

Hold Civilian Economy Now Cut Enough

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—War Production Chairman Donald A. Nelson said today very little more can be trimmed from the civilian economy under the war effort, and that some experts believe it already has been trimmed too heavily.

Nelson said at a press conference that the four most important problems now facing his agency are:

1. Increased production of valves, heat exchangers (cooling devices), and other parts of war weapons.
2. Proper distribution of available materials to assure expanded production of these parts.
3. Simplification of consumer goods.
4. Concentration of industry.

Nelson said little additional material could be saved for the war effort through curtailment of civilian economy.

"Is there a feeling among some officials of WPB that you already have trimmed civilian needs too much?" he was asked. "Yes," he replied.

"What are your feelings in the matter?" "I have no evidence yet to show that we have trimmed too far," he replied. "On the other hand, I feel that not much more trimming can be done which would save a substantial amount of materials for the war effort."

London Locks Raid Shelters

London, Jan. 21 (AP)—A number of Londoners were unable to get into air raid shelters at the height of yesterday's daylight air raid because the shelters were kept locked to prevent "scandalous misuse," it was revealed in commons today.

Sir William Henry Davison asked Herbert Morrison, minister of home security, whether he was aware that "in yesterday's raids a considerable number of people who ran to the shelters for safety were unable to get shelter by reason of the fact they were locked."

Said Morrison: "The shelters were kept locked owing to scandalous misuse and damage by citizens."

He added that the health ministry was in a dilemma about locking the shelters. The wardens, he said, had keys to those locked but it was a great problem to get shelters open when there was little time between sirens and bombs.

New York News Cuts Circulation

New York, Jan. 21 (AP)—The New York News today began a campaign to reduce its circulation—1,850,000 daily, 3,900,000 Sunday, (December average). The purpose was to save newsprint.

It announced that it would soon raise its advertising rates about 10 per cent and require its advertisers to reduce their space by an amount "which we hope will level out to at least 10 per cent and preferably to 15 per cent." Again the purpose was to save newsprint.

Though limited by government order during the first quarter of this year to the amount of newsprint it consumed in the first quarter of 1941, the News said its circulation had so increased it had so far exceeded its quota.

To reduce circulation, the tabloid newspaper urged its readers, in small advertisements scattered through today's issue and in an editorial: "Don't buy a News. Borrow one." Effective next Sunday Canadian purchasers of the Sunday News will have to pay 10 cents for a copy, instead of five cents. Before long, readers west of the Mississippi will have to pay 10 cents and "eventually we may bring the 10-cent Sunday price right up to the suburbs of New York City."

License Exemptions For Soldiers Asked

Graduates of professional schools who now are in the armed forces would be given licenses to practice their professions without examinations at the end of the war, a bill introduced today by Senators Lew Wallace and J. J. Lynch, both of Portland, provides. The bill would apply to men who have been in service for at least six months.



Women Take Over Heavy Railroad Jobs—Mrs. Mary Ann Pietraszek (right), 46-year-old grandmother, and Mrs. Lorraine Harlan, 18, mother of a two-month-old son and wife of a sailor, roll wheels out from under a railroad car in the yards where they are employed in Chicago. The women regularly change car wheels and unload brake beams.

Compensation Bill Offered Legislature

Employers and labor submitted their workmen's compensation programs to the legislature very far apart in their requests. The labor bill, introduced by the senate industries committee, would give compensation to employees in hazardous industries who are stricken with occupational diseases, which have increased at a tremendous rate because of the coming of war industries to Oregon. Employers have offered no opposition to the plan.

Helplessness Irks Plumbers

"Why do people wait until water pipes are frozen before they attempt to do anything about the results of a cold snap?" asked a dog-tired plumber Thursday morning as he was making his way to his shop long before daylight. "Many of them appear so helpless during conditions we have experienced the last few days. Instead of taking preventative measures, they sit back and call for the plumber when they find the water is no longer running."

This mechanic who has been working night and day, spoke of the many houses which have no basements and which have little or no protection for the pipes which are exposed. He suggested boarding up the openings would go along way toward warding off freezing. In some instances, he said, he had been compelled to shut off the water and wait for more favorable weather in which to operate.

Albany-Newport Highway Approved

The house committee on highways and highway revenues voted a do pass recommendation on a resolution to extend U. S. highway No. 20 from Albany to Newport at a special meeting, Rep. Burt Snyder, Deschutes, said today.

In addition the committee decided to consult with the public utilities commission concerning a measure by Rep. Frisbie, Baker, asking special carrier permits for vehicles hauling salvage metals during the emergency.

Lyons Church Women Guests Bodeker Home

Lyons — Mrs. Alex Bodeker was hostess for the meeting of the WSCS at her home Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Douglas Gavette. Plans were made and committees appointed for a pio social to be held February 22 and silver tea March 17. Christmas cards were brought and names removed to be sent to various children's hospitals. Mrs. Bodeker served refreshments.

Plastic Planes Predicted for Every Family

Baltimore, Jan. 21 (AP)—Can you imagine backing your plastic helicopter out of the garage some Sunday morning, taking your family for a spin above the countryside and then, on your way home, stopping at a "road-side" stand to eat hot dogs?

It sounds like a pipe-dream, especially now, when the old family jalopy stays in the garage most of the time.

However, William A. Safka, design engineer on plastics of the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft company and instructor at the Plastics Industries' Technical Institute, predicts that "someday a plastic helicopter will be in every garage."

After the war, of course. Here's his idea of the "family plane" of the post-war era:

This "airmobile" will be constructed largely of plastic materials one-fifth as heavy as the materials used in present-day passenger planes, but will have a tensile strength greater than steel.

You will be able to order your helicopter in any color and shade your wife selects, and it will be fade, rust and dent-proof. It will cost about \$1200 and fly for six miles on a gallon of gasoline.

It will be more maneuverable than present-day automobiles. It will contain safety devices making it practically foolproof.

The size of an automobile, the helicopter will be able to park in any space an automobile can back into.

Noted Author Was Casualty

Philadelphia, Jan. 21 (AP)—A member of the family of Maj. Eric Knight, popular author who recently re-entered army service, said today the war department has notified the family that Knight was on an army plane which crashed in South America en route to Africa.

Mrs. Edward Brylawski, Knight's mother-in-law, said the family "believed" he had been killed.

Best known for his novels, "This Above All" and "The Flying Yorkshireman," Knight was born in Yorkshire, England, and after the death of his father in the Boer war, was taken to Russia, where his mother became governess to Princess Xenia's children.

Coming to the United States as a youth, he became a newspaper copy boy, later attending Cambridge, Mass., Latin school and several art schools. After serving in the Canadian army in the World war, he became a newspaper cartoonist and writer in Philadelphia.

The writer, E. E. Cummings, started him on his fiction-writing career when Knight was working in Hollywood in 1933. In recent years Knight has lived on a Bucks county, Pa., farm.

Mrs. Dempsey Well Provided for

White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 21 (AP)—Hannah Williams Dempsey, estranged wife of former Heavyweight Boxing Champion Jack Dempsey, will receive \$500 a month temporary alimony and \$2,500 counsel fees under order of Supreme Court Justice Graham Witschief.

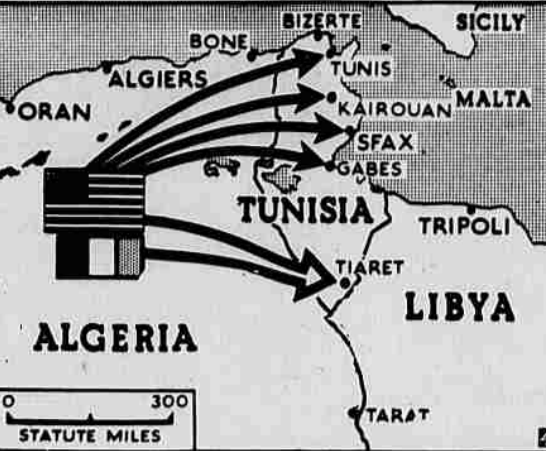
Justice Witschief awarded the amount yesterday after Mrs. Dempsey, a former stage actress, asked \$1,500 alimony and \$10,000 counsel fees when she filed a counter suit for separation here January 8.

Dempsey's suit, filed Dec. 9, has been set for trial without jury next month. He asks custody of their two children, Joan, eight, and Barbara, six.

The couple was married July 18, 1933, at Elko, Nev.

Dayton—Eleven members of the Dayton Past Matrons club attended the January meeting held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Lena Stilwell. A short business session was followed by a social hour and refreshments. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sherman.

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Allies Take Town Near Libya—Tanout Maller (white arrow), not located on any available map, but 14 miles from Tiaret, near the Tunisian-Libyan border, was reported captured by U. S. and French troops. In the northern Tunisian sector, bad weather hampered operations, but U. S. air forces attacked Tunis, Kairouan, Gabes and Sfax. (Associated Press.)

35 Killed in Plane Crash

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Twenty-six passengers and nine members of the crew were killed in the crash of a four-engine transport plane January 15 in Dutch Guinea, it was announced today.

The plane was being operated in the service of the army's air transport command. There were no survivors of the crash.

The victims included Maj. Eric M. Knight, author of "This Above All"; P. E. Edward Foxworth, FBI official of New York; Charles H. Brown, of the California Arabian Oil company; William Hodson, state department official; O. E. Henryson, state department; and H. D. Haberfeld, FBI.

The plane was southbound, en route overseas. It left the United States about a week ago. It was a civilian plane operating under contract with the army, and was piloted by Capt. B. H. Dally, well-known civilian air transport pilot, according to announcement by Maj. Gen. Harold L. George, head of the transport command.

Governor Names Justices of Peace

Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle ruled today that the governor, and not county courts, has the power to make temporary appointments to succeed justices of the peace who have entered military service.

In two other opinions, both applying to the city of Portland, he held that the state board of health has no jurisdiction over trailer housing units operated by the federal housing authority, and that a city may not pass a health ordinance regulating establishments which already are regulated by state law.

Dance Proves Success

Mill City — It was reported that the dance given Saturday night at the fire hall by the firemen and C. I. O. local No. 2804, to raise funds for a day-room at Camp Adair, netted between \$75 and \$100. The affair, which was attended by a capacity crowd, was arranged and managed by George Thomas.

Long Distance Leased Wire Rates to Drop

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—The American Telephone & Telegraph company has agreed to reduce rates on long distance calls of more than three minutes and cut charges for leased wire services to save the public some \$34,700,000 a year.

The agreement, announced last night by the federal communications commission, ended hearings on an order for the A. T. & T. to show cause why its rates should not be reduced because of wartime increases in revenue of its long lines department.

Walter S. Gifford, A. T. & T. president, said the company believed the FCC's position was "unsound," but felt it was important to discontinue the rate hearings "so that it could get on with the business of helping win the war."

Besides the saving to the public, the agreement will cut the long lines department's revenue by an additional \$24,900,000 in increased shares to connecting companies.

The FCC said these reductions were made: Overtime telephone — From one-third to one-fourth of the rate for the initial three-minute period.

Leased private lines—Equivalent to approximately 25 per cent in private telephone lines and 35 per cent in private telegraph lines.

Telephone lines used "casually" by broadcasters—approximately 50 per cent reduction for smaller stations, and from \$8 to \$6 per air line mile for larger stations.

Jackson Will Sift Sinking

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—A house committee moved today to determine the cause of the sinking in the Willamette river at Portland, Ore., of the newly constructed tanker, Schenectady which broke in the center and sank a few days ago.

Representative Jackson (D., Wash.) announced he had been designated by Chairman Bland (D., Va.) of the merchant marine and fisheries committee to investigate the cause of the sinking.

Jackson said he had conferred with Emory S. Land, chairman of the maritime commission. He said Land told him he expected to receive a complete report from his investigators within a few days.

"Apparently it was not the fault of the design for other vessels of the same design are now giving satisfactory service," Jackson said.

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