

# American Production Takes Drop

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP)—The nation's production machine has throttled down to its slackest pace in three years and no end to the slowdown has yet been sighted.

The federal reserve board reported a 10.8 per cent fall in production from last November's peak to the end of May. The board said another two to three per cent drop is indicated for June.

Production is coming down with prices, and accompanying factory closings or slowdowns are boosting unemployment in the process.

The reserve board's report yesterday said output in May remained 74 per cent above the average for pre-war 1933-35. But it was nearly three per cent under April and more than nine per cent below May, 1948.

Meanwhile, there was no agreement over just how serious the nation's economic situation is. Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer and a man who once held that cabinet post, Henry Wallace, disputed the point in a radio debate last night.

Sawyer insisted we are "still in an era of prosperity such as we have not enjoyed in our history," despite declining business and increasing joblessness.

Wallace, on the other hand, said the country is in bad shape economically and President Truman should be doing something to "restore prosperity."

Sawyer and Wallace clashed over the accuracy of the unemployment figures now are "given out on the same basis that was in effect when you were secretary of commerce."

In Boston, National Republican Chairman Hugh D. Scott Jr., said the country is in the "first stages of a Truman depression." He told newsmen the GOP will capitalize on the unemployment situation in next year's election campaign.



**DAY CAMP AT PARK**—Training for leadership of the day camp are two high school girls, Claudette Gleason and Betty Guber, who will be assistants when the day camp opens at Moore park Wednesday, June 29. The camp is sponsored jointly by the Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and the city recreation office.

# Court Tosses Out Labor Conviction

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP)—The supreme court Monday threw out the perjury conviction of Harold R. Christoffel, former Milwaukee labor leader.

Christoffel was convicted in U. S. district court here on a charge that he falsely told the house labor committee he had never been a communist or had any communist connections. He was sentenced to two to six years.

The supreme tribunal ruled 5-4 today that the government in such a prosecution must be able to show positively that a quorum of the house committee was present when Christoffel allegedly committed perjury.

**TRAINING**  
EUGENE, June 28 (AP)—About 100 lookouts and fire guards will graduate by the middle of this week from Willamette Forest's school which trains every summer at Belknap training camp, two and one-half miles from McKenzie bridge. Before scattering for the next three months to the 76 lookout and guard stations in the national forest, trainees will have experienced training under actual fire conditions.

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# Argentina, Britain Sign Trade Pact

BUENOS AIRES, June 28 (AP)—Britain and Argentina signed a five-year trade agreement Monday, thus ignoring United States objections to the pact.

The signing was done in the presence of President Juan D. Peron, his wife and a group of high officials in the white salon government house.

Sir John Ballour, Britain's ambassador to Argentina, and four ministers who form the Argentine national economic council signed the Spanish and English copies.

American businessmen believe the two-way pact will cut off one of their important South American markets. The United States claims the pact violates the spirit of free competitive international trade.

American officials fear it might keep United States oil and farm machinery off the Argentine market. Under the agreement, Britain will supply the bulk of Argentina's imports. These would range from much needed oil and coal to automobiles and whisky. In return, Britain would get from Argentina an estimated 300,000 tons of meat plus cereals and other items.

# Philippines To Double Fleet

MANILA, June 28 (AP)—The national economic council Monday set in motion a four-year program to more than double the Philippine merchant marine.

The council recommended to President Quirino construction of a \$2,000,000 U. S. national shipyard at Mariveles, Bataan.

Building and equipment would be purchased from the Oregon Shipbuilding Co., of Portland, Ore.

Part of the machinery needed for the yard has been obtained in Japanese reparations.

**ESCAPE**  
WALLA WALLA, June 28 (AP)—Robert Burr, 52, escaped from the state penitentiary Sunday, though he has but one leg.

Burr, who was sentenced from Clark county 13 years ago for statutory rape, was working outside the walls when he made his break. He is a former resident of Pendleton, Ore.

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Justice Murphy delivered the majority decision. He was joined by Justices Black, Frankfurter, Douglas and Rutledge.

Justice Jackson wrote a dissent, joined by Chief Justice Vinson and by Justices Reed and Burton.

Christoffel's appeal contended a majority of the 25-member house committee was not present when he testified March 1, 1947. Therefore he insisted he could not have committed perjury within the meaning of District of Columbia law.

Christoffel formerly was president of local 248 of the CIO United Automobile Workers at the All-Chalmers manufacturing company plant in Milwaukee.

He appealed to the high tribunal after the U. S. court of appeals here unanimously upheld his conviction. He has been free under \$1,000 bail.

**FISH COUNT**  
PORTLAND, June 28 (AP)—The fish count at Bonneville dam Sunday: chinook 394, jack 27, steelhead 41, blueback 798; total 1260.

# New Element Stops Rust In Fuel Line

A sensational new gasoline ingredient that stops rust in automobile fuel systems was announced today by Richfield Oil corporation.

Called RD-119, the amazing new component is blended with Richfield gasoline to give the West its first "rust-proof" motor fuel.

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"An estimated 25 per cent of all carburetor trouble is caused by water, rust and corrosion," he explained. "In addition, rust in gasoline clogs strainer screens and can be blamed for many fuel pump failures. Rust causes leaks in gasoline tanks. Thousands of tanks are repaired or replaced every year because of rust damage."

In describing how gasoline rusts metal, Mr. Dinkins said: "All gasoline contains some moisture. This results largely from condensation that takes place in every car's gasoline tank. In contact with metal, this moisture and oxygen chemically react to cause rusting or corrosion of the car's gasoline tank, fuel lines, fuel pump and carburetor."

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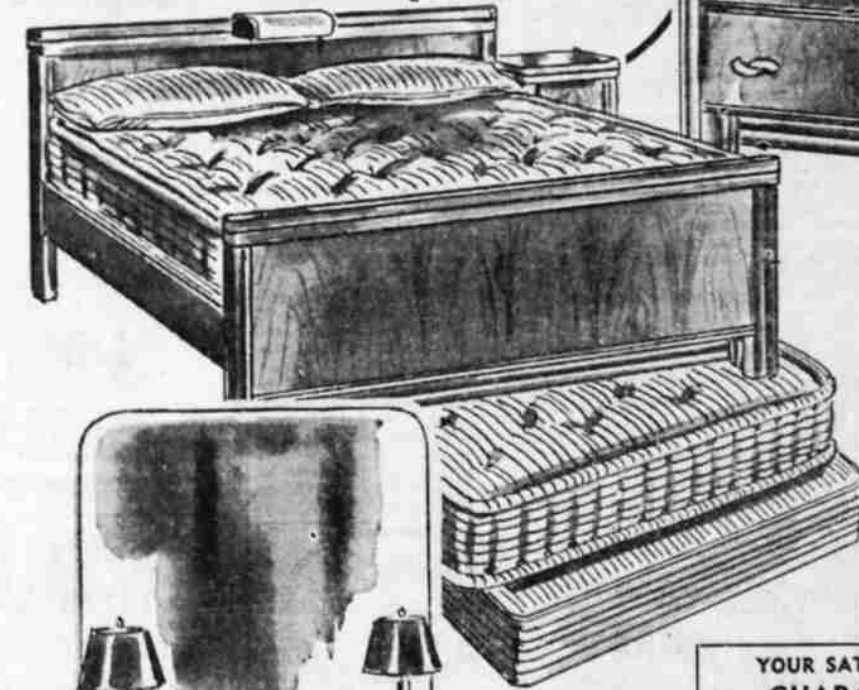
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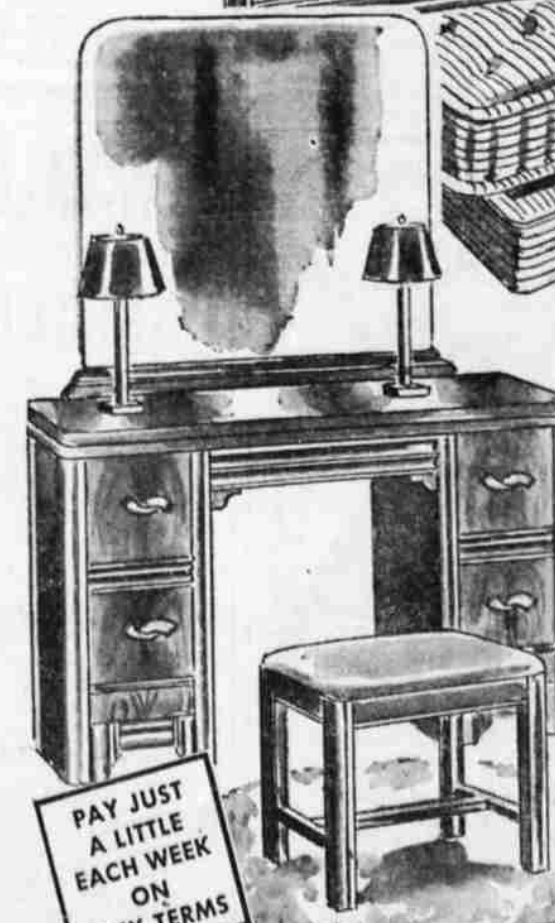
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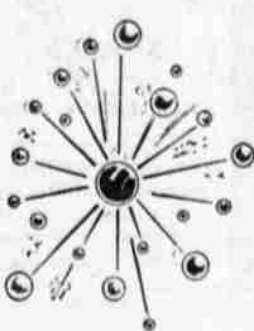
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