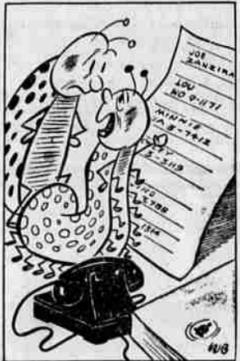




**BLIND FATHER SAVES SON**—Vernon H. Platt, who is blind, holds his three-year-old son, Irvin Ashley (Butch) Platt after he saved the lad from drowning in a small culvert of an irrigation ditch at Phoenix, Ariz. The father, guided to the scene by Butch's playmates, dove into the ditch and broke an underwater snag which had trapped the boy. Mrs. Mary Hanly (right), a nurse, revived him after 15 minutes artificial respiration. (AP Wirephoto)

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**Arson Attempted At Crippled Couple's Home**

LONG BEACH, Calif., June 6. (AP)—A crippled man and his wife were critically burned Saturday when, while they were asleep, someone broke their bedroom window, tossed gasoline into the room and ignited it. Police Lt. Finford Slaughter called it arson and attempted murder. He said the couple had received several threatening letters in an apparent feud with acquaintances. The victims are Theodore Raymond, 46, and his wife, Myrtle, 44. Their son, Chester, 25, said he was awakened by a dull explosion and screams. He found his mother with her nightclothes afire and the bedroom a huge torch. Firemen and neighbors put out the fire which destroyed the bedroom and scorched the exterior of the house.

**Seattle Negro Legion Criticizes Paul Robeson**

SEATTLE, June 6. (AP)—An American Legion All-Negro Post here disputed Friday night singer Paul Robeson's assertion that American Negroes would not fight for their country in any future war. The post passed a resolution criticizing Robeson for his statement, which was reported from a pro-Communist rally in Paris last month.

**Manufacturing Adds Big Value To Coast States**

WASHINGTON, June 4. (AP)—The census bureau reports that value added by manufacture in the three Pacific Coast states increased 260 per cent in the eight years between 1939 and 1947. Value added is the amount by which the value of shipments of finished products exceed the cost of original materials and supplies. The increase for the nation as a whole, as disclosed in preliminary analysis of the 1947 census of manufacturers, was about 200 per cent. In the Pacific Coast states of Washington, Oregon and California the value added by manufacturer amounted to \$5,500,000,000 in 1947 compared with \$1,500,000,000 in 1939. Manufacturing establishments in those states reported employment of 745,000 production workers during 1947, an increase of 80 per cent over the 411,000 production workers in 1939. The Pacific states ranked in 1947 in the same order as in 1939 in terms of value added by manufacturer: California, Washington and Oregon. But the greatest percentage increase over 1939 was in Oregon, with a jump of 330 per cent. California was second with 255 per cent increase, and Washington, third, with a 225 per cent increase. The largest industry group in the Pacific states, and in California, was food and kindred products. Lumber and lumber products, except furniture, was the largest industry in Washington and Oregon. Transportation equipment showed the greatest percentage increase among the larger industries during 1947, an increase of 230 per cent over the 1939 production workers in the Pacific states. For these industries, value added increased 445 per cent and production worker employment 230 per cent. These figures for transportation equipment compare with increases of 230 per cent in value added and 80 per cent in production workers in the whole United States. Transportation equipment showed the highest percentage increase in California and Oregon, while in Washington the greatest percentage increase occurred in the primary metal industries. Oregon had 3,075 establishments employing 92,000 production workers in 1939. Value added by manufacture was \$673,000,000 in 1947 compared with \$156,700,000 in 1939.

**American Whiskey May Be Added To Distilled Liquors**

WASHINGTON, June 6. (AP)—"American" whiskey may be added to the Scotch-Irish-Canadian roster of distilled liquors. The International Revenue Bureau's alcohol tax unit scheduled a public hearing for July 11 on proposals to change its regulations so that whiskey so labelled would be legal. It isn't now. The amendments, if adopted, presumably would also put some more down pressure on prices by further expanding the supply of "aged" whiskey available. The chief proposed change would do that by allowing time spent in any oak container, whether used or new, to be counted as part of a whiskey's "age."

Under present regulations in this country—but nowhere else in the world—only time in new, charred oak containers can legally be counted as "age." There would be certain qualifications attached to the proposed "age" amendments: For whiskey to be called "bourbon" or "rye," it would have to be aged at least six months in new, charred kegs. To be called "straight whiskey," it would have to spend at least 24 months in new kegs. But additional time in used kegs could be counted in the age statement too. Thus, straight whiskey with 24 months in a new barrel and 24 more in a used barrel would be "four years old." Clearance for U. S. distillers to produce something they could call "American" whiskey would come from elimination of a regulation requiring liquor stored in used containers to be labeled simply as whiskey "distilled from rye (or bourbon, wheat, malt or rye malt) mash." At present, this whiskey may not be described as "aged." Eliminating that requirement, officials said, would make possible U. S. production of a "light-bodied" whiskey comparable to the Canadian whiskey produced under regulations that permit time in used containers to be counted in age statements. **PICKERS NEEDED** SALEM, June 6. (AP)—Some 2,000 to 3,000 more strawberry pickers will be needed soon, the state employment service reported. Fields at Gresham, Hillsboro, McMinnville, and Salem all need more harvest hands.

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