

Metal Purchased With U. S. Dollars Resold in America

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Economic Cooperation Administration said yesterday three nations have resold to American business about one-fifth of nearly 100,000 tons of aluminum and lead scrap they bought with Marshall plan dollars.

Howard Bruce, acting ECA administrator, disclosed this. He named the nations as Great Britain, Belgium and Holland.

ECA said the three nations have been warned to stop the practice or face drastic cuts in future ECA-financed non-ferrous metal purchases.

Bruce said that because of the deals, the agency already has made reductions in requests for aluminum and lead. An ECA official placed the reduction to all recovery nations at 35,400 tons.

In cables to W. Averell Harriman, ECA's roving ambassador in Europe, and mission chiefs in the three countries directly involved, Bruce asked immediate action by the governments involved "to avoid more drastic actions such as withdrawing allocations already made."

ECA released figures showing that 87,016 tons of aluminum scrap were bought in Canada with American dollars for shipment to Great Britain, Belgium and Holland. Of this, 15,853 tons were sent to the United States.

The figures listed a total of 12,027 tons of lead purchased with ECA funds for shipment to Belgium and Holland, and 5,847 tons resold by these countries to American firms.

The lead purchases for Belgium were made in Canada and Newfoundland, ECA said, while the shipments to Holland were from Mexico and Peru.

Ralph L. Wilcox, acting chief of ECA's non-ferrous metals division, told reporters the aluminum scrap was bought in Canada at 16 cents a pound and resold to U. S. business for between "27 and 30 cents a pound."

ECA said Marshall plan money advanced to the nations for purchases of aluminum and lead scrap total \$29,537,000. It said it had no estimate of the value of the metals resold in the U. S.

But Wilcox strongly indicated that it was all resold at a profit.

U. S. Woman On Trial for Killing Soldier Husband

MARBURG, Germany, Dec. 14. (AP)—A 23-year-old New England housewife went on trial for her life today.

Mrs. Wilma "Billie" Ybarbo of Malden, Mass., is accused of killing her U. S. soldier husband, Sgt. John Ybarbo. He died Oct. 1 of gunshot wounds suffered during a quarrel in their bedroom after a party on Sept. 20.

Murder charges under both German and American military government law have been lodged against Mrs. Ybarbo. She will be tried by an American Military Government Court of three judges.

There had been protests among occupation forces because German law prescribes beheading for convicted murderers but the protests were quieted by an assurance that in the event Mrs. Ybarbo is convicted the ax method of execution will not be used.

Mrs. Ybarbo, mother of a six-year-old son, will plead innocent and claim self-defense, her attorneys said. She will be defended by Stanley L. Galtner of Brookline, Mass., and Robert E. Conner of New Orleans, La.

Ybarbo, who won the Silver Star for wartime bravery, was shot during a midnight argument in his apartment in nearby Fritzlar.

Neither side would discuss the motive in the case.

Top Civic Honor Given Ex-Roseburg Banker

Herbert W. Lenz, former assistant manager of the U. S. National Bank in Roseburg, was named "Man of the Year" in Oregon City yesterday.

Now manager of the First National Bank of Portland at Oregon City, he was active in the Centennial celebration, Community Chest and other civic enterprises.

Announcement of the honor was made by the Oregon City Junior Chamber of Commerce, together with selections of the junior and senior "first citizens."

Mrs. Royce Stella Woodward and Earl Zak, 34, are the latter choices.

Lenz was associated with the U. S. National Bank in Roseburg during the first six months of 1944.

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Japs Peddle Narcotics To Raise Funds for Hospital

TOKYO, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Seven Japanese have been jailed on charges of black-marketing narcotics—for altruistic purposes.

The seven, headed by Seiji Ataka who is a director of the big Jutendo Hospital, were accused of disposing of 5,000,000 yen worth of narcotics. (That's about \$13,500 worth.)

The accused said they were trying to raise funds to build a medical college.

Fourteen Persons Join Class for Electricians

Fourteen persons were on hand Monday night at the meeting for organization of an electricians class to be conducted at Roseburg High School under the vocational training program announced M. M. Romig, coordinator and field service worker for the Trades and Industrial training program.

The group selected Wednesday and Friday nights for the classes, to be held from 7 to 9:30 p. m. throughout winter and spring, with Sam Reed as instructor. About half of the men present were veterans and the other half non-veterans. There are openings for additional members in the

class. Persons interested in the electrical or related fields are eligible for enrollment whether veterans or non-veterans, said Romig.

Bob Gehring, Eugene, is here temporarily assisting with organization of the related trades classes.

Poet Edwin Arlington Robinson, several times awarded Pulitzer poetry awards, once was a subway inspector in New York.

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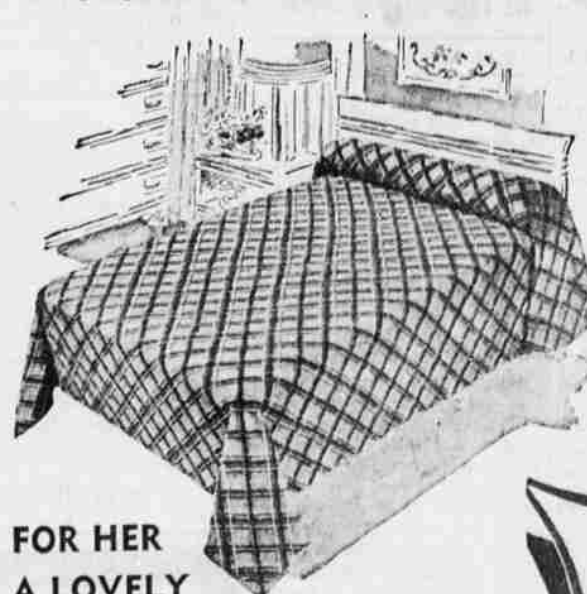
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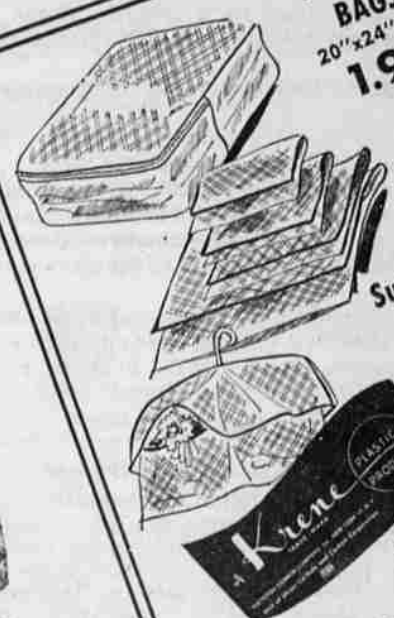
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