

ROUSING SENDOFF FOR SELECTEES

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**Lieut. Commander Craig Tells
 Local Trainees Present Con-
 flict Must be Victory.**

"If we don't do this time what we should have done in World War I, we will have another war in twenty years," Lt. Commander John R. Craig, U. S. N., told Bethlehem's contingent of selectees who left today for Fort George Meade, Md.

Addressing the group, he told them that for the first ten days they will have a tough time but after that they will be accustomed to army routine and will realize that they are part of a vast fighting force and their work is to preserve this Democracy.

"I belong on a destroyer," he concluded. "If any of you men ever happen to be part of my crew, I want you to step up and remind me that I addressed you when you left Bethlehem."

Today's sendoff to selectees surpassed anything tendered similiar groups. The reception room of the South Side municipal building, was transferred to the spacious auditorium on the third floor to accommodate the overflow crowd.

The Liberty High School Band, of 108 youthful musicians, under the leadership of their popular leader, occupied the stage and presented a program of patriotic airs prior to the start of the program.

Thousands, unable to gain admittance lined Third Street, from Taylor to New Streets, and several police officers were pressed into service to expedite the flow of vehicular traffic.

Today's audience included the draftees, parents and sweethearts, blue blooded Americans in Army and Navy uniforms, who are now on furlough, and a representative group of Bethlehemites who served their country in World War I.

Leo F. Prendergast, chairman of Local Draft Board No. 1, the host unit, opened the program with brief introductory remarks, concluding

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 by presenting Ensign Francis Pinter, one of heroes of World War 2.

Speaking to the draftees he told them they have a game to play. "All of you may not be able to carry the ball," he said, but you are part of the team, and give the opposition everything you have."

Other speakers were, including Lt. Commander Craig, Mayor Robert Pfeifle, Rev. A. James Chapman, assistant at SS. Simon and Jude Church, and Daniel L. McCarthy. The latter officiated as master of ceremonies.

The program opened with "America" and closed with the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner", played by the band. During the program the band played "God Bless America" and the audience joined in the singing of the patriotic air.

Through the courtesy of the Bethlehem Tobacco Club, all of the draftees were presented with an appreciable kit. The presentation was made by John Griffith, assisted by members of the club.

Headed by a police escort, the band and a representative group of members of Bethlehem Post No. 855, V. F. W., the selectees marched from the South Side municipal building to the railroad station.

The police escort included Motorcycle Officers Charles Gilbert and R. E. Fleming, with Sergeant Charles Walker and Officer Charles Dietrich as color bearers. The Veterans of Foreign Wars were headed by Commander W. J. Pfeifle. The color bearers were James Castle and Gilbert Kresge. Hundreds of friends of the selectees also paraded to the depot.

Hundreds lined the streets leading to the station. Store employes temporarily suspended work and many men engaged in various pursuits in the industries of the South Side dropped their tools to wave a hearty farewell to the group of young men. Hundreds assembled at the depot and groups lined the hill-to-hill bridge. While awaiting the arrival of the train the band presented a program of patriotic music.

This send-off, the most patriotic as well as inspiring, will probably be the last, according to present regulations. In the future all men called will be sent to Wilkes-Barre for the final physical examination, and in the event they are accepted, they will be sent from that point to an induction center or a camp, instead of returning as had been the custom.

walker, Charles

The following comprised the quota of Draft Board No. 1:

Edward Herbert Titus, 1620 East Fourth Street; John Evanko, 1510 East Seventh Street; Stephen Charles Gallo, 719 East Sixth Street; Charles Augustus Green, 624 Montclair Avenue; John Damiano, 1318 East Fourth Street; Theodore E. Loux, 639 Broadway; Joseph John Perez, 614 East Third Street; James W. Donofrio, 340 Franklin Street; William S. Thompson, 1116 Main Street; George J. Billetz, 741 Hayes Street; Clifford A. Lewis, 446 Pawnee Street; John Michael Trescak, 663 Atlantic Street; James Joseph Coyle, 217 Northampton Avenue; Arthur John Reven, 1409 East Sixth Street; William Charles Tonn, 822 Wyandotte Street; Frank Mihalka, 326 South New Street; Joseph Cook, 1608 East Second Street; Fred Carl Androll, 13 West Third Street; Mario Bonomo, 442 Birkel Avenue; Joseph Louis Stier, 208 Hobart Street; Frank Duh, 523 East Fifth Street; Edward Francis Igusky, 909 East Fourth Street; Emil George Howath, 530 East Fourth Street; Edward James Gottwald, 623 Ontario Street; Louis Vresk, 805 Shields Street; Charles Domyan, 213 East Third Street; Joseph Michael Rednagle, 736 Evans Street; Hyman Miller, 536 Seneca Street; Ralph Gerald De Crosta, 429 Adams Street; John Joseph Hengstenberger, 315 Buchanan Street; Joseph Francis Stadler, 1426 East Fifth Street; Julius George Ozdinec, 1503 East Sixth Street; Joseph Charles Molchan, 936 Sullivan Street; John Joseph Healey, 842 Mechanic Street; Thomas Francis Brogan, 934 East Fourth Street.

Edward Martin Muschlitz, 645 Alaska Street; Stephen William Fidunsky, 828 Hillside Avenue; Henry Charles Scheetz, 737 Laufer Avenue; Joseph Francis Keating, 701 Wyandotte Street; Joseph Morris Nest, 1272 East Third Street; James Henry Flick, 819 St. Luke's Place; Stephen Sule, 931 Evans Street; Michael A. Spisak, 711 East Sixth Street; Francis Stephen Kozo, 530 North Circle; Stephen Novak, 420 Pierce Street; Lawrence M. Kantor, 1281 East Mechanic Street; Michael Hudak, 902 Bridge Street; Louis Francis Kalman, 105 Columbia Street; John Panco, Jr., 1401 Calypso Avenue; Victor Joseph Bucko, 1448 East Fifth Street; James Gerald Long, 730 Wyandotte Street; Paul Peter Lawrence, 622 Buchanan Street; Joseph John Turek, 516 Selfridge Street; Augustine Frank Neimeister, 325 East Fifth Street; Stephen Talaber, 617 Hayes Street; Louis Stephen Cuchran, 531 Selfridge Street.

Local Board No. 2 sent the following: Charles G. Handlong, 219 West Laurel Street; Paul M. Lehman, Sun Inn; Robert R. Hartzell, 1450 Courtland Street; Frederick W. Toole, 217 East Church Street; Wilson P. Faust, 727 Wood Street; Robert S. Voorhees, 250 East Market Street.

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