

## Byrnes Releases Post-War View Of Economic Life

By Joseph Laitin  
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Washington, April 2 (UP)—There were strong indications today that production of civilian goods would climb back to pre-war levels—and surpass them—in the year following defeat of Germany.

But that still will not mean a return to the peacetime standard of living for Americans.

It will take at least two or three years, in the opinion of many officials, to satisfy the pent-up demand in this country alone for automobiles, radios, refrigerators and similar items. And some of this production will be earmarked for export.

**Will Increase Production**

In the first few months after V-E day, the increase in civilian goods will hardly be apparent to the man on the street. But as the war production program adjusts itself to the reduced needs of a one-front war, the output of civilian goods should swell to gigantic proportions.

War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, in his week-end report to congress, estimated that 30 per cent of the nation's resources in materials would be available for civilian production within nine months after the end of the war in Europe. As facilities are released from war work, these materials will find their way into the durable goods that have virtually disappeared from the American scene since Pearl Harbor.

**Preview Given**

Byrnes gave the American people this post V-E day preview:

The midnight curfew, the prohibition against racing and the brownout of commercial lighting will be lifted. But the high tax on transportation and the ban on convention travel will continue, as will controls on manpower, wages and prices.

There may be a "small increase" in the basic gasoline ration.

There must be immediate tax relief for business to encourage new production and make new jobs for displaced workers.

Byrnes also called for legislation to empower the president to reorganize and consolidate executive agencies and to unify the war and navy departments into a single department of national defense after the war.

## Vandevent Home Damaged by Fire

Four fires over the weekend kept city firemen busy, and caused considerable damage, it was reported today at the fire station.

Two of the blazes were grass fires, one of which yesterday threatened to destroy a barn and other buildings on the property of Dr. J. S. Grahman on Butler road. Firemen were able to bring the fire under control, however, before it spread to the buildings. The other grass fire was in the 300 block on Columbia avenue, where it burned a considerable area near the river.

Considerable damage was done to the home of Dr. J. C. Vandevent, 930 Broadway, shortly before four o'clock this morning, when a fire broke out around the fireplace and spread to the wall. The Vandevent's were awakened when smoke filled their bedroom. Several holes were burned in the roof of the Roland Raymond home at 1414 East First street, Saturday when a fire was started from a defective chimney, firemen reported.

## TODAY IN GERMANY

(By United Press)

Third army tanks were within 152 miles of Berlin.

Adolf Hitler was reported to have instructed Joachim von Ribbentrop to make a final "peace proposal" with a threat that if the allies rejected it, captured allied officers, hostages from occupied countries and 250,000 Jews would be murdered.

All local nazi party officers were ordered to stay at their posts.

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## Soft Coal Miners Polled on Willingness to Strike



(NBA Telephoto)  
Pennsylvania miners, first of nation's 400,000 soft coal miners to cast their votes on question of their willingness to strike if their new wage demands are not granted by the time their present contract expires, cast their ballots at Pittsburgh Coal Co. mine, Liberty, Pa., before entering mine for day's work. Ruth L. Simmons, special NLRB agent, checks before giving them their ballots.

## OREGON STATEHOUSE JOTTINGS

By Eric W. Allen, Jr.  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Salem, Ore., March 30 (UP)—Ninety eight new laws are now on Oregon's statute books and in full effect this week, following the 43rd session of the legislature which passed them.

Ordinarily bills do not become law for 90 days after their signature by the governor, but these 98 bills carried the emergency clause, making them in "full force and effect" after the signature.

Of these 98 were senate bills, 68 were house bills.

The new laws cover a whole variety of subjects—from appropriating millions of dollars to granting claims against the state for less than \$500, and from making administrative changes in the unemployment compensation law to accepting a new dental school for the state.

The emergency clause which caused the most furor in the recent session was the one attached to senate bill 62, the "PUD" bill, designed to prevent the purchase by peoples' utility districts of outlying facilities. Opponents thought that the emergency clause was tacked on to prevent a referendum of the measure to a vote of the people.

The clause prevents referendum, and it is unquestioned that in some instances the clause is used for that purpose, but ordinarily it is placed on a bill for the reason its name implies—that an emergency does exist and the law is needed, and right now.

Most of the appropriation bills, for instance, carried the emergency clause, because the money is needed to carry on state government.

Among the bills which carried the clause, and are now part of Oregon's law, are the appropriation bills; laws raising either permanently or temporarily the salaries of county officials in many counties; bills appropriating money to finance interim committees and the bill authorizing a special election on June 22.

This last bill needed the clause so that preparation for the election could proceed.

Other new laws include a number of changes in the administrative procedure in a number of departments, particularly the compensation commission; money for

forest land acquisition and the eradication of pests; authorization for the fish and game commissions to propagate wildlife, place screens on irrigation ditches, and change the fishing season in many places; authorizing the destruction of useless papers by county courts; changing the bounty laws; authorizing loans to veterans and funds for the burial and relief of indigent veterans, and creating a director of apprenticeship.

## Tumalo

Tumalo, March 30 (Special)—Twenty grange members showed up Wednesday for the cleanup of the hall and grounds at Tumalo. A potluck luncheon was served at 1 o'clock. Building of a woodshed and the boarding up around the hall was postponed until a later date as the lumber had not arrived.

Tom Fair cleaned out and filled the Tumalo school cistern Tuesday.

Recent guests at the E. T. Hanneman home were: William P. Ludwig, MM 2/c and Edward C. Niederst, F 1/c, both of the navy and located at Seattle, Washington.

Fayet Scoggin left Wednesday for Portland as the Redmond union high school representative at the state F. F. A. meet held in that city this week. Fayet plans to return home Saturday.

Mrs. Blake Becker of Detroit, Mich., and LeRoy Payne of Vida, Ore., were visitors at the Ted Becker home the past week. Mrs. Becker, whose maiden name was Dorothy Dayton, formerly lived here on the C. M. Barnum ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Stanton were dinner guests Sunday at the Ted Becker home. Mrs. J. A. Chamberlin is entertaining the Tumalo grange ladies at a 1 o'clock luncheon at her home Wednesday, April 4. The home economics club of the grange will be reorganized at this time and a new chairman elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. George Belmont.

Mrs. John Hopper and Mrs. D. O. Stanton called on Mrs. Carl Hatch Wednesday. Mrs. Hatch's mother, who is staying with her, is quite ill.

## U. S. Army Leader

**HORIZONTAL** 55 Western sports competition  
1,6 Pictured chief of staff, U. S. 2nd Service Command, Brig.-Gen.

- VERTICAL**  
1 Spain (ab.)  
2 Vase  
3 Lying at anchor  
4 Great Lake  
5 Raced  
6 Direction  
7 Pressed  
8 Five and five  
9 Editor (ab.)  
12 Registered nurse (ab.)  
17 Attorney (ab.)  
18 Native metal  
20 Bone



- 22 Within  
23 Paid notices  
24 Inquire  
26 Far Eastern nation  
28 Weird  
31 Type of tree  
32 Greek letter  
33 Offer defense  
34 Spanish dance  
35 Lieutenants (ab.)  
36 Type of landing ship
- 38 Iron (symbol)  
39 Father  
42 Nothing  
43 Diminutive of Peter  
45 Also  
47 Three-toed sloth  
48 Distress signal  
50 Writing tool  
51 Transpose (ab.)  
54 Hypothetical structural unit



## British Navymen Complimented

Guam, April 2 (UP)—Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz has sent a congratulatory message to Vice Admiral Sir Bernard Rawlings, commander of the British carrier task force operating with the U. S. 5th fleet, for the "auspicious manner" in which the British initiated naval operations in the central Pacific, it was disclosed today.

The message was sent after the first operation reports on British attacks against Sakishima Gunto were received at fleet headquarters. Planes from Rawlings' carriers swept that group of islands at the southern end of the Ryuky chain March 26-27-31 and April 1.

The British pilots pinned down Japanese air strength in those sectors while Okinawa operations were in progress.

Vice Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, commander of the 5th fleet, sent a similar message to Rawlings.

## TWO MEN ARRESTED

Two Bend men today had obtained their freedom from the city jail on \$15 bond each, following their arrest over the weekend for assorted intoxication. Carl Mattoon, 46, a painter living at 125 Oregon avenue, was taken into custody in a Bond street hotel; and Pat M. Gibson, 47, a mill worker, was arrested at the corner of Wall street and Minnesota avenue.

The state highway department has had a crew of men working on the Tumalo-Cline falls road the past week. Pumice stone is being dug out from the hillside above Tumalo and being put on

## Water Prospects Get 1945 Review

The Dalles, Ore., April 2 (UP)—Irrigation water prospects in Wasco and Hood River counties are fair, but moisture conditions in the area extending to the John Day river are poorer than last year, it was reported at the annual water forecast meeting.

Watershed snow depth increased during March, according to Roger Wilhelm, Wasco county watermaster, but water content is generally below average and indications point to a fairly early runoff.

At Brooks Meadows, near the divide between northern Wasco and Hood River drainage area, snow depth was 22.4 inches March 30, with water content of eight inches compared with five inches a year ago and an average of 8.4 inches for the last 12 years. The supply of water for Hood River valley is expected to be short but not worse than in 1944.

The meeting, conducted by W. T. Frost of Medford, representing the cooperative snow surveys of the soil conservation service and the O.S.C. experiment station, was the first in a series of eight, with meetings scheduled this week at Pendleton, La Grande, Vale, Burns, Bend and Lakeview.

## CHARGE FACED

Said by police to have been overdue at the Camp Parks, Calif., naval station, Buster Owen, a 17-year-old sailor, was arrested by Bend officers and was held for navy authorities. He was charged with being a straggler.

## Othman Exposes Steakeasy, Angers Officials of OPA

By Frederick C. Othman  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, April 2 (UP)—For the information of the OPA, the U. S. senate, a would-be dynamiter from Kansas City and letter writers so numerous I've got to mention 'em, I can report that a certain steakeasy has gone out of the \$5 steak business.

Calm down, fellers. Neither is this joint continuing to sell eight-pound hams, sans ration points, for \$10. The proprietor thereof has decided to be a good boy, and I think it would be nice if the OPA splashed cold water on its face. Or at least quit issuing statements denouncing my favorite author.

All I did was describe last week my experience in a steakeasy here that was doing a standing-room-only business. There has been no peace for Othman since.

The story hardly had hit print when a red-faced Missourian, in Washington on OPA business, burst into my office and cried: "Where is this steakeasy? I want to dynamite it!" He wasn't fooling. Hardly had I eased him out before Chairman Elmer Thomas of the senate agriculture committee read the dispatch into the record of the senatorial meat inquiry. He turned to a couple of the head men of the OPA in the audience and said he presumed they knew all about the situation.

Apparently they didn't. Because that night an executive of the national OPA phoned me to ask the name and address of the steakeasy. I had to tell him to go sit on a tack, that I was no cop, that his

local enforcement officials ought to know all about the capital's busiest restaurants.

Then came Director Robert K. Thompson of the local OPA to issue a three-page statement in which he said that dispatches such as mine did no good. (It reformed a steakeasy, didn't it, Robert?)

Came also Enforcement Chief Carl W. Bureffly of the local OPA to say he'd never asked me to tell him the location of the steakeasy. He hadn't, but one of his national superiors had. If necessary, I'll introduce him to his boss. (Phone me anytime, Carl.)

Somebody else got on the phone and started to curse me. I asked him who he was. He wouldn't say. I hung up. He called my long-suffering bride and told her to tell me I ought to be ashamed of myself. I don't know for what.

Numerous other citizens phoned. They said, frankly, they wanted steaks at any price.

By now the letters were arriving. I was either a hero or a heel, according to the viewpoint of the writers. I have spent the day answering them.

My operatives (who don't work for the OPA) report that the one-time steakeasy has no more \$5 tenderloins; that it's serving stew and fish, like other restaurants. Let's everybody forget it now and go back to work. I'm tired of being in the middle of a Washington controversy. It interferes with my sleep.

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