



WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13—The senate committee on agriculture has been listening to arguments for the past several days on Senator Rufus Holman's amendment to the emergency forest fire control bill which would appropriate close to \$8,000,000 for forest fire protection. The house had deleted the sum of \$6,500,000 from the bill as being unnecessary expenditure and a waste of funds. The house members who eliminated the forest fire protection fund come, largely, from the prairie states, where forestry, lumber and forest fires are a foreign subject because there just isn't any such thing. However, after hearing the roar of Senator Holman and others from the Pacific northwest who know how important such a fund is for the protection of Oregon's huge stand of timber from fire hazard, it is believed house members have changed their minds and that at least a large part of the money asked for by Senator Holman will be allowed.

While senators express the opinion that nothing more serious than a nuisance raid need be anticipated in the northwest, with possibly some property damage and loss of life, the real danger is that enemy raiders may drop bombs in the forests and thus cause a conflagration which would be terribly destructive and set back the lumber industry for a century. It is difficult to obtain men to go into the woods and prepare against such a fire. Manpower shortage is keenly felt in the campaign for protection against fires and failure to obtain an adequate fire fighting fund would further complicate the situation.

The farm labor crisis has caused scores of northwest farmers to be less finicky about the source and they are renewing their request that repatriated Japanese, conscientious objectors and prisoners of war be given an opportunity to do agricultural work. It is asserted that thousands of prisoners of war, Italians and Germans, have an agricultural background and would be willing to work and that they could be winnowed from their undesirable associates, and that several thousand former growers of vegetables and fruit among the Japanese could be made available, leaving the trouble makers in the centers. It would be better, these farmers say, if the prisoners and evacuees are given an opportunity to do farm work than to "eat their heads off" at the expense of American taxpayers while held in camps.

There are 2,000,000 cases of canned fruit and vegetables, taken by the government from the 1941 pack, which will be released for civilian use. There are 12,000,000 cases reserved to the government from the 1942 pack and these also will be released. Plan is to sell the food back to the canneries which packed it, if they wish to take it. From many sources in the northwest have come suggestions that the 1941 pack be not sold for less than the 1942 ceiling in order not to disturb the market, as the 1941 prices were considerably lower than the 1942 or than will be the 1943. If the government sells back to the canneries at the 1942 price the government will make a very satisfactory profit.

Complaint has been registered in the national capital that there are no church facilities at Vanport, the housing development prepared for Henry Kaiser's employees between Vancouver and Portland. This will

be a community of about 40,000 population, and it is contended that such a community should have the privilege of attending church services in their vicinity. School arrangements have been made, and a shopping center, but there are no churches, Washington is informed.

About 200 government employees in the national capital have been fired for not being loyal to the United States. Three committees are now delving into important war agencies in an effort to dig out the men and women who have had communistic connections in the past either as members of that party or affiliation with organizations which served as fronts for communistic propaganda. It is expected that there will be other charges in the near future.

As soon as possible a new navy hospital will be constructed near Astoria, with the prospect that La Grande and Eugene will have hospitals later. Navy is anticipating heavy casualties in the Pacific and wishes to dot the coast with facilities to care for the wounded. First of the program for Oregon will be at the mouth of the Columbia river. Wounded men from the south Pacific are now being treated in the national capital because there is no room for them in the present facilities on the northwest coast.

IN PORTLAND

Mrs. Elwyn Hughes is spending a few days in Portland on business.

PORTLAND BARBER HERE

Steve Burge, a barber from Portland, took over Lee Sprinkel's chair at the Coxen barber shop Monday and will work there this month. Sprinkel is taking a lay-off to get some spring ozone in his lungs and may indulge in a little gardening and just maybe some fishing. Burge formerly operated a shop in Enterprise.

Raymond has a leave of a few days which he plans to spend in Spokane with his mother and sister.

JOINS HUSBAND

Mrs. C. W. Hayes of Corvallis left there recently for San Diego to be with her husband, who now holds the rank of corporal. Their young daughter Janis is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warner, at Lexington.

SHORT VISIT HERE

Mrs. Mary Johnson and daughter Neola have been guests this week of Mrs. Bertha Johnson. They are enroute to Spokane to visit Mrs. Johnson's son, Raymond, in training at Camp Farragut, Ida.

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(This is a partial summary of the Responsibility Act)

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