

# Lack Of Help, Strikes Slow Up Industrial Reconversion

(Editor's note:—The United States is on the threshold of the biggest peacetime industrial boom in the country's history, according to Sandor S. Klein, of the United Press Washington staff, who has just completed a 32-day, 7,500-mile aerial tour to survey reconversion conditions. But, he reports in the following dispatch, it will be some time before Americans can get all the things they've had to do without during the war.)

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Philadelphia, Nov. 1—(U.P.)—Has industrial reconversion been accomplished?

If we're talking about machinery in place to make the pots and pans, automobiles, radios and the many other items we've had to do without for about four years. The answer is: Reconversion is almost completed.

If we're talking about walking into stores and showrooms first thing in the morning and getting these items on demand, the answer is: No.

These answers were apparent to all of us, wherever we went on our reconversion tour—in the south, the southwest, the Pacific coast, the mid-west and the east.

**More Men Needed**  
We saw spanking new automobiles rolling off production lines. We watched new refrigerators, new radios, new washing machines, new electric gadgets of all kinds taking shape on assembly lines.

But the fact was that only a trickle of all these items were flowing out of the factories. Why, I asked the men who were responsible for making them? The answers were the same all over.

"We need more men in our factories."

"Our parts suppliers plants are on strike."

"We can't get all the parts we need because our suppliers won't make them at the OPA ceiling price."

"We're confused. We can't plan our production until the government announces a national policy on wages and prices."

"Labor is restless. It won't produce as efficiently as it once did."

**Leaders Optimistic**  
One industrial leader summed up the trouble in these words: "We don't need to worry about reconverting our plants. We've got that problem licked."

Despite the uncertainty of the present, every industrialist we met was optimistic about the economic future of the nation. They were confident that the greatest peacetime production boom in the nation's history was at hand and that it could start rolling almost overnight if the restraining factors could be eliminated. They cited these favorable factors:

1.—The war left a legacy of the greatest industrial plant the nation has ever had.

2.—New mass production techniques—a lot of them short-cuts—were learned during the war.

3.—New kinds of products have been developed and older products have been improved.

4.—Many industries are going to have to expand their plant and distribution facilities to meet the great pent-up demand for consumer goods.

**Labor Unrest**  
Above all, industrialists generally were disturbed about the labor situation. Labor's demands for higher wages at this time were particularly disconcerting, they said, because the government continues to maintain what they consider a restrictive price policy. Without exception, the industry men say they could not grant any substantial wage raises without increasing prices.

In many industrial centers, especially in the west and mid-west—with the exception of the Detroit area—manufacturers claimed they were unable to recruit all the labor they needed. Some said they didn't know the answer to this. Others contended that workers were "taking a vacation" after the arduous war work and were taking advantage of unemployment compensation.

Still others said that workmen were "shopping around" for easier jobs.

Although generally critical of the national administration for its failure to enunciate a wage-price policy more promptly, the industry men were universal in their praise of the government for its expeditious handling of the plant clearance problem.

Here is a brief summary of reconversion as we saw it in

some of the nation's basic industries:

**Automobiles**—In the Detroit area, Ford, General Motors, Hudson and Packard were producing cars on a limited scale. Production rates in all these plants could be boosted sharply except for parts shortages due to strikes at suppliers' plants.

Plymouth will soon have one half-mile assembly line operating, with a second line coming in some weeks thereafter. This plant made munitions right up to VJ-day.

**Petroleum**—most refineries were operating at full capacity on gasoline of a higher octane rating than motorists have ever had before. Reconversion was no problem.

**Steel fabricators**—reconversion was accomplished almost overnight. Heavy backlogs of orders in all plants but lack of sufficient labor preventing full capacity operations.

**Shipbuilding**—virtually at a standstill except in few instances where war contracts are being wound up.

**Aircraft**—production curtailed to point below pre-war rate. Consolidated-Vultee expects soon to produce new type commercial plane; Lockheed has a fair amount of orders for its Constellation airliner; Curtiss-Wright at Buffalo is concentrating on research on super-high speed planes and Bell Aircraft is stepping up production on helicopters.

**Household electrical equipment and accessories**—production is under way in most plants but output relatively slight because of parts and labor shortages.

**PHOENIX WOODCRAFT MEETING IS TONIGHT**  
Phoenix, Nov. 1—(Neigh): of Woodcraft lodge No. 242, will meet at the hall tonight. The committee for entertainment is Mrs. Emma Ellison and Mrs. Enid Caster.

On Friday the Thimble club will meet at the home of Mrs. Etta Parker. Each member coming is asked to bring salad or dessert. The lunch will be served about 1 p. m.

**ENFRANCHISEMENT DAY**  
Washington, Nov. 1—(U.P.)—President Truman has signed a joint congressional resolution declaring Nov. 2 "Women's Enfranchisement Day" in honor of the 25th anniversary of the first presidential election in which women voted.

**Daily Weather Report**  
FORECASTS: Clear and cooler tonight, fog Friday morning, otherwise fair and warmer.

LOCAL DATA  
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 55; Lowest 38.  
Total monthly precipitation 1.26 inches.  
Deficiency for the season 34 inches.  
Total precipitation since September 1, 1945, 1.72 inches.  
Deficiency for the season 34 inches.  
Have 45 30 69  
terday 5: 4:30 today 94%.

Meridian time: High Low Prec.  
Boise 60 37  
Chicago 71 42  
Denver 73 44  
Eureka 57 48 13  
Los Angeles 69 46  
Medford 69 45 .04  
New York 76  
Ocala 59 53  
Phoenix 88 53  
Portland 52 44 .06  
Reno 56 33 .42  
Roseburg 62 49  
Salt Lake 55 41 .37  
San Francisco 63 48 13  
Seattle 56 40 .02  
Spokane 50 41 .03  
Washington, D. C. 79 56  
Yakima 55 33

## Use Care—Or Maybe No Car!



This is the situation in which over-optimistic motorists may find themselves, according to automobile manufacturers and other authorities. Their advice is: Take care of the car you now have because essential users alone may absorb the new car output for a year or more.

## JACKSON COUNTY FARM NOTES

Compiled by County Office O. S. C. Extension Service

**Walnut Harvesting Now Under Way**  
Walnuts are now mature and in most cases many of them have already dropped to the ground. If left on the ground for any length of time the nuts become discolored and their quality impaired. Those nuts that are still clinging to the trees may be shaken or knocked off without injuring their quality.

Sufficient rain has occurred to loosen the nuts from the husks, but in those cases where the husk is still clinging it should be removed when the nuts are gathered.

As soon as gathered the nuts should be dried. The principle of drying is to have circulation of air at a temperature of 90 to 100 degrees F. If the temperature goes much higher the quality of the nut is spoiled. They can be best dried by placing on screen trays near a stove or furnace. If such location is not available, lay them out in a single layer in a dry warm room. When they are dry the kernels, when cool, will snap when bitten.

Those who wish to bleach the nuts should use the following formula: commercial chlorine bleach, 2½ gallons; water 35 gallons, sulfuric acid, 3 ounces. Add the sulfuric acid to 2½ gallons of water in a glass or stone-ware container. Mix the chlorine with 32½ gallons of water and then pour in the diluted acid solution. Use at once. Dip the walnuts for two or three minutes, drain 2 minutes and rinse in clear water. The nuts should be dry before bleaching and dried off again following the bleach.

Walnuts may be shipped to any other place without restriction provided the soft outer husk is first removed.

—C. B. Cordy  
County Agent

**Sugar Saving Demonstration**  
Jackson county extension units will complete the project on sugar extending cookery during their November meetings. Those who have already seen this demonstration report that it is particularly helpful since it includes directions for using many different kinds of sugar substitutes, some of which are soon to be available on the market.

Homemakers attending meetings this month will receive four mimeographs of sugar saving recipes including a recent edition of sugar saving Christmas candies. The following units will present the demonstration on sugar saving suggestions:  
Griffin Creek, Apple Gate,

**DAIRY SUBSIDIES ARE PAYABLE NOW**  
Dairy feed subsidies payable on sales of milk and cream are payable until Nov. 30 on sales made during July, August and September.

Persons who have not collected subsidy for this period are asked to bring in or mail sales slips to the AAA office, third floor, courthouse.

**BUSY FIREMAN**  
Detroit, Nov. 1—(U.P.)—Andrew Traczynski, 29, Detroit fireman, admitted to police today that he turned in 12 false alarms last night.

**WASHES DIAPERS to fluffy Softness**  
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AMERICA'S WASH WORD 12

## Need For Battery And Tire Care In Winter Important

To the motorist who is careless about the condition of his tires and battery at the start of the winter season, there is every chance of encountering trouble long before spring arrives.

This is the warning issued by Claude Holmes, distributor for Mobil batteries and Federal tires in this area.

"The battery is asked to carry much greater load in winter than in summer," Mr. Holmes declares. "It takes heavy punishment when starting the motor on cold mornings; and in addition, with shorter days and longer nights, the greater need for lights increases the burden. With these conditions in mind, it is important to have the battery thoroughly checked before it falls completely and possibly at a critical moment."

"As for tires . . . to neglect these may invite trouble. That warning sign displayed on highways all through this area, reading 'Slippery When Wet or Frosty,' means just that, and an incautious driver who ventures out with smooth tires during the bad weather period is risking a mishap. It isn't worth the chance with tread and other tire service available at Mobil-gas stations."

Diatomite, used for filtering and polishing, is not a mineral, but the fossil remains of microscopic aquatic plants called diatoms.

## NAVY IDENTIFIES DROWNING VICTIMS

San Francisco, Nov. 1—(U.P.)—The navy today identified the 11 sailors who survived action at Palau, Iwo Jima, the Philippines and Okinawa but were drowned in the San Francisco bay Tuesday when a liberty launch capsized in heavy swells.

The families of the men, who had expected to be home shortly on 30-day leaves after long months of combat duty, were notified by the commanding officers of three destroyer escorts that their sons or husbands were "missing and feared lost." No westerners were involved.

The 26-foot motor whaleboat overturned a mile from the San Francisco waterfront, decorated with red, white and blue "welcome home—well done" signs erected to greet returning servicemen.

The survivors said a huge wave picked up the little whaleboat and overturned it several times. The craft sank swiftly, taking down with it the life-jackets which were stowed under a seat.

**MORE SMOKING**  
Washington, Nov. 1—(U.P.)—Americans are smoking 50 per cent more cigarettes than before the war, the Agriculture department reported today. During the first eight months of 1945, civilians lighted cigarettes at the yearly average of 100 packs for every man, woman and child.

**LEW AYRES HOME**  
La Jolla, Cal., Nov. 1—(U.P.)—Sgt. Lew Ayres, former movie actor who spent 22 months in the South Pacific as a non-com-

batant, was home today with his mother, Mrs. W. J. Gilmour. Ayres, who went to an Oregon conscientious objectors' camp in 1942 because he refused to carry arms, served as assistant to the army chaplain of a South Pacific portable hospital unit.

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**CURRANT WINE, Honeywood** . . . . . Fifth 1.05  
**CHESTERFIELDS** or **CAMELS** Limit 1 ctn. Ctn. 1.23  
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