



**AMERICAN ATHLETE-PREACHER ABROAD**—Gil Dodds (left), famous distance runner, who is in Japan on a preaching tour under the auspices of the Pocket Testament League of New York, talks with Sgt. Kollie Rowlands at the Armed Forces radio station in Tokyo.

**Price Reductions Decrease Net Income Of Weyerhaeuser Timber Company During 1949**

TACOMA, April 13.—(AP)—The Weyerhaeuser Timber company's annual report for 1949 today listed a net income of \$24,633,016, a decline of over \$4,000,000 from the 1948 figure.

Commenting in the report on the company's sales picture, J. P. Weyerhaeuser, company president, said price reductions made during the year were felt in every division of the firm.

"Had it not been for rather sharp increases in volume, earnings for the year would have been more seriously curtailed. In 1949, consolidated sales totaled \$155,662,755 compared with \$136,765,538 in the previous year."

"Our profit margins will probably be reduced again in 1950," Weyerhaeuser said. "Adoption of a pension plan for hourly paid employees will add further to our costs this year."

The president of the huge Tacoma firm asserted the devaluation of foreign currencies last year "creates an added threat of downward price movement whenever a lag occurs."

He asserted a further decline in farm income or a drop in the level of residential construction could easily cause that lag in lumber demand.

The Weyerhaeuser company manufactures three percent of the United States' total output of lumber and plywood and two percent of the pulp, the statement said.

Some \$19,785,098 was spent on plant additions and replacements during the year. A \$96,000,000 out-

**Erase Treason Suspicion, Taft's Urge On Truman**

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) demanded today that President Truman "eliminate any suspicion of treason" from the administration "if he can."

Taft, chairman of the Senate Republican policy committee, also accused Mr. Truman of libeling Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) and of prejudging McCarthy's charges of Communism in the State department.

Taft expressed his views on the investigation of McCarthy's charges in his weekly column, "Washington report," to Ohio newspapers.

He sharply criticized Mr. Truman for declining to give the inquiry committee access to FBI files and other confidential government loyalty records. He also declared "The pro-Communist influence in the State department has been reflected in a strongly pro-Communist policy in the far eastern division of the department," and a strongly pro-Communist policy in China which succeeded finally in delivering China and perhaps the entire east to Communism."

Then Taft added: "Whether Senator McCarthy has legal evidence, whether he has overstated or understated his case, is of lesser importance. The question is whether the Communist influence in the State department still exists."

"Every member of the administration ought to be that question determined finally

**Gold, Silver Production Increased in February**

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Daily mine production of gold and silver during February was 14 percent and 11 percent greater, respectively, than in January, the bureau of mines reports.

The bureau estimated February gold production at 172,016 fine ounces compared with 166,811 during January.

Output in South Dakota rose four percent to 49,322 ounces, the highest monthly total since 1942.

California output increased 11 percent to 37,120 ounces, and Utah one percent to 35,575 ounces.

Other gold production totals for February: Washington 7,700 fine ounces; Alaska 2,700; Oregon 520.

Silver production during February totaled 3,202,408 fine ounces compared with 3,181,880 in January, including: Idaho 1,193,000 fine ounces; Washington 32,000; Oregon 210; Alaska 331.

**Atlantic City Urged To Be Polite To Visitors**

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,.—(AP)—The tourist is always right. Atlantic city citizens are being told. As far as the Chamber of Commerce is concerned, grumpy residents can jolly well stay indoors.

A leaflet to be distributed in this resort and convention town says that "without visitors there would be no Atlantic City," and persons who "lack the intelligence or the desire" to realize this "should avoid contact with our visitors."

"Never argue with a visitor," the leaflet says. "Adjust the matter at once to the visitor's satisfaction . . . never be rude or fresh."

It also urges residents to say "yes, sir" instead of "yeah" to visitors.



There will be one television set for every four families in the United States by the end of this year, according to estimates of the National Industrial Conference Board. The Newschart above shows how television set production has boomed from a total of 6500 in 1946 to an estimated 4,500,000 this year.

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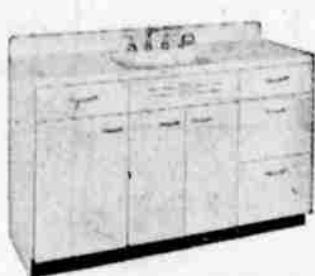
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