

More Horse Collars

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—If horses could read, they might be cheered by news from Washington that steps are being taken to prevent a shortage of horse collars.

J. Fred Bergesh, Oregon WPB director, was told to notify manufacturers of horse collars for farm animals needed in the production of foodstuffs, as follows:

"... pursuant to paragraph B 2 of general conservation order M-310 . . . manufacturers are not to cut, use or incorporate leather in any product unless they first fill orders for horse collars in the three month period beginning February 4, 1944, in quantities at least equal to the number produced by them during the first three months of 1943."

To wit—more horse collars.

Farm Workers Warned

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Selective service served notice today on the 1,700,000 farm workers who have been deferred from military service that if their individual production does not add substantially to the nation's food supply their deferments may be cancelled.

Comd. Patrick H. Winston, assistant executive, national selective service headquarters, said in a speech prepared for the National Council of Private Motor Truck Owners, Inc., that farm workers may be called upon in the near future to increase sharply their production goals or be taken into the armed services. He was speaking in the place of Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director.

Aluminum Outlook Eases

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—New requirements for aluminum products probably will result in no outing being made in production of the light metal in Washington and Oregon, an official of the war production board said today.

Director Philip Wilson of WPB's aluminum and magnesium division made a report to that effect to

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Bowles Asks Support

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles told a senate labor subcommittee today further increases in living costs are inevitable unless he gets "the vigorous support of congress and the general public."

Asserting that "efforts to hold the line against any further rise in the prices of food have been hampered by the continuing uncertainty on the use of subsidy payments," Bowles stated:

"For every single pound of pressure which we have received toward more effective price control in the interest of the great masses of our people, we have received 100 pounds of pressure designed in one way or another to raise present prices to higher levels."

Ickes Plans Jobs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes told President Roosevelt today the interior department has blueprinted a vast public work program, much of which could be launched within 30 days after the victory is won.

In his annual report, Ickes said power and irrigation projects planned by the department would keep 480,000 war veterans employed for three years—225,000 of them at construction sites and 255,000 in the plants and factories that would provide materials for the jobs. He said these projects, upon completion, would open farm settlement opportunities to 185,000 families.

In post-war planning, Ickes said the department had wrestled with the problem of keeping the huge new factories of the Pacific northwest busy when peace comes.

Rep. Angell (R., Ore.) who made it public, Wilson earlier had said that WPB's program for shut-down of some aluminum production lines had been trimmed so as to call for closure of about 12 instead of 20 throughout the country as originally planned.

Regular religious services are conducted on small U. S. naval vessels by the commanding officers.

Wheat is one of the few staple foods that Brazil does not produce in quantity.

There are a lot of angles to this question.

But I would seem absurd to think that either the United States or Britain would go to the extreme of causing a break with Russia over a territorial change which already was a fait accompli—before America came into the war. This doesn't mean, however, that

Atlantic Charter Put in Spotlight

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Peculiar interest attaches to Foreign Secretary Eden's reaffirmation of the British policy of not recognizing wartime changes in the map of Europe—"unless they take place with the free consent and goodwill of the parties concerned."

The *raison d'être* of this statement, is the Russo-Polish dispute over the territory occupied by the soviet in 1939 at the time of the German invasion. Eden was replying in the house of commons to a question by a member. From long experience in reporting the proceedings of the house I know that questions sometimes are spontaneous and sometimes are inspired by the government in order to give it a chance to use commons as a sounding board to reach a wide audience.

In any event, when you weigh all the elements of this situation it's easy to believe that the foreign secretary seized this opportunity to emphasize something even bigger than the Polish imbroglio. It struck me that he may have made his main point when he said:

"His majesty's government of course stands on the principles enunciated in the Atlantic Charter."

So, if I'm on the right track, he was concerned not only with the Polish trouble but with reaffirmation of the Atlantic Charter. And why should it seem expedient to reaffirm the charter?

Well, as this column has explained numerous times, many countries—especially in the Orient—have been suffering doubts and are anxious for assurances that this document, which was drawn up by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill and has become the credo of the United Nations, means what it says. I discovered this during a tour of the war theaters a year ago.

One of the eight points laid down in the Atlantic Charter declares that "they (Roosevelt and Churchill) desire to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned." What is more natural than that the world should wonder whether this applies to the Polish affair and, if it does, just how it will be implemented.

RAILROAD MAN RETIRES
SAN FRANCISCO.—(AP)—W. H. Kirkbride, chief engineer of the Southern Pacific company, will retire January 31 after 42 years of service with the carrier, it was announced here. Kirkbride, 70, is a native of Pueblo, Colo., and a graduate of Stanford.

The Atlantic Charter declaration regarding annexations has been eased out. Eden has reaffirmed it, and it must remain one of the cardinal tenets of the United Nations.

Smith-Connally Act Court Suit Filed

BOSTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The first court action in the United States under the Smith-Connally act was filed in federal court today by the international fur and leather workers union of America and Canada (CIO), which entered a complaint for \$25,000 damages against a rival AFL organization.

The complaint against the national leather workers association (AFL) resulted from recent disturbances in Peabody plants when the AFL union allegedly called its members out on a two and a half week strike in violation of an existing contract between the manufacturers and the CIO and in violation of the Smith-Connally act. The new congressional law provides that notice of strike intention must be filed with the secretary of labor.

Cut in Rationed Food List Seen

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Walter F. Straub, director of food rationing for the office of price administration, said today that beginning February 1 rationing will be simplified by gradual removal of less important foods from the rationing list.

Straub told the national association of retail grocers convention that canned mushrooms and soy beans will be taken from the lists first.

He explained in detail the change over from ration stamps to tokens, which will become effective Feb. 27. On that date red and blue stamps in ration book No. 4 may be turned in at retail stores for red and blue tokens, he said.

Each stamp, he said, may be exchanged for ten tokens, regardless of the point value printed on the stamp, and each token will represent one point.

In effect, point values of the stamps will be changed so that each stamp will be worth ten points.

Mars Completes Pacific Round Trip

ABOARD FLYING BOAT MARS, Alameda, Cal. (AP)—The world's largest operating airplane, the \$7,500,000 Mars, has completed its first roundtrip to Hawaii, setting a new record in cargo carried by a plane across the Pacific and bringing back 25 persons, including Commander Gene Tunney, former world's heavyweight boxing champion.

The Mars completed the 4700-mile roundtrip in 27 hours, 28 minutes total flying time—slightly faster than the clippers make it—and delivered 20,500 pounds of cargo, including eight passengers.

Comdr. Tunney, in charge of the navy's physical fitness program, returned from seven months' touring the Pacific war zones. Standing in the passenger compartment, he said:

"It's amazing to think I was in Honolulu last night—and today I'm in California. The last time I made the trip it took six days on a ship."

Newsmen, photographers, radio, magazine and newsreel men were taken on the Mars inaugural Pacific mission. They dined on chicken and steak in the \$50,000 Mars galley, slept in comfortable bunks, and, while seeing the sun rise over Diamond head from the navigator's revolving turret, chuckled over the plane's amazement at seeing a native as big as a 15-room house.

The order, issued yesterday, was the first of its kind in the history of Japan and followed recent American air attacks on Paramushiro, northernmost Japanese base in the Kuriles.

The great blue-gray ship, built experimentally by Glenn L. Martin, left Alameda Saturday night, arrived at Honolulu at sunrise Sunday, 15 hours, nine minutes later and returned in 12 hours, 17 minutes flying time to bring the 141,800-pound over-all load to base here.

"The Mars has proved herself economical, too," Lt. Comdr. W. E. Coney, 37, Baltimore, Md., said "Per pound carried, it was the cheapest air haul ever made across the Pacific. This was a survey flight to see water conditions, outside air conditions and to check problems of weight and balance. The gasoline consumption was most economical."

Japs Plan Evacuation

CHUNGKING, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The Japanese ministry of the interior has ordered the evacuation of civilians and industries from metropolitan Tokyo and Nagoya, according to information received

here from Tokyo.

Secretary of Labor Perkins certified to the war labor

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