

# HUNGRY JAPAN APPEALS FOR ALLIED FOOD

TOKYO, Nov. 14 (AP)—Desperately-hungry Japan appealed officially today for allied food and fuel, promising to pay—in installments—by shipments of gold, diamonds, silk and other goods.

General MacArthur's headquarters reported that it was not ready to indicate what the allied answer might be. Japanese Minister of Commerce Sankuro Ogasawara announced the formal application for the imports—mostly from America—to stave off threatening famine. He made it clear that Japan's alternatives are simple: barter or die.

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger meanwhile reported that occupation forces in Japan and Korea are near their peak and soon will decline from their present 460,000. He did not say, however, how soon the U. S. forces might reach the minimum 200,000 which MacArthur has indicated will, by next spring, be adequate.

**Study Reparations**  
While American reparations representatives deliberated the price Japan must pay for her war of aggression, Japanese prepared to set up their own reparations commission to study the problem. Kyodo news agency said. Experts from the ministries of finance, foreign commerce and industry, agriculture and forestry, and transportation are expected to be included.

Ogasawara, in announcing Japan's application for U. S. imports acknowledged that Nippon's trade "is presently in a state of suspension," but added that he hoped the U. S. may again become "Japan's best customer."

Japan asks to import 3,000,000 tons of food, 1,000,000 tons of salt, and smaller amounts of cotton, copra, coal, iron ore and non-ferrous metals.

Ogasawara said Japan could pay one-fifth of the bill by December 15 and the remaining four-fifths within the next year. The barter-system payment proposals included gold and other precious metals, diamonds, raw and fabricated silk, cotton goods, chemical products, medical supplies, machinery, celluloid goods, porcelain, hardware, tin, anti-mony, and industrial art products.

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## National Potato Letter— No Indication Seen For Lowered Crop Estimates

Reports from all late crop potato areas indicate that practically no acreage was abandoned and that the crop has been dug. Of course, there has been plenty of rain, plenty of cold, and some snow but we see no indication of any appreciable reduction in the crop estimates. Some potatoes have frozen. More in temporary storage may, and harvested potatoes are not necessarily marketable. Loss in temporary storage may not show up, however, until the January stocks reports.

Movement last week dropped off more than 1000 cars to total 5040 cars—a 6-day average of 840 cars. By states, the heaviest decline was in North Dakota. Long Island also dropped sharply. Balance of the decrease was scattered over a number of states, with some areas showing some increase over previous weeks.

USDA summary of carlot shipments shows a record to date from the 18 surplus states of 71,741 cars vs. 65,200 to the same date last year. This looks good as a total—but Long Island is 9125 cars ahead of last season and Washington is 2758 cars ahead of last year to this time. Both of these areas shipped heavily during August, September and October. Subtract these areas to get at actual movement from the real late crop, and we have 50,811 cars vs. 61,531, or considerably less than to this time last season.

**Prime Importance**  
This is of prime importance to the movement of a crop that has turned out much larger than in 1944. Furthermore, government purchases are well past the 8500 car mark, so what appears to have been a big movement has not gone wholly into commercial channels.

The week has brought little change in the markets. Reports from shipping points consistently show demand as slow or very slow. Brighter spots report fair to moderate demand. F.O.B. markets range generally from weak to stronger. Upstate New York is a bright spot with a steady market during the week, turning to slightly stronger the past few days. Maine weakened last week and has held about steady since. Wisconsin is reported barely steady with too few sales to establish the market accurately. North Dakota is weak with many shipments rolled unsold. Michigan is dull, Colorado weakened and then turned steady. Idaho has held about steady.

Erratic behavior of terminal markets appears to indicate some indecision upon the part of the trade there. It may mean that

acreage pattern is different, with California retaining 14,400 acres of its wartime increase, North Carolina down about 10,000 acres, most others down slightly.

**Goal Higher**  
No announcement has been made as yet for the 1946 late crop goals but it seems reasonable to expect, upon the basis of what has been done on the early acreage goals, to expect USDA to set its sights for about 10 to 15 million bushels above the pre-war option levels. We believe, however, that USDA will show a tendency to continue the present acreage pattern in the late crop states with emphasis upon high yields, and low cost areas where the rising trend is logical.

USDA announced last week that support prices will not increase for the remainder of the marketing season . . . over the support prices set for the month of December. Might be a good idea to do a little pencil work to see if the 25 cents, provided in the pre-January schedule of support advances will carry you through, with no additional allowance to cover storage and shrinkage after January 1. We don't know your costs but your decision, after computing them, may cause you to alter your marketing pattern. However, if your potatoes are under loan, you cannot tender more than 30 per cent in any one month, starting in January.

Purpose of the USDA order is to have potatoes offered liberally throughout the marketing season. That's what we need this year. However, you may make a little money if you figure how this set-up can affect your profits upon your marketing operations.

**SALEM AIRPORT TALKED**  
SALEM, Nov. 14 (AP)—The city council made plans today to get McNary field, the city's airport, back to civilian status. The field has been leased throughout the war to the army, which declared it surplus yesterday.

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## PROFESSOR SEES WATER SCARCITY

PORTLAND, Nov. 14 (AP)—Dr. Fred Merryfield of the Oregon college faculty predicted here that many valley towns will have to use water from the Willamette or its tributaries in 15 years.

In the first report on the state survey of the Willamette river sewage disposal project, he blamed diminishing streams in the hills and population increases for the water scarcity. Merryfield said the river is seriously polluted long before it reaches Portland.

One river section, near New Era, has no oxygen whatsoever—therefore no marine life, he reported. Loss of oxygen because of river impurity results in aquatic slums which harbor

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"trash fish" such as carp instead of trout and other game fish, Merryfield said.

He said both valley towns and industries, however, are aware of the pollution and improvement is likely soon—a picture "very different" from last year's.

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## Frank Jenkins Will Talk At ORW Meeting

Frank Jenkins, Klamath Herald and News publisher, will speak at Chiloquin Thursday night at a meeting held under

the auspices of the Oregon Republican Women. The meeting will be held in the activities room of the grade school. The public is invited. Jenkins recently returned from a trip to Europe.

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## NOTICE-- Bob Wills Orchestra Will NOT Appear Wednesday

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