

Sprint For Goods On In Earnest

By WALTER WARREN
SAN FRANCISCO, April 18 (AP)—The great postwar race for goods is on in earnest along the Pacific coast. Prices range from nylons to houses, even farms and multi-million-dollar factories.

More people living along the coast from Canada to Mexico are spending more than ever before, a coastwide survey shows. Chambers of commerce from Bellingham to San Diego, with advertising art worthy of Los Angeles, radiate bigger and better housing and industrial programs.

A race for goods of all descriptions also is taking money out of the west, but more slowly than bankers had expected. But for the difficulties in finding goods, west coast bank deposits likely would be dropped well below last year's record high as money shifted across the Rockies to pay for stocks coming west.

Deposits Higher
Actually, deposits are somewhat higher than a year ago. The federal reserve bank of San Francisco reports big banks in seven principal cities had around \$3,355,000,000 in checking accounts on April 10. That was \$182,000,000 more than a year ago, although \$200,000,000 under last November's record high.

Some indication of where the moderate outflow of western bank deposits has gone can be seen by some inventory increases in department stores.

The reserve bank reported recent increases of 145 per cent in stocks of major household appliances, 38 per cent for small housewares from pans to toasters, 60 per cent for radios, phonographs, records, and 30 to 50 per cent for stationery, books, magazines, handkerchiefs, foundation garments, silverware and jewelry.

\$10,000 Allotted To Repair Levee
WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Army engineers notified Senator Gordon (R-Ore.) today that \$10,000 had been allotted to the district engineer at Portland, Ore., to repair a levee at Lebanon, Ore., damaged by recent floods on the South Santiam river. But the army said it has no funds to restore river banks washed out by the same flood.

Chinese Seamen Get Shore Leave
PORTLAND, Ore., April 18 (AP)—Chinese merchant seamen who staged a sitdown strike demanding shore leave were planning today to return to China while the ship they left returns to Europe.

Vernor W. Tomlinson, U. S. Immigration service agent here, said the 43 Chinese came ashore late last night under bond to leave the U. S. in 30 days.

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First Big Load



Shown above is the first big truck load of hollow building blocks trucked out by the new Insulite Pumice Products company. Examining the bricks are H. W. Krueger, M. R. Holst, and F. A. Delger, all of the new company.

New Business Firm Added To List Of KF Industries

Another new manufacturing business, that of the Insulite Pumice Products company, has recently been added to the growing list of diversified industry in Klamath Falls.

Started this spring by H. W. Krueger and F. A. Delger, the company makes a new, light weight building block from native pumice taken from the Chemult and Glass mountain areas. Said to provide better insulation than either wood or cement, according to users, the new product can be used in all types of construction since it will hold nails or screws and can be plastered when used as an interior, or stuccoed when used on the outside.

The block itself is light in weight, drying out to from 11 to 12 pounds in a 6"x8"x12" size and is made by cementing the crushed pumice under compressed air pressure. The equipment used by Krueger and Delger shakes the pumice into a solid block at the same time it is compressed and the manu-

Stage Strike Delays Draft

FOREST GROVE, Ore., April 18 (AP)—Forty-one 18-year-old boys will remain out of the army a little longer due to the Oregon motor stages strike.

The draftees, scheduled to take physical examinations in Portland yesterday, were told by the local draft board to mark time until public transportation is available.

Forest Grove has no public transportation except the strike-bound stage line. The Washington county farm labor office reported transient workers unable to come here. Mail service, heavily cut by the strike, was increased today, but still was two incoming and one outgoing dispatches below normal.

A negotiating meeting of union and stage company representatives will be held Friday at Portland.

Multnomah Demos Heeded By Wahl

PORTLAND, April 18 (AP)—Jack Wahl, former coach at Hill military academy, today was chairman of the Multnomah County Democratic Central committee after winning 88 to 32 over James Caine, former chairman. In last night's committee election.

Wahl succeeds George Lavey, resigned. The committee adjourned without naming other officers to replace the full staff that resigned with Lavey.

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PITTSBURGH, April 18 (AP)—An ex-soldier, filing a petition for eviction of tenants from a home he bought, told J. W. Weikel, veterans advisor in the OPA rent division, a number of reasons why he needed the house, and added:

"My dog is also expecting a litter of puppies on June 2."

RURAL VISITORS

PITTSBURGH, April 18 (AP)—Cabbie James Urban knew he would need witnesses to this story—because he didn't believe it himself.

So he obtained the names of his two fares to corroborate that he saw two does and a fawn trot nervously across Mt. Washington boulevard—one of the busiest outlets from Pittsburgh's downtown district—and scramble up a steep hillside.

THE EASY WAY

FALLON, Nev., April 18 (AP)—Experienced fishermen were out in full force when the trout season opened, but the day's biggest catch went to small fry.

Ten-year-old Ronnie Willhite and his pup "Ruff" were fishing in an irrigation ditch when Ruff spied a trout in the shallow water, and chased the fish to shore. There Ronnie joined the fray and came up with a six-pound, 15-ounce trout in his bare hands.

A LIGHT OAR, PLEASE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18 (AP)—Six underwater mines are resting 130 feet below the sur-

face in San Francisco bay, the navy announced today.

Unless the mines should happen to foul the propellers of deep draft vessels, there's no danger however, the navy added, because they're duds.

Gas Fumes Fatal To Father, Son

SEATTLE, April 18 (AP)—John Ringheim, 30, a war veteran, and his two-year-old son, John Jr., were found dead in their gas-filled home early Wednesday morning.

The bodies were discovered by the wife and mother, Mrs. Fern Ringheim when she returned home from work. A circulating gas heater apparently became defective during the night, coroner's deputies said.

Mrs. Ringheim is an employee of the gas company.

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LAKEVIEW, April 18 (AP)—Posthumous award of a selective service medal and certificate of merit to J. H. Dalen, a member of the Lake county draft board, has been presented to the widow, Mrs. Yvonne Dalen.

Dalen, a member of the board from 1941 until his death two

months ago, was a pilot in World War I.

Presentation was made by Claude Graham and O. S. Gibbs, Lake county selective service board members. The award originally was to have been presented by Gov. Snell at a ceremony for Lake and Klamath county selective service board members in February—but Dalen succumbed of a heart attack the day before the ceremony.

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