

### France Plans to Nationalize Its Maritime Lines

Paris (AP)—France now has at her exclusive disposal only about 150,000 tons of merchant shipping, which is one-twentieth of her entire merchant fleet in 1939. It total then 2,900,000 tons.

This extraordinarily low figure is due to the fact that part of the fleet has been sunk or destroyed, and another part either is used by the allies or has been requisitioned by foreign countries such as Japan and the Argentine Republic.

It is confirmed that 800,000 tons of French merchant vessels have been destroyed; although the fate of 1,000,000 tons remains uncertain, loss of the greater portion of this latter tonnage is probable. Thus, there are still 1,100,000 tons of French merchant shipping afloat, but 850,000 tons being used by the allied navies, and 100,000 tons held in Japanese and Argentine ports, it means France has practically no merchant marine at present.

**Subsidies to End**

The reconstruction of a merchant fleet is one of the major problems the French government will face as soon as it becomes materially possible to tackle it. French shipowners are anxious to have a free hand but Minister of Transport Rene Mayer announced the government contemplates nationalization of regular lines. Accordingly, cargoes having no fixed itineraries and tramp steamers can continue in the hands of private concerns, but instead of continuing to cash big government subsidies, the other companies must fall under direct state administration.

Minister Mayer said that one of two "societies of public service" will be formed to operate in accordance with the different conditions of administration. At least two organizations will function, one for north and south Atlantic traffic, and another for the Mediterranean and Far Eastern traffic. These societies will be under

strict government control, but organized on a commercial basis.

Until nationalization can be accomplished, a provisional committee will replace the boards of administration in the subsidized companies; this committee is to include civil servants, union delegates and representatives of technicians in the shipbuilding industry, all of whom will be designated by the Minister of Transport. The committee will administer the fleet belonging to each subsidized company, control the company itself, and prepare the organization of the Society of Public Service.

**Plan Sea-Air Services**

In spite of that prospect, French shipowners are planning for post-war purposes a closer cooperation between sea and air transport. Many feel that such co-operation can be developed much more than it has been in the past. As early as 1935, one French company doubled its merchant traffic on the line from French Senegal to Congo, using transport planes for that purpose. It was quite successful, and the combined sea and air services on the same line worked smoothly under the same management. More services of this nature may be started.

There has been no fresh development in the question of French ships requisitioned by the Argentine government. The French companies owning these ships have adopted the De Gaulle government point of view and expressed their opinion that the three ships held in the Argentine should be returned to their French owners. It is probable that this question will come up again shortly.

**'PUSHES UP' WAR DATE**

Montpelier, Vt. (AP)—Vermont has been fighting the war three months longer than her sister states. To facilitate payment of a bonus promised to the Vermont national guard, the state legislature declared that a state of war existed against the axis after President Roosevelt's order to the navy to "shoot-on-sight" at Nazi U-boats.

Twin-screw, 200-horsepower towboats built in Missouri are in use on the upper Amazon, more than 2,500 miles from the mouth of the river.

### Church Planning For Dedication

The dedication of an all dark oak interior will be highlighted Sunday at the 11 o'clock services at First Lutheran church by the visit of Rt. Rev. H. L. Foss, Pacific district president. He will speak at the festival service in the morning and at an informal gathering at two thirty in the afternoon.

Formal dedication of these furnishings will mark the completion of a major project for the congregation. Twenty two pews, a pulpit, baptismal font, choir screen, communion railing, and a heavy wine carpet comprise the items. They have been made possible through individual gifts, memorials, and the efforts of organizations.

At the morning service, Bishop H. L. Foss will deliver the main dedication sermon. Rev. Foss received his honorary "Doctor of Divinity" degree the summer of 1944 from Luther college, Decorah, Iowa.

The families of the church are serving a noon meal. Mrs. Ray Anderson and Mrs. Lloyd Broe head the group who are preparing for this.

**Talent To Assist**

In the afternoon gathering much local talent will participate. The senior choir is to sing "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus", and "Now the Day is Over". Beverly Wennerstrom and Mrs. M. A. Thompson will also sing vocal numbers. Those who are to give three minute talks include Harvey Jacobson on behalf of the Luther League, and Oscar Osmundson for the Men's Brotherhood. Mrs. H. L. Mikelson on behalf of the Ladies Aid will give the carpet; Mrs. Geo. Erickson is to represent the pioneers; Mrs. Harry Herland will present the pulpit on behalf of the LDR; Mrs. Chas. Viergus will speak on the memorial baptismal font; Larry Lermo speaking for the Sunday school will give the communion railing; W. B. Anderson, the chief solicitor, is to present the pews; C. J. Lindh is to give a greeting "Tomorrow";

and the guest Dr. H. L. Foss will organize the furnishings.

It is announced that the public is welcome at any time to see this refurbished auditorium. The furniture was secured from Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Dr. H. L. Foss will be the guest of Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Thompson while in Bend. His home is at Seattle and he serves the area from California to Alaska in an administrative capacity.

### 300 Exhibits Planned For Home Exposition

Chicago (AP)—Eighty-six cities, representing 34 states, have already registered for the exposition of the national association of home builders in Chicago, Jan. 15-20.

George F. Nixon, chairman of the exhibit-convention committee, believes that advance registration "is a definite indication of tremendous interest on the part of professional home building agencies."

"The public is eagerly waiting to learn at first hand what manufacturers of building materials and home equipment participating in the exposition will have to tell in their postwar story for prospective home owners."

The exhibits, which are expected to number more than 300, will be produced in miniature and include complete representation of materials and equipment which go into home building needs.

### USO Activities For Week Listed

USO activities this week-end will be under the supervision of the Methodist Women's society, Mrs. Craig Coyner, director, has announced. Members of the society will serve on both Saturday and Sunday. The USO is located in Trinity parish hall at the south end of Wall street.

The quarters are open on week-ends only. The schedule is as follows:

Saturdays: Opens, 4:00 p.m.; Dance, 8:00 p.m.; Closes, 11:45 p.m.

Sundays: Opens, 1:00 p.m.; Buffet, Sunday special 4:00 p.m.; Closes, 11:00 p.m.

From the first breaking of ground for a home to the last coat of paint, the exposition will emphasize the strides being made by the building industry to reduce costs and bring into the home the improvements which make for efficiency, economy and better American home-making standards.

**SIGN OF THE TIMES**

Boston (AP)—Sign in a Boston tea-room: "Not responsible for snagged stockings."

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**TONIGHT'S PROGRAM**

5:00—Sam Hayes  
5:15—Superman  
5:30—Tom Mix  
5:45—Night News Wire  
6:00—Gabriel Heatter  
6:15—Real Life Stories  
6:30—Treasure Hour of Song  
7:00—The Jaycees Speak  
7:15—Lowell Thomas  
7:30—Red Ryder  
8:00—The Grange Reporter  
8:15—Vaughn Monroe's Orchestra  
8:30—True Detective Mysteries  
9:00—Glenn Hardy News  
9:15—Rex Miller  
9:30—Wings Over the Nation  
10:00—Fulton Lewis Jr.  
10:15—Sonny Dunham's Orchestra

**FRIDAY, JAN. 19**

7:00—News  
7:15—Rise and Shine  
7:30—Baker's Best Buys  
7:45—Morning Melodies  
7:55—News  
8:00—Arthur Gaeth  
8:15—Hillbillies  
8:30—News  
8:45—Today's Bulletin Board  
8:50—Women in the News  
8:55—Lanny and Ginger

9:00—William Lang & News  
9:15—Rationing News  
9:20—Old Family Almanac  
9:45—Gloria LaVey  
10:00—Glenn Hardy News  
10:15—Terry's House Party  
10:30—Luncheon With Lopez  
10:45—News of Prineville  
11:35—Lady About Town  
11:40—News  
11:45—Lum'n Abner  
12:00—Teddy Powell's Orchestra  
12:10—Sports Yarns  
12:15—Gaylord Carter  
12:30—News  
12:45—Farmer's Hour  
1:00—Russ Morgan's Orchestra  
1:15—Do You Need Advice?  
1:30—Jan Garber's Orchestra  
2:00—Handy Man  
2:15—Melody Time  
2:30—Deep River Boys  
2:45—Back to the Bible  
3:00—Griffin Reporting  
3:15—Concert Hall  
3:45—Johnson Family  
4:00—Fulton Lewis Jr.  
4:15—Music and Lyrics  
4:30—House of Mystery  
4:45—Coronet Story Teller  
4:55—Central Oregon News  
5:00—Sam Hayes  
5:15—Superman  
5:30—Tom Mix

5:45—Night News Wire  
6:00—Gabriel Heatter  
6:15—The Jaycees Speak  
6:30—Double or Nothing  
7:00—Sammy Kaye's Orchestra  
7:15—Lowell Thomas  
7:30—Lone Ranger  
8:00—Boxing Bouts  
9:00—Glenn Hardy News  
9:15—Cecil Brown  
9:30—Freedom of Opportunity  
10:00—Fulton Lewis Jr.  
10:15—Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra

**GI'S COAT EXPLODES**

Mexico, Mo. (AP)—Pvt. Ned Hendrix, somewhere in Germany, stowed his coat safely away to dig a foxhole. He'd just about completed the foxhole when a shell landed some distance away, blowing his head out, Hendrix found the concussion from the explosion shell had detonated the ammunition he had put with his coat. Everything went off at once, including Hendrix's last pack of cigarettes.

**WHAT A RELIEF!**

Portsmouth, N. H. (AP)—It was the same old story for attorney Harold M. Smith, who nearly suffered a complete physical collapse while trying to row his boat against the strong current of the Piscataqua river. After he lifted his anchor, Smith found the current wasn't nearly so strong.

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