

UNCLE SAM NOT GOING TO SEEK SMALL FACTORIES

One thing was made definitely clear at the meeting of OPM men and small shop and plant owners of Jackson and Josephine counties in the Hotel Medford Friday afternoon:

Uncle Sam is not going to seek out the small shops and plants that could assist in the vast program of war production and if these small business places want government orders they will have to organize an association and pool their capital, plants and equipment.

John G. Barnett, acting director of the division of contract distribution, OPM, at the Portland office, made this point clear to about 50 shop and plant owners and managers. He asserted that time is essential and therefore the government can't stop to ferret out small shops capable of turning out war orders. His office, however, will help small business places perfect a pool so that it will meet government requirements and not run afoul of the anti-trust laws provided the owners get together first and start the formation of an association.

At the request of the shop and plant owners, Mr. Barnett promised to send an organizing engineer here Monday or Tuesday to help make a complete equipment survey and show them how to get started. The owners then will meet at 4 p. m. Wednesday at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce to proceed with the forming of a pool and again at the same time and place Friday to confer further with Mr. Barnett and a pool expert he will bring to Medford.

Others from the OPM division of contract distribution office in Portland who spoke to the small shop and plant owners were M. H. Farnsworth, chief engineer, and Joseph E. Yates, an engineer, lent to the office by the firm employing him. Robert R. McKean, manager of Columbia Empire Industries, Inc., served as chairman after introductory remarks by Frank Hull, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Several of the shop owners told of the discouragement they have met in trying to serve the government by receiving invitations to bid on orders after the date for opening the bids, others told of the difficulties of trying to procure orders without knowing more about the procedure involved and others emphasized that it was impractical for small, individual shops to try to obtain war orders on their own hook though they could help in the vast program of production if some one in the government could guide them and tell them what to do.

Mr. Barnett promised the full help and cooperation of his office in getting the small shops lined up and in bringing them every possible bit of war production business. He declared that steps were being taken to streamline the whole war production effort and to get every possible facility and equipment to work in turning out war materials.

PLAN WAREHOUSE SECOND AND FIR

Plans for the construction of a 100 by 100-foot concrete warehouse on a lot at the southeast corner of Second and Fir streets which they purchased last week from the Southern Pacific company were announced Saturday by Harry B. Rubenstein and Harry Kaplan, owners of the Medford Bargain House. The transaction was handled by the Wahl agency.

Construction of the warehouse, to cost approximately \$10,000, will be started as soon as material is available, Rubenstein and Kaplan stated. It will be used for storage of scrap iron and other equipment handled by the Bargain House, and will be modern in every respect. Size of the lot purchased from the railroad company is 100 by 170 feet, with a 100-foot frontage on Fir street and 170 feet deep on Second street. A railroad spur to the lot will provide excellent transportation facilities for the warehouse.

THIRD AIR RAID SIREN PURCHASED

A third air raid warning siren has been purchased for use in the city and all three whistles will be tested at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Monday, Fire Chief Roy Elliott announced yesterday. The chief said checkers in all parts of the city would report on the audibility of the three

sirens and he asked the public also to keep an ear tuned to the blasts. He asked that no one get excited at blowing of the sirens at the hours specified will be only a test.

One siren has been placed on the east side, one on North Central avenue and one on top of the senior high school in the southwest part of town.

AGE ASSISTANCE IN COUNTY RISES

Cost of old age assistance rose to \$16,626 last month as compared with \$16,542 in November and \$13,937 in December of 1940, it was shown in statistical reports studied Friday at the regular monthly meeting of the Jackson county public welfare commission in its offices at city hall.

General assistance cost \$4,368.58 last month as compared with \$3,988.32 the previous month and \$4,467.98 in December 1940.

Statistical reports for the three months follow:

December 1941	
General Assistance	
Families	128 \$3,230.71
Singles	60 1,137.87
Old Age Assistance	
Cases	188 \$4,368.58
Aid to Dependent Children	
Cases	823 \$16,626.00
(Children 181)	
Blind Assistance	
Cases	13 \$374.00
Total	\$24,049.58

November 1941	
General Assistance	
Families	114 \$2,638.82
Singles	64 1,349.50
Old Age Assistance	
Cases	178 \$3,988.32
Aid to Dependent Children	
Cases	821 \$16,542.00
(Children 181)	
Blind Assistance	
Cases	80 \$2,654.00
Total	\$23,558.32

December 1940	
General Assistance	
Families	174 \$3,211.30
Singles	101 1,256.68
Old Age Assistance	
Cases	275 \$4,467.98
Aid to Dependent Children	
Cases	707 \$13,937.00
(Children 182)	
Blind Assistance	
Cases	9 251.00
Total	\$21,194.98

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DENY NEW TRIAL IN DAMAGE SUIT

In the case of Waldo Green against J. N. Adams, Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna denied the motion for new trial filed some time ago by the defendant through his attorney, Charles W. Reames. The motion was argued last week by defendant's attorney and by Don R. Newbury for the plaintiff.

On November 28 a circuit court jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$11,000 for a broken leg. The defendant in his motion for new trial had claimed that the judgment was excessive, that he has since the trial discovered new evidence, and that errors in law were committed in the trial of the case that were prejudicial to the defendant. The court found no merit in these objections.

Obituary

JOHN MOODY

John Moody, a resident of Rogue River, Ore., passed away at a local hospital early Thursday morning. Funeral arrangements will be announced later through the Perl funeral home.

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WHEAT QUOTA FOR COMING YEAR MAY GET CURTAILING

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—With ample wheat supplies in prospect, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard will issue an order soon, aides said today calling for a nation-wide referendum about the middle of May on marketing quotas designed to keep part of the 1942 crop off the market.

Crop authorities said that despite the need for a record output of food this year to meet demands arising from the war, the United States faced a problem of "too much" wheat for the available markets. They said the country had a two-year supply at the beginning of the current marketing season.

Present conditions of the winter wheat crop and prospective plantings of spring wheat point to a possible production of 800,000,000 bushels. While this would be about 150,001,000 less than the 1941 crop, officials had hoped to hold production to about 650,000,000 bushels.

A big crop, officials said, would add to already heavily burdened transportation and grain storage facilities. Consequently the department hopes to keep as much of the crop on the farm as possible. Should Russia and China need large quantities of American grain, wheat held on farms could be released later to meet the demand.

BONNEVILLE CZAR EYES POWER DEAL

New York, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Dr. Paul J. Raver, administrator of the Bonneville power administration, said today he is visiting New York to negotiate a series of deals aimed at utilizing to the utmost, through public ownership, the power facilities of the Pacific northwest.

Dr. Raver said his ultimate aim was to have the Bonneville administration and other public agencies acquire ownership of many privately owned utility systems and link them with the great power reservoirs of the Bonneville and Grand Coulee hydro-electric developments.

Present plans, said Dr. Raver, call for federal ownership of the principal power pools of the northwest. Distribution systems reaching to consumption outlets would be taken over by local publicly-owned power companies.

JAPANESE PAUSE IN BURMA DRIVE

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A "definite pause" in the Japanese drive on the Burmese port of Moulmein was reported by the Singapore radio today in a broadcast picked up here by CBS.

The announcer, commenting on this report from Rangoon, expressed belief the Japanese would be forced to reorganize their forces and rush up considerable reinforcements to meet stiffened British and native resistance.

"The air force is giving splendid support to the land forces," he said, "and is already raiding Thai airplane bases close to the Burma border."

PLANE PLUNGE

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The fifth naval district announced last night the deaths of eight men in the plunge of a navy plane into the Atlantic ocean near Oregon Inlet, N. C. early yesterday. No details of the crash were disclosed.

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Archbishop Resigns



The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend George Lang (center), 77, announced to a church convocation in London that he would resign March 31 to make way for a younger man. (Picture cabled from London to New York).

GEORGE FOX OF CENT. PT. PASSES

George E. Fox, 78, a resident of Central Point, Ore., for the past 49 years, passed away there Saturday morning after a lengthy illness. Mr. Fox was born at Oskaloosa, Iowa, on May 14, 1863. He spent his early life in Iowa, and was united in marriage to Miss Stella Rawlings at Clarinda, Iowa on October 30, 1890, they moved to Oregon two years after marriage.

He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Mrs. Stella B. Fox, and one daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Hogan of Central Point, Ore.; one grandson, Joseph Hogan.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Perl funeral home on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. L. F. Belknap officiating. Interment will take place in the Siskiyou Memorial Park.

VIRGINIA PRISON SCENE OF BLAZE

Richmond, Va., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Fire broke out at the state penitentiary in Richmond today and two alarms in rapid succession sent apparatus screaming to the scene.

The prison switchboard operator said only "it's pretty bad" before he broke the connection.

Approximately 1,100 prisoners are held in the institution.

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN ENDS
Portland, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The house-to-house canvass for defense saving bond purchase pledges was virtually completed in Multnomah county today, Larry Hilaire, chairman, reported.

Roseburg, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Douglas County Taxpayers' League urged last night that draft deferment be given men trained in farm work.

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CONFUSION MARKS TITANIC BATTLE IN MALAY JUNGLE

Singapore, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A mighty battle raged indecisively in the greatest of confusion along the 80-mile breadth of the Malay peninsula approximately 70 miles north of Singapore tonight.

Australian gunners poured fire into massed tank, truck and infantry columns and RAF squadrons roamed the battlefield strafing and bombing troop concentrations and supply columns to the rear. Australian lines in general were contracting, faced with the difficult problems of insufficient men and material.

Said one correspondent with the Australians at the front tonight:

"Singapore is now being well-guarded, but the troops are not much better off than earlier in this campaign, and no better off than their brothers in other theaters earlier in this war. Our fighters are over the front, but still everyone instinctively seeks cover when planes are heard overhead."

In the western and eastern sectors the battle was a melee of Japanese who had infiltrated through jungles and rubber groves and Australian detachments sent out to track down and eliminate them.

In some cases, front line dispatches made plain, it was difficult to tell who was the hunted and who the hunter.

From the western coastal sector in particular, where the imperial forces have been ordered into a counter-attack, small parties of Indians and Australians trickled back to their headquarters all day long with stories of heroism.

Not until no more of these parties are returning, it was said, can the situation be clarified.

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TRIPLE SLAYING LAID TO ROBBERY

Baltimore, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A shipyard worker accused of the gun and knife slaying of two married sisters and a night club musician today told police he had killed the trio in self defense after they had attempted to rob him.

The man, booked as William B. Gilliam, 32-year old crane operator in a fairfield shipyard, was charged on the Baltimore county police docket with murder, and State's Attorney Lawrence E. Ensor said he was being held without bail.

Pocketbooks identified by police as belonging to the three victims were found in a sewer near Gilliam's home by three boys.

Officers said the pocketbooks, emptied of money, "will give the case an entirely new angle." They added that Gilliam had \$105 when he was arrested.

MORGENTHAU ASKS MORE TAX LIMIT

Cleveland, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Pleading that remaining tax loopholes be plugged, Treasury Secretary Morgenthau declared today "we have no more right to fall short" of the president's goal of nine billion dollars in new revenue than in his goal of

60,000 planes and 45,000 tanks this year.

Attacking tax-empt securities and other "glaring examples," Morgenthau asserted almost a billion dollars of taxes must be passed "onto the shoulders of the rest of us" each year because a few thousand individuals escape their fair share of the burden. He continued:

"How can the war efforts of our people reach their peak level until such a situation has been remedied?"

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