

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS of Main Street and the World

AFL Breaks With Farm Agencies; Gen. Eisenhower Reports on Europe

AFL BREAKS TIES—Farmers and farm workers across the nation were pondering the sudden action of the American Federation of Labor obviously aimed at breaking off its heretofore friendly relations with the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Grange.

REPORT ON EUROPE—One of the clearest reports the home towns of the country have received on western Europe's growing strength was made last week by a senate subcommittee after a 14-day visit with Gen. Dwight Eisenhower.

RED BUILD-UP—While Allied and Communist representatives negotiate a cease-fire at Kaesong, with increasing prospects for success, the Reds have taken the opportunity to carry out a big military build-up in Korea.

THE WHEAT CROP—In a new crop forecast, the department of agriculture predicts this year's wheat crop will fall below a billion bushels for the first time since 1943. This was a decrease of 72 million bushels from its July 1 forecast.

REDS TO ATTEND—Although the Soviet Union has announced she will send delegates to attend 50-nation Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco September 4, the Russian delegation is expected to refuse to sign the document.

A CITY COMES BACK—Nearly 17 million tons of mud, muck and debris have been shoveled aside in Kansas City as the flood-ravaged valleys of Missouri continue to make one of the nation's most remarkable comebacks.

PRICE LAW VIOLATIONS \$10,000,000 Involved in Fifty Cases

The government is investigating 50 major cases of alleged price-ceiling violations that could result in the return of \$10,000,000 to the government and consumers.

DOING BUSINESS ON MAIN STREET

Reports from midwest's great farm belt indicate farm implement market has hit a slump in last 60 days that is causing Main Street retailers considerable worry.

Total farmer investment in tools and machines jumped from \$6 billion in 1946 to over \$14 billion at start of 1951.

Main Street's retail merchants give several reasons for slump pattern: Banks tightening up on credit, prices too high, and some areas oversold.

JULY HOME EXPENDITURES OFF Credit restrictions on home building began to hurt the industry during July, resulting in 30 per cent reduction in home building from same month of last year.

WHEAT SUPPORT PRICE Of interest to grain elevators and dealers in wheat: department of agriculture has announced the wheat support price at a national average of \$2.18 per bushel for the 1951 crop.

Homebuilding construction for private residences in June was 23 per cent under June 1950, although all expenditures in new construction totaled \$2,700,000, an increase of 6 per cent over May.

Outlook for August is for bargain sales on the part of retail merchants with some sizeable price cutting. Reason is laggard consumer buying and continued high inventories.

ARMED SERVICES QUESTION BOX

(Send your questions about the armed forces or any aspect of military service to: Walter Sheel, Armed Services Question Box, 1057 National Press Building, Washington 4, D. C. Answers will be given in this column.)

THE selective service system has been asked to deliver 41,000 men in October to joint induction stations for assignment to the army and the marine corps.

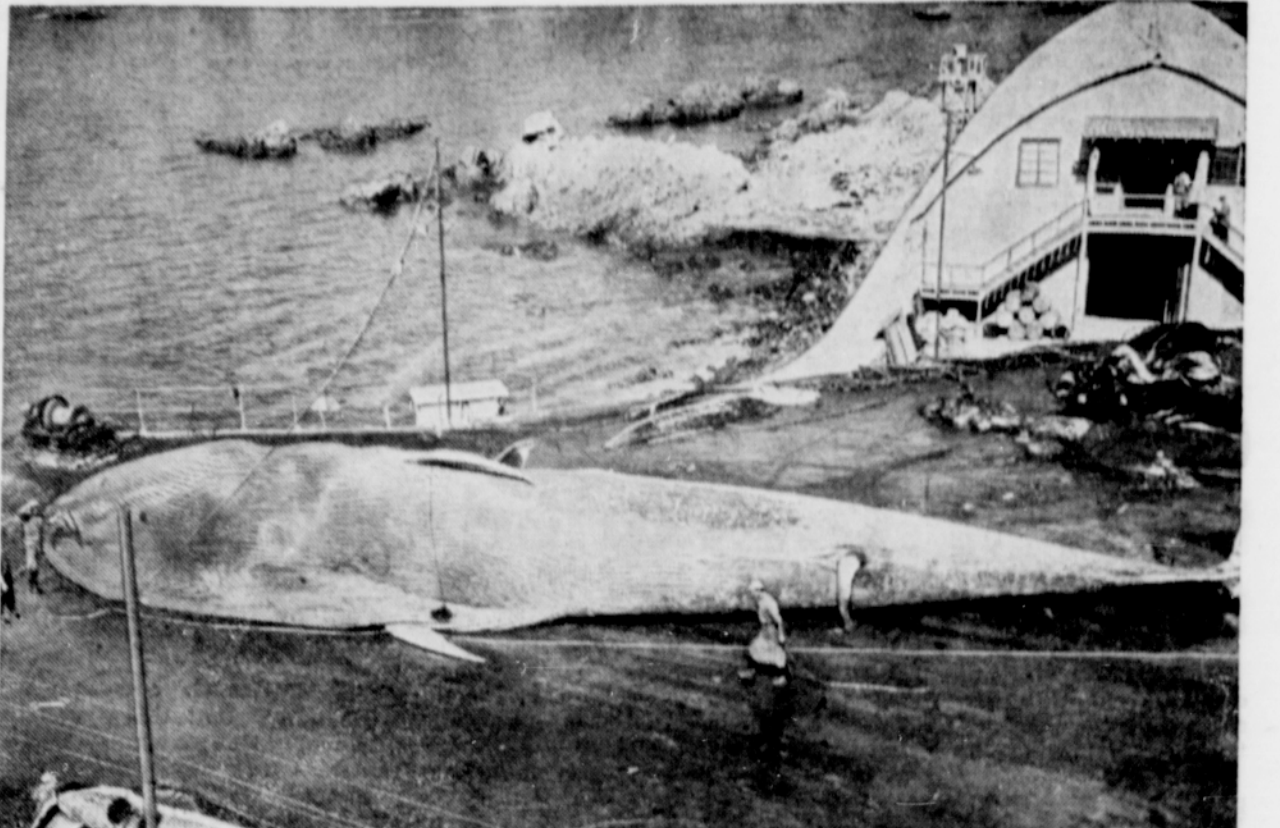
The number of national guardsmen taking specialized resident training in regular army schools during the fiscal year 1951 reached a record high.

Q. I am a veteran of World War I. I was overseas with the 32nd division and was later transferred to the 82nd. I came out of the service in May 1919, having received an honorable discharge which I have since lost. Is there any way that I can get a duplicate? J. B. Clarkville, Mich.

Q. I have just been discharged from service, and I plan to file an application with VA for disability compensation. Is there any time limit for filing? E. G. Tiffany, Colo.

Navy to Expand Aviation Program

Limited rotation of personnel on foreign service tours will be resumed in September, the army has said. Each overseas commander will establish rotation criteria for his command based on the length of service on current overseas tours.



ANDES WHALERS... The war scare in the world today has created a great demand for whale oil, and Chile has entered the world's most thrilling profession—catching huge 74-foot, 69-ton mammals like this one.



STERN GREETING FOR CZECH AMBASSADOR... Czechoslovakia's new prime minister, Dr. Vladimír Procházka, faced an angry reception as he arrived in the United States.



MIRACLE BABY HUSKY BOY... Nurse Doris Hansen, Hackensack, N.J., hospital, holds Raymond Donnelly, Jr., who was born via caesarean section to Mrs. Ida Donnelly.



STAR FROM THE EAST... Shirley Yamaguchi deplanes at La Guardia Field, N.Y., as she comes from Japan to see the sights of New York and other American cities.



FROM MUNITIONS TO BEAUTY... Emmanuel Shinwell, British defense minister, took time off from rearmament talks recently to journey to Grimdon Park, Durham, to judge a beauty contest.



YOUNG DIPLOMAT... Hipolito Paz, new Argentine ambassador to the U.S., and his wife arrive in New York on S.S. Rio Tunuyan.