

Reconversion Over Hump

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Questioned about the Russell-Pace plan before Congress to raise farm was against it.

This plan, he said, would upset the apple cart if passed.

In a quarterly report on the national economy to President Truman and the Congress, Snyder said:

Snyder's Report

"Total civilian production now stands at the highest level ever reached by the nation, in war or peace; an annual rate of more than \$150,000,000,000."

But he warned that "pressure toward inflation" is a "most serious threat" to successful completion of reconversion. He called for prompt extension of price control.

Despite widespread shortages of consumer and business items American buyers found sufficient goods to keep the Christmas boom going into the first three months of 1946, Snyder said.

"Ordinarily," he added, "the rate of consumer and business purchases together would have fallen by \$10,000,000,000 to \$12,000,000,000 after a Christmas boom as large as that of 1945. Equal Boom

"But this year the upsurge in demand and output was such that private expenditures in the first quarter actually equaled those of the Christmas boom."

"Consumer purchases fell, but those by business enterprise rose."

Snyder said labor-management disputes had caused production

losses during the first quarter of this year.

"These losses slowed down the flow of consumer goods to the market and increased the inflationary pressures which stem from shortages in the face of huge demand," he said.

"The quarter has been sobering and difficult, but tremendous gains have been made and, as a result, we are moving steadily and swiftly toward our goal of an ever-rising standard of living, creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs as we move."

Solid Gains

Snyder reported these "solid gains":

"Major issues of wage and price adjustment have been met in a way to stimulate production without losing vital ground to the force of inflation."

"Labor-management contracts established in many major industries under collective bargaining assure uninterrupted production."

(Snyder's report was prepared before 400,000 coal miners went on strike this week. The walk-out threatened sharp curtailment of steel production soon and an ultimate slowdown of all heavy industry.)

"Vigorous programs have been formulated to meet the most critical shortages, most notably in textiles and housing."

Employment Higher

Snyder said "non-agricultural employment is higher now than before V-J-day." Total employment, exclusive of farm help, was 44,700,000 in February, according to Snyder.

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Magician, Skaters On Fete Program

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Roland Hamblen, who was billed as "The Ace of Cards" on the Orpheum circuit for eight years and was formerly adviser on magic sequences for Twentieth Century Fox Studios, will highlight the vaudeville acts to be presented as part of the Army Day program, Friday, April 5, at the Eugene Armory, Ray Siegenthaler, program chairman announced Wednesday.

Siegenthaler also stated that a professional skating team would perform on the Friday night "Welcome Back" program for Lane County veterans.

G. A. Hedding, recently elected commander of the Willamette Post No. 293 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, urged Wednesday that all members of the VFW take part in the parade and attend the program and dance at the Armory after the VFW meeting which will also be held Friday night.

Ted Hallock, whose 13 piece all veteran orchestra will play at the dance, will act as master of ceremonies for the show, Siegenthaler announced.

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Bellfountain Garage Sold to C. L. Badley

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BELLFOUNTAIN—N. E. Parr, who for the past five and one half years has operated the Bellfountain Automotive Service Station and Garage, has sold his equipment to C. L. Badley of Corvallis, who has taken over the operation of the business. Badley will be assisted by Mr. Locke of Beaver Creek. The building is owned by Ralph Malcom of Dawson. Sunday Badley moved his family from Corvallis to the apartment above the service station. They have one small child. Mr. Badley and Mr. Locke were previously employed by Wilson Motor Co. of Corvallis. Badley is a body and fender man while Locke is a mechanic.

Mrs. Donna Day, who has assisted Mrs. Marian Christman in her store here the past year, has resigned, and accompanied by her son Frank Day who recently returned to the States from the European sector, left Tuesday for their former home in Dakota. Mrs. Garth Rickard is helping Mrs. Christman in the store since Mrs. Day left.

Mrs. Leta M. Davis, principal of the Bellfountain School, returned home Saturday evening from Portland, where she attended the annual meeting of the Oregon State Teacher's Association. She was accompanied by Mrs. Helen Baker of Monroe, the ladies both attending the executive meeting of the O.S.T.A. officers. Mrs. Baker is president of the Benton County group, while Mrs. Davis is secretary.

A skating party, for Four-H Club members, is scheduled for Monday evening at the Lakeside Skating Rink at Lewisburg, north of Corvallis. Several Four-H Club members from here plan to attend.

Miss Doris Gragg entertained the girls of the Senior Class of Monroe Union High School Friday evening with a dinner, at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Gragg. Gay spring flowers decorated the rooms, and table, with Mrs. Gragg and Miss Linda Gragg assisting with the dinner. Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Barnes and son Bobby were agreeably surprised recently when a group of their friends called at their new home northwest of Bellfountain, giving them a housewarming party. Several gifts were presented them for their new home. Their house has been under construction for several months, but was only recently completed for occupancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Smith have received word that their son Ernest H. (Buddy) Smith is on his way home from the South Pacific. Smith has been serving in the navy since June, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Buckingham of Roseburg are visiting at the home of Mr. Buckingham's nephew George R. Buckingham and family, and a renewing acquaintance with their old-time friends and relatives in this area. He is a member of the pioneer Buckingham family of this area and a former resident of this community.

Floyd Tompkins of Eugene has been visiting the past few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Smith, and with other friends in this area during