

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19—Here are some of the reasons that congress is "mad" at the way OPA is run. The price executive for meat, fish, fats and oils is a professor from Iowa, without business experience. The price executive for building materials is an oil economist. A college professor is the price executive for steel and iron. The price executive for the paper division is a professor of political science. The price executive for the machinery division is an accountant, an economist and a professor. In charge of the non-ferrous metals branch is a professor with no business experience. Price executive over drugs and chemicals is a Harvard professor with part time work in the labor department. The chap who handles the restaurant division is an economist formerly with the Illinois emergency relief. To control solid fuel prices is a young Harvard statistical economist who has been with the national planning board and has had no business experience. The man handling rents is a lawyer, has been a special assistant to the secretary of agriculture, was an assistant to Triple A, was legal advisor to the national defense advisory council, worked with the federal communications commission and has had no special rent experience.

The list could be expanded. To cure this state of affairs the house decided that anyone who formulates a price policy for some industry should have at least five years experience in that industry. One of the principal charges laid against OPA is that it has taken professors without practical business experience and permitted them to write the ticket for industries concerning which they had only a theoretical knowledge.

Reports from all parts of the country reaching back here from scores of congressmen who are busy visiting the home folks and building their political fences, say that farmers are hopping mad at OPA and the war manpower commissioner, particularly the latter. Farmers are squawking loud and long because the war manpower commissioner

didn't freeze farm hands on their jobs. Every farmer is short-handed and to obtain experienced farm help seems to be out of the question. Northwest farmers say if it hadn't been for the hundreds of school children and housewives who were recruited to help harvest the perishable fruit and berry crop a good part of this harvest would have been lost. These youngsters and housewives, plus the hundreds of Mexican farm hands who have been imported to work in Washington and Oregon harvest fields, saved the day for many farmers.

Several members of the house committee on military affairs have just completed an investigation of the food situation in several large military camps where upwards of half a million men are fed three times a day. Charges that the army waste of food have been heard in many quarters for some time. The story has it that tons of food alone are wasted each week-end, when the same three meals per day are prepared for thousands of soldiers who are not there to eat them, being away on week-end leave, and into the garbage can it goes.

This subject will get a real good airing when congress reconvenes next month. For the past year food administration has been grabbing a huge percentage of all classes of each season's food pack for the armed forces and lend-lease, which left only a small amount for civilian consumption. Some congressmen after investigating the necessary needs of armed forces and lend-lease hollered their heads off charging war food administration with grabbing up much more food than was necessary. There must have been some merit to this congressional roar, because only last week war food administration announced they would immediately release six and one-half million cases of canned fruit and vegetables for civilian use which had previously been ordered set aside for government purchase.

A publicity drive of gigantic proportions will be undertaken by government agencies in an attempt to bring the public out of their lethargy in re the war. By far too many people think the war is all but won. This same feeling seems to exist among thousands of war industry workers who are not keeping up with the production schedule, which has slumped to an alarming degree. The same feeling of "it's about all over," is the cause of much absenteeism in war industries say those who should know. Anyone with an ounce of sense should know that the war is far from being won, and one of the best ways to prolong the struggle—yes, even lose it—is to think, act and talk that "it is about all over."

## Kinzua Select Lumber Goes Into Crates for Garand Rifles

Over one half million board feet of Kinzua select lumber has been shipped within the last two months to the Springfield Armory, Springfield, Mass to be made into Garand rifle boxes. The exact footage is not allowed to be published under war department rulings. Several thousand feet of lumber were cut ready for assembly into boxes in the factory department.

Common grade lumber has long held an outstanding place in the war program and now "selects" are coming into their own place in carrying the battle to the enemy by their adaptability to making into boxes to carry Garand rifles all over the world. The Garand or MI that in the words of inventor rifle is the famous .30 caliber gun Garand "took between 15 and 20 years to develop, but the actual designing was accomplished in less

than a year. It weighs nine pounds—same as World War 1 Springfield—and its firepower and durability has been demonstrated in action time and again." Operated on a gas-pressure principle, the Garand fires eight shots in rapid succession.

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### POLICEWOMEN SOUGHT FOR WASHINGTON, D. C.

A nation-wide examination to select policewomen for the Washington, D. C., police department was announced today by the United States Civil Service commission.

Young women between the ages of 25 and 35 who are in good health are sought. They do not need to have had previous experiences or specific education, but a knowledge of social case work and an aptitude for police duties is necessary to do well on the test.

Applications must be filed with the United States Civil Service commission, Washington 25, D. C., by August 31.

Playing an important part in war time Washington's effort to curb delinquency, policewomen supervise capitol amusement places with social regard to the protection of young people, investigate causes of delinquency take steps to combat them, and perform general police work in detection and prevention of crime.

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Information can be obtained from the commission's local secretary, at Heppner, or from the United States Civil Service commission, Washington, D. C.

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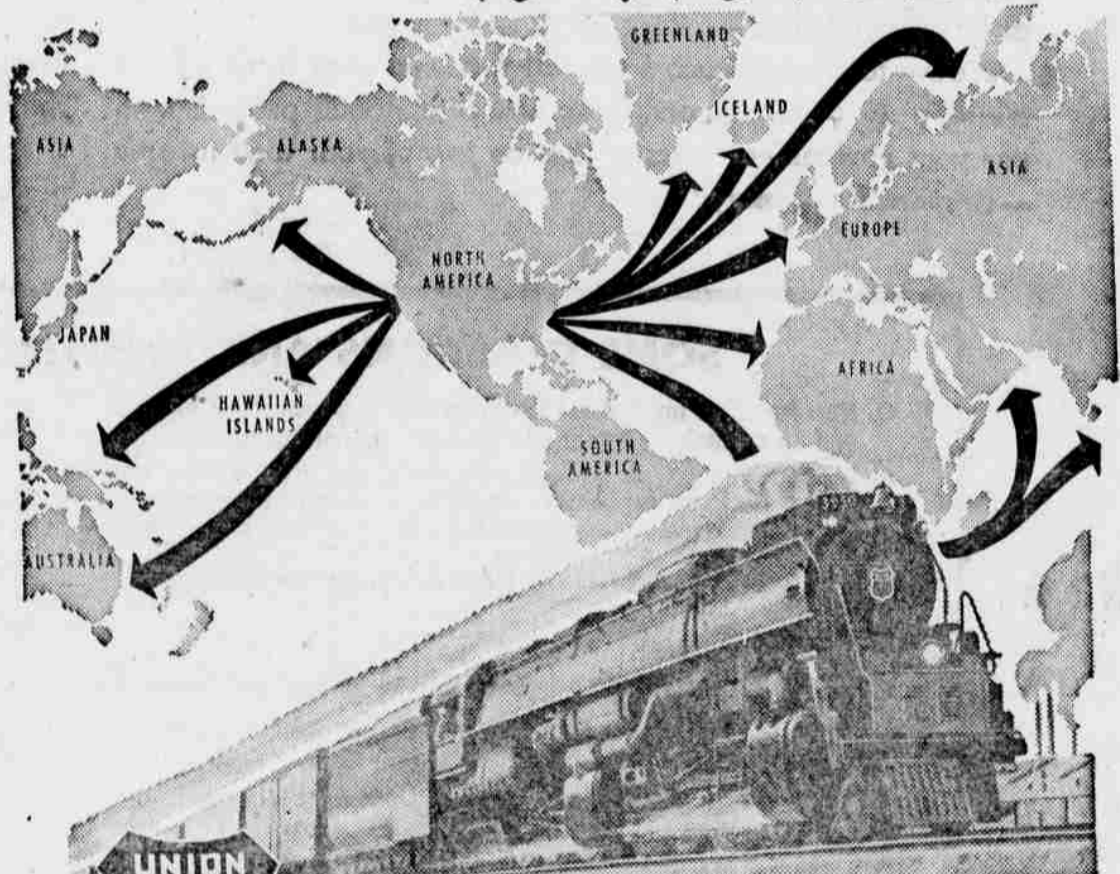
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