

Average Income At New High

WASHINGTON —(P)— The individual income of the average American reached a new high of \$1410 last year as compared with \$1319 in 1947.

A report issued by the Commerce Department this weekend showed individual income—as distinguished by the take of corporations—from all sources.

The dollar total of \$206 billion it showed for 1948 bettered 1947 by nine per cent, but a gain in population trimmed the individual average back to seven per cent.

The largest regional gain was 12 per cent credited to eight central states, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

The smallest increases, six per cent, were in the six New England states, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont; and four for western states, California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

From a per capita or average standpoint, New York led the country with \$1891 in 1948 while Mississippi was at the bottom with \$758.

Western Reclamation Projects Endangered by Repair Delays

DENVER —(P)— Reclamation projects in 17 western states are in danger today because of "put-off" maintenance.

All but emergency maintenance was cancelled or postponed in the 1930's, the depression years, on many projects because of financial difficulties.

State Death Rate From Accidents Gains

PORTLAND — (P)— Oregon's death rate from accidents is increasing steadily.

The State Board of Health reported Oregon the sixth highest state in the ratio of accidents to population.

Accidents claimed 1333 of the 14,185 persons who died in Oregon last year. This was one in every 10.6 deaths and figures out at 90.8 deaths per 100,000 people.

Motor accidents led the list, killing 28.8 persons of every 100,000. Home mishaps claimed 25.6.

Mail Carriers to Ask For Higher Starting Pay

PENDLETON — (P)— Oregon letter carriers will ask the national association convention at Seattle next year to work for a higher starting pay.

President Harry Palmer, Tillamook, told the convention here Saturday night that the \$2,550 starting wage was unrealistic on the basis of today's living costs.

In the 40's, the war threw excessive demands on the western supplies of labor, materials and equipment, causing usual routine maintenance to be further postponed and in some cases almost forgotten.

Today, still-high costs of the post-war inflation period are continuing to block much necessary work, and the maintenance question has become one of the most important facing the nation's reclamation program, officials declared.

Some action was taken last year when the 81st Congress approved \$1,500,000 for the work. The action came late, however, and before the seven different bureau districts could put maintenance plans into action the fiscal year was over. Only about \$500,000 was used.

Before Congress

The almost identical bill, HR 1694, is now before the current session of Congress. It has been passed by the House and approved by the Senate Interior Committee, and is now on the calendar awaiting action by the Senate. Informed Washington sources say "there is no telling at this point when it will be taken up."

The measure has met stiff opposition by some of the nation's congressmen. Some legislators point out that the projects, in the most part, were constructed to last for 40 years or more and "now the bureau wants to rebuild them before the time is up."

To Avoid Crop Losses

Reclamation Bureau officials say that only by repair, replacement, improvement or modernization of a number of old-fashioned wooden irrigation systems can crop losses, which would occur if water flow is interrupted, be avoided.

It is believed that when an important program is completed, the irrigation system should pay repair costs back in improved service and conservation of precious water. The bill now before Congress wouldn't take care of all vital work but would be a start.

Man Drowns in Riptide At Coastal Resort

CANNON BEACH —(P)— The body of Samuel Rice, 55, Benson Hotel catering manager for many years, was recovered from the surf Sunday after he was drowned in a riptide.

Pilot A. W. Sleight spotted the body off Arch Cape. Rice and a companion were swept to sea during the afternoon. William Markham, Arch Cape, managed to reach shore.

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Military Agents Warned of Red Intentions in 1945

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 —(P)— Rep. Judd (R-Minn.) today made public a U.S. military intelligence warning of mid-1945 that "there is reason to believe" Russia plans to dominate Manchuria, Korea and North China.

Intelligence called Chinese Communism part of the Moscow-guided international movement.

It spoke out against giving the Red army any exclusive operation zone in Asia. This was before Russia entered the war against Japan.

The warning was contained in what Judd termed a "top secret" report. He said he released the information because the state department has issued "all the secret documents it could find to bolster its own feeble case." He referred to the department's white paper on policy toward China.

Report Summarized

Judd gave out the military intelligence summary of its report on Chinese Communism and Russian intentions from 1944 to July, 1945. It also concluded that:

Chinese Communist "democracy" is Soviet-styled democracy. China's strength and stability depends on the natural resources of Manchuria and North China.

To prevent China's separation from its northern areas and Manchuria "it is essential that China not be divided (like Europe) into separate American-British and Russian military zones."

The intelligence report specifically warned against modifying the Cairo declaration of Dec. 1, 1943, for Korean independence and Chinese sovereignty over Manchuria.

Judd told reporters that when the army intelligence experts made their recommendations, "they did not know that Yalta had given Manchuria and other areas to Russia."

Judd said he had had the papers a number of years but did not explain how he came into possession of them.

Nude Bathing Urged

BERLIN —(U.S.)— A campaign to promote nude bathing flourished in the Soviet zone of Germany last week with the apparent approval of the Russian occupation authorities.

Nude bathing, said the Soviet-licensed newspaper Berliner Zeitung Am Abend, is "progressive." But, it advised would-be nude bathers to be discreet for the time being "because not all people have adopted the clean and clear approach to the human body."

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Patience Pays, Robbers Find

MINNEAPOLIS — (U.S.)— Three gunmen showed a lot of patience when they robbed a saloon here, police said.

The robbers held the tavern up, but were disappointed—briefly—to learn that the manager was at the bank.

They waited 45 minutes for him to return, then relieved him of the

\$4000 he had withdrawn and forced him to give them \$500 more from the safe.

While the bandits waited for the manager, about a dozen customers entered the saloon. As each came to the bar, the bandits covered him with their guns and forced him to sit on the floor in a side room.

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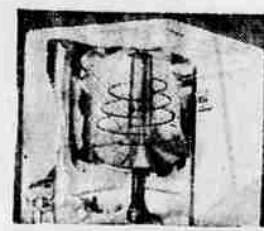
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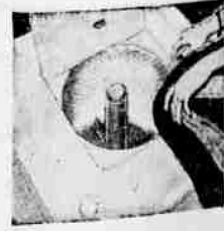
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