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Despite the fact that the contribution by the United States to the United Nations relief and rehabilitation fund is approximately 71 percent of the total, and each of the 44 signatory nations agreed to put up one percent of its national income, UNRRA is already preparing a request to congress for an additional appropriation, even though its work in the devastated countries has scarcely begun. The first appropriation by congress to the UNRRA fund was \$450,000,000 and there was an additional transfer of \$350,000,000 worth of lend-lease supplies on certification by the joint chiefs of staff which has been approved by congress. The total amount for which the United States is obligated is \$1,350,000,000.

Representative Dirksen of Illinois insist that the relief work of UNRRA to date does not justify further appropriations at this time and that an investigation of its activities is imperative. The organization is headed by former Governor Lehman of New York. In Mr Dirksen's opinion, UNRRA is over-manned, has been extravagant and evidence of poor business judgment are so numerous as to warrant the belief that a complete overhaul is necessary to prevent further waste. Purchases by UNRRA have been at prices out of proportion to market values, the Illinois congressman said, and the general attitude of its agents abroad is one of contempt for the authority of congress to supervise its expenditures.

One report by an agent of UNRRA who resigned because he could no longer countenance the methods employed, declared that there was a power-political fight between England and Russia in Europe in which the United States is expected to foot the bill. He also asserted that in the foreign offices of UNRRA the personnel is so large that many have nothing to do and that the United States "is being taken for a ride." He protested against being compelled to don a British uniform when sent into a British occupation zone, even to bedroll and mess kit, giving the people the impression that the relief was coming from Great Britain alone.

Representative Dirksen declared that there are UNRRA employees in Ethiopia, that UNRRA food supplies appear in the black market in Athens, that tractors are being flown to the Balkans in American planes by American aviators while American farmers are unable to buy them, and that it is reported UNRRA members are carrying on black market operations in gold sovereigns between Egypt and Italy.

Representative DeLacy of Washington, Representative Sabath of Illinois and other members of the house have been building a back-fire against the freely bandied charges of communist activity in the United States by calling attention to the fact that the chief investigator for the committee probing subversive activities is the attorney for an alleged nazi and fascist organization, including Father Coughlin and William Luedcke, the latter an accredited representative of Hitler in the United States, according to Mr DeLacy. Mr Sabath followed by naming 40 individuals, 27 organizations and 10 publications openly working for or in sympathy with the nazis and demanding an investigation. Some of them have been indicted and convicted, he said, "but are still permitted to undermine and weaken our government in its efforts to effect a successful ending of the Asiatic war and in-

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## Directed Attack Against Japan



More than 1,000 airplanes of Admiral Halsey's (center) 3rd Fleet carrier force, which started sped up attacks against Tokyo and territory Commander Vice Adm. John S. McCain (left) and Rear Adm. Gerald Bogan (right) were responsible and figure prominently in the latest devastation of Japan. They are shown aboard ship somewhere in the Pacific.

## E Balsiger's Calf Makes Phenomenal Gain

Weighing of the 4-H club calves of the county is going on this week as county agent Wright goes about with his little scale trailer. Weights are so far very satisfactory and one phenomenal gain has been noted. Edwin Balsiger's Angus calf, being fed at the Lyle Woods ranch at Centerville, has gained 65 pounds in two weeks, an average gain of 4.6 pounds per day. The calf now weighs 893 pounds.

Other gains so far checked are Terry Bucholtz Angus, weight 745 a gain of two pounds; David Wright's Herefords, weight 1020 gain 2.3 pounds and weight 990, gain of 2.5 pounds.

## Curly Vincent Has Many Experiences

Hundreds of experiences he never dreamed of back in his home town of Moro, Oregon, scores of brushes with death and dozens of trips to strange waters of the Orient seas, has been the experience of Leonard R. Vincent, 27, motor machinists mate, aboard this submarine.

Vincent, whose mother, Mrs. Erma Vincent, lives at 21 main St., Acushnet, Mass., is an auxiliary man on his fifth war patrol. He must have a working knowledge of everything on the vessel and is on call for repair jobs 24 hours a day.

## Water Short Tuesday; Careful Use Asked

The city council had spent an hour or more talking about improvement of the city, bigger and better parks, more oiled streets, better walks etc., when the report was brought to them that residents on the hill were out of water.

Visions of more, bond issues to dig more wells, buy more pumps and build bigger cisterns put a damper on planning for the evening. A visit to the pumping plant disclosed, however, that there was nothing wrong. The pump was still putting out near 50 gallons per minute. But the weather had been so hot Monday and Tuesday that in addition to using 50 gallons per minute for that 48 hour period city water users had also used 100,000 gallons out of the cistern. Cooler weather will make it possible for the pumps to catch up in a few days if water users will be careful about the use of water. Unless there is continued hot weather the council will not ration water unless excessive use makes it necessary. If there is no waste the pump will take care of the load.

## KEEP OREGON GREEN

One tree could make a million matches. One match could destroy millions of trees. Be careful of burning material. Protect the trees. Keep Oregon Green.

## Bourhill House At Grass Valley Burned Thursday

The house in Grass Valley belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith was entirely destroyed by fire Thursday morning, August 9. The fire started on or near the roof, perhaps from a spark on dry shingles and nothing availed the fire fighters. Had it not been for the large trees about the house other buildings would have been burned also, reported those who saw the blaze. As it was large chunks of burning wood were carried to the highway, two blocks away.

Henry Kelley was living in the house and helping Al Fox remodel it for occupancy by the Smiths. Much work had already been done, Fox lost some tools.

The residence was built by Geo. Bourhill in the first years of the century and was constructed of pine lumber. It was a sturdy house, solidly built and a landmark of the town.

## Temperatures Reach Peak For Year

Monday and Tuesday were very hot days for Sherman county but the thermometer at the experiment station did not register any more than it had earlier in the summer. Top temperature at Moro was 99 Monday and 98 Tuesday. At Wasco the thermometer went up to 104 according to reports. There was little breeze and the sky was partly cloudy.

## Three Ram Sales Being Readied

Ram sale time is approaching in Oregon with the three big sales again scheduled starting with the oldest one at Pendleton, August 17, followed by the one at Albany August 27 and ending with the Lakeview sale September 14.

Pendleton's nineteenth annual sale is sponsored as usual by the Oregon Woolgrowers association. Consignors from both eastern and western Oregon will offer Rambouillets, Hampshires, Suffolks, Lincolns and crossbreds.

The Albany sale will include 115 rams and ewes from 34 Willamette valley farms. Breeds represented will be Romney, Lincoln, Corriedale, Shropshire, Suffolk, Southdown and Hampshire.

The Southern Oregon Ram sale at Lakeview will offer 225 rams made up of Suffolks, Hampshires, Romeldales, Rambouillets and crossbreds. Sifting committees at each sale make sure that only high quality animals are offered, says H. A. Lindgren, extension livestock fieldman at OSC.

How to rid lawns of weeds by chemicals that kill weeds without harming the grass permanently is described in a new OSC experiment station circular of information No. 366, which is a revision of an earlier circular on the same subject.

WHO ELSE WANTS ONE? A measure designed to prevent retailers, wholesalers and processors of meat products from acquiring slaughter-houses, and diverting meat supplies to controlled outlets, is announced by OPA. The action, effective July 29, also prevents slaughterers from acquiring retail, wholesale or processing establishments and diverting their products to these establishments. This action does not prohibit affiliations, but does control the amount of meat that can be diverted to any affiliated outlet, OPA explains.

This amendment to Control Order 1 provides that a slaughterer cannot deliver to any retail, whole sale or processing establishment, with which he may now become affiliated, any larger percentage of the meat he currently delivers into the country or trading area where the establishment is located, than he delivered to that particular establishment during the three reporting periods immediately preceding the effective date of the new action.

WAREHOUSE SOLD Fred Hennagin and Mrs. B. E. Hailey bought the Nish warehouse advertised for sale by the Moro Grain Growers last week. It will be used to rebuild the barn on their place in Grass Valley canyon that was destroyed by fire earlier in the year.

## City Council Makes Plans For Improvement

Oiled Streets, More Sidewalks, Bigger Park, Paint Included

Plans for civic improvement were discussed at the meeting of the Moro city council Tuesday night, when that body gathered for the first time in fourteen years in the council rooms over the fire house, now the one and only city hall.

A project for building sidewalks on several streets has been hanging fire for some months because of the lack of a concrete work contractor. Property owners are anxious to build. The council proposed to have the work done under one head as a means of obtaining a lower price and charging property owners their share.

Immediately projected is a new walk from the Morgan building at the southwest corner of First and Scott up First Street to the alley west of Court. Two blocks on Court street are also in the project as well as some work on McCoy street. A part of a block of new sidewalk on Scott street near the school house is to be done and some other places may be done under the same contract.

Property owners who want some walk built may see any of the councilmen. This may be the only opportunity for some time to have a large block of work done. The city will pay for the cross walks across the alleys.

Street Oiling Expected

Probably no cross walks will be constructed across the streets as oiling them is contemplated as soon as it can be done. Scott street from Fourth to the school will be oiled, probably next year, and Bidwell street from the school to the highway is also in the same project.

The city has over \$1400 on hand for that job and more will be forthcoming next year.

When it is possible for the city to obtain possession of the Raymond property the park will be extended to include that lot, the street may be closed to add to the park lawn.

Repainting the Legion Hall will be done when paint can be obtained which may be yet this year.

These plans were tentatively made upon the official report that the city bonds were all paid and that it would now be possible to start improvements for the future instead of paying for old ones.

## Soldiers Mas Get Additional Gas

Special gasoline rations will be provided for service men discharged from the armed forces, for use in attending to personal affairs and making adjustments to civilian life, Chester Bowles, Administrator of OPA says. The special ration, which local War Price and Rationing Board may begin issuing August 3, 1945, is limited in each case to the needs of the veteran, and may not exceed 80 gallons of gasoline. It is restricted to veterans who have been separated from active service within the preceding 30 days, or to officers on terminal leave preceding their separation from the service.

"When applying to their local boards for this ration, both officers and enlisted men discharged from the army must present their copy of War Department Form 100, together with application Form OPA 552, and the mileage rationing record. Enlisted men discharged from the Navy, Marine Corps or coast guard must present Navy Form 553, Marine Corps Form 789D or Coast Guard Form 553. Officers discharged from the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard present a copy of the order releasing them from active duty."

## Celebration of Debt Free State Of Moro Planned

A public celebration is to be arranged for the evening of September 10 at the Legion hall or some suitable place. It will be in honor of the final payment of city indebtedness, an event that occurred August 1. Observance will be delayed because of harvest.

The city has several thousand dollars worth of cancelled bonds that can be consigned to the fire with relief to everyone.

The council voted to observe the occasion publicly for the city debt has been the bug-a-boo of city financing for years. Many worthy public works have been shoved into the discard because of lack of money.

George Updegraff, Wily Knighten and Harry Kunsman are the committee in charge of making up the program.

## Wheat Grades Fairly Good

The report of the marketing service in Portland as to test weights of 673 samples received at inspection points along the Columbia river is that 10.4 percent has graded 61 or better, 15.5 percent has graded 60, 20.8 percent has graded 59 and 22.8 percent has graded 58. All test weights include tests up to the next highest even figure.

In the same bunch of samples 25 percent carried dockage and 5 percent were smutty. The heavier test weights came from up river, Pasco, and Walla Walla and lighter weights came from down river counties.

Cash wheat in Portland was slightly lower with market activity found only in 11 percent protein wheat. Hard Whites and Hard Winters are selling better than other wheats.

## Stock Slaughter About Normal

A national volume of lamb slaughter so far this year equal to that of a year ago, and the start of the annual fall movement of grass cattle to market, are developments of the week reported in the weekly review of market price and outlook information by the OSC extension service. With cattle slaughter in the last half of 1945 expected to exceed that in the same period of 1944, and with total slaughter probably close to that of last year, the civilian meat supply situation probably will improve considerably before the end of the year, according to the review.

Total meat production thus far in 1945 has been around 12 percent less than a year ago. Average farm prices for meat are now about seven percent higher than a year ago with the meat animal farm price index at 172 percent of the 1935-39 average.

The three principal meat animals—beef cattle, hogs and sheep—usually account for about one fourth of the total annual volume of Oregon's farm marketings the review adds, and for about the same proportion of the national farm cash income.

Record slaughtering of California and Texas lambs to date this season is considered partly responsible for the total slaughter so far this year being equal to 1944, even though the national lamb crop is 3 1-2 percent smaller than last year.

Total receipts of cattle at all principal markets during the week ending August 4 were nearly equal to the same period last year. Owing to lighter marketings of other meat animals, however, the total receipts at the 12 principal markets ran sharply behind those of a year ago. Hog marketings for the week were less than one-half last year's volume while fewer calves and lambs arrived. As the fall grass cattle movement started, reports from Chicago and Kansas City varied all the way from "steady to strong" to "trading at a stand still."

## 1945 Crop Now Mostly Put In Elevators

Many Machines Get Through With Runs This Week

After this week a good many farmers are going to refer to the 1945 harvest in the past tense.

It is already far enough along that last week's intake of wheat may be bigger than this one. At Hay Canyon there are fewer loads being taken in now than a week ago and relief from the high point of wheat receiving at Moro is at hand.

The storage facilities of the Moro Grain Growers might have been tailored just to fit this crop, so close is the total capacity going to meet the size of the crop. Truck are taking wheat to DeMoss where it is blown into the flat houses, by day and by night in an effort to keep space available in the Moro elevator. All flat houses will be full when harvest is over and some shipment to Portland may be necessary to make elevator space, but not much.

Truck drivers are asked to change from Moro to Hay Canyon or Erskine in order to fill all available space.

Some Yields Good

Yields are not a matter that seem to be of general concern. Getting through harvest before the threatened rain comes seems to top the list of farmer interests. That may mean that the crop is neither a record breaker nor a failure—and that is just it.

Earlier estimate of a 2,000,000 bushel yield is still about right with a greater crop more likely than a smaller one. Best reported yield for a field is 35 bushels on Charley Powell's home place. Several other fields have made 30 or more, many 25 and a few under 20. Poorer land has produced poorer crops for the first time in four years.

Quite a bit of turkey wheat and some Hard Federation has weighed 60 pounds to the bushel and Rex has dropped to 55, with an average of about 57 or 58. Reports on the new Alice continue good.

## American Legion Sponsoring Dance

For the first time in years the name of the American Legion as sponsors of a dance in Moro has appeared on posters. Occasion is the annual Harvest Ball which will be held this Saturday night at the Moro Legion hall, which is called that for historical reasons not as an indication of actual ownership.

The Legion members who are actually doing the work preparatory to giving the dance are the younger ones who are veterans of the present war. Veterans of the first World War around Moro have retired from dance promotion.

## Cocky Cockerel

Here is Chanticleer II, perched grimly on the undercarriage of a railroad coach. The chicken enjoyed the doubtful distinction of being the only "chick" ever to carry a comb.