



Washington, D. C., May 26—Two consequences of the war production announcement that there is now enough industrial alcohol on hand to meet all requirements through 1944 are of direct interest to Oregon. First, is the statement that because of this ample supply the previously announced plans for five new grain alcohol plants have been deferred thus putting a quietus to Arlington's hope that it would secure such a plant; and second, the prospect that distilleries will be permitted to resume for 60 days the production of whiskey, the growing scarcity of which brought about rationing in Oregon and a threat that the state's old age pension set-up would be disturbed. Revenue derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages through state owned stores has been the principal source of this fund and the demand upon it was increased by action of the last legislature in increasing monthly allowances for the oldsters.

Ever since the grain alcohol program was initiated Arlington has been an active candidate as a site for one of these plants to handle surplus wheat grown in the state and for a time the prospect that it would be selected was highly encouraging.

Independent merchants in Oregon engaged in the sale of foodstuffs are protesting to their congressmen, individually, against the latest order of office of price administration fixing a higher ceiling for them than for the operators of chain stores. They resent the intimation that they are unable to compete and blame OPA for creating the impression that their prices are higher than those charged by the chains. Such discrimination by an agency of the government is declared to be unjust and that it operates to their injury.

One of the letters of protest, which is a sample of many received from the state, closes with this statement: "We are called upon to buy bonds, solicit for Red Cross funds, take our part in civilian defense, and carry the load of community activities, and we do not like to be discriminated against by our government officials whom we are supposed to stand behind." OPA price ceilings effective as of May 15 permit a differential of from two to four cents between independent and chain stores, presumably on the assumption that the latter are able to undersell. This assumption, the protests declare, "is not only false, generally speaking, but it creates in the mind of the public a feeling that independent stores cannot compete." The protests are being filed with OPA, but it remains to be seen whether any action will be taken.

Regarded as a straw in the wind of what the future holds for the Japanese is the retaking of Attu island and the repeated bombing of Kiska in the Aleutians. High command has explained that Kiska could be retaken from the enemy whenever it was necessary by paying the price. The assumption is that this may be considered the opportune time to clean out the Japs and remove that obstacle on the road to Tokyo. All in all, the general picture of the Pacific looks as though Uncle Sam will be increasing his forces in that theater and put forth a strong effort before the year's end and although, at the same time, throwing most of his strength into Europe to engage the Germans.

David Niles, one of the six assistants of the president with a "passion for anonymity," is charged with being the man to handle the

undercover campaign for a fourth term for Mr. Roosevelt and that Postmaster General Frank Walker is only the "front." Mr. Niles is the man who, when in the department of commerce with Harry Hopkins, ignored the Democratic party organization in Oregon and turned over the patronage for taking the 1940 census to the Commonwealth Federation and informed western Democrats that no one who was not a 100 percent new dealer had a right to a place on the federal payroll.

Apparently acting only as individuals, a super-cabinet has been developed in the White House with the full approval of the president. This war cabinet consists of Harry Hopkins (Harry the Hop), Judge Sam Roseman, (Sammy the Rose), Barney Baruch, Jimmy Byrnes, office of stabilization, and Admiral William H. Leahy. Their meeting place is at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue. To their presence are summoned officials to be questioned and given instructions. Although these five men have no authority, they manage to be shaping some of the policies and decisions and impose their will upon supposed "big shots." No one has resisted the decisions of the unofficial war cabinet as yet and, if given time, they may be able to straighten out some of the discord and jealousies now so rampant in the numerous alphabetical agencies of the government.

### Mrs. America Meets the War

June brides won't be spending the time usually given to choosing patterns in silver-plated flatware. There aren't the patterns this year from which to choose because half of the silver-plating manufacturers are turning out war goods, and silver itself, is going into such items as lining of airplane engine bearings and in silver brazing alloys for joining metal parts. Manufacturers are making their restricted allotment of silver go as far as possible. That means making only the most essential items: knives, forks, dessert spoons and tea spoons. Many of the old patterns that June brides of peacetime have chosen are being discontinued until after the war.

Mrs. America can be certain of plenty of vitamin-enriched bread for her working family. The WPB has placed thiamin hydrochloride (vitamin B-1) and nicotinic acid (niacin) under allocation control so that there will be adequate supplies of these vitamins for enriching bread, cereals and flour.

The demand for used metal coil and flat bedsprings resulting from curtailed production of new bedsprings has brought forth specific dollars and cents ceilings by the OPA. From these ceilings placed upon used bedsprings, complaints had been received that prices asked sometimes were so excessive that they would actually be more than

the bedsprings cost brand new. A tag showing the maximum retail price must be attached to each used bedspring offered for sale.

And speaking of bedsprings, the WPB survey of sleeping equipment reveals that manufacturers are turning out enough sleeping equipment to meet civilian needs despite manpower shortages, government restrictions on critical materials and demands from the armed forces. Since innerspring mattresses are out for the duration, manufacturers have started using layer on layer of fine cotton and find they turn out firm and resilient products. Of course, fillings other than cotton felt are not used very much.

The day may come when typists will be winding their own new ribbons on the old spools in their typewriters. But the WPB says that one way of keeping that day in the distance is to save used ribbon spools and turn them in when buying new ribbons. And when you do, be careful not to warp or bend the spool. Because of the shortage of metal the steel for production of typewriter spools has been cut in half.

Here's good news for Mrs. America's shopping trips to the cosmetic counter. Effective May 26, packaged cosmetics . . . about 200 types . . . will have established prices at levels from the manufacturer to the consumer. And Mrs. America should know what the top ceiling is because the maximum retail price must be marked on packages by manufacturers. In the case of gifts they may be marked on detachable cards or labels.

There's nothing alarming about the maximum ceiling price set by the OPA for a new war alarm clock. Consumers should not be required to pay more than \$1.65 for the war model which will be produced by

six firms. The alarming note about the situation is that there is a national shortage of alarm clocks. However, the WPB has allotted enough materials to two firms for the production 1,700,000 war alarm clocks.

Sweet girl graduates of 1943 are being urged to heed the call to enroll in nursing schools, thereby signing up for an important war job. Girls registering in schools in June will fill the gaps left on hospital staffs by the 31,000 nurses who already have joined the armed forces and other thousands who will follow in months to come. Because

of the emergency situation, training courses have been shortened. To meet the basic requirements for entrance to a nursing school a girl must be between 17 or 18 and 35 years of age. College training is preferred, and most schools require high school science credit. A number of scholarships are available, and applications should be made to the school of nursing which a girl plans to enter.

#### HERE FOR FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Ives of Portland were in Heppner Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ives' son, John Gilman.

## Something Every Automobile Owner Should Know!

### The New Oregon Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act of 1943 Becomes Effective June 9, 1943.

The sum and substance of this law, effective June 9, 1943, is that if an automobile owner or operator is involved in an accident causing bodily injury or death, or property damage, he must, within 24 hours, make a complete written report of that accident, and if he is not covered by insurance or a bond, the Secretary of State must suspend the operator's license and all registration certificates of the owner unless and until he has furnished, and thereafter maintains, proof of financial responsibility by an insurance policy, a surety company bond or the bond of two individual sureties each owning property in Oregon and each having an equity therein of at least \$11,000, or by the deposit of \$11,000 in cash or approved securities.

(This is a partial summary of the Responsibility Act)

### Protect Yourself!

A copy of the Digest of the New Oregon Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Law may be had at the office of

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