

Cheers For the OPA

(Editorial in Quincy Patriot Ledger)

We don't suppose that you could find a governmental agency more generally cursed and attacked than the OPA. It is the target of all kinds of abuse and it is blamed for most of our home front troubles.

Imagine our surprise, then, to hear a grocer say a good word for the OPA.

Said he: "Listen, the OPA has driven me nuts with regulations, book-keeping and all that sort of business. The OPA has kept the people in the food business with their noses to the grindstone, but on the other hand the OPA has done a good job for the consumer."

"If you don't believe it, just take a look at the way prices have been kept down in this war compared to 1919. My figures show the difference. Let me talk to you about carload lots, wholesale, at point of origin."

"I go out to buy food for people in ordinary circumstances.

Dry beans for instance, are popular with folks having a moderate income. In 1919, I had to pay \$9.30 a 100 pounds wholesale for dry beans but today I pay \$8.25.

"Or take a lot of other stuff. I used to pay \$3.45 for a dozen large cans of peaches and I can buy the same produce today, the same size can, same grade and same manufacturer for \$2.22.

"And look at evaporated milk. I used to pay \$6.65 in 1919 for 48 cans of evaporated milk. Today's price is \$4.10.

"Lard is an interesting item. It had gotten up to \$35.80 for 100 pounds in 1919 but today I can buy it for \$13.80 a hundred.

Raisins were 19 cents a pound in 1919 and we pay seven and seven-eighths cents a pound today; rice was 14 1/2 cents a pound and it is six and a half today and sugar was \$16 a hundred in 1919 and today it's \$5.60.

"Remember, of course, this is for carload lots at point of origin. But remember, too, that

anyone is a sucker to pay black market prices for food when the OPA is doing such a good job in keeping prices at a fair level.

"If the public would cooperate with the OPA and refuse to pay black market prices, the task of the OPA and the merchants who refuse to violate OPA regulations would be much simpler.

"Now you may wonder why I am so enthused about the OPA when it has caused me so many headaches. Well, I'll tell you. I am a food buyer, I have been all my life in the last war period. I had an inventory of \$500,000 worth of merchandise on hand and when the price structure collapsed, my inventory had dropped in value to \$250,000. Today I am still a food buyer and once again I have a \$500,000 inventory. But I can go to sleep tonight now and not worry that tomorrow the props will be knocked out from under me.

I may be selfish about this thing, but it seems like good business sense. The American people get a break from the OPA with the regulation of prices; I get a break because I know that the market has been stabilized. You may not like the

OPA and all its red tape but you still have to give it credit for accomplishing these two great services for the American purchaser and the American businessman.

EDITORIAL—FROM THE S. T. LOUIS POST DISPATCH

"Cigarettes cost 38 cents each in Germany, razor blades are \$1.50 in Chungking. A pair of shorts \$12 in Calcutta. In Java a sarong can't be purchased at any price unless a hundred-weight of cotton is also tendered. A cheap suit of clothes costs \$158 in Italy.

"In the U. S. A., we have the OPA, which, so far as we can make out from the printed matter, is dictatorial, stupid, diabolical, inconvenient, meretricious, long-winded, improper, unfair, unprofitable, irrelevant, legalistic, lopsided, ridiculous, bureaucratic, unconstitutional and bursting out at the seams. Be that as it may, you can get a cigarette for a penny, a razor blade for a nickel, a pair of shorts for six bits, a suit of clothes for \$30, and a sarong for Lamour, toujours Lamour."

The oldest breed of the present day horse known to man is the Arabian.

INVENTION PAYS EX-MEDFORD MAN

James A. Stubblefield, former resident of Medford and son of Mrs. Maude E. Stubblefield, Rt. 2, Box 412 F, recently was awarded \$10 for an "Idea for Victory" that is speeding the war effort at Sacramento Air Technical Service Command, California, where he is employed as an aircraft mechanic.

Stubblefield's invention was a small punch which can be used while working in confined places on airplane wings and metal surfaces.

Stubblefield has been employed at SATSC for three years. His twin brother, Sgt. John A. Stubblefield, is in the 34th Infantry division.

ARNOLD QUILTS POST IN U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

Washington, July 6—(U.P.)—President Truman today "regretfully accepted" the resignation of Thurman Arnold as associate

justice on the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Arnold, former "trust-busting" assistant attorney general, told the president in a letter dated July 3 that he desired to return to private practice.

Puruckers Receive Praise For Store

Numerous letters of commendation from piano manufacturers and music trade journals have been received by Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Purucker since recent opening of their new Medford concern, the Purucker Piano House on North Central avenue.

Particularly praised is the display and demonstration arrangement and the floor setting. Letters from the Rudolph Wurlitzer Company, the Everett Piano Company, National Association of Music Merchants, Piano Trade

Magazine, and The Music Trades comment on the building. Illustrated stories of the development of the store and its present modern floor plan appear in current issues of several music trade magazines.

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Pittsburgh, July 6—(U.P.)—The 26th Ward Citizens Committee filed a suit in common pleas court today seeking to prevent more than 100 Japanese-Americans from being quartered in a vacant orphanage in their neighborhood.

The bill charged the presence of the Nisei would be "detrimental" to the neighborhood and would "depreciate" property values.

PITTSBURGH PROTESTS MOVING IN OF NISEI

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How long will it take to beat JAPAN?

*One Year? Three Years? Five Years? Look at these Facts...
From the Army and Navy. Then Figure it Out for Yourself!*

In spite of Midway, Bougainville, Tarawa, Saipan, Leyte, Manila, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and all the other American victories, Japan now controls an area and population far larger than the United States, and with many natural resources greater than ours.

Her home islands are industrialized and organized to the last rivet, the last kilowatt of power, the last pair of human hands.

Japan can put in the field over 4,000,000 well-trained, battle-hardened troops, many with ten years of war behind them. This force is twice as large as all the German armies which defended France, the low countries and the Western front of the Reich against the combined armies of the United States, Britain, Canada and the Free French.

Back of these soldiers are more than 70 million civilians on the Jap home front, firmly indoctrinated in emperor worship—every man, woman and child ready and eager to die for the man they believe is a god.

Japan is fighting on "interior" lines. It's true that its fleet is now much smaller than ours. But never forget that the U.S. Navy has a much bigger job to do.

The Japs have stated, and no thinking man or woman doubts it, that they are prepared to sacrifice 10,000,000 men to hold their empire. To the Japanese, life is cheap. The emperor and the state mean everything—the individual, nothing.

If the war were to end tomorrow, Japan would have put the seal on a conquest greater than Napoleon's.

"But," you say, "the war with Japan won't end tomorrow."

Well, what about it? Will it end "tomorrow," or next month or next year, for you?

Are you planning to quit your war job, stop your blood donations, slacken your bond buying, use black market gas, have more fun, ease up generally?

Before you do, remember that many a gallant American boy, now vibrant with the breath of life, will die at the hands of the Japs.

How many?

Thousands? Certainly. Hundreds of thousands? Probably.

Well, how many?

That's up to you.

Jackson County Is 35% Short of Its Quota in "E" War Bonds!

TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY!

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WE MUST NOT FAIL THIS TIME