

CONSUMER GOODS WILL BE TIGHTER, PORTLANDER SAYS

The supply of consumer durable goods will be increasingly tighter through the cancellation of all "spot" conversion by the WPB, according to Edward N. Weinbaum, manager of the Portland Retail Trade Bureau. Speaking before a representative group of Medford retailers at the Hotel Holland Tuesday night, in a meeting sponsored by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Weinbaum predicted wider control of the WPB on much wider portions of civilian goods in immediate months ahead.

The speaker, who is also manager of the trade and commerce department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, told merchants here that stricter efforts may be expected by OPA to enforce regulations, and that plans for the restoration of a free economy are definitely postponed until after the defeat of Germany. Corporate tax relief, too, will have to wait and will carry over into 1946. Such relief will probably become effective in 1947.

Retailers' profits will be much less in 1945 than in 1944. Mr. Weinbaum warned local business men. Pressures for higher returns will continue by both agriculture and labor in the war days ahead. He reminded that legislatures of 44 states now in session will attempt to reform social security problems by increasing benefits, by enactment of compulsory health and insurance, by so-called "Little Wagner Acts" and revision of sales tax laws by some 22 states.

The greatest period of crisis will be in June, Weinbaum believes, and then the nation will enter a period of half-war, half-peace.

Emphasis was given to trade diversions by competitive groups who are tax-free and correspondingly greater tax burdens must be borne by the nation's business interests now over-burdened by high taxes.

"The price of peace comes high," the speaker told Medford retailers. "America's national debt will reach 300 billion dollars, the annual federal budget will probably total 18 billion dollars and state and city governments add another \$9 billion to the tax load, all of which must be paid by the same taxpayers."

Mr. Weinbaum briefly discussed the three most prominent plans for tax revision, the Ruml-Bonne, C. E. D. and Twin Cities plans. Higher production and greater employment are necessary for our post-war geared up economy if America's traditional free enterprise is to survive.

From 50 to 55 million men and women must be profitably employed to attain the required level of national income of from 120 to 150 billion dollars. Revision of the nation's entire tax structure is imperative if we balance a reasonable budget, promote a healthy flow of vented capital, reduce expenditures to a minimum consistent with good government and preserve the integrity of the federal debt and provide for its orderly retirement.

The tax basis must be broadened, too, so that more of America's national income is reached, the speaker warned.

In stressing the need for organization of retailers, Mr.

Weinbaum voiced the need for easier parking for consumers, for study of best methods of absorbing veterans into peacetime retail life, and emphasized the importance of cooperating among business men and utilities to solve many post-war problems. The OPA has held down inflation and must be continued from 6 months to a year after final victory, he said.

In his introductory remarks Weinbaum told retailers here that their business is the third largest industry in the nation. According to the 1940 census 4,600,217 people were employed and the volume business exceeded \$42 billion. During the fifth war loan retailers also sold '2 per cent of all 'E' bonds and contributed generously to the promotion of the various drives.

Ray Baker, chairman of the merchants group here, conducted a brief round table discussion following Weinbaum's address. Herb Grey, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce was chairman of the meeting, and among the participating speakers were W. A. Gates, Noble Vincent, Glenn Utz, H. L. Brown and Frank Hull.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Feb. 9.—(UP)—Livestock: Cattle, 25 calves, 10. Supply mostly odd and ends. Scattered sales steady, demand broad. Week's market steady to 20c higher. Top fed steers \$16.50. Best heifers \$15. Best cows around \$12.50. Good-choice vealers salable \$14@15.

Hogs, 100. Active, steady. One lot good-choice 120-lb. \$15.75. Weights up to 270 lbs. salable at \$15.75. The ceiling, Fed 140 lbs. \$14.75. Good sows salable around \$14. Good-choice feeder pigs quotable \$15@15.50; week's extreme top \$16.

Sheep, 100. Good-choice 65-90 lbs. woolled lambs \$15. Fed carloads quotable at \$15.50. Good ewes salable \$7@7.50.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—(UP)—Dairy market:

Butter: 33 score 43c, 32 score 42½c, 30 score 41½c, 29 score 41c.

Cheese: Wholesale prices, loafs

27½c, triplets 27½c.

Eggs: Large grade A 43½c, medium

grade A 40½c, small grade A 37½c.

Large grade B 40½c.

Central California eggs: Large grade

A 43c, medium grade A 42c, small

grade A 39c, large grade B 42c.

Nye nissen: Large grade A 45c, medium

grade A 42c, small grade A 39c.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—(UP)—Livestock:

Hogs, 7,000. Complete clearance.

Good and choice 100 lbs., up \$14.75;

cutting, \$14.

Cattle, 2,000. Calves, 500. Medium

steers \$13@14.50; good to choice

steers to around \$16; good to choice

900-lb. heifers \$12.40; bulk heifers

\$13@14.50; most beef cows \$9@13;

canners and cutters \$7.50@8.50; heavy

sausage bulls to \$13.50; vealers \$15.50

down.

Sheep, 3,500. Three doubles good

and choice fed woolled western lambs

including two loads Colorado \$16.25;

load just good \$16.10; load

medium and good lambs; load good

and choice yearling weathers held

above \$14.50.

Portland Produce

Avocados—California \$5.75@6 per

fat.

Onions—Idaho, 3-inch 2.85; local,

Oregon \$2.21.

Potatoes—New Florida reds \$3.03.

Spinach—Local \$2@2.25 orange box.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Feb. 9.—(UP)—Grain market:

Open High Low Close

May \$1.22 \$1.22 \$1.20 \$1.20½

July \$1.23 \$1.23 \$1.21 \$1.21½

Sept. \$1.24 \$1.24 \$1.22 \$1.22½

Dec. \$1.25 \$1.25 \$1.23 \$1.23½

Wall Street

New York, Feb. 9.—(UP)—

Stocks suffered their widest de-

cline of the year today on con-

tracted volume.

The list extended yesterday's

small losses by fractions to 2

points. Market news was un-

changed, hence the experts at-

tributed the downturn after a

long period of advance to tech-

nical factors. Many traders who

had anticipated a recession with-

drew to the sidelines and moder-

ated amounts of realizing re-

sulted in a few rather wide re-

cessions.

No group was spared although

the oils resisted pressure better

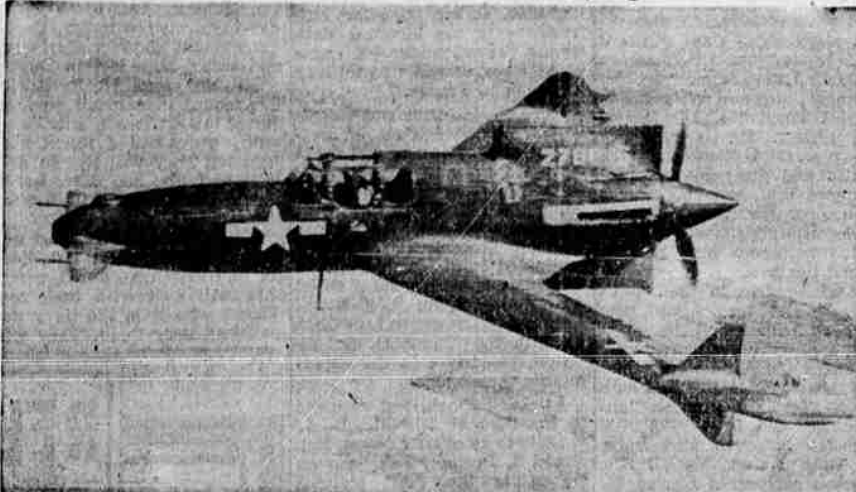
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Air Force Opens Attack on Corregidor



Corregidor Island, symbol of heroic U. S. resistance before Philippines fell to Japanese, rooks with American bombs for the first time as 13th Army Air Force Liberators open the attack on the fortress guarding sea approach to Manila harbor. Air Force photo.

'The Ascender' Looks Like She's Flying Backwards



This new Curtiss-Wright "Ascender" isn't flying backwards. The power plant and the propeller are behind the pilot, the wings are near the rear and the rudders are mounted near the sharply-angled wing tips. The elevators are forward, enabling them to dive cleanly into the wind instead of into the wake of the wings and making the fast lighter snap highly maneuverable. The pilot is able to position the propeller in emergencies to avoid risk of being struck by blades as he jumps.

issue losses also were restricted and the utilities yielded only fractionally.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American Tel. & Tel. 162½

Anaconda 31

Chrysler 98½

Curtiss Wright 8

General Electric 39½

General Motors 65½

Montgomery Ward 21¼

Penn. R. R. 35½

Phillips Petroleum 47

J. C. Penney 11¼

Radio 12¼

Southern Pacific 40¼

Standard Oil of Cal 41

Texas Gulf Sulphur 38¾

United Aircrafts 30¾

U. S. Rubber 55¼

U. S. Steel 60

BOSTON-LOS A. TELEVISION

Approximately 7,000 miles of

coaxial cable between Boston

and Los Angeles will be used to

carry simultaneously 480 differ-

ent telephone channels and tele-

vision pictures after the war.

ELECTRONIC CONTROL

Electronics has taken on still

another job. It controls the wa-

ter-level of boilers, automatic-

ally shutting off the fuel supply

if the water drops below the

safety level.

15-YEAR TURBINE TEST

Test engineers at one electri-

cal manufacturing plant have

kept a turbine bucket vibrating

for 15 years, putting it through

100 billion vibrations.

The first by-product coke

ovens in America — now the

source of over 200,000 different

commodities from coal — were

built at Syracuse, N. Y., in 1893,

primarily as a source of ammo-

nia fertilizer.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late

to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—

Please remember

War Bonds Leading Medium Of Savings For U. S. Citizens

New York — Wartime savings of the American people have reached an all-time high of \$100,000,000,000, recent figures reveal.

The leading medium of these savings is War Bonds, three out of every five Americans owning at least one, a study by the life insurance companies in America of figures from both government and private sources shows.

War Bonds account for \$36,883,000,000 of the total savings.

Life insurance is next as a savings medium, accounting for \$33,049,000,000 of the total figure, according to the study.

About 50 per cent of the people have savings in this form.

A large proportion of the population has a savings account, about a third of the population saving their money this way, the study reports. The Postal Savings System, next on the list, also has grown during wartime and is now at an all-time high.

The average output of bituminous coal per man per day in the United States is more than 5¼ tons, compared with slightly more than one ton per man in England, and a little over two tons per man in Canada.

The estimated population of Portugal on June 30, 1941 was 7,780,965.

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Today, the average age of bituminous coal miners is 45 years compared with a pre-war average of 32 years. More than 10,000 of the workers are 65 years and older, while nearly 153,000 of them are from 45 to 64 years of age.

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MINISTERS VOTE PRE-EASTER MEETS WEEK, MARCH 26

At a recent meeting of the Medford Ministerial association a program for a pre-Easter series of meetings was adopted and the Rev. Dr. Russell V. DeLong of Gary, Ind., has been secured as the guest speaker for this series. This pre-Easter Passion week series will begin on Monday, March 26th. It has been planned by the association to conduct noon-day services in as near a central downtown location as possible so that it will accommodate the largest possible number of business men and women as well as citizens and churchmen throughout the city.

The night session of the Passion week series will be conducted in the churches going from one church to the other covering the nights of the week.

Dr. Russell V. DeLong, the special guest speaker, is a churchman and educator of outstanding ability. For 13 years he served as president of a denominational college representing some 500 students and a member of the American Association of Colleges for scholastic standing. He is also rated as one of America's A-1 evangelists.

The association voted to co-operate with the present clothes drive for Russian relief. The ministers of the city are requested to announce from their pulpits, Sunday, Feb. 11, to either get in touch with some grade school pupil or to ask their members to deliver their old clothing to someone of the grade schools. All wearable clothing and shoes are acceptable. The bundles should be tied securely with strong cord and the shoes tied together securely. The Ministerial association urges whole-hearted co-operation in this drive as many Russians are absolutely destitute of clothing.

The association took unanimous action authorizing its secretary to write congress that they are opposed to the passage of the one-year military postwar conscription bill as it now reads. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion among the ministers that it would not offer objection if the bill were modified to make military training compulsory for a certain period in high schools and colleges of the nation.

DELICATE SOLDERING TASK Wiring a baby-sized airborne radio receiver, a key item in the AAF's stellar instrument landing system used in combat operations, requires making 600 soldered connections.

COLOR TELEVISION IN 1941 Color television first was put on the air in 1941 from the New York skyscraper, the Empire State building.

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Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.



NEWLY APPOINTED Deputy Commander for Operations for Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale will also serve as deputy commander of recently formed Strategic Air Force under Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon. (U. S. Army Photo.)

WAR REQUIRES USED FATS

Most of the essential supplies of war require fats and oils in their manufacture and operation. Turn used fat over to the meat dealer, and collect four cents and two red ration points a pound.

Nearly 75 per cent of the bituminous coal mined in this country is produced by fewer than 12 per cent of the mines.

BIRTHS

WILLIAMS — To Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Prospect, Feb. 9, 1945, a girl, seven pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

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Salvaged waste fats are used to make medical jellies, lubricants, sulfa drugs, explosives, synthetic rubber, nylon for parachutes, smokeless powder, oplates, marine rope and military soap.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

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