REVEAL 'SUPER' RATION BOARD TO SERVE CONGRESS

Washington--(个)---Reports of a super-service special ration board, set up to supply congressmen with tires and gasoline, brought an official OPA statement today that "this service doesn't give congressmen anything they are not entitled to under regular procedure."

"It merely expedites the mechanical handling of their applications," said Luther Reid, director of rationing information.

Washington -(P)—The story of whether another row like last summei's X-caid storm was in the

Eyes On Voters

Eyes unquestionably were on the voters back home as the solons silently pondered yesterday's acknowledgement by the office of price administration that an unlisted and unpublicized "congressional service" ators and representatives only.

But it wasn't news to the congressmen, according to the OPA whose spokesmen said most of the legislators already have used the books.

The story broke late last night and as yet the congressmen had little to say, but capital speculation over the probable reaction was reminiscent of last June when protests from all over the nation flooded Washington in the wake of the news that many legislators had been granted the old unlimited gas ration X-cards.

Questions Propriety

Meanwhile, R. K. Thompson, new district OPA director, who had no connection with the special board, questioned its propriety and continued an investigation into its purposes and operation.

James D. Fitzgerald, chief clerk of the board which seemed to specialize in telephone service, said the | Work to Hard for Boys? only extra benefits it provided congressmen were familiarity with their problems and a central loca-

The telephone service was said to sergeant-at-arms who supplied sically mature enough for this work. members of the two houses with the phone number. A quick call and the legislator's gasoline ration book usually would be in the mail the same day his application was received.

"Mistake" Leads to Revelation

Although all concerned insisted that nobody but members of congress can use the board, ironically enough, it was because a legislative employe who lives in nearby Maryland last October was granted-"by mistake"—a C-card through special service that the story got around, said Thompson.

Being overruled by a mystery board they had never heard of riled the man's Maryland board members who had refused him more than a B-card. And when nobody in the OPA or the District of Columbia would admit such a board existed, they got plenty burned up and started asking questions.

Delay Orders for Soldiers' Harvest Work

Salt Lake City—(A)—The army, which last Tuesday said it would permit use of troops to pick Arizona's vital long-staple cotton crop, postponed the necessary authorization last night without explanation.

The postponement, disclosed at the headquarters of the Ninth service command, probably will mean loss of approximately 7,500 bales of the war-essential fiber, Earl Maharg, executive secretary of the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation,

In Washington war manpower commission sources said they had no knowledge of the order or of reasons for it. The war department said it had no comment beyond the Salt Lake City announcement which

said only: "The movement of troops (to the cotton fields) has been postponed." The headquarters declined to say whether the postponement was temporary or indefinite or to give any

reason for it. Approximately 15,000 acres of long-staple cotton is reported deteriorating in Arizona fields for lack

Washington -- (AP) -- Secretary of War Stimson said today postponement of aimy plans for soldiers to pick cotton in Arizona resulted from indications that "what appeared to be an emergency may

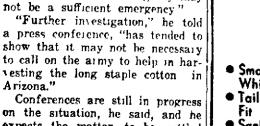
Conferences are still in progress expects the matter to be settled "very soon."

has been in the navy 19 years, is

missing in action, his parents were

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MISSING IN ACTION Potosi, Wis .-- (AP)-Chief Gunners Mate Joseph Cerrinack, who



MISSING - Ensign Connor Laird, 29, above, son of State Senator and Mrs. M. R. Laird, Marshfield, was a semi-secret, super-service special reported missing by the navy folration board-set up to supply the lowing the loss of the minesweeper congressmen with tires and gasoline on which he was serving off the -today had Washington wondering Oregon coast. He was the oldest of three brothers in the navy. SEES NO STATE

Madison, W18, -(P)- William quick-action ration board existed to Nagorsne, representative of the handle gas and tire requests of sen- Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, told the assembly welfare committee yesterday that his organization does not "anticipate a labor shortage in Wisconsin."

He expressed this view at a comspeedy special service board-with mittee hearing on a bill by Assemthe majority granted C ration blyman Sweeney (Dem-DePere) to reduce the minimum age for workers in dairy industry plants from 16 to 15 years during the war.

> Manitowoc Only Exception "We have proved conclusively to the war production board that there is no labor shortage in Milwaukee or in other parts of the state with one exception," Nagorsne said.

"That exception is in the Manitowoc area where industry is engaged in shipbuilding. And we doubt that a shortage will occur there. The job of constructing defense plants in the state is nearly done, and completion of these projects will release many more workers. These probably will take care of the Manitowoc situation."

While he advanced this argument as the principle reason for his opposition to the bill, he added that cheese factory and some other dairy jobs required a "strong back" and operate through the congressional that many boys of 15 were not phy-

> Sweeney, only person to appear in favor of the measure, said the exemption would not have been asked in "normal times."

> Besides Nagorsne opponents of the bill included Voyta Wrabetz, chairman of the state industrial commission, and representatives of various women's organizations.

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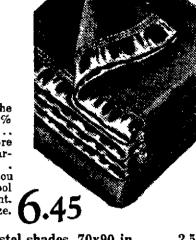
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