

# Word Encouraging on White Shirts; Lower Points Seen As Possibility for Discharge

By the Washington Staff of the Associated Press  
 WASHINGTON, July 14.—(P)—Note to President Truman and thousands of other men having trouble finding white shirts: The war production board predicts a decided improvement in supply by October and an even better situation by the first of the year. In the meantime, though, the shortage will remain acute. Improving the long-range shirt-tail outlook is release by the military of 3,000,000 yards of Oxford cloth which will go into production of white shirts—and shorts late this quarter.

This windfall is in addition to supplies of cotton broadcloth already earmarked for shirts under the government's inexpensive clothing program.

**Lower Points:** The army expects to announce a new point system for the discharge of troops late this month and indications are that the total required will be lowered. (There are many soldiers at Camp Adair with more than the presently-prescribed 85 points, and bewilderment has been expressed as to why—if points are to be lowered still further—those not in essential work are still kept in the army).

**Home Team:** There's still a good chance that permanent headquarters of the United Nations security organization will be in the United States.

Delegates from many countries to the San Francisco conference said informally that they liked the general climate over here, that they considered the U. S. A. a good central location with respect to both east and west, and that they thought this nation's leadership toward framing the charter was still another point.

**Ickes Next?:** Some high officials think President Truman will act promptly after the big three meeting to replace Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes.

Early speculation that WPB Chairman J. A. Krug would get the Ickes post dwindled away. Word is being passed that Krug, despite a good administration record, has not enough political

the famed warrior may hang up his sword. Lear is overage. In fact, he was officially "retired" some time ago when he reached the retirement age—but was "hired back" ten minutes later to take on a new job.

**Solo, Like in a Hammock:** Despite the sleeping car shortage, the navy has no intention of adopting the army's plan of "two men to a lower berth" in troop movements. The sailors will solo.

**Like Rabbit?:** This year's severe shortage of meats is expected to give a big impetus to one of the country's youngest and fastest-growing industries—rabbit production.

The department of commerce says the commercial production of domestic bunnies has been stepped up more than 200 per cent since Pearl Harbor. More progress has been made in the industry in the

**Big Job Open:** One of the most baffling questions in a long time is: who will succeed Fred Vinson as war mobilizer when Vinson takes over Secretary Morgenthau's treasury portfolio?

Senator George (D-Ga) continues to be mentioned as frequently as anybody.

So big is the job, and so few are the qualifying candidates, that some people think Vinson will hang on to his present title after he becomes treasury secretary. Most officials say this is unlikely because the two jobs are too complicated for any one man. But the argument is that for a while Vinson could concentrate on being director of the office of war mobilization and reconversion, and leave much of the treasury duties to Undersecretary Daniel W. Bell.

**Pen for Protocol:** There's some talk that if Assistant Secretary of State Archibald MacLeish is seated in the expected departmental shake-up, MacLeish may be just as well pleased. It's reported that poet MacLeish would like to devote more time to writing than he has in recent years.

**Lear to Retire?:** Lieut. Gen. Ben Lear, former chief of the army ground forces and later a deputy to Eisenhower in Europe is coming home soon, and the impression around the Pentagon is that

home during August alone, and while many will be permanently discharged in this country, many others are bound for the Pacific. These include air force personnel and certain specialists needed quickly against the Japs.

**For House - Hunting Veterans:** The national housing agency (NHA) has planned "centralized housing services" throughout the nation to assist returning veterans to find places to live in crowded communities. It's NHA's purpose to set up the housing services in already established veterans' information centers.

**Quick Ride:** Look for the ever-increasing traffic in the "aerial redeployment" of men from the European theater, back to the states, enroute to the Pacific. More than 30,000 troops will be flown

home during August alone, and while many will be permanently discharged in this country, many others are bound for the Pacific. These include air force personnel and certain specialists needed quickly against the Japs.

**Good Fishin':** Fishermen can look forward to waters rich in supply when the motor travel restrictions are eased. The office of the coordinator of fisheries says restric-

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