

## Auto Industry Is Preparing For Most Competitive Year

DETROIT (AP)—The auto industry, planning for 1950, is preparing for its most highly competitive postwar year.

The car and truck makers don't know how great demand may be next year. They do know seasonal influences again are large factors in their business; they know the same sales lag that developed last winter already is in the making.

Beyond that the Auto Industry's Sales executives know the car buying public has become more selective. Buyers expect greater trade-in allowances and many are seeking discounts.

Car sales statistics always are a few weeks old before they become available to the public. Right now they show that from January through August this year more than 3,000,000 new passenger autos were sold in the United States.

### Above Estimate

That indicates the 1949 total probably will go a little over the earlier estimate of 4,000,000.

But four and six weeks old figures mean little in the fast-moving automobile industry. So all the car makers are planning to step up their 1950 sales effort. Several are planning to offer a wider variety of models in a broader price range.

For most auto manufacturers this will mean adding new models that can be priced lower than those currently available. They have plenty of medium and high priced ranges.

Several producers in the mid-lum price field report demand continuing at high levels. At the same time it is no secret that overall, demand in the lower price brackets is much steadier than in the other groupings.

### Demand Lower Price

There has been increasing emphasis on the production of lower price tags.

Many of the car builders will deny they plan early introduction of lower priced models. But there are few who haven't carried on extensive research on what could be produced for as little as \$1,000 up to around \$200 below the price

of their present low-medium price models.

There has been much speculation about the plans of certain auto makers but it can be said there is no standard-size model automobile that could be delivered for \$1,000 currently in prospect. What is in much earlier prospect is the keenest sort of competition for business in the Chevrolet-Ford-Plymouth field.

Many of today's medium-priced makes were available before the war at less than \$1,000. Today most of them are selling for around \$2,200.

Some industry experts assert nothing short of a return to pre-war production costs, including wages and materials, will bring back standard-size \$1,000 automobile.

## Rent Decontrol Criticized At CIO Convention

BEND, Oct. 11. (AP)—Decontrol of rents in some Oregon cities was criticized by the CIO state convention before the labor union delegates wound up their annual session Saturday night.

A resolution branded the new federal rent control as a "farce." IWA President James Fading said union members had been lax, failing to make known their views at the city hearings, and allowing real estate lobbies and big property owners to dominate the testimony.

The decontrol of rents at Eugene was cited in the convention resolution. It said the action there had left workers "at the mercy of high rents and inflated residential values."

In other final day resolutions, the removal of federal conciliation service regional Director Harry H. Lewis of Seattle from office was demanded. Harvey Nelson, a delegate of the Columbia river district council, charged that Lewis had "connived with the AFL carpenters and a small group of employers to destroy



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By J. R. Williams

the IWA." He said this had occurred in 1945.

Political policy of the labor organization, particularly in the endorsement of candidates, was reviewed in the Saturday session. Senator Wayne Morse and Rep. Walter Norblad were named in the talks.

Manley Wilson of the IWA said "if we are for the CVA and Morse is against it, then we cannot endorse him. The CVA was given almost a death blow by Morse's statement."

Another IWA delegate, Harvey Nelson, declared Norblad "answered all of our questions right when he was in Oregon, but has answered them wrong in Wash-

ington, D. C., ever since."

The "hot pineapple dispute at The Dalles was reviewed by Matt Meehan, International Longshoremen's union representative. Meehan said the cargo probably would not be touched until union conditions prevail. He said the Hawaiian Pineapple company would have to drop its damage suits against the ILWU before any CIO longshoremen would handle the cargo.

### Displaced Persons Bill Likely To Be Approved

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11. (AP)—President Truman's nominations

of the three members of the displaced persons commission pending for more than a year, were approved Monday by the senate judiciary committee.

The committee put off action until today on a house-passed bill to open the doors of the United States to more displaced persons.

The outcome of efforts to obtain senate passage of the house-approved displaced persons bill appears in doubt.

Agreement is more general that the Senate may hand President Truman a defeat on another warm political issue this week. Unless there is an unexpected

## German Tells Of Strange Guerrilla Army In Greece

By HERBERT F. SCHNITT FRANKFURT (AP)—What is it like to fight for the Greek guerrilla army? If you run out of ammunition, it may take weeks to get more. A lot of the time you can't understand the man who is fighting alongside you.

That's the way it is, according to a German who said he "succeeded in getting away" from the communist brigades. His story was quoted in Allied-licensed western German papers. The man said he was recruited for the rebel army from a German prisoner-of-war camp in soviet Russia.

There are more than 5,000 Germans fighting in the rebel com-

munist force, he said. The German said he first was taken to a transit camp in Bulgaria. Other German prisoners and "volunteers" from 18 other nations were there, too. They were trained in guerrilla tactics by veteran ex-Wehrmacht NCO's and officers.

"Firearms came from the Skoda plant in Czechoslovakia and the Potemkin plant near Odessa, Soviet Union. We had Italian Beretta guns and German machine pistols of the 1942 type. They even supplied us with Hungarian, Russian and Rumanian shotguns, manufactured around 1900.

"There were about 15 different types of ammunition, and the one you were looking for was just 'sold out.'"

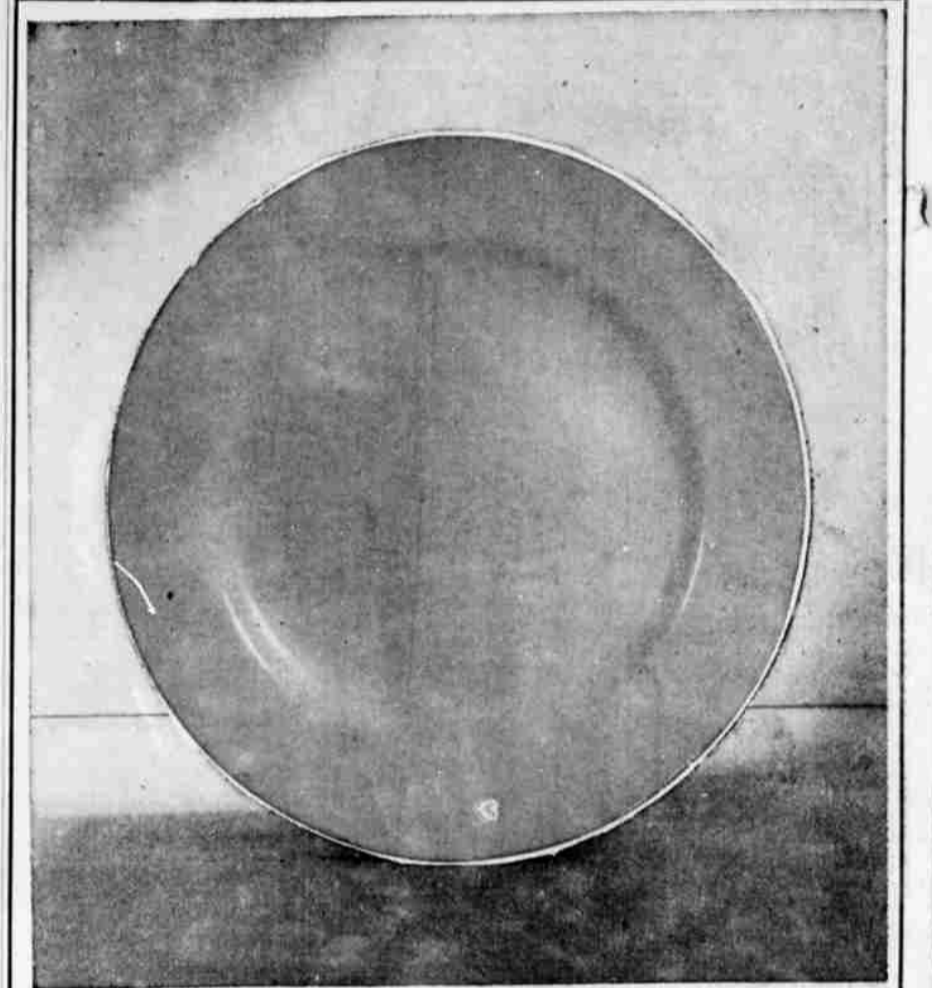
"We got good food in the Bulgarian transit camp—canned with American, Russian, Ger-

man, Hungarian and Rumanian labels. Russian political officers promised us almost everything if we would fight bravely and hold the front.

Despite the orders, merits, leading positions and money rewards the German legionaries were promised, they always intended to flee and did flee. But not all succeeded, and more than 450 of the Germans clad in Greek uniforms were killed in action during the last two years.

"Morale among the Greek rebel army was extremely low when its attack against Greek governmental troops came to a standstill last winter. Russian officers then picked out hundreds of the legionaries and executed them as a warning example."

Carnations were first cultivated by the Greeks about 300 B. C.



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