

Great, Near-Great and Man in Street Express Cautious Optimism in Predicting 1945 Events

By the Associated Press

The great, the near-great and the man in the street expressed cautious optimism today in predicting events to come in 1945—a year sure to see bloody fighting, but one which might bring victory and peace.

In London, Prime Minister Churchill said the New Year "should bring us victory in Europe," and added: "Before many months have passed the evil gang that has long dominated that unhappy continent will be wiped out."

Russia's top-flight foreign commentator, Ilya Ehrenburg, said in a broadcast: "We will finish off the Germans this year . . . we have suffered too much to stop short of Berlin."

Concerning the war in the Pacific, Robert F. Patterson, under-secretary of war, declared: "I have found nothing to support the notion that we can dispose of Japan in short order once Germany is finally beaten. We will have to defeat them the hard way."

Mitscher Hopesful

However, Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, who helped whip the Japanese in two battles of the Philippines sea, predicted from Pearl Harbor that "in another year we should have their navy pretty well cleaned up; . . . by next summer, they will be sitting on a decidedly uneasy seat in the empire."

A representative "man in the street," Jim Goodman, 70-year-old cigar counterman, declared: "Once Germany is through, Russia is going to help us go after Japan . . . There'll be more cigars sold than ever before."

Professional Speaks

A professional predictor, Nicholas de Vore, president of the Astrological Research society, said: "The war will wear itself out and dissolve gradually into a period of occupation wherein Russia will be the guardian of the peace in Europe and Asia."

Other predictions and New Year statements:

Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Park Avenue's Christ Church (Methodist) in New York: "The church must sustain the courage of the people and their faith. We failed our soldiers after the last war by believing too much. Let us beware lest we fail this time by believing too little."

Krug Worries

J. A. Krug, chairman, war production board: "The blunt truth is that we are not producing war goods fast enough to meet the actual urgent demands of our forces."

Sherman Billingsley, owner of New York's Stork club: "1945 will be the biggest boom in American night club history because industry is going full blast and so will pleasure."

Darryl F. Zanuck, head of Twentieth Century-Fox Pictures: "American films will play an important part in re-education of the world for peace through re-

Stocks and Bonds

AVERAGES FOR 1944

STOCK AVERAGES			
1944 high	34.5	28.5	26.3
1944 low	29.1	22.9	21.1
1944 high	108.7	107.3	68.8
1944 low	79.5	104.6	104.7

pare us to accept something short of perfection in war production."

All of Japs' Defensive Arc From Kuriles to Manila Within Easy U.S. Range

By Lell Erickson

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Honolulu, Jan. 1—(AP)—Pacific fleet headquarters, announcing new air strikes against Japanese bases, declared today in a 1944 war review that the enemy's homeland was now open to fleet attack.

The new raids included the 24th consecutive daily attack Saturday on Iwa Jima base on the Volcano island, approach to Tokyo.

All of Japan's defensive arc, from the Kurile islands to Manila, the 1944 review asserted, now is within effective range of fleet and shore-based aircraft.

B-29 Superfortress bombers have already penetrated this arc numerous times to strike at Tokyo and other Japanese industrial centers.

Big Battles Ahead

The review cautioned, however, that "the decisive battles, the greatest battles and the hardest battles in the Pacific war are still to come . . . the enemy, like ourselves, has just begun to fight."

The 800 word year review of the war declared allied power had pushed in "massive lunges through Japan's ill-gotten conquests."

Figures were presented to show the extent to which the Japanese fleet had been crippled by Fleet

Financial - Farm - Markets - Classified

Quotations at Portland

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1—(AP)—Butter—AA grade prints 46-48¢; cartons 45¢-47¢; A grade prints 45¢-46¢; cartons 44¢-45¢; G grade prints 44¢-45¢; cartons 43¢-44¢.

Butterfat—First quality, maximum of 6 of 1 per cent acidity, delivered in Portland 22-23¢; premium quality, maximum of 2 of 1 per cent acidity 23-24¢; calvey routes and country points 2c less than first or 25-26¢.

Eggs—To retailers: AA extra large 56¢; AA large 57¢; A large 54¢; A medium 53¢; small (pullet) 42-44¢ doz.

Live poultry—Buying prices from producers: Broilers up to 3 lbs. 28¢; Fryers 2 to 3½ lbs. 25¢; roasters over 3½ lbs. 29¢; Leghorns 2½¢; colored hens all weights 25¢; roasters and country meats—Rollback prices to

retailers: Country killed hogs, best butchers, 120-140 lbs. 19-20¢; vealers AA 21¢; C 21½¢; B 19-20¢; C 18-17½¢; culls 12-15¢; best AA 21½¢; A 20¢; B 18½¢; C 16¢; canner-cutter cows 13-14¢; bulls, canner-cutter 14-14½¢; lambs AA 26¢; A 24½¢; B 23½¢; C 18-20¢; ewes FS 13½¢; M 12¢; R 19¢.

Cheese—Selling price to Portland retailers: Oregon triplets 29-30¢; dairies 29-30¢; loaf 22-23¢; triples to wholesalers 27¢; loaf 21½¢ FOB.

Rabbits—Government ceiling: Average country killed to retailers 35-44¢; live price to producers 22-24¢ lb.

Turkeys—Selling price to retailers: Dressed hens and toms 43¢ lb.; government sale 39.50¢, for civilian trade 38.25¢ lb.

Onions—Green 90¢ dozen bunches.

Onions—Yakima dry 50¢ 1.25; 3- in. 1.75; local Oregon 1.50 per 30 lb. bag; Idaho White 1.35 base; boilers 10¢ 25.

Potatoes—Descartes No. 1, 3.40-3.50; Klamath Falls No. 2, 1.50 per 50-lb. bag; local 2.25 orange box.

Wool—Government control.

Cascara bark—1944 peel 1.5¢ lb.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1—(AP)—(WFA)—Sizable cattle for week 1650; calves 300; unevenly higher on short holiday run; weavers' trade 50 cents to 1.00 higher but much advance on common grades and below last late; good fed steers topped at 16.50, two loads 16.00; other medium-good fed steers 13.75-15.50; common - medium steers mostly 10.00-13.50; common - medium heifers 8.00-13.00; good heifers 13.50-14.00; medium - good cows 10.00-12.50; canners - cutters 5.50-7.50 early, with fat dairy type cows to 10.00 and over; medium - good bulls 9.50-11.25, odd head 11.50; good - choice wealers 12.50-14.50; grass calves mostly 13.50 down.

Sizable hogs for week 1875; supply inadequate, market very active, some strength on heavies and sows, otherwise unchanged, largely at ceiling; good-choice 120-250 lbs. largely 1275; 200-300 lbs. 14.50-15.00; light hogs 14.50; good sows 12.25-14.00; choice 104 lb. feeder pigs 14.25 late.

Sizable sheep for week 450; extremely light supply sold steady to strong; good-choice woolled lambs

13.50-14.00; No. 1 pelt lambs up to 12.50; medium - good lambs 12.00-12.25; common down to 10.00; good - choice ewes 5.50-6.00; common down to 3.00. (The North Portland livestock market will be closed New Year's day.)

DENVER SHEEP

DENVER, Dec. 30—(AP)—Sheep compared Friday week ago: Slaughter lambs mostly 50-75 cents higher; week's top 15.25 paid at close for choice 100-100 lb. fed woolled offerings; other choice loads 14.75-15.15; some grading good-choice 14.40; other classes scarce; ewes 45-55 cents higher; best to killer 8.75; feeding lambs about steady; good - choice lots and loads 12.50-15.25; common - medium 9¢ lb. Arizona 10.50.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1—(AP)—Wheat: No futures quoted. Cash grain: Barley No. 2-45 lb. B.W. 47.00.

Cash wheat (bid): Soft white 1.55; soft white (excluding Rex) 1.53; white club 1.55; western red 1.55.

turn of American pictures to the liberated countries."

Farmers Ready

Henry F. Rusk, dean of the college of agriculture, University of Illinois: "When the war in Europe ends, prices may sag, but patriotism counts heavier than profits and farmers will continue to do their part."

Sandy Ackland, New York elevator operator: "The war in Europe won't be over. The black market will be bigger than ever."

Bill Migatz, New York drugstore counterman: "Because of rationing in 1945 restaurants and soda fountains may have to limit the number of customers they serve."

Theatres Prosper

George Abbott, theatrical producer: "1945 will, by all wartime precedent, be prosperous for the theatre, and in my opinion, many plays which appeal to good taste and intelligence will be successful."

Paul V. McNutt, chairman, war manpower commission: "A manpower situation of the utmost seriousness confronts the country."

William H. Davis, chairman, national war labor board: "Human limitations should pre-

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz surface ships, aircraft and submarines.

Damage Cited

The summary put in figures how greatly the power and threat of the Japanese fleet has been clipped by Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz' surface ships, aircraft and submarines.

It said "During the year US surface ships and aircraft sank two of the enemy's battleships, five of his aircraft carriers, seven of his heavy cruisers, well over 300 cargo ships and transports and about 200 other vessels with the grand total reaching 550 ships."

The report said "US submarines sank 468 Japanese ships during the first 11 months of 1944. This total includes four light cruisers and 17 destroyers.

Ship Toll Heavy

"Forty-three tankers and 377 cargo ships and transports were sent to the bottom. In December an enemy aircraft carrier was sunk by a submarine.

"The tonnage of Japanese ships sunk during 1944 by US submarines alone is in excess of 2,500,000 tons.

"During 1944 6650 enemy aircraft were destroyed in the Pacific ocean areas. Of these approximately 5450 were destroyed by carrier aircraft and 1200 by land based airplanes."

Your Next Pay Check Will Probably Differ From Your Last; Tax Brings Changes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—(AP)—Your next pay check will probably be from a dime to several dollars different from your last.

The reason lies in taxes:

1. Income taxes. The amount withheld may go up or it may go down. In any case you'll feel the difference on your first payday of 1945, even if the money is paid for work done in 1944.

2. Social security taxes. Most employees making more than \$3000 a year have been enjoying a little deduction for old age and survivors insurance. This deduction now starts again.

The social security tax was supposed to increase to two per cent January 1, but congress wouldn't allow it. The deduction stays at one per cent.

Several Factors

As for income taxes, whether the amount withheld goes up or down depends on several things.

In the first place, congress has made some changes designed to bring the withholding tax more in line with the actual income tax finally paid.

At the end of 1945 the average employee won't owe the government so much, or be owed so much by the government, as in 1944. The total amount received by the government isn't expected to change much.

Tables More Precise

Suppose Jones and Smith are paid by the week and each claims credit for a wife and one child. Jones earns \$50 a week. Smith earns \$59. Up to now, their withholding tax has been the same, \$5. From now on, Jones will pay only \$4.40. Smith will pay \$6.30. It's all in the more precise tables drawn up by the lawmakers.

Congress also fixed the tables so that several million persons who have been paying only part of their income tax by withholding now will pay approximately all of it by that method.

Rates Graduated

Income tax rates are graduated so that the more you earn, the higher the rate. But heretofore, all withholding has been at the minimum rate. That meant many persons earning good salaries had to make large supplementary payments in addition to their withholding.

Under the new tables, withholding will take care of the full tax on a single person's income up to \$5000, or a married person's income up to \$4500, with \$500 additional for each dependent.

For everybody affected by that change, the withholding tax will go up, but he won't pay any more tax in the long run. He simply goes on a complete pay-as-you-go basis.

Credits Changed

That's not all congress did. It set up a new system of giving credit for dependents. This will change the amount of income tax for a lot of people.

In general, exemptions are more liberal. For example, exemption can be claimed for dependents over 18. On the other hand, each dependent now must be closely related to you. Your cousin or your uncle's wife won't count. Nobody having \$500 of his own income will count, either.

The amount of the exemption is different, too. Up to now, it has been \$500 for a single person or \$1200 for a married couple, plus \$350 for each dependent.

Now it's straight \$500 a person. This means a man with a wife but no children suffers a \$200 cut in exemption, and his tax rises.

A man with a flock of children gets more exemption for each of them and his tax is pretty sure to be less.

Oregon Wheat Prices Jump

PORTLAND, Jan. 1—(AP)—Activity increased in the Portland cash wheat market last week, while prices rose one to one and a half cents a bushel, the war food administration (WFA) said today.

The WFA weekly grain survey showed demands increasing, particularly for high protein wheats. Heavy sales of flour to government agencies helped to boost mills' grain needs.

Coast terminals took all the moderate supplies offered by country points, except for some sales to midwestern markets. California mills limited their calls to high protein hard whites and hard winters from Montana. Feed manufacturers boosted their demands for feed wheat, much of which was supplied by the CCC.

Car receipts at Puget Sound and Columbia river terminals totaled 480 cars—88 of them at Portland.

MONTGOMERY WARD'S ANSWER TO THE ORDER OF SEIZURE BY THE PRESIDENT

The order of the president to effect the seizure of the property and business of Montgomery Ward is a violation of the constitution of the United States, which the president has sworn to uphold and defend. The congress, which is the sole law-making authority under the constitution has given the president no power to seize the non-war business of Montgomery Ward.

The purpose of the president's order is to enforce, by an exercise of arbitrary power, orders of the War Labor Board which the courts have declared to be merely advisory and legally unenforceable. The courts have held that anyone who refuses to comply with orders of the War Labor Board is not defying a command of the government and that, since the orders are merely advisory, no government official has the right to impose punishments on those who do not comply.

The president's order does not arise from any failure on Ward's part to pay fair wage rates, Ward's policy is, and has been, to pay wages as high as or higher than those paid by other employers in the community for similar employment. Ward's only objection to any of the War Labor Board's wage recommendations has been in those instances where the board has arbitrarily demanded that Ward's substantially increase its rates above those of its competitors in the highly competitive retail field.

The president has ordered the army to restrict the liberties of Ward's employees by imposing upon them the closed shop in the form of union maintenance. This is the final step in the coercion used by the administrative agencies of the government to force the closed shop upon employers and employees throughout the nation. Ward's has long believed that when the public awakens to the extent of this coercion, it will rise in indignation.

Ward's defense of the freedom of its employees has not been prompted by any feeling of anti-unionism; all employees at Ward's are free to join or not to join a union; as they wish. Ward's fully recognizes this privilege and has assured all employees that their opportunity with the company will be the same whether they are union members or not.

Ward's cannot in good citizenship accept or obey the commands of those who have no legal power to give them and who are seeking to deprive Ward's of its constitutional rights and liberties. Ward's takes this position in defense of the constitutional rights and liberties of every citizen of the United States.

The issues are now before the courts where Ward's has sought for two years to have them decided. Ward's welcomes the opportunity to present its case to the courts.

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Man Burns to Death

PORTLAND, Jan. 1—(AP)—Burns and suffocation proved fatal today to Donald J. Mitchell, 40, waiter, after a fire in his hotel room.

Salem Market Quotations

The prices below supplied by a local grocer are indicative of the daily market prices paid to growers by Salem buyers, but are not guaranteed by the Statesman:

BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY
(Subject to change without notice)

BUTTERFAT	24
No. 1	25
No. 2	20

RAVIER PRINTS

A	46½
Quarters	45½
EGGS	49½
Extra large	34
Medium	47
Standards	47
Pullets	28
Stragglers	24
Colored hens, No. 1	28
No. 2 colored hens	21
Colored, type	29

MARKET'S BUYING PRICES
(Subject to change without notice)

POULTRY	29
No. 1 springs	29
No. 1 hens	28

LIVESTOCK

Spring lamb	10.00
Weaning lamb	7.00 to 7.50
Ewe	8.00
Dairy cows	4.00 to 5.50

Police Arrest Actor

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1—(AP)—Helmut Dantine, 26, Austrian-born movie actor, was booked on a battery charge today after actress Ida Lupino's secretary, Miss Leslie Forrest, complained that he had bitten her arm, wrist and hand and chased a woman guest through the actress' house.

Man Killed by Car

PORTLAND, Jan. 1—(AP)—Lewis Carl Swertfeger, 31, killed in an auto collision only two hours after midnight, was Portland's first 1945 traffic fatality.

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Assistant Pastor Resigns to Enlist As Navy Chaplain

Rev. Bernard J. McDonald, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church for the last four years, has resigned and will enlist in the chaplains corps of the US navy. Announcement of the resignation and plans to enlist was made Sunday by Rev. T. J. Barnards, pastor.

Father McDonald is the second assistant pastor from St. Joseph's parish to enlist. The first, Rev. John J. Reedy, went with the Oregon state guard in September, 1940. He has recently been in Alaska after special work in the east where he was transferred after the outbreak of the war.

Two other Marion county priests are in the army chaplains corps. Rev. Richard Carberry, former pastor of St. Paul's church in Silverton, was with the chaplains corps in the Philippines. He is now a Japanese prisoner of war, held in Japan. Silverton friends have been informed.

Rev. Bertrand McLoughlin, Benedictine, from the Mt. Angel monastery, is now with the US army in the Southwest Pacific. He has a captain's rating in the chaplains corps of the army.

"Strictly Private" By Quinn Hall

I SUPPOSE WHEN THEY GET A WIFE SHE'LL OF 'EM WASH STRIPES THEY WAFIA RTIPTE.

DEAR MOM:-
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