

City Draft

City Draft Boards Enroll About 7100 Yesterday

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Men of All Walks of Life Between 45 and 65 Registered Under Selective Service Act

Approximately 7,100 men between the ages of 45 and 65 registered with the three Selective Service Boards in Bethlehem during the fourth registration period Monday.

At noon today only one of the three boards — Board No. 2 — had not completed tabulation of actual registrations, but it was indicated the total registered there would be about 2,200. Board No. 1 enrolled 3,634 men and Board No. 3, 1,244.

The registration period ended at 9 o'clock Monday night, after 14 hours, during which a continual stream of men poured into the registration centers.

Those who registered in the upper age bracket represented men in all walks of life — businessmen, industrialists, laborers, professional men and many who in years past have retired from their chosen fields of activity.

More than 400 volunteers aided in

taking registrations, many of them school teachers or retired school teachers. Each board worked in shifts in order to lighten the burden on the registrars.

Local Board No. 1

Registrations in the area embraced by Local Draft Board No. 1, totaled 3,634, according to available information this morning. Cards bearing the names of the registrants, together with the required information, and all paraphernalia used by the volunteer registrars on Monday, were turned over to Leo F. Prendergast, chairman of Board No. 1, and chief registrar, before 9:30 p. m.

In conjunction with the various registration precincts established by Mr. Prendergast, the Bethlehem Steel Company had a clerical force assisting in the work.

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Throughout the day, according to the returns, 378 employes of the local plant were registered at the main office.

According to the figures, the greatest number were registered at Washington Junior High School, the day's total being 615. The registrars at Bethlehem Technical High School, reported a registration of 585.

From the other registration centers the report follows: Broughal Junior High School, 528; Packer School, 526; recreation room and office of Board No. 1, South Side Municipal Building, 469; Madison School, 424; Lindbergh School, 109.

The number registered in the area referred to who will be under the jurisdiction of Board No. 1, cannot be determined until a checkup is made of all of the returns, it was announced this morning.

Many of those registered at centers on the South Side, it was pointed out, are non-residents, practically all of whom availed themselves of the opportunity afforded. These cards must be separated and eventually sent to the board in the city or town where the registrant resides. This task was started this morning.

Draft Board No. 2

One hundred and fifty registrars worked in three shifts at the three registration places set up by Draft Board No. 2. Ninety were engaged at Franklin School, 30 at Penn School and 30 at Lafayette School.

None of the more than 2,000 who registered were required to wait more than three minutes before being called to register, Draft Board officials declared.

The three places were set up for this registration in order to better accommodate those required to register and to speed up to a large extent the taking of registrations, Lloyd V. Jones, board chairman, said.

Board No. 3 Registers

All members of Local Board No. 3, which includes the west side of the city, were registrants, except Chairman Franklin Cole. Mr. Cole performed the registration task for his two colleagues, Stanley K. Weaver, secretary, and R. Fred Stahl, and Chief Clerk L. R. Drown and Appeal Agent John Diefenderfer.

Also included among the 1,244 men between 45 and 65 years registered by this board was Dr. Raymond H. Blöse, long ill, who walked unassisted into the Nitschmann Junior High School—only Board No. 3 registration center—and supplied the answers to questions on the registration cards. He was accompanied by Dr. Thomas J. Butler.

No extraordinary rush developed at any hours during the day, and the registrars, with experience gained in the previous R-Days, handled the job with ease. The last registrants signed up about 8:30 p. m. and the board had advanced far in the counting of cards by the time the place closed at 9 p. m.

The board will meet tonight in regular session in the offices in the DPA Building, Eighth Avenue.

Draft Board Members Sign on the Dotted Line



Major Franklin Cole, chairman of Selective Service Board No. 3, this city, (seated), registers his colleagues on Monday under the call for men from 45 to 65. Signing is Stanley K. Weaver and the others shown, left to right, are R. Fred Stahl, John Diefenderfer (attorney) and L. R. Drown. —Globe-Times photo

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