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New York (AP)—Former president Herbert Hoover's signing against a land-war with Russia brought divided congressional reaction in Washington today and the possibility he may be invited to hear on the troops-to-Europe issue. Declaring that air and sea might be America's best weapons against Russia, the 76-year-old Hoover in a radio address last night said a land war against Russia would mean "the loss of all civilization."

armed services committees begin public hearings next Thursday on the bill to permit sending American troops to Europe. A Republican member of the committee, who asked not to be identified, said he thought the point of view that Hoover has expressed "certainly should be presented." Democrats termed impractical Hoover's proposal that the country depend on air and sea might. Most Republicans who expressed an opinion agreed with Hoover on the losses

to be suffered from a land war with Russia. The former Republican president said that instead of committing land armies abroad, the U. S. should build "overwhelming air and naval power" for use against Russia if she attacks Europe. "A land offensive against the Communists," he said, "could bring no military victory, no political conclusion." It could bring catastrophe to America, he added, "with no salvation to Europe." In his second major foreign policy speech in recent weeks, Hoover urged emphasis on production of planes, ships and munitions and sending of supplies to nations "doing their utmost to defend themselves." He proposed that Chiang Kai-shek be freed "to do what he wishes to China" and that the U. S. "furnish him with munitions."

## Certain 18-Year Draft To Reach Senate Floor

Washington (AP)—The defense department proposal for drafting 18-year-olds appears certain to reach the senate floor. It was included in a bill approved last night by a 7 to 1 vote of the senate pre-arranged subcommittee. Although the measure still must pass the senate armed services committee, that step seemed certain to the seven senators who voted

for it in the subcommittee form a majority of the 13-man armed services group. The subcommittee added several restrictions and modifications to the broad plan urged by Secretary of Defense Marshall to build up the nation's fighting manpower and provide a long-term reserve. Young men of 18 have never been drafted in peacetime. And stiff opposition to the plan has developed in both the senate and house, because of many protests, especially from parents and educators. The house armed services committee is working on a similar measure with public hearings suspended for the time being.

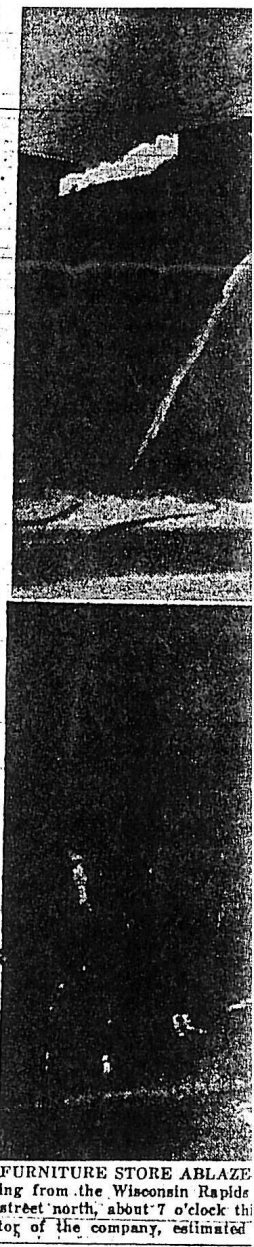
Modification Noticed His address, carried nationally over the Mutual Broadcasting system network, seemed to modify somewhat his widely debated "Gibraltar" speech of six weeks ago. But Hoover in no way repudiated his basic thesis that America should strengthen itself, and its ocean perimeters, as the safest means of averting disaster. Warns of Spending Declaring that the nation cannot sustain for long a budget of \$71.6 billions and the tax load it demands, he urged reduction of national spending "to a level we can carry over a long term of years." "The economic destruction of the U. S. is one of the means by which Stalin hopes to overcome us," he said.

## Work to Save Life of Biron Mill Employee

First aid team, using artificial respiration, was working desperately to save the life of a mill worker today, after he had had a severe electrical shock at work at the Biron division of Consolidated Water Power & Paper Company. The worker, Robert Radtke, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Radtke, 841 Tenth avenue, is an apprentice millwright at the Biron plant, where his father is employed as a millwright. According to first reports of the accident, he was repairing an electrician on the No. 1 paper machine when he came in contact with a high-voltage power line, about 11:40 a. m. A doctor and ambulance were immediately summoned from Wisconsin Rapids, and the mill's first aid team began administering artificial respiration in an attempt to revive him. He was later placed in the portable iron lung of the Wisconsin Rapids fire department. Radtke, a graduate of Lincoln High School, entered Consolidated's employ as a laboratory worker in 1949, and was transferred to

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Cpl. Kesler Killed In Action in Korea Cpl. Vernon Kesler, 22, grandson of Mrs. Rose Kesler, Route 1, was killed in action in Korea January 26, the department of defense has announced. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kesler, Marshfield, received notification of his death Friday night. Cpl. Kesler, a lifelong resident of Marshfield, entered service late in World War II, remained in the reserve after his discharge, and was recalled to active duty in 1950.



FURNITURE STORE ABLAZE  
ing from the Wisconsin Rapids street north, about 7 o'clock this morning, the fire department estimated the loss at \$100,000.

## Nepco Faces No Shutdown

# Allies at Gate

Tokyo (AP)—Allied tank-infantry columns, rolling northward on the floodtide of their 17-day Red-killing offensive, captured three big prizes around Seoul today without a firing shot. 1. They swept into the southwest industrial suburb of Yongdungpo. 2. They raced on to the big Kimpo airfield 15 miles northwest of Seoul.