

Reinstatement Building Priorities Ordered; Property Control Asked

President Truman Wednesday asked that residential property be placed under price control and directed reinstatement of the priority system of building materials. His actions contemplated special preference to veterans in need of housing.

Tremendous Gamble
General George C. Marshall testified Thursday that the Japanese, in assaulting Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, took such a tremendous gamble that he didn't think they would try it. He said there were sufficient forces at Pearl Harbor to have disrupted the enemy thrust, which would have ruined the whole Japanese campaign of aggression. Now, he said, he was the reason for the attack and its success.

On Friday, General Marshall told how Gov. Thomas E. Dewey compared his fervent plea to soft pedal 1944 campaign debate that might have tipped the Japanese to the U. S. had they been aware of it.

Axis agents, listening in on even the trans-Atlantic conversations of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, made it unsafe to phone a warning to Hawaii on December 7, 1941, that Japan apparently was going to make some move, Gen. Marshall said Saturday. Earlier he had testified that the U. S. high command considered a raid on Hawaii less probable than attacks on airplane plants in Seattle, Wash., and San Diego, Cal., or on the Panama canal.

General Marshall testified Wednesday that he was convinced as early as August 1941 that Pacific war was inevitable and knew the United States was not ready for it.

Foreign Ministers to Meet
Foreign ministers of U. S., Britain and Russia will meet in Moscow December 15, it was announced Friday, to tackle an array of critical international issues including control of atomic energy.

Atomic Rule Goal
The United States will seek Russian support in organizing a special United Nations commission to handle atomic problems, Secretary of State Byrnes disclosed Tuesday night on the eve of his departure for Moscow conference. He also plans to renew his plan for writing the peace of Europe in a general peace conference for which preparations would be made through revived sessions of the active foreign ministers' council at London.

To Make Atom Test
Army and navy will make a joint test of the vulnerability of fleets to atomic bomb attack.

Agree to British Loan
The Truman administration Thursday agreed to grant Britain a \$400,000,000 credit in return for British steps to promote world trade.

Refute Hurley Charges
Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley's charge that American foreign policy in Iran had been destroyed by Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson's denial Friday from President Truman, Secretary of State Byrnes said Hurley had failed to back up his charges against the conduct of American diplomats in China.

Russia Permits Landings
Chinese communists intensified their raids on Chiang Kai-shek's forces in Manchuria, Russia agreed to permit the airborne reinforcement of central government troops in Manchuria.

Free Jap Farmers
Gen. MacArthur Monday laid down a sweeping program of agrarian reform for Japan to "destroy" the economic bondage which has enslaved the Japanese farmer for centuries of feudal oppression.

Arrest 57 More Japs
Arrest of 57 Japanese accused of committing atrocities against United Nations nationals who had been held in prisoner of war camps, ordered Monday by Gen. MacArthur.

Yamashita To Hang
Gen. Yamashita, Japanese commander in the Philippines, Friday was convicted of permitting atrocities by his troops and sentenced to death by hanging.

Gen. Patton Seriously Hurt
Gen. George S. Patton Jr. was seriously injured Sunday in Germany when his sedan collided head-on with a half-ton army truck near Mannheim.

Fact-Finding Board Named
President Truman on Wednesday appointed fact-finding board to investigate the General Motors strike.

In 'Critical Need'
Secretary of Labor Schwelb Wednesday told congress Wednesday the nation is in "critical need" of President Truman's fact-finding labor program. He said the "situation is one in which the national interest clearly calls for legislative action."

John L. Lewis Monday attacked the Truman plan of fact-finding for curbing major strikes as a "four-smelling mess."

'Security' Offer Made
CIO United Auto Workers union, in a move unprecedented in the motor car industry, offered the Ford Motor company a "company security" clause Monday that paved the way for contract negotiations on a 30 per cent wage increase demand.

Steelworkers to Strike
The CIO United Steel Workers wage policy committee Tuesday adopted a resolution calling for a steel strike January 14. They also condemned President Truman's proposed legislation as "vicious anti-labor and an attack on our basic democratic liberties."

New Record Set
Col. C. S. Irvine and his nine-man crew in the Superfortress "Dreamboat" set new official West-East transcontinental flight record of five hours, 27 minutes and 8 1/2 seconds.

Dental Dean Named
Harold J. Noyes, Chicago dentist and head of the department of orthodontia at the Northwestern university dental school, was chosen Tuesday by the state board of education to be dean of the university of Oregon dental school in Portland.

Salvage of Fats Held Important

Continuing importance of used household fat salvage for peace-time production is stressed by Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson in a message to Donald M. Pfeiffer, president of the national renderers' association. Secretary Anderson's message read:

"We urge that you ask all your members to continue their splendid work on the salvage of used fats. Renderers and independent collectors have a key role in the fat salvage program. It is essential that they continue to complete the collection system. The end of consumer rationing of food fats and oils in no way lessened the need for salvage fats for industrial use. Your continued co-operation is needed and will be appreciated."

Reports received by the American fat salvage committee indicate that there has been only a slight decline in used kitchen fats turned in to meat dealers since the cessation of meat rationing. Shortages of soap and other essential household articles which depend upon industrial fats and oils seem to have convinced housewives that fat salvage is still a number one duty.

Efficient collection of used fats by renderers and pickup service agencies are vital to the continuing success of the program. Meat dealers are most active and co-operative and will continue to pay four cents a pound for salvaged household fats as long as the present industrial fats and oils shortages continue.

Unemployment Load Doubled

The unemployment load has doubled since the end of the war, pointed out Administrator Silas Gaizer of the state commission in announcing that the 1945 benefit year now may be filed in Oregon's 25 local offices.

Payments on the new claims may not be made until after New Year's, but the commission hopes to be able to determine benefit rights for thousands of unemployed before continuations start.

With indications pointing to a monthly claims load of over 150,000 until late spring, the unemployment commission has hired more than 200 new employees since V-J day. In Portland a branch office in the army has opened to handle continued claims, now approaching 20,000 a week.

Monthly claims loads from the 25 local offices (including several branches and itinerant points) have been compiled for the first half of 1945 as follows: July, 61,629; August, 10,813; September, 23,713; October, 47,949; November, 89,935; December (to date), 150,000.

November's total of 19,482 initial claims, 13,294 waiting-weeks and 37,159 continued claims broke all records for the month, but the year's claims load is expected to fall short of the 446,600 reported in 1941 and the record high of 1,123,000 in 1942.

With about 100,000 of Oregon's 140,000 service men expected back by mid-winter and with 100,000 extra war-time workers gaining wage credits in 1945, the unemployment load for 1946 is expected to break all records since the commission opened its claims offices eight years ago.

Payments to returning service men increased 202 per cent in November over October and promise to double in December. Veterans' benefits of \$133,576 last month reached nearly 19 per cent of the state checks and were greater than for all the previous 14 months since the G-I Bill of Rights has been in effect.

Xmas Lighting Contest Planned

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contest may enter one or more of the six classifications, but in final judging these will be taken separately for each specific group and not as a whole, except where classification of "general" is entered.

Local Judges
A competent committee selected from members of various organizations in Hillsboro will do the judging. They will consider thought in designing, time and labor in arranging, and artistic effect. No one is excluded from competing in the contest. All displays are to be ready for judging by December 23.

The entry blank as printed in the Argus is the official one to be used. This is to be filled in and left at the Argus office not later than Saturday noon, 12 o'clock, December 22. The blank is on page six.

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County Larceny Cases Reported

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James White, route 4, Hillsboro, reported loss of three hub caps when were taken from his car Friday night while it was parked at Hillsboro union high school. An overcoat valued at \$22.50 was reported stolen from J. C. Penney store at Forest Grove some time early Monday morning. Harold E. Sherwood of Banks said several bars of assorted candy were taken from his car while it was parked at his residence the night of December 5.

Cases in the justice of the peace court during the past week: Bert Ferren, Vernonia, \$10 fine and costs, no license plate visible; Gene Hartman, route 1, Forest Grove, \$100 fine and costs, operating car while under influence of intoxicating liquor; Arthur M. Peterson, Hillsboro, \$2.50 fine and costs, void foreign license; Donald E. Tuelen, Cornelius, \$15 fine and costs, violation of basic rule; Henry O. Wahl, route 4, Hillsboro, \$10 fine and costs, speeding; Elmer C. Bennett, Hillsboro, \$100 fine and costs, possession of buck deer out of season; Raymond C. Sandy, Hillsboro, \$75 fine and costs, possession of buck deer out of season.

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Portland Shopper Prefers Hillsboro

Old adage that "the grass is always greener" seems to be in effect during the current Christmas shopping season. A Portland woman, shopping in Hillsboro this week, declared that "she had been crowded out of Portland stores by shoppers from the surrounding small towns." She reported finding most of the items she wanted for her Christmas shopping list in Hillsboro and declared that selections were wider and there were better values than in the metropolitan area.

The Weather

(By A. W. Moore of U. S. Fish and Wild Life Service, Cooperative Weather Observer)

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
December 5	53	36	23
December 6	51	35	65
December 7	46	34	42
December 8	41	27	T
December 9	40	30	04
December 10	44	35	T
December 11	46	35	T

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