

U. S. Halts Further Removal Of Japanese Plants As War Payments

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(P)—The United States Thursday ordered a halt in further removals of Japanese plants as war reparations.

Gen. Frank R. McCoy, the American representative, told the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission that even industrial plants classed as "primary war facilities" are needed by Japan to hasten its economic recovery.

The deliveries ordered halted were advance deliveries of plants and equipment which the Commission already had earmarked

for removal. The reparations have gone in limited quantities to China, the Philippines, Netherlands for the Netherlands Indies, and Britain for Burma, Malaya and far eastern colonial possessions.

The background to the American action is this:

Because of disagreements as to what share each country should receive, the Far Eastern Commission has never worked out a schedule of final reparations from Japan. The commission is made up of representatives from the allies who took part in the war against Japan.

Pending agreement on final reparations, the United States, as the principal occupying power, has been making so-called "advance deliveries" to the Philippines, China, the Netherlands and Britain.

That is, the properties were delivered in advance of final agreement and to be charged against whatever share of reparations was eventually awarded those nations.

The United States has now decided to end such deliveries.

Chrysler Corporation Honors Oregon



The state of Oregon was honored at the Detroit Flower show when a special exhibit depicting Oregon's beautiful plant life was built for the Chrysler Corporation Gardens. The state's native plants were placed against a background typical of the Oregon scenery. The Chrysler Corporation Gardens, which covered 30,000 square feet, had exhibits of eight states, Canada and Mexico.

Mike DeCicco Refuses To Quit Democratic Party Job

PORTLAND, May 13.—(P)—"I will not resign," Mike DeCicco, treasurer of the Oregon State Democratic Central Committee, told W. L. Josslin, state chairman, in a letter yesterday.

Josslin said he had called a meeting of the Executive Committee to oust DeCicco. Unfavorable publicity attendant on a tiff DeCicco reported he had at Gearhart with a woman ex-employee prompted the ouster move.

DeCicco, in a statement, said he would not give up the job at the behest of "goody goody Josslin and the Honeyman interests."

(Josslin's name was formerly spelled with a "G." DeCicco used

that spelling in his statement. Nancy Honeyman Robinson is the national committeewoman. Her name was mentioned by Josslin as a backer of the ouster move.)

DeCicco said the Democratic party leaders should bear in mind they have no Oregon congressional representation and should build the party rather than engage in fights within the party.

Millions More Voted For Sub Experiments

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(P)—A House armed services committee Thursday voted to authorize the Navy to spend \$11,000,000 more to complete low high-speed experimental submarines.

The action came after Rear Adm. David H. Clark told the subcommittee that the \$30,000,000 originally estimated would not be enough.

Oregon's Jobless Rate Now Under National Average

SALEM, Ore., May 13.—(P)—Oregon's unemployment rate now is under the national average of 6 percent. Last February it climbed to 13.3 percent, highest in the country.

The State Unemployment Compensation Commission said that of the 30,000 persons who were jobless in February, half have already gone back to work. About

half of the remainder will get jobs in seasonal farm work.

The Commission said it has paid \$30,000,000 in benefits to veterans since the end of World War II. This money went to 33,000 veterans, or about half of all the service men and women in Oregon.

But only 5,843 veterans drew the maximum benefits to which they were entitled.

Employer payrolls this year have been running about 10 percent less than last year, the Commission said.

Grip Of Boy, 5, Saves Him In Fall Over Cliff

PITTSBURGH, May 13.—(P)—Five-year-old Jimmy Lardo can thank his lucky stars he has a strong grip for a little boy.

Jimmy slipped while walking along the top of a 60-foot cliff Wednesday. His fall was broken by a small tree and Jimmy clung to it for dear life.

Firemen were summoned but were unable to negotiate the steep slope to reach the youngster. An extension ladder was then brought to the scene and run up to the top of the cliff. Two firemen carried Jimmy to safety.

The firemen said Jimmy remained as "cool as a cucumber" during his ordeal.

The estimated number of machines in the U. S. selling liquids, in bottles or cups, is about 423,000.

Friday, 13, Exonerated As Day Of Extra Bad Luck

CHICAGO, May 13.—(P)—Are you superstitious, or do you think superstition is a lot of bunk?

Well, the National Safety Council made a survey to find out how superstitious people are about Friday the 13th. It was the only day-by-day check ever made by the council on motor vehicle deaths.

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