

Informer Gets Cut in US Fraud Case

PITTSBURGH, August 12 (AP) — A \$130,000 settlement went today to Harry L. Marcus, 36-year-old attorney, for digging up an old civil war "informer's suit" law and prosecuting a group of electrical contractors who had pleaded no defense to charges of "bid rigging" on jobs in which federal funds were involved.

The government also received \$130,000 under the agreement approved by the US district court today. The defendants were the Pittsburgh Electrical Contractors association and 41 individual contractors and firms.

The ancient law provides that informers can sue for twice the amount involved in a proved fraudulent contract involving federal funds and receive one-half of the award. It was testified at the contractor's trial that their association's secretary averaged the bids, added a percentage for profit and overhead and then assigned the "low bid" to a firm, with all others bidding higher.

Originally Marcus, represented by Charles J. Margiotti, former attorney general of Pennsylvania, asked for \$1,500,000 but the sum was cut to \$315,000 by a jury at the 61-day trial, longest on record here.

Testimony covered losses Marcus charged occurred by pre-arranged bids on school, municipal construction and other WPA projects.

Marcus said after the settlement that the two years' court fight had about used up the award. The case was once thrown out of court by the circuit court of appeals and later sustained by the supreme court.

Oregon Farm Income Due For Record

CORVALLIS, August 12 (AP) — Farm income in Oregon was on the way Thursday to breaking the all time high of approximately \$220,000,000 in 1942.

The department of agriculture and the Oregon agricultural extension service reported the 1942 cash farm income was almost double the 1935-39 average. For the first four months of 1943, the total was almost one-fifth greater than for the same period in 1942.

The general farm price level at mid-July, 1943, was 194 per cent of the 1935-39 average, 38 per cent higher than a year ago but three points below mid-May, 1943 the extension service said.

Oregon farm costs were higher than a year ago with wages averaging 47 per cent more and costs for feed and hay higher than the national average.

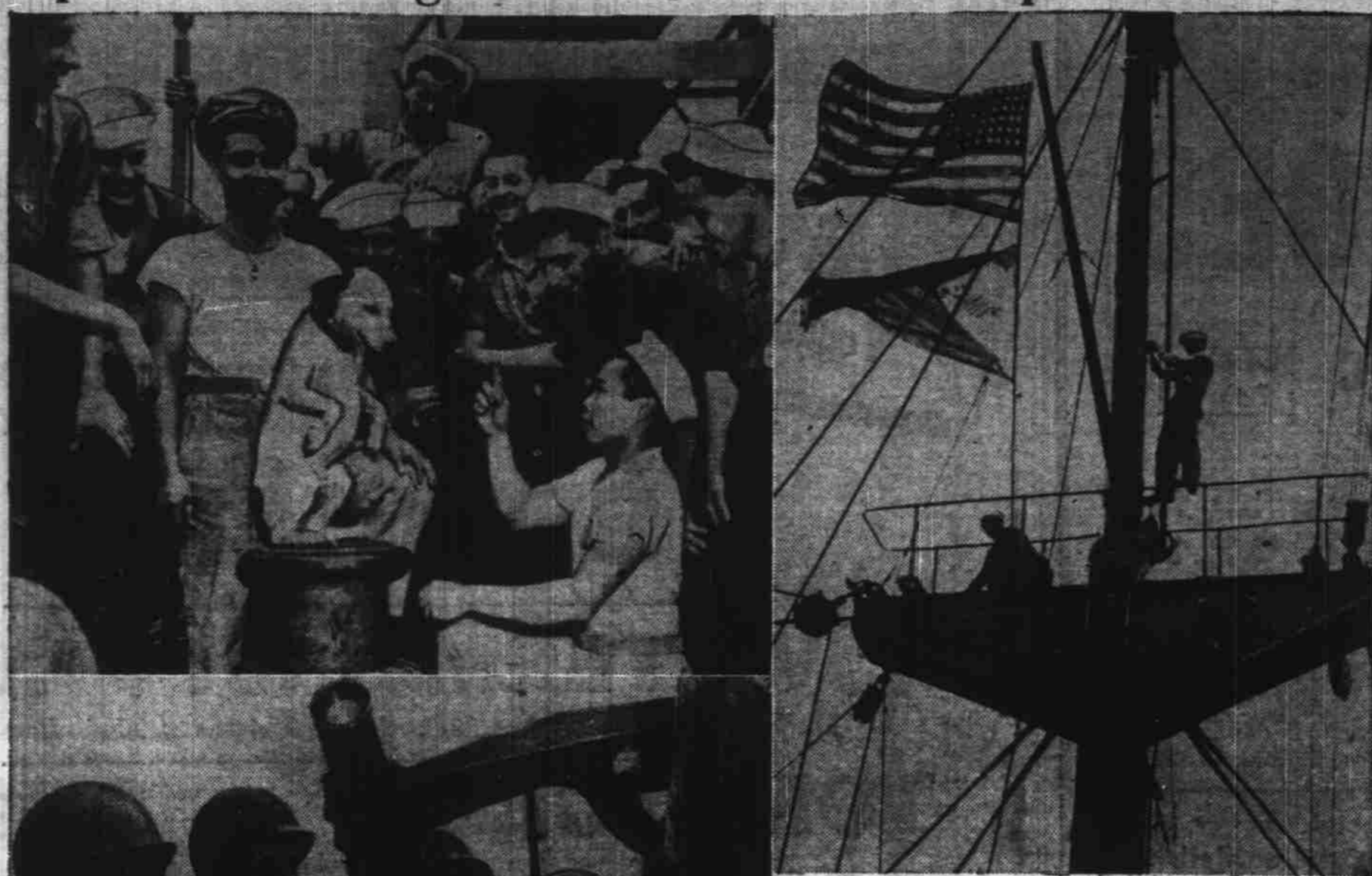
Agriculture still was the state's major basic source of income with lumbering second.

US Chamber Head Predicts Advances In Post-War Life

LONDON, August 12 (AP) — Eric Johnston, president of the US chamber of commerce, who arrived in Britain Thursday, predicted that the United States would embark on a period of widespread economic development after the war under a system of free enterprise.

Technological advances, development of synthetics, the demand for goods in a war ravaged world and the technical skill of American labor will combine to produce post war prosperity, he told a press conference.

Filipino Seamen Fight to Win Promised Independence



FILIPINO FIGHTING SPIRIT, immortalized on Bataan, now sails the seven seas. These photos, released by the U. S. Navy, show the officers and men of a Philippine merchant ship which, since Pearl Harbor, has carried war materials for the United Nations through 160,000 miles of sub-infested waters in the Atlantic and Pacific. Above, the flag of the Philippine Commonwealth flies beside the Stars and Stripes, symbolizing the cooperation between the two nations and the fighting spirit of the Filipino people, 20,000 of whom fought and fell on Bataan and other Philippine battlefields.

In the best United Nations tradition, Filipino officers and men share their Australian mascot (upper left) with a U. S. Navy gun crew, who sail with the ship. Filipino gunners take their turn (lower left) during the weary 24-hour vigils when Axis submarines are on the prowl for the ship and its precious war cargo. Although only three ships remain of the Philippine merchant fleet, motto of the 44 officers and men of this one is—SEE YOU IN MANILA.

in our united task of destroying our common enemies in the east as well as in the west."

Pointing out that the Philippine government is a signatory to the united nations declaration with 31 other nations, that it is represented on the Pacific war council and in the united nations' food conference, the president then said:

"And, of course, the Philippine government will have its rightful place in the conferences which will follow the defeat of Japan."

Milk Prices Under Fire In 3 Cities

By the Associated Press Office of price administration (OPA) milk prices were under fire in three Oregon cities Thursday night.

At Klamath Falls, dairymen threatened to dispose of their herds and go out of business unless OPA increased the price ceiling on butterfat from 85 cents to \$1.00 a pound. Large producers said they were operating at a loss. Seventy-three cows were sold from Klamath herds last week, dairymen said.

Bend's milk situation still was the center of a controversy among city and OPA officials and dairymen. City and OPA chiefs met Wednesday night but could not agree on a proposed tax subsidy plan which would aid producers. OPA Price Officer Blair Stewart said conferences with producers may lead to increased payments, possibly on the same basis as at The Dalles where butterfat was raised to 90 cents a pound without increasing the consumer cost.

But at The Dalles, grocers expressed dissatisfaction with the plan in vogue there. They planned a mass meeting to protest the OPA order. Some threatened to discontinue the sale of milk unless the ceiling price for retailers is made higher.

Around Oregon

Cavalry units of the Oregon state guard will begin summer maneuvers Sunday in the Metolius section of central Oregon. Industrial uses for wheat and waste lumber will be considered Friday at a meeting of the state committee of the national farm chemurgic council at Portland. Claude I. Sersanous, Oregon salvage committee chairman, said the second scrap metal drive, already started in the east and mid-west, probably will be scheduled for the Pacific northwest also. AFL warehousemen's union officials at Portland said some 500 employees of Montgomery Ward & Company there had been granted pay increases by the regional war labor board.

Portland school authorities said children working in food processing industries and for the forest service would be permitted to register late this year. Oregon housewives turned in only 52 per cent of the state's waste fats quota during June—101,589 pound. Mrs. Ethel Leck, state salvage committee women's activities chairman, said at Portland. Umatilla county's war bond campaign to buy a Flying Fortress bomber to be named "Spirit of Umatilla" went over the top with a total of \$350,000.

Tortilla Factory Wanted

PORTLAND, Ore., August 12 (AP) — Food preferences of Mexican and Jamaican farm workers in the northwest are somewhat of a problem, R. T. Magleby, director of the new regional labor office of the war food administration said today.

"The Mexicans are splendid workers," he said, "but they don't care a hang for vitamins and balanced diets. They want tortillas. Our Burlington, Wash., labor camp figured out it would take 20 men working all day at a 50-foot stove to produce enough of the flat cakes to supply them with their favorite food for 24 hours."

"The Jamaicans are interested in no other food but fried potato sandwiches. They turn up their noses at food which would make the average American's mouth water."

Tax Control Interests Army, Navy

WASHINGTON, August 12 (AP) — Army and navy authorities are taking part in current tax studies and are counseling against any increase so steep as to destroy the incentive for fullest possible war production, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau disclosed today.

Backed by the war department board, the armed services want to make sure that existing incentive systems—under which workers are swelling their incomes by putting forth greater efforts—are not nullified by taxation.

Thus a new factor entered the drafting of a program intended to raise an additional 12,000,000,000 during the year beginning January 1. The treasury already has indicated it is studying means to prevent inequitable tax burdens on persons whose incomes have not conformed to the upward trend.

Cook Commander On Caribbean

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., August 12 (AP) — The promotion of Rear Admiral A. B. Cook, chief of naval and operational training for the last 15 months, to the rank of vice admiral and his transfer to San Juan, Puerto Rico, as commandant of the tenth naval district and commander of the Caribbean sea frontier, was announced today by the navy department.

Linfield Given Infirmary Fund

McMINNVILLE, Ore., August 12 (AP) — President Harry L. Billin of Linfield college Thursday announced receipt of a gift of \$5000 toward construction of a new infirmary on the campus. He said the donor, a New York woman, wished her identity withheld.

Russians Jubilantly Look And Work Toward Victory

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN CAIRO, Aug. 12 (AP) — When I left Russia a few days ago the air was electric with the feeling of victory.

Never have the Russians been so buoyed up and so sure of themselves. Some even predicted quite seriously: "It will be all over in two months."

You hear no such rash prophecies among red army men nor among more sober-minded civilians. The soldiers are elated over reversing the trend of the previous two summers when the Germans always advanced and the Russians always retreated, but they know how tough the Germans can be on the defensive.

Most Russians believe it will take another year to defeat the invaders. Some of the factors involved are unpredictable.

I am convinced the Russian people never dreamed their army and air force would be so strong after two years of exhausting struggle. I got the impression when I arrived in Moscow that the people last May expected the army would hold the German offensive successfully but few suspected that it would be capable of making a devastating counter-offensive immediately.

That was something which happened only in winter. The Russian army, I gathered, wasn't built for swift maneuvering on dry summer plains—but it marvelously gave the lie to that impression.

The red air force provided a similar surprise. Moscow was prepared to withstand severe raids. A heavy concentration of guns was brought into the city and an elaborate air raid prevention system was developed.

Women are used extensively in the ARP. Densling circus performers, for example, spend the first part of the evening balancing hefty males on their heads (when the girls got it equally here they got it with vengeance). Then they go home and spend the rest of the night on fire-watching duty.

In May, I and many others thought Moscow would be undergoing cruel raids by now. It was Goering's last chance. It was logical he would throw everything possible at the capital. But in fact no bombs have fallen on Moscow since April, 1942, although it was only about 150 miles from the front at the nearest point—easy bombing range. That is, it would be easy if it weren't for the red air force, which actually is stronger after two years of war.

The luftwaffe at the same time was growing weaker, partly from the allied bombing of airplane factories, partly from the necessity of spreading out before the many gates of occupied Europe and partly from severe bombings by the Russians.

For the first time since the start of the war the Russians therefore at least air parity with the Germans along the 1500-mile front. With the aid of a great number of planes the red air force forged an impenetrable wall about Moscow.

Soviet-made fighter planes such as the "Yak" and "Meg" apparently are the equals of the best British and American planes. The Stormovik fighter-bomber is another excellent plane which the Germans call "black death." American Airacobras fighters and A-20 attack bombers were used extensively with good results. Russian heavy bombers are effective on night raids.

RCAF Boat Lost Off BC Coast

VANCOUVER, BC, Aug. 12 (AP) — A Royal Canadian air force supply boat carrying 15 persons and plying in British Columbia coastal waters has been missing for several days and despite widespread search no trace of the vessel has yet been found, an official RCAF announcement said tonight.

The statement said the search will be continued until the boat is found or it is positively known she foundered.

The vessel was the former fish-boat BC Star. Unofficial reports said the 67-foot boat is missing in Hecate Strait.

Next-of-kin of the 15 crewmen and passengers have been notified. Eight of the missing men were from British Columbia and the other seven from other parts of Canada.

Prune Men to Protest Price at McMinnville

PORTLAND, Aug. 12 (AP) — Prune growers of Yamhill and adjoining counties will meet in the McMinnville courthouse Saturday night to protest the OPA's price of \$40 per ton on green prunes, Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill said Friday.

Zimmerman said the price must be increased substantially if growers are to harvest the crop under existing high farm labor costs.

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Popeye Goes to War



The Japs in the Dutch East Indies and nearby islands have a new enemy in their gunights—Popeye, the Sailor. He is a big twin-engined American Mitchell bomber used by Netherlands fliers based in Australia, with the brightly painted Popeye just alongside the bombardier's position. This particular plane has already been on many dangerous missions, bombing Japanese installations at Ambona, Kupang and other points. The Dutch squadron is composed of fliers who escaped from the Indies and a number of men trained at the huge Royal Netherlands flying school at Jackson, Miss. Its bombing missions usually entail long flights over shark-infested waters and deep jungles. Incidentally, the English pronunciation is used when discussing Popeye; no attempt at translation is made.