be broadcast by WGAN Radio.

Explosion Kills Two At Kittery

KITTERY POINT — A man and a girl were killed instantly Saturday afternoon when an explosion exploded as he worked on a panel truck with an acetylene torch, police reported.

Acting Police Chief Alan Tucker identified the victims as Ralph Hayes, 35, of the Halsey Road, and Lois Ann Clark, 14, of the Harbor Road, who was babysitting for Hayes.

Police said it appeared the

Governor Vows To Restore Law And Order In City

NEW YORK (AP) — California Gov. Edmund G. Brown on Saturday described the bloody racial riots in Los Angeles as a "state of insurrection."

The governor, tired and haggard from an emergency flight from Europe to Kennedy Air Force port on his way to the West Coast, vowed to halt the rioting that already has taken 18 lives.

"I'm going back there and I'm going to restore law and order, period," the governor said before boarding an Air Force jet provided by President Johnson to expedite his return to California.

"We are involved in a state of insurrection there," he said.

The governor arrived by commercial jet liner from Europe after cutting short a vacation in Greece on learning of the racial disorders in Los Angeles.

On his arrival at the airport, Brown went into a hurried conference with two aides of President Johnson sent to discuss the possible use of federal assistance in quelling the disorders in Los Angeles.

He was cloistered for 35 minutes with the presidential aides.

In declining to say what had been discussed in the meeting, Brown said: "It would be improper for me to comment at this time, until I know more about the situation."

He boarded the Air Force plane and took off immediately after the meeting for California.

The governor, on his arrival in New York, appeared to be determined to "cooperate with the police authorities and obey every law of the land."

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21 Communities In Maine Experience Drought Troubles

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AUGUSTA — Twenty-one scattered Maine communities are feeling the pinch of the drought when it hurts the most — in their water supplies.

Richard F. Mason, Public Utilities Commission engineer, says there may be even more than 21. He has yet to hear from 22 communities as to the status of their water supplies.

"The Commission has received 131 replies regarding adequacy of water supply," he said. "Many of those utilities which have not reported are extremely small and many undoubtedly do not have water shortage problems."

"Twenty-one have found it necessary to institute restrictions in the use of garden hoses and lawn sprinklers," he said. "It is of interest to note that they are quite widely scattered, showing no particular geographical pattern."

Drought-bound utilities are: Belfast Water District, Bethel Water Co., Boothbay Harbor Water System, East Boothbay Water District, Franklin Water Department, Hampden Water District, Jay Village Water.

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This Week's Rain In Maine

Monday through Friday

Rainfall, in inches, as reported to the U.S. Weather Bureau in Portland by cooperating stations throughout the state:

Portland 1.01 Alfred 1.44
Rumford 1.81 Mt. Hope 3.3
Greenville 1.18 Argonneville 8.6
Augusta 2.3 West 33
Eastport 2.8 Kibbortport 1.4
Calais 3.2 Calais 3.2
Houlton 2.43 Island
York 4.8 Falls 2.31
Pysburg 3.5 Presque
Port Kent 3.0 Isle 2.1
Wilston 1.1 Lewiston 1.29
Mills 1.14 Livermore 1.53

Maine Not Likely To Face 1947 Fire Tragedy Repeat

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On Oct. 20, 1947, some 50 small forest fires smoldered passively in Maine woodlands, bogs and dumps.

All were under control. Except for their stubborn refusal to be extinguished, most gave any indication of breaking the bonds of the patrols that ringed them.

On Oct. 21 strong dry winds ranged across the state. They continued the next day and the languid embers burst into flames that lashed at firebreaks that restrained them.

The winds rose steadily reaching gale force the next day. The flames became mad-dened monsters that roared 9 were the infernos quelled. Their toll: 18 lives lost, 228,000 acres charred, 2,800 made homeless, total property loss \$30 million.

Last week's major forest fire in Washington County revived thought of those tragic, smoke and flame filled days. Many asked: Could it happen again?

Maine Forestry Commissioner Austin H. Wilkins, then supervisor of forest fire control, is the first to admit that the answer is, "Yes."

"But the chances such a disaster hitting Maine with such destructive force are many times less."

That's because starting with the lessons learned in 1947, Maine for the past 18 years has been busily honing its knowledge and techniques of forest fire fighting and assessing the equipment needed for such emergencies.

Last week's fire was the first

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