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Farm Relief Program

THE war manpower commission and the department of agriculture have outlined a program for the relief of American farmers. Unlike prior farm relief plans, this one has little to do with financing. It is a forward-looking program to guarantee the farmers enough help so that they can feed us, our allies, and the famished victims of axis occupation, once we have begun to free these last.

Generally speaking, the idea depends on a fulltime mobile army of experienced farm workers which can be moved around the country at federal expense to supplement local manpower as crops mature.

A Washington commentator explains that the plan contemplates moving experienced farmers from substandard acreage where their effort is largely wasted; training farmers to use available manpower to the best advantage; expanding employment service placement machinery so as to move available help where it will do the most good; and, in crop seasons, to mobilize local volunteer groups in temporary crises.

These things, the planners believe, will be impossible unless farm wages are raised so as to compete better against the lure of industrial pay scales.

Certainly the whole scheme may collapse unless the 48 states are induced to revoke or suspend those statutes adopted originally to protect their wage-earners against competition from outsiders—that would make impossible the complete mobility upon which the new farm relief plan depends.

As War Manpower Chairman Paul McNutt announces the overall plan, it seems to be a thoroughly intelligent approach to a most vexatious and potentially dangerous problem.

Many ideas just as promising as this one have flopped because nobody did anything to effectuate them. Others have failed because too many persons did too much, all different. This led to chaos.

The farm manpower relief outline does credit to Commissioner McNutt as a practical planner. Now it remains to be seen how good the Hoosier will prove as an administrator.

Meanwhile the farmers themselves have an immediate job. Mr. McNutt cannot succeed unless the legislatures of most states cooperate by relaxing crippling legal barriers to labor mobility.

The farmers have much influence in state legislatures. For their own sakes, and for the sake of mankind as a whole, that influence should be used to force through necessary statutory revisions. Another year will be too late.

Editorials on News

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slight extent the hardships that are being endured by their men at the fighting fronts.

To them sharing hardships with their men (even in principle) will be a privilege.

Also, a suggestion: Polish up your spade and your hoe and begin to make plans for your 1943 garden.

THE Russians moving southward along the Rostov railroad are reported to be only 45 miles from a junction with their comrades moving westward along the railroad from Stalingrad to Likhaya. (See map.)

The junction (if and when it

occurs) will be less than 100 miles from Rostov.

If the Russians should drive on through to Rostov, the sea of Azov and the Black sea will be the only remaining lines for reinforcement and supply of the Germans (estimated at a million) in southern Russia. If the Russians should charge on and cut the Khar'kov-Crimea railroad, the Germans would be reduced to the Black sea alone as an avenue of reinforcement and supply.

Your map will explain this possibility.

A Russian fleet is still operating in the Black sea, with bases (including an oil pipeline from the Caucasus fields) at and near Batum.

Allied land-based planes would also harry the Germans' Black sea communication lines as U. S. and Australian planes are now harrying the Japs in the Solomons.

THESE chickens, remember, haven't yet been hatched. But the eggs are in the nest and the hen is sitting on them. Everything depends on Russia's striking power.)

ROMMEL is reported to have reached the Misurata defile. (He was reported there several days ago, but the report was evidently premature.) At this point, his flanks will be protected on one side by salt marshes and on the other by the sea. Good water is available at the eastern end of the defile.

Will he stand and fight? Or will he run for Tripoli? Time will tell.

MUD and pouring rain hold both sides more or less inactive in northern Tunisia, but the French are reported to be baiting their way toward the coast at Sousse to cut off Rommel if he elects to try to go on to Tunis.

DE GAULLE is reported to be headed for Washington to sell his blueprint for a new French government to FDR and then on to Africa to sell it to Giraud. His plan is said to include the creation of a new French government at Algiers. He personally is said to be interested chiefly in a MILITARY post.

All of us are hoping the French can get together without a fatal political ruckus.

OUR men are reported to be steadily smashing the last Jap defense lines on the Buna beaches. Our planes are raiding the Jap base at Rabaul and sinking Jap supply ships.

The Japs are reduced to dropping supplies BY PARACHUTE to their men on Guadalcanal.

THE situation at the moment looks exceedingly good on all fronts. But don't get the idea the war is about over. The war won't be over until the Japs and the Germans are licked. They aren't licked yet.

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(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Johnson Family.
4:30—Confidentially Yours.
4:45—Paul Decker's Orchestra.
5:00—Lost We Forget.
5:15—Hawaiian Melodies.
5:30—Jamboree.
6:00—Dinner Concert.
6:20—Copco News.
6:25—Interlude.
6:30—Curtain America.
6:45—Teaster's Council.
7:00—Raymond Clapper, White Owl.
7:15—Meylan Sisters, Swans-down.
7:30—1942 in Review.
8:30—Pass in Review.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Round Up in the Sky, E. G. High, Insurance.
9:30—Blue Baron's Orchestra.
9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:00—News Bulletins.
10:02—Sign Off.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
6:45—Eye Opener.
7:00—News, L. A. Soap Co.
7:15—Happy Johnny, Black Drug Co.
7:30—News Bulletins.
7:33—State and Local News, Boring Optical.
7:40—Rhapsody in Wax.
7:40—Breakfast Club.
8:30—President's Press Conference.
8:35—Yankee House Party.
9:00—Booker Carter.
9:15—Man About Town.
9:35—Norwegian New Year's Day.
9:45—Musical Interlude.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Music Box.
10:30—News Bulletins, Am. Home Products.
10:35—Strictly Personal.
10:45—Len Salvo, Organist

OUT OUR WAY



By J. R. Williams

Concerning the NORTHWEST As Viewed at the National Capital

By John W. Kelly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—It has never been discovered why war production board ordered concrete for floors when there was an ample supply of fir flooring in sawmill yards of the Pacific northwest. WPB, for some unknown reason, insisted on the use of concrete, which warmed the hearts of cement manufacturers. Very recently a northwest mill had an order for 150,000,000 feet of Douglas fir flooring for a government contract. Just as delivery was about to start someone in WPB issued an order that concrete be used and the 150,000,000 feet of flooring is still on the dock at the mill.

This thing has been going on for some time. Members of the congressional delegation made a protest; asked the whyness of the concrete and the exclusion of lumber in a land of lumber. Now WPB has waived the order for the Pacific coast from the Rocky mountains to the sea, and government housing and building may use siding and floor material from the sawmills.

In passing, it may be observed that the forest service informs western members of congress that cutting timber for war purposes, where everything is slapping, is very destructive. The forest service estimates that the destructiveness amounts to 75 per cent. This statement by the service may be challenged by the timber operators.

Fuel Oil Under Quiz
Those residents of Washington and Oregon who use fuel oil in their heating plants had a narrow escape from being rationed. The danger is not entirely passed, but that area will probably now get by without further annoyance from the government. A questionnaire will be sent to those with oil burning plants asking for certain information, but it will not be a complicated form. The questionnaire is issued "in case" and will provide the oil administration with statistics in the event there is such a shortage as to require rationing. Rationing in the east has been carried to such an extreme that many householders are without heat in the coldest weather experienced in December for many years.

Small Colleges Hit
There is much confusion over the army and navy plan for college education and it will not be clarified until Paul McNutt, manpower commissioner, gives his report to the press after consulting school heads. (Members of congress have been notified that they will learn of the program after the press has been advised—in short, they can read it in the papers.) Only 200 schools are to be used tentatively and in this limited number will be University of Washington, Washington State at Pullman, University of Oregon at Eugene, and Oregon State at Corvallis. The many smaller colleges in the northwest, according to grapevine information, will not be used.

Under the army-navy program only the largest schools will have their facilities contracted for. Throughout the northwest and the nation are hundreds of small colleges which have never attempted to compete with Harvard or Princeton in number of students but whose standards of scholarship are high. They are not endowed, have existed on the tuition paid. These are the schools which will be caught in the squeeze. Their students are in the 18-19 age, subject to selective service. What with losing students to the draft and army and navy declining to accept their facilities to train approximately 250,000 teenagers, the future of the small college, for the duration, is dark. The brass hats admit that their plan will disrupt the course of education for several years.

Out of the available trainees army and navy will select the best for physicians, engineers, scientists, and provide for their education. It will cost students nothing. Students now taking these professional courses will continue under the army-navy plan. And while these preparations are being made the army is full of university graduates who have been pressed into service as privates and given no opportunity to try for officers' training schools.

Better Social Security
Early in the coming year the administration is preparing to submit to congress an over-all social security program calculated to provide security for everyone from the cradle to the grave, as the measure has been explained. It would start with the opportunity being given the individual to insure a child from the time it is born until it reaches the work age. It would provide unemployment insurance, insurance for occupational diseases, insurance for medical treatment, etc. When and if the program is adopted it will be held forth to all the united nations as a model for them. The proposal goes far beyond anything that has yet been undertaken in the United States. Taxes, of course, are expected to take care of the cost.

At the Rose Today



Johnny Mack Brown gives renegades the "once over" with Helen Devereil in "Boss of Hangtown Mesa," which opens a 3-day run today at the Rose theatre in conjunction with "DANGER IN THE PACIFIC," starring Don Terry and Leo Carrillo.

Elkton

EIKTON, Dec. 31 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Briggs have moved to Oakland. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs lived in the Norwood Miller house.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowman have moved in the house where the Floyd McMichael family lived. Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith are moving in the house where Mr. and Mrs. Bowman lived.

Mrs. Ella Benley, who has been ill, is better.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wader and Terry came from Vancouver, Wash. to spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. Mabel Plunder, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bossen, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pontius and family, of Albany; Miss Faye Bossen, Loyal Bossen, and Royal Bossen, of Eugene, were also there for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lister and Joanne have returned from Knights Landing, California where Mr. Lister had been working. The Lister family went to Lakeside to spend the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cox.

Mrs. R. R. Wells is at Willard with the Melvin Palmer family caring for Mrs. Palmer and children, who have the measles.

The J. W. Gorman family went to Portland for Christmas.

Miss Vera Haines came from Portland to spend Christmas at the Joseph Hudson home.

Mrs. Grace Sawyers, who teaches school, was home over the holidays.

Mrs. A. R. Andrews and Alton Andrews came home from Portland for the holidays. Miss Aveland Andrews came from Medford to be with her folks. Miss Andrews works at Camp White.

Noble Martin went to Eugene to spend the holidays.

LeRoy Morganti, who is in the service, came home for a day a few days before Christmas and became ill and could not go back when he was supposed to.

Lawrence Thomas, who is attending school in Eugene, is home for the holidays.

Sunday morning the Sunday schools of the church of Elkton put on Christmas programs. Sunday evening the young people of the Church of Christ gave a program which was much enjoyed. Friday evening at the new grade school the pupils gave a Christmas program after which candy and nuts were passed to the children. The last afternoon of school before vacation the schools had a free and exchanging of presents.

Miss Mary Wells has gone to Cottage Grove to visit Mrs. Elsie Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Thor Jensen and Jon Jensen came from North Bend to spend the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Slagle

PRESIDENT'S FIGHTING SON

Answer to Previous Puzzle (abbr.).

1.6 Pictured son of U. S. President.

14 Angry.

15 Epistle (abbr.).

16 Wander.

17 Beverage.

18 Contend with.

20 Court (abbr.).

21 Atmosphere.

22 Merry.

23 Legal claim.

24 Steal.

26 District Attorney (abbr.).

27 Half an em.

28 Saturated.

29 Railroad station.

31 Cushions.

32 Adapted.

33 Hue.

35 Alms.

36 Vigor (colloq.).

37 Fun.

38 Labor.

39 Remote.

40 Fortitude.

42 Corpulent.

43 Join by an alliance.

44 Father.

45 That one.

46 Arabian.

47 Trick.

48 Exclamation.

49 Love to excess.

50 Office of War Information (abbr.).

51 Music note.

52 Part of "be."

53 Black bird.

55 Stage play.

56 That place.

1 Type of mast.

2 Pertaining to Arius.

3 Numerous.

4 And (Latin).

5 Keep apart.

6 Drive back.

7 Unclosed.

8 Hidden.

9 Bar by stop-

10 "Green Moun-

tain State" of surprise.

(abbr.).

11 Age.

12 Placed.

13 Oppressor.

19 Lubricants.

25 Plant science.

28 Autumn.

29 Obscure.

30 Particular period.

31 Hawaiian food.

32 Evergreen tree.

34 Compass point.

35 Accomplish.

36 Huge tub.

37 He took part in the islands raid.

39 He is a U. S. officer.

40 Level.

41 He is a U. S. officer.

42 Narrow sea inlet.

43 Fragrance.

44 Energy.

46 First man.

47 Bird.

54 Exclamation of surprise.

Trade Pacts Face Battle In Congress

Renewal of Authority To President Opposed on Claim of Past "Abuse"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Reports that President Roosevelt would ask congress soon to renew his authority to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements with foreign countries brought predictions from republicans today that the request would touch off one of the bitterest fights of the 78th congress.

The authority, under which agreements have been entered into with 25 nations, first was granted in 1934 for a three-year period and was extended for additional three-year periods in 1937 and 1940. The current authority expires next June 12.

Republicans generally have opposed the power but, greatly outnumbered, have fought a losing fight. Now with their increased strength in the new house, they expect to be able, with the aid of some democrats, to block any further extension.

"The trade agreements represent the sum total of the new deal run wild," commented Representative Gearhart (R-Calif.), a member of the ways and means committee which handled the legislation in the past.

"The power granted him under the original act has been abused and continues to be abused," he said. "The trade agreement authority has been used as a means of horizontally lowering the tariff. There will be a great clash with the executive department over renewal of the authority."

Gearhart charged the administration had been "selling American businessmen and farmers down the river for political favors from foreign nations."

Duration Moot Point

The president's request, it was reported, would emphasize the necessity for continuing the authority beyond the war period to protect the post-war economic structure.

A state department spokesman said that should congress refuse to renew the president's power the agreements already in existence would not be affected because they have the status of treaties which cannot be abrogated by statute.

Gearhart disputed this contention, asserting the agreements would cease to be effective if congress enacted legislation declaring them terminated.

The agreements, which cover approximately 60 per cent of the United States' normal foreign trade, are with Cuba, Canada, Brazil, Belgium, Haiti, Sweden, Colombia, Honduras, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Nicaragua, Guatemala, France, Finland, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, the United Kingdom, Uruguay, Turkey, Venezuela, Argentina, Peru and Mexico.

In process of negotiation are agreements with Bolivia, Iceland and Iran.

Georgia, UCLA Elevens Set for Rose Bowl Game

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 31.—(AP)—If the Georgia-UCLA football skirmish tomorrow isn't one of the most exciting in the hallowed history of the Rose Bowl 93,000 persons will feel they have been misled.

Coaches, players and the sideline observers are agreed it shapes up as a battle of powerful attacks. There is strong likelihood the game will turn into a free scoring affair and those inclined to view it as such also regard Georgia as the winner.

The minority stringing along with Bruins generally places its faith in a fast and durable line and the pitching and punting prowess of Bob Waterfield, who led the coast in both departments.

Waterfield throws accurately and probably will give the bulldogs a lot of trouble, especially if the UCLA ends and backs ever succeed in shaking the Georgia secondary. Georgia's pass defense, however, seems to be about as effective as its aerial attack, judged strictly on the records.

EAST SEEKS FIRST WIN OVER WEST IN 5 YEARS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Western college all-stars brushed up their pass defense to a fine point today as the East put the finishing touches on the aerial strategy it will exhibit tomorrow in a crowd of 60,000 or so tomorrow in the Shrine's eighteenth annual East-West football game.

It became increasingly evident that the Easterners were depending in great measure on the punting prowess of Paul Gorenall of Columbia. Steve Filipowicz of Fordham, Bert Stiff of Penn and Bill Daley of Minnesota in sec-

News of Men From Douglas County In War Service

Louis Franco of Roseburg, aviation machinist's mate third class, now is located in Honolulu, according to word received here by relatives. Franco reports that he is receiving the News-Review regularly and greatly enjoys the news from his home town.

Corporal Leo D. Boyle, son of Mrs. Charles Spain of Roseburg, was a member of a battalion of paratroopers training at Toocoo, Georgia, who recently set a hiking record of 115 miles in three days. The tough troopers carried full packs, including machine guns, trench mortars and rifles, as they hiked through fog, sleet, rain and hail and across soggy fields. Such was their physical condition that not one man dropped out of line and they finished the last mile at double time. Mrs. Spain also has a son, Cadet Stanley E. Boyle, in training at Nashville, Tenn. He has been in service for two years, starting as an aviation mechanic and now in training as a pilot. The brothers are both graduates of Roseburg high school.

ing their first win over the West since 1937.

The West was armed with an array of tricky ground plays, some from the T-formation and built around its apparent edge in ground power.

Coach Hollinberry of the West conceded that the East has better backfield balance, power, speed, passing and punting, "but then," he added, "they always do look better—but who wins the ball games?"

The West has, the last four times, and in each case the East was the favorite just as it is today.

Ortiz Favored to Defeat Lindsay

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Manuel Ortiz, California Mexican, stakes his National Boxing association bantamweight championship here tomorrow night in a 10-round dispute with Kea Lindsay of Vancouver, B. C. Lindsay is Canadian champion and a cadet of the Royal Canadian air force.

Odds favored Ortiz by