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Army Offers 252 War Plants To Speed Civilian Goods Output

Control Taken Off Delivery From Stores

Railroad Transportation Restrictions Eased; More Nylon Hosiery Scheduled

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The Army offered 252 war plants to industry today. Those plants could make a lot of civilian goods and plenty of civilian jobs.

By declaring the government-owned plants surplus—no longer needed for tanks, radar, airplane engines and shells—the Army thus provided a \$1,500,000,000 contribution toward the government's goal of full employment.

Under White House pressure for speedy disposal, the Reconstruction Finance corporation prepared to go all out in pushing their sale or lease to private manufacturers. The \$1,500,000,000 figure is what the plants cost to build; they'll undoubtedly go much cheaper.

It was the biggest offering to date of potential capacity to fill the country's pent-up demand for goods.

Ban on Deliveries Off
But for the average man and woman, the reconversion spotlight was on transportation. More controls were coming off.

On Nov. 1, it was ruled, stores, laundries and other businesses may make as many deliveries as their trucks can handle with unlimited gasoline.

Thus will end one of the housewife's prime annoyances of the war—twice-a-week deliveries of all but the most perishable stuffs, milk every other day, bread three times weekly. Wholesale deliveries will go back to normal, too.

And—in time for Labor day's vacation rush—the ODT told railroads they could restore regular seasonal "holiday" trains to seashore, mountains and resorts.

The excursion trains have been off the tracks since January. If railroads can spare the cars from

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POWs Aid Oregon Bean Harvesting

CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Assignment of 596 German prisoners of war to bean fields in Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties will be temporary and to help short growers, State Farm Labor Supervisor J. R. Beck said today.

The men started harvesting today on 12 mid-Willamette valley farms. They will work seven days, Beck reported, but will not be available after that, according to present plans.

Beck said the prisoners were assigned after efforts to recruit civilian labor failed.

He said farmers had planted increased acreage of beans in the belief they could get help from neighboring towns, but since Japan's surrender there has been a noticeable disinclination in harvest this food for victory appeals.

Beck said 90 per cent of 125 large acreage growers lack sufficient help and face heavy crop losses.

New Building Going Up For Dillard Motor Co.

J. F. Dillard, of the St. Dillard Motor company, announces start of construction on a concrete building, 40 by 80 feet, on property at Stephens and Douglas streets. The building will be used for a new business devoted exclusively to truck and trailer parts and equipment.

Mr. Dillard, who has been working on plans for an extensive, all-inclusive automobile and truck sales and service plant on the property, he recently acquired, reports he will erect buildings by units, according to a plan which eventually will result in a very large operation.

The first unit is being erected by Ted Shannon, Roseburg contractor. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy within 60 days.

Woman Murder Charge Faced by Portland Negro

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Scott E. Thomas, 35, negro, was held for a grand jury today on a first degree murder charge in connection with the slaying of Beatrice Terry, 36, negro.

Police late Monday killed a second negro who fired at officers seeking to question him regarding the woman's death.



TRUMAN'S GUN REPLACED BY PLOWSHARE—Indicative of a postwar world, President Truman substitutes the model of a plow for the model gun that formerly occupied a place on his desk. The president called attention to the change when members of the Reconversion Advisory board walked into his office.

One Killed, Score Hurt in Blast at Iron Fireman Co.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—An explosion that knocked housewives from their chairs 50 blocks away rocked Iron Fireman Manufacturing company today, killing one and injuring an undetermined number of workers.

Police reported a workman, Michael Keck, was killed.

A nearby hospital admitted five men shortly after the blast, and a more distant hospital said it was expecting 17 casualties.

Firemen were battling a fire started by the explosion. The blast was not actually in flames, but fire officials said oil stores in the basement were burning.

The tremendous blast, which set off alarm clocks in distant sections of the city, lifted a 100-foot square section of corrugated metal roof into the air. It fell back again, exactly in place.

The blast, caused by an exploding furnace, occurred in the heat treating room, where a full shift of men was at work.

The main section of the plant was not destroyed, but the company said operations would be halted today.

Iron Fireman, a long-established Portland firm, lost its west side plant a little over a year ago in the most destructive fire this city ever witnessed.

The plant, which in peacetime manufactures furnaces, has been making parts of engines for Boeing aircraft.

Undercover Liqueur Agent Tells Story of Torture

SEATTLE, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Seized and taken to a wooded area near Renton, Forest W. Ford 28, undercover agent for the State Liquor Control board, reported today he was beaten, slashed and burned before escaping and collapsing on the porch of a nearby house.

Hospital attendants said he was suffering from knife wounds on the arms and abdomen, a lacerated scalp and burns on the hands and arms. Another former liquor board undercover man, Walter B. Foley, Jr., 22, was shot and killed near the north end of Lake Washington Aug. 8.

Return to Pre-War Time To Be Asked of Congress

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—There were signs on Capitol Hill today that Congress may be asked to act promptly upon recommendations to "return to pre-war time" and turn the nation's clocks back one hour to pre-war standard time.

Under present statute, written after the nation's defense effort, war time would run for six months after termination of the war.

President Truman cannot turn the clocks back by proclamation. An act of Congress is necessary.

Prune Grower's Price to Base Processor's Ceiling Remains at 1944 Figure

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—An average grower price of \$55 a ton for fresh prunes will be used in determining processors' ceiling prices for the 1945 packs of canned, frozen and preserved fresh prunes.

This price, announced today by the Agriculture department and the OPA, is the same as that used last year in Oregon and Washington.

For other states, last year's price was \$48.50 a ton.

If the average price paid by any processor is less than \$55 a ton, his ceiling price for processed prunes will be based on the actual price paid.

Milk Deliveries Halved by Dairy

C. E. Schoenleber, proprietor of the Roseburg dairy, reported today that he has been forced to cut deliveries to patrons to one-half the usual amount due to the shortage of milk supply. He reports he is endeavoring to locate new sources of supply, but will be forced to bring in milk a greater distance and at more expense than heretofore.

The dairy, he reports, has been importing milk from the Eugene area, but with students returning in preparation for opening of the university, and Camp Adair taking a large part of the Eugene surplus, no more milk is available from that area.

The local supply also is dwindling, due to pastures drying up. Mr. Schoenleber reports, while several producers have quit operations recently.

Efforts are being made, he stated, to contact new sources of supplies, and deliveries will be restored to the usual amounts as soon as possible.

Seed Stored by Squirrel Produces \$5,000 Harvest

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Consider the squirrel: he stored the seed and the State Conservation department reapeth a \$5,000 harvest.

Workers said red squirrel storage vaults for excess quantities of white pine seeds are used in reforestation projects. This eliminates thousands of hours of climbing and saves at least \$5,000 in payrolls each season, the department says.

Boy Defeats Girls in 4-H Culinary Contest

GRESHAM, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Multnomah county farm girls blushed deep crimson today at the county fairgrounds.

Five top honors in 4-H club food canning went to 17-year-old Bill Gavin to rate him champion of culinary arts.

Shoulder Dislocated

Mrs. Mattie Miller, 86, mother of Mrs. Erwin Short and James Miller of Roseburg, suffered a dislocated shoulder in a fall at the Short home on Fowler street this morning.

PERMISSION ASKED TO HELP DYING GARRISONS IN RETURN FOR AID TO ALLIED PRISONERS

Chinese, British in Dispute Over Future Control Of Honkong, While Ultimate Rule Over Manchuria Heads for Entanglement in Three-Way Controversy

(By the Associated Press)
Japan prepared for allied occupation today by naming an undefeated war lord as war minister, calling an extraordinary session of parliament to meet two days after formal surrender, and displaying a sudden outpouring of mercy.

The diet was called into emergency session Sept. 2 to drive "home to the nation the stark reality that Japan has been completely defeated" and begin "the Herculean task of rebuilding Japan."

Prince Higashi-Kuni gave up the war portfolio to Gen. Sa-tamu Shimomura, Nipponese supreme commander in North China, currently the most troubled spot in the Pacific. Shimomura's forces presumably were among the 1,000,000 Japanese whose surrender is called for in preliminary negotiations with the Chinese field commander.

Tokyo's sympathy went out to 10,000,000 purported victims of American incendiary, explosive and atom bombs. The government asked permission to send relief expeditions to sick and dying garrisons on by-passed islands. In return it promised aid to 32,000 allied prisoners in Nippon and said they would be started toward embarkation ports Friday.

Tokyo told 1,200,000 Nipponese in Korea and Formosa to stay where they are and "earnestly work for peace." Japanese also expressed concern about possible civil war in turbulent China, scene of the greatest confusion in surrender plans.

Communists backing Chiang Kai-shek in North China were reported on the war path, closing in on key cities. Chungking's arrangements to occupy Indo-China and Hongkong brought a flat statement from London that Hongkong "is British territory" and a

Farm Group, Denied Hotel Service, Eats At White House

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Four members of an Arkansas farm family who couldn't obtain dinner service in one of Washington's costlier hotels were welcome at the White House today.

They were Staff Sgt. James Hendrix, Jr., 20, his father and mother, and his cousin, Mrs. Andrew Waldo, all of Leonto, Ark. They were bid to the White House so that the sergeant, along with 27 other Army heroes, could receive the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Truman.

The War department said in a statement last night it had learned that the Hendrix party was refused dining room service in the Willard hotel Tuesday night, although quartered in a suite there as guests of the government. The department offered to provide an escorting officer for the rest of the way, but the Hendrixes declined.

James Hendrix, Sr., told a reporter the dining room had empty tables and he guessed his group was not served "just because we didn't have on fine enough clothes." He was in his shirt-sleeves, but he said no one mentioned that.

The sergeant, who alone wiped out two anti-aircraft positions and saved three wounded comrades in Germany, was in his uniform.

Hotel officials made no comment.

The Hendrix party was still registered at the Willard last night.

Forest Fire Situation In Oregon Improved

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Oregon's forest fires continued flaming ahead past the already blackened 160,000 acres, but fighters said the front was "more stable" today.

Tillamook fire moved ahead in green timber bordering the coast, but a forecasted drizzle gave smoke-chasers hope of drawing strong fire lines.

A state forest official said the Polk county fire would be trailed by tonight if today's cooler weather continued.

While a dozen other lightning and cigarette-caused flames burned around the state, blazes in the Mt. Hood national forest near Portland's watershed were being held in check.

Four Youths Arrested In Allegedly Stolen Auto

Four Chehalis, Wash., youths—two boys and two girls—allegedly driving a stolen automobile, were arrested by state police south of Roseburg Wednesday and were en route today back to Chehalis in custody of Lewis county authorities. State police identified the youths as Tom A. Carothers, 17, Lloyd Lester Ritter, 18, Hattie McTaggart, 17, and Geraldine Reimann, 14.

U. S. War Casualties Reach Total of 1,070,819

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—With records still to come in combat casualties in World War 2 announced by the armed forces have now reached 1,070,819.

The Army today reported its casualties as received here through Aug. 21, as 923,481. The latest Navy report of casualties is 147,338.

U. S. Population Up 8 Million Last 5 Years

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The census bureau reported today that in the last five years the United States population has increased to about 136,682,000—a rise of more than eight million. This was nearly twice the increase of the preceding ten years.

All Manchuria, Sakhalin Island Now Held by Reds

LONDON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Generalissimo Stalin announced tonight the Red army had occupied the whole of Manchuria.

Red troops have also occupied a second island in the Kuriles, Paramushiro, just south of Shumushu which was taken by airborne troops yesterday, and the Japanese Kwantung army in Manchuria has ceased resistance and laid down its arms.

All of Sakhalin Island, the southern half of which was held by Japan, also has been taken over by the Red army, Stalin disclosed.

Paris declaration the French are "definitely taking over" Indo-China. Soviet-occupied Manchuria remained a question mark after Chiang arranged to accept Nipponese surrender there.

Surrenders Spreading Piecemeal Japanese surrenders (Continued on page 5)

Slaughter of Jews Faced by Quisling

OSLO, Norway, Aug. 23.—(AP)—A pale Jewish doctor, still bearing the marks of a German concentration camp, told the court at Vidkun Quisling's trial today that of nearly 1,000 Norwegian Jews sent to Poland, only 12 were known to have survived.

Quisling, Germany's puppet accused of treason, is charged with the murder of the nearly 1,000 Jews on the grounds of responsibility for the deportation.

Dr. George Eichinger, a German-born Jew sent to a German concentration camp, said only 600 of Norway's 1,600 Jews escaped the German dragnet and the average durability of men sent to the Auschwitz camp in Poland was only one month. Out of 267 in the group in which he was deported, 140 were sent to gas chambers immediately and killed, he declared.

Another state's witness today said Quisling in 1925, when he was a captain in the Norwegian army, offered to spy on the Norwegian general staff and organize a red guard. The witness said the offer was made in a discussion with a communist party editor.

Curiosity of Turkey Feeder Costs Him Ring

WORLD, Wyo., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Donald Wickliff, of Billings, Mont., can hardly wait for Thanksgiving—and his impatience is not strictly from hunger.

While he was helping a friend feed some turkeys, Wickliff wanted to see if his gold and emerald ring would attract the birds.

He took it off and waved it in front of the fowls—and one of them stepped up and swallowed it.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Selection of the battleship Missouri as the spot for Japan's formal surrender may be the White House Missouri's way of hinting to the Nipponese, if they are sincere in their "so sorry" attitude, to "show me."



SON'S RESCUE TOLD

At Salem, Oregon, Mrs. Hulda Andrus, above, mother of Sgt. Jacob Deshazer of Madras, Oregon, reads an AP news dispatch which brought her the first information since April, 1942, of her son, one of the four Doolittle raiders rescued in China. A letter mailed to her before he took off for Tokyo said, "Don't worry Mother, I'm not in danger. Pictured at right is Sgt. Deshazer, rescued by a team of daring Yank paratroopers from a Jap prison on the outskirts of Peiping, China. He and his three fellow liberated crewmen were among eight who took part in the 1942 raid on Tokyo and were captured by the Japanese when forced down in enemy territory. Fate of the other four has not yet been definitely learned."



In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

YOU won't be in agricultural England long before you will hear the term "tied cottage." It means TIED to the land of which it is a part. That is to say, if its occupant quits his job and goes to work for somebody else he can be (and probably is) evicted. (NOT now. As one of the war labor and housing measures, this landlord's right of eviction was suspended for the duration.)

In principle, the "tied cottage" isn't new to us. We've known it in the form of "company" towns. Resentment against the system, however, seems to be deeper rooted here, for which there are probably two reasons. Working class housing, one senses, has always been limited in England, with supply never any more than balancing demand. Eviction, therefore, practically means homelessness. You can see what a weapon

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Possibility of Another Boom In Farm Land Values Arouses Concern of Federal Bureaus

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Peace has revived concern among federal farm officials and agricultural leaders over the possibility of another postwar land boom. The one that followed World War I brought ruin to thousands of farm-buyers who went deeply into debt.

World War II, with its unprecedented demand for foods, already has caused a sharp advance in land values. The Agriculture department reports that land prices average 57 per cent higher than in the 1935-39 period and only 25 per cent below the peak reached in 1920 after World War I.

And officials expect a sharply increased demand for farms from returning war veterans and workers laid off war jobs.

Since early in the war proposals have been advanced to prevent an undue rise in farm prices, but as yet no action has been taken. Former Secretary of Agriculture Wickard urged enactment of a capital gains tax designed to prevent speculative buying and selling of land.

Limit On Credit Proposed

Several weeks ago, the Office of Economic Stabilization drafted for White House consideration an order which would have limited extension of credit for land purchases. No action was taken on the order, however. It is possible that it may be issued should peace fail to bring a leveling off of farm prices.

About a year ago, the War department reported that upwards of 800,000 men in uniform planned to return to agriculture. Many of these were said to be planning to buy farms, some with cash but others with small down payments.

Farm officials say the veterans perhaps will be competing with thousands of workers being thrown out of work by war plant closings. Surveys have indicated that many such workers accumulated money for down payments on farms.

Farm Prosperity at Peak
The belief is generally held that agricultural prosperity has reached its peak because, now that the war is over, the demand for agricultural commodities is not likely to approach wartime levels for many years.

A receding demand for farm products could be expected to bring lower farm commodity prices and a reduced farm income. Thus, farm buyers who went deeply into debt to buy land at present or future inflated values might have great difficulty paying off mortgages.