

12 Women to Train 5,000,000 Others for War Output

By International News Service.
 WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, Friday announced creation of a women's policy committee of 12 members to help recruit and train 5,000,000 more women workers for the war production effort.

Miss Margaret A. Hickey, St. Louis business woman, was named head of the committee.

McNutt, in announcing creation of the group, declared:

"Increasing participation of women in our all-out war production effort is essential to its success.

"War production alone employed about 1,400,000 women last December. This figure will jump to 4,500,000 by December, 1942, and will climb to 6,000,000 by the end of 1943.

"By then women will represent at least 30 per cent of the labor force employed in war production.

"Over 18,000,000 women must be gainfully employed by the end of 1943, so 5,000,000 women must be added to the total number of women now employed.

"This means that one out of every six women over 18 years of age—that are now in the labor force—will be needed and one out of every four housewives, perhaps one out of every three, between the ages of 18 and 44 will be employed."

The new women's committee, McNutt explained, will consider questions of important policy concerning the manpower commission's program for recruiting and training women workers. McNutt added that "women will be given increasing opportu-

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Veteran to Fly Mexico Route

When the eastern section of American Airlines inaugural flight to Mexico City takes off from Municipal Airport at 10 a. m. Saturday the man at the controls will be Capt. D. W. Ledbetter, a veteran of over 2,000,000 miles of flying with the company.

Captain Ledbetter, who has been with the airlines since 1929, came here two months ago from Nashville to train on the Monterey-Mexico City run and qualify for the flight. His first officer on the trip will be M. R. Jones, another veteran pilot.

The eastern section is scheduled to arrive in Fort Worth at 5:20 p. m. Friday.

It left La Guardia Field in New York a half hour late Friday morning but expected to make up the delay during the first leg of the trip, before the first stop at Washington. Other stops were scheduled for Nashville, Memphis and Dallas before the plane pauses in Fort Worth for the night.

Among passengers on the Eastern section will be Mayor La Guardia of New York City; Alexander N. Kemp, New York, president of American Airlines; Edgar M. Queeny, St. Louis, a director of the airlines, and Mayor Maurice J. Tobin, Boston.

William Holden, executive vice president of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, left here by plane Friday morning for El Paso where he will meet the western section of the inaugural flight, which left Los Angeles at 10:30 a. m. (PWT) and is scheduled to arrive in El Paso late Friday afternoon.

The passengers on the western section will spend the night at El

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paper Red Star said. It reported pilots from Egypt had joined the enemy's air squadrons, while ground troops from France were among the 25 Axis divisions assigned from a 1,000,000-man army for the assault upon Stalingrad, commercial heart of the Volga Basin and a Gateway to the Caspian.

Strategic Height Taken.

Red Army men fighting within the Don bend around Kletskaia, harassing the Axis detachments moving eastward across the Cossack steppes, occupied another village and repulsed several counter-attacks, the communique announced.

The Germans gained a strategic height in the battle for Novorossisk, Soviet naval base on the Black Sea more than 400 miles southwest of Stalingrad, by weight of superior numbers, it was announced.

Elsewhere in that sector, however, the Russians were reported to have withstood several attacks and destroyed six tanks and wiped out more than 150 Germans.

"In the Mozdok area (of the Central Caucasus) our troops fought and wiped out an enemy group which had crossed a water line," the communique said. (The Terek River flows past Mozdok and the Grozny oil fields on its way to the Caspian Sea.)

The Germans were pictured as attacking Southwestern defenses of Stalingrad ceaselessly with large forces in a narrow sector, tanks seeking to open paths for infantrymen.

Red Tanks Break Through.

"At a cost of enormous losses the Hitlerites succeeded in making a slight advance," the communique said. "In other sectors the enemy attacks were repulsed with heavy losses."

Soviet riflemen supported by tanks were declared to have broken into enemy positions above the city.

"In a fierce engagement the Red army men wiped out two companies of Hitlerites, destroyed four tanks and nine antitank guns and captured

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lied bombers at Faisi, fuel dumps were destroyed at Buka and at

Continuation of Cool Weather Here Is Forecast

The weatherman Friday pleasantly contemplated a continuation of the Autumn-like temperatures that reached here Thursday night when the thermometer dropped to 68 degrees, and there also was promise of light rains Friday night and early Saturday morning.

The minimum of 68 degrees registered early Friday morning was the lowest temperature here since Aug. 29 and, with cloudy skies, was responsible for the Fall tang in the air. Thursday with a maximum temperature of 80 degrees, was 19 degrees cooler than the same date one year ago.

Temperatures fell throughout the State Thursday. Amarillo reporting a 56-degree minimum. Borger also turned in a low of 57.

Some other minimum temperatures reported for Thursday were Lubbock 71, Houston 72, Brownsville 75, Dallas 76, El Paso 69. At Wichita Falls the temperature fell 20 degrees below normal after a 1.48-inch rain. Waco had 1.23 inches of rain, Austin .70, San Antonio .11 and Abilene 1.47.

Nazi Over Iceland Downed

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Sept. 4.—American fighter planes brought down a German Focke-Wulf bomber near Reykjavik in mid-August, it was disclosed Friday with the announcement that two American pilots had been awarded silver stars for their part in the combat.

They are Lts. Joseph Shaffer of Long Beach, Cal., and Elga Shahan of St. George, W. Va.

Thumbnail Sketches of Four Prominent Visitors Aboard American Airliner Coming Here on Brief Visit

ALEXANDER NESBITT KEMP.

Alexander N. Kemp, president of American Airlines, Inc., could qualify without difficulty as a cosmopolite. He was born in San Francisco, educated in the public schools of Oakland and began his business career with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in London in 1900. He was a junior officer in the New York branch of the same firm from 1903 to 1905, and then returned to his native city with N. W. Halsey Company, investment bankers.



This led him into the public utility field and finally into the insurance business. He was president and chairman of the board of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of Los Angeles when he was "drafted" early this year to succeed C. R. Smith as president of American Airlines. He has visited Fort Worth a number of times.

FIORIELLO HENRY LA GUARDIA.

Mayor La Guardia of New York City is equally at home riding in an airplane or on horseback. He was born in New York City, but was reared in South Dakota and Arizona military posts, where his father was an Army bandmaster. His earliest ambition was to be a jockey, but Papa La Guardia made a cornet player out of him.



In early manhood La Guardia spent several years in the diplomatic service in Europe, where his ability as a linguist served him well. Even now those who cross him are apt to "get told" in either English, Italian, German, French, Slav, Croatian or Yiddish.

He left his seat in Congress in 1917 to volunteer for the Air Corps and commanded a bombing squadron in Italy. He emerged from the war with a major's commission, a wound stripe and three medals.

EDGAR MONSANTO QUEENY

Tall, dark and handsome, Edgar M. Queeny is president of the mammoth Monsanto Chemical Company of St. Louis, whose plants in Illinois and Tennessee are operating 24 hours a day turning out vital chemicals for the Nation's war effort.



Born in St. Louis 44 years ago, Queeny graduated from Cornell University in 1917 and forthwith entered the Navy as a lieutenant. He became connected with the chemical company shortly after the close of World War I and rose rapidly from secretary to vice president and finally to the presidency in 1928.

He also is a director of American Airlines, Inc., the National Bearing Metals Corporation and the Mercantile-Commerce Bank and Trust Company of St. Louis.

MAURICE JOSEPH TOBIN

Back in 1931 just after Maurice J. Tobin was elected a member of the Boston school committee he was guest of honor at a bachelor's dinner. James M. Curley, then serving his third term as mayor of Boston, made a toast to Tobin as "a future mayor of Boston." The prophecy was fulfilled in 1938 when Tobin defeated Curley.



Tobin was only 37 at the time, the youngest mayor staid old Boston ever had. He made good on the job and was re-elected, his second four-year term starting Jan. 1 of this year. Prior to his election as mayor, Tobin served two years in the Massachusetts House.

Mayor Tobin is a native of Roxbury, Mass. He will celebrate his tenth wedding anniversary on Nov. 19. He is the father of two daughters and a son, Maurice Jr.

New Air Route

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Paso, and Holden will join them when the plane takes off Saturday morning for Monterey where the eastern and western sections will converge.

Regular daily service on the eastern and western routes will start Monday.
