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Food Supplies, Save Fats, Oils, Held Adequate

By The Associated Press
The Agriculture department said today prospective civilian food supplies this year will be more than adequate in all parts of the nation to meet essential needs.

Per capita supplies of all foods, the department reported, are expected to be from two to four per cent above average consumption in three pre-war years. However, they will be from five to seven per cent below 1944 consumption.

At the same time the Republican congressional food study committee declared "a serious and critical situation with reference to fats and oils is now facing the American people."

Fats and oils including such everyday commodities as lard, butter, shortening, soap and many other household products.

The committee in a report cited Agriculture department figures that 1945 butter production will be 23 per cent below 1941, lard output 28 per cent less than last year and edible tallow 16 per cent less than in 1941.

Hog Production Down
Asserting the OPA refused to recognize the price relationship between corn and hogs, the committee said hog production has decreased, adding: "Lard cannot be produced without hogs."

"Likewise," the report went on, "the OPA's failure to rectify inane policies on cattle force feed operators out of business, reduced the tallow supply to a dangerous low level, and placed a greater demand on other critically low fat and oil supplies."

Shortage of lard also is causing a serious shortage of laundry soap, the committee said, adding: "Because our federal food authorities failed at the outset to coordinate our own policy and build up supplies from every possible source, our own stocks have reached a low level in trying to meet foreign demands. Our public officials continue to commit the United States to furnish fats and oils, making the domestic situation much worse."

Situation Spotty
Meanwhile, an Associated Press survey of changing food supply conditions over the nation brought reports from Columbia, S. C., that rice is becoming critically short at trade levels and fats and oils very scarce.

At Pittsburgh, the War Food administration reported the egg situation better and butter in fairly good supply.

In Chicago, more homegrown vegetables at lower prices were available.

Charlotte reported the meat situation in North Carolina acute with beef practically unobtainable. Canned fruits and vegetables were almost off the market in many places and poultry was very scarce.

OPA Blundering in Meat Policy Rapped by Cordon

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packers could obtain a profit. Those that could turn to processing were able to remain in business. Those who lacked processing facilities were forced to quit. Small slaughterers all over the nation have ceased operation.

Black Market Reverts
"On the other hand, the man who produces must sell for a sufficient price to pay his overhead. If the regular outlet is substantially closed, it is obvious that he will sell his product to anyone who can buy it. The only one who can buy it is the man who is dealing outside the law. OPA's impossible regulations forced the black market into operation until today there are almost as many 'meateggers' as there used to be customers."

"The senate agricultural com-

mittee made a careful study of meat conditions. We called in producers, feed lot operators, slaughterers, processors, packers, retailers and representatives of all other departments of the industry. As usual, OPA, with its ordinate pride in its own creation, but recognizing it had to do something, did just as little as it thought it could get by with. We forced some concessions demanded by public opinion, but the relief will be only partial and will not come until late fall.

"The real answer is to get some common sense at all levels in the OPA."

Wildlife Safety Sought

Senator Cordon is particularly hard at work in Washington upon the protection of the West's wildlife and water resources.

He was one of the chief leaders in a policy clause now being written into all rivers and harbors and flood control bills giving domestic water use priority over all other purposes in western states.

Water for domestic use, irrigation and mining, under this policy imposed upon army engineers, reclamation service and other departments, takes precedence over flood control, power development, etc.

Senator Cordon has introduced S-924, which provides that prior to any federal or private construction under federal license, involving impoundment of water, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service must be consulted as to the effect of the proposed construction on fish and game in the area affected by the project. The bill requires that the recommendations of the Fish and Wildlife service must be incorporated in any reports submitted to congress in connection with the projects.

This bill is of great importance to the state of Oregon, according to leading conservationists, who are giving endorsement, because of plans for extensive postwar hydroelectric and flood control projects which would fill principal streams with high dams.

Tax System Probers Split on Expert Aid

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The committee will report to the 1947 legislature.

Snell Stresses Urgency
"You have an opportunity to render the state real service," the governor said. "Some people say the state's tax structure needs a complete overhauling. Some say it should be amended here and there. Some say the state's taxes retard industrial development. This commission must investigate all these things."

"There is an increasing demand by political subdivisions of the state for more state support. The cities, school districts and counties all say they must have more state money. The trend is so much in that direction that it deserves the serious consideration of this commission."

The commission decided to meet the third Monday of each month, and the first meetings will be held in Salem. Later, the commission will decide whether to meet in other sections of the state.

The commission elected a committee of three to report on employment of an executive secretary. Members of this committee are State Tax Commissioner Charles V. Galloway, Harvey Black of Portland, and Speaker of the House Eugene E. Marsh, McMinnville.

Housecleaning Dodged Via War Bond Auction

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and Sam Shoemaker. Lions club "victims" are Phil Harth, Forrest Loece and Bruce Elliott. Successful bidders may name the jobs the purchased man is to perform.

In addition to the auction, the Kiwanis program included a talk by Stanley L. Kidder, who recounted some of his experiences while held as a prisoner of war in the Santa Tomas prison camp in Manila.

Olympians Defeat Elks, Sutherlin Downs Dunham's

Softball fans saw two tight games at Finlay field last night as Olympia Supply won from the Elks club 9 to 8 and Sutherlin beat Dunham's 9 to 6.

Olympia Supply, as a result of walks and errors, pushed over 4 runs in the first inning, added one each in the third and fourth, and put on a 4-hit spree in the seventh, good for three runs.

The Elks were late in getting started, but connected for four hits in the third to push over one run, and gathered three runs in the seventh, on one hit and a flock of errors.

Sutherlin's scoring was confined to two innings—four runs in the first on as many hits, and five runs in the fifth on three hits and a couple of errors. Dunham's scored one in the first, two in the third and three in the fourth, but was limited to one hit and no runs in the last three innings. Hits were even, nine each.

Summary:

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Salmon Take Increasing

ST. HELENS, Ore., June 20 — (AP)—An increase in the salmon catch, with receiving stations taking in more than 1500 pounds daily has marked the continued fall of the Columbia river, fishermen said today.

Gill net fishermen predicted an even heavier take as the river falls lower and said the salmon may be starting the run upstream.

Youth Snatches \$1,000 From Portland Bank

PORTLAND, June 20 — (AP)—Police today sought a teen-age boy who late yesterday snatched \$1,000 from a teller's window in

the downtown First National bank and disappeared into street crowds.

Three girl tellers described the youth as about 16 years old. They

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Okinawa Japs Leap to Death or Surrender

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cans, including some high ranking officers.

Many fled to white coral cliffs at the southern shore. Some leaped into the surf. Others, seeing their comrades wiped out by rocket-firing LCIs, used as gunboats close ashore, signaled a desire to surrender.

Tanks of the 96th division were reported having a field day burning Japanese out of caves. Some Nipponese were infiltrating to American command posts.

Miyako Island Next

A hundred transports were concentrated, Tokyo said, at U. S. island bases near Okinawa, while two task forces, including five carriers and four battleships, moved toward Miyako island in the almost daily raided Sakishima group.

Tokyo also reported allied minelayers were sweeping a channel off Balikpapan, south Pacific oil center, for a third Australian invasion of Borneo.

These reports were without confirmation. In an announced American naval activity a destroyer shelled and sank three Japanese vessels in the Bonin islands, between Iwo Jima and Tokyo, while other surface ships joined air forces in bombarding by-passed Jaluit island in the Marshalls.

American ground forces in the northern Philippines advanced so rapidly it appeared the enemy might not have a chance to organize for the long-expected major battles of Cagayan valley. Hundreds of Nipponese surrendered to rear-guard mop up forces.

Maj. Gen. William C. Chase reported his 38th division has killed so many Japanese in the bamboo forests of Manila's Marikina watershed that the stench of death

was inescapable even when flying over the area.

Chinese Driven Back

Japanese columns launched a successful two-pronged offensive up the Hoihong (Liuchow) peninsula of southeast China. Approximately 220 miles to the northwest Chungking reported Chinese columns have driven to within six miles of Liuchow and three miles from the former U. S. Liuchow airbase.

The enemy's Domesel news agency reported Chinese troops fled from a surprise enveloping attack up Hoihong peninsula, losing more than 1,300 men, "large quantities of military supplies," and army bases from which the Chinese planned an offensive of their own.

Fire Bombs Rained on Three Japanese Cities

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the fires at Shizuoka raged at least four hours.

"I don't think we'll have to go back to Shizuoka," said Maj. Charles Tibbs, of Battle Mountain, Nev., a B-29 flight leader. Other fliers were even more emphatic.

A crewman from the 58th bomber wing, based at Tinian, saw a solid mass of fire roll over Toyohashi, 189 miles southwest of Tokyo. Other fliers, while 60 miles out, saw an explosion which sent up smoke for 14,000 feet.

A "conflagration," visible 75 miles away from Fukuoka, was reported by a 73rd wing crewman from Saipan.

Opposition Ineffective

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Maynard W. and Raymond Bell, both lieutenant colonels in the army air forces and both former residents of Roseburg, met June 9 in Paris, the first time the brothers have been together since December, 1941, according to word received by Mrs. Maynard Bell from her husband.

Maynard, former sports editor for the News-Review, is now stationed in Italy, after participating in combat theaters in North Africa, Corsica and Italy. Col. Raymond Bell is an air force officer now stationed near Paris.

Maynard flew from his base in Italy for a weekend visit and reports in his letter a most pleasant reunion.

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