

SEEK PERMANENT HEAD OF STATE PERSONNEL BODY

Madison, Wis. —(P)— Governor Heil's personnel board, the part-time agency which lays down the rules for employment of thousands of state workers, has taken steps to remove any inference of politics in the administration of the civil service law.

Seek Permanent Director
The board, upon instructions from the governor, is looking for a permanent administrative director of the personnel bureau to put an end to comments about the setup that has prevailed for the last three years.

Since he took office in 1939 the chief executive has left affairs of the bureau in the hands of an acting director, former Chief Examiner A. J. Opstedal, who was a candidate for the permanent post. Regardless of whether this arrangement actually put the bureau under the thumb of the executive office, the governor's critics claimed that it did and such organizations as the Wisconsin League of Women Voters, which espouses the merit principle in government employment, looked upon the situation with suspicion.

Became Vacant in 1938
The directorship became vacant when A. E. Garey, first head of the bureau, resigned in 1938 and Opstedal took over. Like other jobs in the classified service the law requires that this one be filled through civil service examination. The governor makes the appointment from the three top ranking candidates. The position pays \$5,000 a year.

One civil service examination was held and three men, including Opstedal, were certified. Whether he was dissatisfied with the list or preferred the status quo, Governor Heil never said but he refrained from making an appointment.

Since the old eligibility list expires this month Heil ordered the board to conduct a new examination. It complied last week, fixed January 29 as the deadline for receiving applications and established a qualification rule so broad that it nearly eliminates anyone who even thought of having political ambitions. The board made this decision upon the recommendation of Chairman R.O. Wiperman, of Milwaukee, a Republican who was appointed by Heil.

There is a difference between the makeup of the board and the personnel administrative staff. The board comprises three members who are named by the governor with the consent of the senate. They meet about once a month to pass upon questions of policy and the director is the man who carries out their orders.

Regime Was Attacked
Garey was a former Progressive state senator. Because of his political affiliations his regime was under attack from the opposition every time the legislature met. In proposing the "no politics" rule, Wiperman said it made no difference to him what party the director belonged to but, as in the case of Garey, the Republicans and Democrats always were skeptical. Therefore all party affiliations should be banned.

The board, itself, was not sure how the new rule would work out for it was conceded that under the constitution a politician has just as much right to apply for a state job as anyone else. Until someone raises the question, however, the rule will stick.

Nation-Wide Test
The examination for director will be nation-wide in the hope that many qualified applicants will be attracted. It will be conducted by a three man committee still to be named. The Wisconsin State Employees association would like to have the selection made through promotion of someone in the state service. It advanced the argument that a \$5,000 a year salary would not be much of a lure to a competent outsider who can find better pay elsewhere.

San Diego Radio Stations Off Air for 45 Minutes

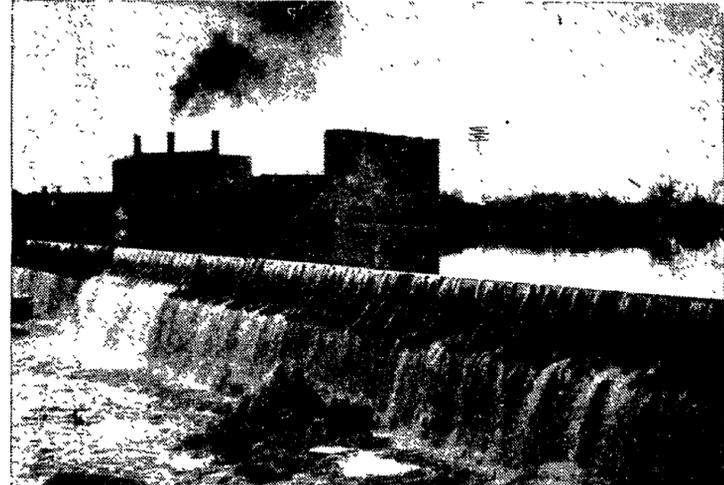
San Diego, Cal. —(P)— All San Diego radio stations were off the air for 45 minutes early today, but there was no immediate explanation of their silencing.

The fourth interceptor command ordered broadcasting to cease at 3 a. m. The order was revoked at 3:45 a. m.

While the army gave no indication that it had been an air raid alert, some observers suggested that an airplane in trouble over San Diego may have brought the action about.

The plane, a huge Consolidated B-24 bomber, made a perfect midfield landing at 6:50 a. m. (1:30 a. m., C. S. T.) after circling over the city several hours with a damaged undercarriage. Six crew members were reported to have parachuted from the ship near Bakersfield. Names of the pilot and co-pilot who landed the ship were not announced.

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BEFORE AND AFTER—Above are the views of Consolidated Water Power & Paper company's dam here—at the top, the complete concrete and steel gate barrier finished this year and below it the old timber crib spillway which was built in 1903. The spillway formed the portion of the dam now occupied by the new 1,025-foot concrete wall and gate section shown in the top picture and identified by the new, white concrete. The view of the finished dam was taken from the tower of the Wood county court house. The picture of the old spillway was taken last spring before the new construction began. It served as a cover dam for the building operations and was demolished by a Consolidated crew Sunday.

Full Rout of Hitler's Armies Just Begun, Soviet General Says

BY HENRY C. CASSIDY
With the Red Army on the Moscow Front—(Delayed)—(P)—Lieut. Gen. Vassily Ivanovich Kuznetsov, commanding the Russian army in the Klin sector northwest of Moscow, declared today that the full force pursuit of Adolf Hitler's armies had just begun.

"We still consider the Hitler army powerful, and there still are serious battles ahead," he added, "but the beginning of the rout of this entire army has been started. . . ."

Execute New Pincer
On the entire Moscow front the red army's westward surge seemed gaining momentum. The Russians executed a new pincer movement west of Volokolamsk, 65 miles northwest of Moscow, where the Nazis had made one of their most dangerous stabs toward the Soviet capital.

The Russians recaptured Yaropoletz, eight miles northwest of Volokolamsk, and continued to shove the Germans back, threatening their

begun to pursue the enemy decisively."

Break Came in November
He said the break in the Nazi advance came late in November when the Germans were repulsed at Dmitrov, barely 40 miles north of the capital and east of Klin.

Thus, he said, was frustrated the big German plan for outflanking Moscow from the north; and then began the red army's counter drive.

At Klin the Germans tried to stop the red army and wrest back the initiative, the general related. This failed, he said, when the Russians encircled the town, then captured it December 14, killing 3,000 Germans.

Scientists Recover Radium Worth \$2,500

Ashland, Wis.—(P)—A small container holding 25 milligrams of pure radium, valued at \$2,500, was reported found yesterday in ashes removed from the St. Joseph's hospital furnace.

Two scientists from the University of Minnesota recovered the vial of radium by using an electroprobe detector after the valuable metal had been lost in an operating room.

General Kuznetsov estimated that the Germans were falling back at a rate of eight to 12 miles a day in this sector.

Claim Other Towns
Also regained by the red army were the towns of Boygorod, Souvorovo, and Teryayeva-Sloboda.

General Kuznetsov, small and fair-haired, reviewed the counter-offensive in an interview with foreign correspondents at his headquarters in a log cabin in the single-street village of Nogoroye.

"Our troops," he asserted, "have

DIARY of Democracy

Central Wisconsin's People and the Second World War

ENROLLS—The Business and Professional Women's club of Wisconsin Rapids has notified Defense Officer Grant R. Jacobs that its members stand ready to give "100 per cent" cooperation to the civilian defense program here and await his instructions on service the club can render.

PUBLICITY—The U. S. army is doing its best to supply information about the boys in service to the people back home. In some army centers, each man fills out a comprehensive questionnaire and the document is then sent to the hometown newspaper indicated by the man. The questionnaire from one center leaves no stone unturned to give newspapers a "twist" for the item, as witness one question put to the new inductee: "Have you any celebrities in your family?" Surprisingly, it has occurred to none to write in answer, "Me."

HOBBIES—The questionnaire also asks the men about their hobbies, and the replies, like the men, are typical of the young-man-in-the-street to be found anywhere in the U. S. Some write, merely, "None." Many say "Athletics." One, with probably a sly dig at the business of filling out his questionnaire to be sent back home to The Tribune, made it "Newspaper work." Another said, "Taxidermy;" another, "Band."

MARYLAND—Eight central Wisconsin young men have arrived for training at the army's ordnance training center, Aberdeen proving ground, in Maryland: Alvin G. Haferman, Joseph L. Tabor, Donald E. Steuck, John A. Flick and James J. Schacht, all of Wisconsin Rapids; or rural routes; Richard P. Umhoefer, Marshfield; Kenneth R. Ball, Nekeosa, and Royce R. Humphrey, Coloma.

KENTUCKY—Transferred to the armored force replacement training center at Fort Knox, in Kentucky, following their induction into the army have been Kenneth Rogers, Alvin Jacoby and Albert Hilgers, all of Wisconsin Rapids, and Donald Morgan, Port Edwards.

LOUISIANA—Headquarters of the Third Armored Division at Camp Polk, La., announces the promotion of Corp. Wilbur J. Berard Jr., of Co. C, 36th Infantry (armored), to the rank of sergeant. Sergeant Berard is a brother of Pvt. 1st Class Edmund H. Berard, who was wounded in action in Hawaii during the Japanese attack of December 7. They are sons of Police Officer and Mrs. W. J. Berard sr.

ILLINOIS—Chanute Field: Pvt. Robert H. Meik, Wisconsin Rapids,

State Aircraft Wing to Get 500 Planes

Chicago—(P)—Seth W. Pollard, of Lannon, Wis., wing commander of the Wisconsin civil air patrol, reported to midwest headquarters that 500 aircraft would be placed at the disposal of the Wisconsin wing and that 1,500 pilots and ground workers would be enrolled. His report was made to Major Raymond J. Kelly, director of the sixth civilian defense regional office. Kelly explained that the patrol would operate to relieve army and navy flyers of as many non-combatant duties as possible.

Col. Floyd E. Evans of the army air corps will assume his duties as regional commander of the civil air patrol early this week.

Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan comprise the region to be commanded by Evans.

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