

War Workers Desert Jobs, Go Back Home

WASHINGTON, March 6—(AP) A new and serious war problem, the office of war information reported today, is that many workers who formerly rushed to the crowded industrial areas are now simply "going home."

This is particularly true of the west coast, OWI said, adding that in the San Francisco area "out-migration" has reached alarming proportions.

Although the OWI did not say so, the inclination of workers to go home is being cited by the armed forces as an argument for a national service act. It also has stirred considerable concern in labor circles here.

As for the west coast—where the labor shortage was somewhat eased after last summer's acute stage—manpower officials have predicted that when the war shifts more to the Pacific theatre that area will experience another manpower crisis worse than the first.

Despite the out-migration problem, the national "quitting rate" in industry was lower in December than in any other month of 1943. On the other hand, the rate of new hiring was the lowest since 1941.

And, as the labor department has announced, December was the first month since the United States entered the war that industry suffered a net loss in its working force. OWI calculated that of every 1000 workers involved, 54 quit, were drafted or were discharged individually in December, and only 51 were hired. This net loss of three workers per 1000 was increased to 12 per thousand by the added fact that group layoffs in December were the highest reported since July, 1942. Nine workers were laid off for every thousand on the pay rolls.

OWI said there has been considerably less labor turnover in this war than in 1918, mainly because of manpower programs and the reluctance of union workers to give up seniority protection.

But turnover, OWI said, remains a serious problem, often impeding war production.

The latest industrial turnover figures show, OWI said, that for every 1000 workers, 43 quit each month, five leave to enter the armed forces, six are discharged, nine are laid off and 51 are hired. Examples of turnover included: Douglas Aircraft at El Segundo, Calif., had a net loss of more than 2000 persons in November and December.

In the northwest Pacific area "there are many navy contractors who are unable to utilize their facilities fully or to meet navy requirements." Associated Shipbuilders, Incorporated, of Seattle, which builds minesweepers for the navy, has an average employment of 8000 and has lost 6900 workers in the last six months, only 11 per cent of these being military losses. In the same period only 5130 workers could be hired, so that the company suffered a net loss of 1800.

Those companies, OWI said, in order to meet their schedules, should be increasing their working force and it is in such plants that turnover is most harmful.

Brand Opens Postwar Parley

PORTLAND, Ore., March 6—(AP) James T. Brand, associate justice of the state supreme court, declared today that a clear-cut foreign policy cannot be made until the American people indicate what type of post-war world they want.

At the opening of a two-day institute of postwar planning for international peace, Brand urged the establishment of definite public opinion as a basis for postwar planning.

Clark M. Eichelberger, national director of the commission to study international peace, suggested three main requirements of postwar relations: political security, justice, and welfare.

"It is opportune now to discuss and reach a solution to these problems," he said, "as they cannot wait until the last moment. The problems which will confront the statesmen at the peace table will be so great they will not have time to settle them then."

Edwin B. Challace Dies of Injury

Edwin B. Challace, 66, of 572 North 15th street, died at Selma General hospital Sunday a little more than a week after he had been found at Union and High streets suffering from a basal skull fracture. The way in which he received the injury has never been ascertained, although there was some indication of a hit-run accident.

The widow, Pansy Marie Challace, survives.

Harney County Assessor Dies
BURNS, Ore., March 6—(AP)—C. W. Logan, Harney county assessor for 20 years, died at his home Sunday. He was 63. The widow, a daughter and two sons survive. The funeral will be tomorrow.

Waves of Marines Swarm to Engebi



First, second and third waves of landing craft with marine assault troops approach Engebi island, Eniwetok atoll, under smoke screen cover on February 18. This photo from a navy carrier-based plane shows the bomb-pocked Jap airstrip. (AP Wirephoto from US navy)

What Does a Soldier Learn From Half a Year at War?

By KENNETH L. DIXON

WITH THE AEF IN ITALY, March 1—(Delayed)—(AP)—Six months overseas isn't a long time comparatively in this war, but it is a sort of milestone at which a man can pause to ask himself what he has learned. Then he realizes:

That, while wars are fought for creeds, beliefs and causes from afar, at the actual battlefront they fight for esprit des corps and the will to stay alive.

That, conversely, there are things worse than death, especially a quick painless death. Helping bring the wounded down from some battered body-littered hill teaches that.

That wounds and shells, once considered awful things, can become blessings in bloody disguise because they take a man out of line and sometimes even send him home.

That regardless of how often those too distant from the soldiers to know say the opposite, the wounded don't want to go back to battle. They do, and often, but not because they want to, and it becomes a travesty on their simple, honest, heroism to blandly say they do.

That, except for brief flashes, few fighting men know hate or fury.

That the nearer you go to the line of combat the more tolerant you find the soldiers along the way.

That in spite of all these things the average doughboy, perhaps because he knows there's a job to be done before there'll be rest for anyone, and perhaps just because he's protecting the guy on his right or left flank, becomes the greatest of heroes. And this ordinary guy who was made a hero, not born one, does the impossible so regularly that it becomes ordinary.

That those who risk their lives the oftenest usually mention it the least, except when someone else seeks credit for what they've done.

That there is no understanding, no friendship, no fraternity in the world like this. Each of the men are men who have slept the night in the same foxhole while the mortar shells crossed with the thumping dump of giant footsteps up and down the line, while murderous man-made flashes lit up the black sky, while the bullets whispered back and forth overhead.

That the same is true of the crews who fly through the flak and the fighter hell together, or the pilots who soar into scraps on one another's wings, protecting pals from the unseen behind.

There are many other things, perhaps less important, that a man learns in a mere half a year at war away from his homeland.

He learns that a letter from home is worth going hungry for all day... that dry straw in a shell shattered stable can feel more luxurious than a suite at the Waldorf... that cold and rain along the front sometimes outweigh even the dangers.

That there is no loneliness in the world, equal to a soldier's loneliness and especially when he's wounded, and yet that there is no more heartwarming welcome anywhere than that with which you are greeted when you return under fire to an outfit where you're known and accepted.

That war makes young men terribly old and still, sometimes, makes old men amazingly young. A man learns that his confidence in his fellow humans, shaken

three times had urged Harry Slatery to resign as rural electrification administrator.

Daniels had said in a letter to Smith that he was ready to answer the questions because President Roosevelt did not believe his testimony "in this particular matter" would be adverse to public interest. Previously Daniels had contended that since his relationship with the president was confidential, it would be against public policy to answer the questions.

While the committee's action left the way open for the contempt proceedings which it previously had planned, there seemed no doubt that the action would be dropped if Daniels testifies as scheduled. Thus a possible court test of the senate's right to extract information from a presidential aide was unlikely.

United Nations Hold Postwar Aviation Talks

WASHINGTON, March 6—(AP) A general United Nations conference on postwar aviation may be the outcome of a series of conversations disclosed tonight to have been going on quietly since December.

These conversations, said a high government official, have included the United States, Russia, Britain and Canada. Also, China has been approached with what was described as a good prospect of agreement.

The talks are in the most preliminary stages, it was said, and look toward further exploratory conferences among the countries named, with additional representation from interested countries in Europe, such as France and the Netherlands, and countries in Latin America.

Wayne W. Parrish, editor and publisher of "American Aviation," said in a copyrighted story today that the United States has invited Great Britain, Canada and Russia to a preliminary conference on postwar international air transportation for the third week of March, in Washington, but the slowness with which Great Britain has acted... may mean a postponement.

In a question period following his address, Morse answered questions. In reply to one query he asserted that the present lumber tariff arrangement, which gives an advantage to Canada, should in his judgment be changed.

Senate Group Awaits Daniels

WASHINGTON, March 6—(AP)—A senate agriculture sub-committee withheld action on contempt proceedings against Jonathan Daniels today pending a session tomorrow at which the confidential aide to President Roosevelt is scheduled to reply to questions he refused to answer last week.

Chairman Smith (D-SC) told reporters the group voted in a closed session to postpone action until after Daniels appears for questioning on testimony that he

Courthouse To Be Built Up Annually

In a special meeting Monday morning the county court voted to recommend to the budget committee the laying aside of an annual levy of \$15,000 extending over 10 years for accumulation of a court house construction fund. There was no remonstrance, though objectors were invited to be heard.

The court has planned in such a way that the way will be open for other contributions toward a new court structure. It is emphasized that the levy, which would account for \$750,000 in 10 years, would be a fund "to count on" while additional funds from other sources would be that much "velvet".

Problem of acquiring necessary building funds as quickly as possible concerned E. A. Miller of the Salem chamber of commerce special courthouse committee. He held that the county should be in a position to match any money which might come from postwar agencies.

Securing of half the funds in one or two levies was felt to be impractical by T. Harold Tomlinson, assistant district attorney.

Charles A. Sprague was of the opinion that the 10 year levy should be carried through to produce a foundation fund which would be available whether other expedient measures were hit upon or not.

The court indicated it would confer with the chamber of commerce committee on phases of the proposal.

Tax Forms To Be Simpler

By FRANCIS M. LE MAY
WASHINGTON, March 6—(AP)—Some 30,000,000 of the nation's 50,000,000 individual income taxpayers received a word of consolation from congress today that the current epidemic of digit fever may be the last they will suffer.

Ways and Means Chairman Doughton (D-NC) disclosed that the tax-formulating body is working on a plan under which persons with incomes up to \$5000 won't have to file returns after this year.

Emerging from a committee session, the chairman said the body had given "special consideration" to a program whereby the withholding levy against wages and salaries—after necessary adjustments of exemptions, deductions and rates—would become the actual tax for the lower income levels, requiring no formal return at the year end.

In Doughton's words, the committee studies "the possibility of arranging the withholding tax so as to eliminate the requirement of taxpayers with income up to \$5000 of having to file a regular income tax return, but allowing them the option of filing a simple statement or slip as to their income, or the regular return."

In this simplification effort, the committee is seeking:
1. To retain, so far as possible, the present tax burden against all levels of income, dropping few if any of the 50,000,000 victory and income taxpayers from the tax rolls.
2. Integrating the present victory, normal and surtaxes into one simple rate.
Nothing in the simplification program would affect the returns on 1943 income due before March 15.

Rejected as Expected

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., March 6—(AP)—Mayor William F. Hood wired Mrs. Hood after taking his army physical: "Inspected, dissected, infected, rejected, as expected."

Young Grangers Make New Plans

UNION HILL—The Union Hill YGA met at the grange hall Saturday night with 31 members and guests present.

The recreation committee appointed for the next meeting is, Fern Mikkelsen and Robert Humphreys. The supper committee for the next meeting will include Margie Tate, Rollin Heater and Donald Peters. Publicity chairman for the group will be Wilbur Seely. The time was spent playing games, singing and dancing. Supper was served by Fern Mikkelsen and Laurel Krenz.

Roundup Tells Ration Data

Meats, fats, etc.—book three brown stamps Y and Z valid through March 20. Book four 10-point red stamps A8, B8 and C8 good through May 20. Red tokens and brown one-point stamps good as change.

Processed foods—book four green stamps K, L and M valid through March 20; 10-point blue stamps A8, B8, D8 and E8 good through May 20. Blue tokens and green one-point tokens good as change.

Sugar—book four stamp 30 valid indefinitely for five pounds; stamp 40 good for five pounds for home canning through February 28, 1945.

Shoes—book one stamp 18 valid through April 30. Book three airplane stamp 1 good indefinitely. A new stamp becomes valid May 1.

Gasoline—in northeast and southeast, B-A coupons good for

three gallons through May 8. Elsewhere, 10-A coupons good for three gallons through March 21. B and B-1 and C and C-1 coupons good for two gallons everywhere except in the Rocky mountains and far west where they are good for three gallons. B-2 and C-2 coupons good everywhere for five gallons. Fuel oil—period three coupons valid through March 13 in all areas except the south. Period four coupons valid in all areas through September 30. Period five coupons good in the middle west and south through September 30. All coupons worth 10 gallons a unit, with most coupons worth several units each.

NEW YORK—(AP)—Former Gov. Alfred E. Smith's brown derby was auctioned for \$150,000 worth of war bonds—but he's going to get it back.

The purchaser, local 16 of the AFL hotel and restaurant workers union, has decided against keeping the hat from the man who made it famous and will return it in a ceremony tomorrow.

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WAGES AND TAXES PAID

EMPLOYER	ADDRESS	WAGES	W. T.	EMPLOYER	ADDRESS	WAGES	W. T.

OTHER INCOME

Dividends Received _____ Rent Income _____
Interest Received _____ Sale of Property _____
Other Income _____ Other Income _____
What Income Tax did you pay March 15 _____ June 15 _____ Sept. 15 _____ Dec. 15 _____
What was 1942 Tax (Form 1125) _____

EXPENSE

Contributions: Red Cross _____ Interest Paid Out: On Real Estate Mortgages \$ _____
Community Chest _____ On Contracts _____ \$ _____
Church _____ On Notes _____ \$ _____
War Relief _____ Medical Expense _____ \$ _____
Other _____

Union Dues - Tools: Union Dues _____ Date and Nature of Loss _____
Initiation Fee _____ Cause _____
Small Tools You Must Insured? _____
Furnish _____

Taxes and Licenses: Driver's License _____ To Whom _____
Car License and Stamp _____ Date of Loan _____
Real Estate Tax _____ Date Lost _____
Gasoline Tax _____ Reason Not Recoverable _____
State Sales Tax _____
Amusement Tax _____
State Income Tax _____
Railroad Ticket Tax _____
Telephone Tax _____
Other _____

Info. By _____ Pre. By _____
Ch. By _____ Mailed By _____
Del. By _____

1. What was last year Filed? _____ To what office sent? _____
2. Where was Declaration Payment Sent? _____
3. Was separate return filed in 1943? _____
4. Did you receive any non-taxable income? _____

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