

Draft Boards Told To Aid Draftees Regain Old Jobs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26. (AP)—Local draft boards have been charged by the national director with responsibility for seeing that the soldiers who soon will be leaving the army get their old jobs back.

Brigadier General Lewis B. Hershey, the director, wants each board to appoint a reemployment committeeman to make sure that the soldiers' rights are protected. The law, he pointed out yesterday, requires that the men be rehired "unless the employer's circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to do so."

Under present plans the army will return to civilian life by Christmas 200,000 men who are over 28, or married, or whose military service is held to be an economic hardship.

SALEM, Aug. 26. (AP)—Federal officials advised Jerrold Owen, state civilian defense coordinator, today that all policy matters involving civilian defense activities would be cleared through Owen's office, the officials asserting that the conflict between state and government civil defense officials has been ironed out.

Owen had complained that national civilian defense headquarters has been dealing directly with county and local defense bodies, leaving Owen in the dark as to what has been going on.

Father to Join 7 Sons in United States Navy

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 27. (AP)—Floyd Patton, who has seven sons in the U. S. navy, isn't quite sure that he has done enough for his country. So he's going to join the navy, too.

Although he is 53 years old, Admiral C. W. Nimitz, chief of the bureau of navigation, decided that he was not too old for duty. Patton was sent to San Francisco today for enlistment. Lieut. G. F. DeGrave, Portland recruiting chief, said. He probably will be placed in recruiting service.

The seven sons, Bruce, Ray, Myrno, Allen, Clarence, Marvin and Floyd, Jr., all are serving on the battleship Nevada. Another son, Wayne, nearly 17, the father said, probably will enlist soon.

More Pickers Required to Save Heavy Bean Crop

SALEM, Aug. 27. (AP)—Salem business men let their employees have the day off yesterday so they could pick beans, but the bosses suspect that many of the employees just went home and had a good day's rest.

Only 2,500 persons, including several hundred in the government's farm labor camp at West Stayton, picked beans. At least 3,000 more pickers are needed immediately.

"Any real let down in picking within the next 48 hours can cause a serious crop loss," W. H. Baillie, manager of the Salem office of the state employment service, said. The bean harvest will continue for three more weeks.

FUNNY BUSINESS



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Industrial Stride Of California Is Peril to Farming

By WALTER WARREN
SAN FRANCISCO. (AP)—Industrialization of California has gone into high gear under pressure of defense production. It was doing all right even before the defense program came along but now it is blazing down a highway with government funds.

Sober-minded observers are beginning to give thought to what sort of problems this growth of factories will raise after the boom is over. Some voices have already been raised, demanding long-range planning.

Latest official estimates of California's non-agricultural employment brought the industrial trend into focus today. M. I. Gershenson, chief statistician of the state division of labor statistics, estimated there were 1,965,000 employees in non-agricultural jobs in July.

That was an increase of 230,000 from the 1,735,000 industrial workers a year ago. Another increase this month, such as normally takes place in August, and the total may hit the 2,000,000 mark.

The increase in this army of workers this year had been more than triple the 1940 advance over 1939.

While far from a new trend, the speed of the state's factory growth has increased to a point where it is changing the industrial complexion once more, just as in the gold rush, grain era and the periods of oil and diversified farming.

Through the last decade, California industry pushed ahead as establishment of branch factories brought a quicker recovery from depression depths than in the county as a whole. By 1940, California factory employment had gone about 42 per cent ahead of 1925 figures. In the same 15 years, United States factory em-

Morale Chief



Brig. Gen. Frederick H. Osborn, above, new chief of the Army's morale division, has job of boosting spirit of the armed forces as part of two-way campaign to build the national morale.

ployment gained a shade under 8 per cent.

Over those years, while United States manufacturing wages increased some 4 per cent, California wages rose more than 45 per cent in total amount.

The present industrial effort has increased industrial employment most notably in aircraft, shipbuilding and building industries, with the metal industries crowding into the defense boom picture to hike their employment more than a third in a year.

In aircraft, the 21 California plants reporting employment to state officials had a new high record of some 86,000 workers last month. Including other companies, the figure was probably well over 100,000.

The state's official reports on aircraft plant employment have shown the worker total more than double that of a year earlier for the last 21 months.

Shipyards had around 45,000 workers last month, nearly triple the number employed by the same yards a year ago.

Needs of Defense Slow Building Of Private Homes

WASHINGTON—Private home builders are beginning to feel the pinch of defense priorities.

Contractors—in some cases scouring the jobbers' markets for builders' hardware, nails, copper gutters and piping—today were pressing the office of production management, the office of price administration and civilian supply, and their own trade associations, for some word of the future.

From Atlanta, Ga., for instance, came word that only one dealer there had any No. 8 nails and even his supply was nearly gone.

Similar situations were reported in other parts of the nation. Zinc-coated nails, needed for shingling and other weather-exposed parts of a dwelling unit, were very scarce.

OPACS and OPM advised private home builders in non-defense areas to "sit tight" while government agencies work out allocation programs to meet construction needs.

Housing authorities of the government also reported shortages and said it was difficult even for army camps to get supplies.

Defense areas come first.

What is a defense area? An official of a widely known contracting association, who declined to be quoted by name, said he and his associates, and he believed the OPM as well, had been trying to find the answer to the question.

A physician in a small defense industry town, needing a home, might well claim a priority on the grounds his house was necessary for national defense if the health of the workers was involved, said this official. A small town near an army camp might seek to build a recreation center for the troops. Would that be a piece of defense construction?

Board to Provide Funds For Civilian Defense

SALEM, Aug. 27. (AP)—The state emergency board probably will be called into session in a few days by Governor Sprague to provide funds for state civilian defense activities, Jerrold Owen, state civilian defense coordinator, said today.

The emergency board could authorize a direct emergency appropriation, or could allow Owen's office to use funds of the adjutant general's department. The legislature appropriated no civilian defense funds.

Army Cops Nab Greenberg On Charge of Speeding

FORT CUSTER, Mich., Aug. 27. (AP)—Corporal Henry Greenberg, former outfielder of the Detroit Tigers baseball team, was arrested by military police at 12:30 a. m. today for speeding inside the Fort Custer grounds.

Press relations officers at the Fort quoted the military police as saying Greenberg was driving his own car 40 miles an hour along Lickman road, where the speed limit is 25 miles.

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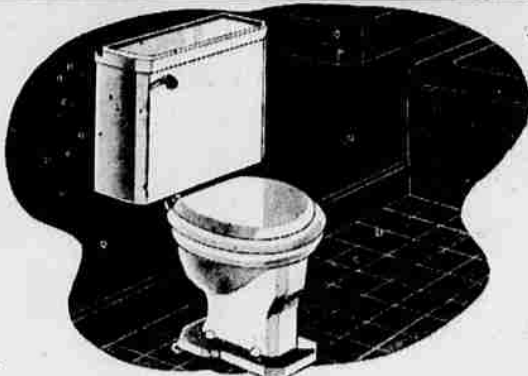
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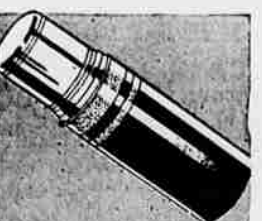


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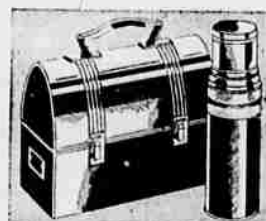
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