

Slow Down Discharges--Patterson

By JOHN GROVER
MANILA, Jan. 17 (AP)—Secretary of War Patterson said today it was necessary to slow down the October-December rate of discharge of the United States would have had no army at all by June 1.

Patterson at a press conference stated that nearly 3,500,000 men had been demobilized the last three months of 1945 and, had the rate been maintained, the American army would have been only a memory.

The secretary said the United States has definite, world wide commitments and it is necessary to maintain an army establishment and agreed entirely with General Eisenhower's demobilization policy.

He reported that the question of giving over 100,000 extra points in addition to those they had gained before the September 2 freeze "is under consideration." There are no present plans for further consideration of married men or those with less than three children so far as he knows.

Closed Session
The secretary conferred two hours in a closed meeting with a nine-man GI committee which bombarded him with questions on why they were in the Philippines. Patterson replied that they were supporting occupation armies in Japan and Korea and that their work was necessary. The United States has vast stores of supplies in the islands which must be serviced pending disposition by surplus property agencies, he added.

Patterson said a final decision on maintaining an American garrison here had not been reached but "it is pretty well established that there will be a garrison here after (the Philippines are granted) independence."
Asked if U. S. army troops here would be used in event of internal disturbances in the tense Agrarian area of central Luzon, the secretary replied "I never heard of such a problem" and declined to elaborate.
He also was noncommittal on the question of troop morale in the Pacific except that "it is better in some places than others."

Hayden To Be Guest Speaker

B. E. Hayden, for many years superintendent of the reclamation bureau here, will trace the history of irrigation in this area at a meeting of the Klamath County Historical society to be held at the chamber of commerce January 22, at 8 p. m.
Hayden came to the Klamath region early in the present century, when the reclamation program was just getting underway. He later returned to head the bureau here through years of huge farming development in the region.
Interested persons are welcome to attend the meeting and hear the talk, Geneva Duncan, president of the society, said today.

She announced that Lancaster Pollard, superintendent of the Oregon Historical society, will be at the meeting and there will be a discussion of a proposed historical museum here.

Tax Office Here Jammed

Complexities of filing tax reports brought persons into the U. S. office of internal revenue this week by several hundred per day.
Farmers filing special tax returns and others filing estimated 1945 tax returns sought assistance in filling out proper forms before the deadline January 15, causing the rush.
Heavy business is expected to continue at the office until March 15 when all tax money must be in the mail. Lawrence K. Ellson, deputy collector in charge, suggests that those wishing assistance come in early to avoid waiting.

SIDE GLANCES



"According to the bills I get she dresses like a duchess, but every time I look at her she reminds me of a rummage sale!"

Morse Says As Norblad Will Go To Capitol Steel Goes So Goes Nation

By CHARLES D. WATKINS
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—When the steel strike threat ends, Senator Morse (R-Ore.) said today, industrial strife in the country should end too.
He added he expects the steel case deadlock to be broken shortly.
"I think it is perfectly clear that as steel goes so goes the nation, so far as settlement of the pending major labor disputes are concerned," Morse said in an interview.
"Industrial history of the nation shows that heavy industry, particularly, as well as other large industries follow in a general way wage trends set by steel. In the present economic strife it is obvious that many industries are waiting to see what happens in steel because their costs of production bear a very close relation to prices they have to pay for steel."
Confident
"I am confident that the deadlock in steel will be broken in the next few days if not today. I think when the steel case is broken, existing and potential strikes will be of short duration and with the wheels of production rolling again the hysterical demand for legislation which seeks to place a very drastic control over American labor will greatly diminish."
Morse said he hoped the steel settlement will be one which will encourage production of needed consumer goods and at the same time not produce inflation.

The name Maryland was given to the eighth smallest state in the union in honor of the wife of Charles I, Queen Henrietta Maria of England.

Groups Back Plan To Fix Highway 395

LAKEVIEW — The Oregon Wool Growers association, Grant County Livestock association, John Day chamber of commerce and Burns Lions club are the latest bodies to endorse the efforts of the Lake County chamber of commerce to secure improvement of highway 395 in northern California. Resolutions were endorsed by these groups within the past few days, stressing the importance to the west coast of this highway and the need for its reconstruction to modern standards, particularly in the area between Alturas and the Oregon state line at New Pine Creek.

Harry A. Utley, chairman of the transportation committee, and Jack Mayne, manager of the Lake County booster body, secured these resolutions on a trip

last weekend to John Day and Pendleton. They report the support of the Pendleton chamber of commerce also was assured, and a resolution to this effect will be adopted at that organization's next board of directors meeting.

The chamber officials also are communicating with the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers association, and it is expected that this group will follow the California Cattlemen's association and endorse the improvement at its meeting this spring.

All of the resolutions received, which total more than 20 to date, will be made a part of a brief which will be completed by the chamber next week and delivered to the commissioner of the public roads administration. A second brief urging the improvement of highway 395 between Ravendale and Secret valley in Lassen county is also being prepared. Resolutions received after the brief has gone to Washington will be forwarded to Congressmen Engle of California and Stockman of Oregon for delivery to the public roads authorities.

During the war, the shipbuilding industry was the biggest user of steel, consuming more than 35,000,000 tons.

15-Mile Power Line To Be Constructed

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17 (AP)—A 15-mile power transmission line will link Northwestern Electric company's system to the Bonneville power sub-station at Troutdale as part of a \$1,425,000 building program in 1946, the private company announced today.

T. E. Roach, general manager, said the construction would be as much as available materials would permit.

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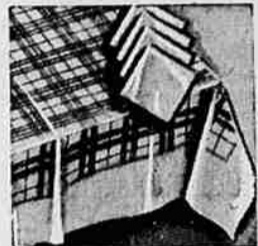


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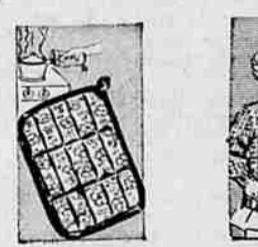
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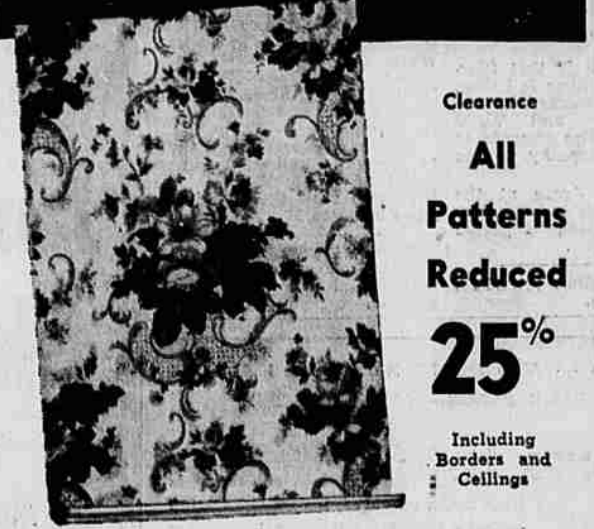


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