

PRODUCTION PEAK YET TO COME, IS WORD FROM WPB

**Tapering Off in Some Items
Admitted; Overall Picture
Still Developing, Word.**

Washington, Dec. 21.—(U.P.)—A spokesman for the War Production board said today that the peak of war production is still ahead and that schedules for overall production in 1944 are "somewhat higher than for this year."

He confirmed that there has been a tapering off of production of some items, but added that "as far as we see now" the peak on overall production is still ahead.

Comment On Kaiser
His statement was in comment on views of Henry J. Kaiser, Pacific coast shipbuilder, as set forth in an exclusive interview Saturday with United Press Vice President Frank H. Bartholomew. Kaiser said that the production peak had been reached in almost every item and that the time has come to begin the gigantic task of shifting back to peacetime economy or efficiency in production.

Government and congressional officials generally agreed with Kaiser to the extent that it is time to be planning for post-war reconversion. Bernard M. Baruch is head of a special unit set up to plan for reconversion. WPB and several senate and house committees are studying the problem, too. But to date there has been announcement of an overall post-war plan for industry.

Arms Plants Closed
Some of the small arms munitions plants have been closed and there have been scattered cases of plants converted to war production being allowed to return on a small scale to civilian production.

The WPB spokesman said that the schedule for production of war materials in 1943 was set at approximately \$61,000,000,000, or about \$5,000,000,000 a month.

"To meet the 1944 schedule as it now stands, production will have to be at a somewhat higher rate than the December figures. Although tapering off on production of some materials has already begun, I can't say that we are prepared to cut overall production."

There was keen interest in Kaiser's views among congressmen, and virtually unanimous support for his suggestion that all servicemen be sent a questionnaire to find out where they want to go and what kind of work they want to do after the war.

Chairman James E. Murray, D., Mont., of a military affairs sub-committee concerned with termination of war contracts, agreed that it was time to give serious consideration to reconversion of industry and suggested that preference be given to small business.

Allies Break Up Revolutionary Plot In Sicily

Algiers, Dec. 21.—(U.P.)—Allied army counter-intelligence agents in Sicily, following a two-months investigation, arrested 15 men and one woman to break up a revolutionary plot which had resulted in sabotage since the allied occupation of Sicily.

Army spokesmen said 13 of the group, including the woman, had confessed plotting an armed coup and cutting wires.

The suspects, none of them more than 29 years old and all members of the fascist youth organization, called themselves "Fedelissimi del Fascismo"—"Those Faithful to Fascism." Most of them were well-educated.

Closing time: Classified ads 9 a. m. — Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

Rialto Stars



Victor Jory and Jane Wyatt are featured in "The Kansan," mighty tale of the boisterous, brawling old west which brings Richard Dix to the Rialto screen tomorrow for a four-day run. Top heavy with talent, the picture also has Eugene Pallette and an excellent supporting cast. Partner feature is the up-to-the-minute "Pistol Packin' Mama."



Olive
Barber's
Observations

This morning we put barnyard fertilizer over the row of rhubarb along the fence. Our older boy is home for a few days' visit before his induction into the army. He took little interest in making bigger and better rhubarb, feeling as he does toward it. He said the pleasantest memories of his childhood do not include the rhubarb sauce I served each spring "because it's good for you."

Yet I was only following a long-established precedent when I urged the tart and rosy sauce upon the family, for as far back as 2700 B. C. the medicinal qualities of rhubarb were held in high esteem by the Chinese. Although not until the 14th century did it find its way to Europe. Once started, however, it grew in favor so rapidly that it was brought in by two shipping routes. That which came by way of the Indus and the Red Sea was called East Indian rhubarb; that which came by way of Moscow was known as Russian rhubarb.

Russia was quick to take advantage of its popularity and the rhubarb trade became a government monopoly. Only the best was imported and exorbitant prices were charged. The drug, extracted from the roots, was ten times more costly than cinnamon, as high as spices were at that time. In an account I read of its use, it was amusing to see that its use by mothers who wished to wean their babies was urged, as it gave their milk such a horrible flavor, the babies just naturally weaned themselves!

You will find it extremely interesting to look up the history of even the most prosaic farm item. So I told our son, who was making slighting remarks about rhubarb. I told him how the plant had been introduced into England by a noble physician for the benefit of Charles I. But the son happened to remember his English history and said he now knew what had made Charles such a bad king. It was rhubarb! No wonder he'd been mean and vicious!

Yes, rhubarb may be used as medicine; it may be used in the preparation of silk dyes, as it is in Lyon and Milan. But to most of us here in the United States, rhubarb means deliciously tangy pies in spring and it was of these I thought, as I helped spread fertilizer on the row of rhubarb along the fence this morning.

Virtually all of California's original vineyards, planted with European root stock, had to be replanted with American root stock to resist a disease called phylloxera.

Dr. A. A. Soule
Announces Phone
2870
No Ans. Call Nurses'
Registry 2657

NEW ROUTINE FOR GASOLINE RATINGS IN SALE OF AUTOS

A plan to establish a more effective control over the return of gasoline ratings issued to car owners selling their cars has been announced by the district office of OPA at Portland. The statement points out that the estimated turnover in vehicle ownership each month is about 200,000 vehicles and that better control will mean a substantial saving in gasoline that otherwise might fall into unlawful hands.

The new plan is made up of four steps: The owner making

the sale must take his remaining gas coupons to his ration board and in exchange will be issued a receipt in duplicate; the receipts and tire inspection record are given to the new owner of the vehicle; the new owner gives the original copy to the motor vehicle registrar when applying for new registration certificate and the duplicate copy and the tire inspection record to his board when applying for a new gasoline ration for the car.

Motor vehicle dealers holding cars for sale or resale must submit to his ration board between Jan. 1 and Jan. 11 an inventory as of the close of business on Dec. 31, of all automobiles, trucks, buses and motorcycles held by him, the statement continues. The inventory is to be made upon form R-578 and if these are not received by the dealer soon he should obtain one from the district office in Portland.

Beginning Jan. 1, no board can issue gasoline coupons for a vehicle that has changed ownership after the close of business Dec. 31 unless the applicant submits the duplicate receipt issued by the War Price and Rationing board.

Gestapo Judge Is Shot by Partisans

Stockholm, Dec. 21.—(U.P.)—The Swedish newspaper Afton-tidningen reported today that Dr. Alfred Funk, president of the Gestapo "special court" for Ukraine, was shot fatally by partisans who boldly entered his office at Rovno.

News of Funk's death caused a "great sensation" in Nazi circles, the paper reported. The paper said 100 inhabitants of Rovno were executed immediately.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify. 9:30 Saturday afternoon — Please remember.

ARMY TAKES OVER IN STRIKE-BOUND PLANT

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—(U.P.)—The local plant of the Western Electric company, strike-bound for more than a week by a controversy between white and negro workers over use of toilet facilities, was being operated by the army today under President Roosevelt's order.

No troops were involved in the seizure. The union had demanded that the company provide separate toilet facilities for white and negro workers.

MAIL CLOSING TIME

Northbound	Airmail	Southbound
3:47 a. m.		9:53 a. m.
11:17 a. m.		1:24 p. m.
1:49 p. m.		5:11 p. m.
8:49 p. m.		10:56 p. m.

Regular Mail

Northbound	Southbound
6:15 p. m.	6:15 p. m.
	7:55 a. m.

* To Ashland only.

ALBERS Corn Meal Recipe '19

PARKERHOUSE CORN ROLLS

1 1/4 cups sifted flour	1 tsp. salt
1/2 cup Albers Corn Meal	3 tbsps. shortening or bacon drippings
4 tps. baking powder	1 egg, beaten
4 tps. sugar	1/2 cup milk

Sift dry ingredients into bowl. Cut or rub in shortening or bacon drippings until thoroughly mixed. Combine egg and milk and stir in to make a soft dough. Turn out on floured board, knead lightly 1 min. Roll 1/2" thick, cut with biscuit cutter, brush tops with milk, and fold over as for Parkerhouse rolls. Brush again with milk and bake in a hot oven (450° F.) about 15 min. Makes about 18 rolls.

Albers Corn Meal, both White and Yellow, is wholesome, fine-flavored, fine-textured—"just right" for perfect cooking results!



Here comes the gas— for our Tokio Express!



It's done with a twist of the wrist!

Yes, almost as easily as turning a valve, Standard of California, at government request, converted its big new toluene plant to the all-out production of more aviation gasoline.

Built in record time, this plant has produced record quantities of toluene, an essential ingredient of TNT. But Standard's engineers designed it with a

thought to the swift changes of war. They prescribed new catalytic cracking methods so that with a few lightning changes it could be converted to other war production.

Now, thanks to their ingenuity, the equipment that put the "bite" in block-busters is turning out liquid horsepower for fighting planes.

Already, Standard of California is brewing enough aviation fuel daily to send 900 Flying Fortresses from Port Moresby to Rabaul and back. Work is under way on another plant to make fuel for 300 more. Before long, Standard of California will be making enough high octane gasoline to put 1200 heavy-weight bombers over Rabaul—every day.

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