#### WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS\_

# CIO Strives to Maintain High Pay Level in Postwar Industry; Act to Spur Building Activity





Facing tough winter in war-torn Austria, Viennese scratch for future provisions. At left, woman is shown picking up stray grain in harvested field, while at right another woman is pictured carrying home wood found in shelled forest.

#### LABOR: Seek Peace

Armed with emergency powers, Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach moved into the troubled industrial front, where CIO demands for appreciable wage boosts threatened to retard the reconversion program and jeopardize stabilization policy.

Schwellenbach faced no easy task, what with the strategic oil, automobile, farm equipment and steel unions striving for wage readjustments to bring 40-hour-a-week pay up to wartime overtime levels, and major producers bucking the demands in the face of rigid price con-

In all instances, CIO demands for substantial wage boosts were predicated on the claim that the big companies had made sizable wartime profits and could use the money to defray part of the increases until peacetime production could be reestablished on a volume basis.

While oil workers already had ened to spread and

fuel supply, princi-

pal interest con-

tinued to center in

mobile situation,



where the United Automobile Workers headed by R. J. Thomas laid plans for enforcing their

demands for a 30 per cent wage increase by walking out on individual companies and leaving their competitors free to invade their markets.

In assuming command of a labor department strengthened by the inclusion of the War Labor board, war manpower commission and United States employment service, Secretary Schwellenbach planned to proceed slowly before exerting emergency powers, first exhausting ordinary procedure.

#### PACIFIC: MacArthur Disputed

Taking sharp difference with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's declaration in Tokyo that only 200,000 American troops may be needed for the Japanese occupation, Pres. Harry S. Truman feared for its effect on army demobilization plans and Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson said that at this time it was difficult to forecast the eventual size of the

Basing his estimate upon the Japs' wholehearted effort at co-operation with his command, MacArthur's latest figure of 200,000 was a sharp reduction from the 400,000 recently projected and the 900,000 at first thought necessary. In making his statement, MacArthur said that the Japs' execution of his dictates through their governmental framework relieved the U.S. of establishing an elaborate military authority to perform the same tasks.

In seeking to offset expectations that MacArthur's announcement might lead to speedier demobilization, President Truman declared the program was not dependent upon occupation needs.

Speaking for the state department, Acting Secretary Acheson asserted that the ultimate size of the occupation force will depend upon the scope of the job of eradicating the whole Jap war-making econ-

# **DEMOBILIZATION:**

Point Cut

Asserting that no man would be kept just to maintain a big army, Gen. George C. Marshall revealed a stepped-up demobilization program providing for a further decrease of discharge points to 60 on November 1 following the October 1 slash to 70. At the same time, the total necessary for officers was to be

Marshall reviewed demobilization plans at a meeting with 300 congressmen at which he also affirmed receipt of General MacArthur's estimate of an occupation force of only 200,000 for Japan by next summer. Though MacArthur had reduced his estimate, Marshall said, General Eisenhower's figure of 400,000 for Germany remains the same.

Declaring that the present rate of releases has been determined solely by the availability of discharge facilities, Marshall said that all G.I.s without useful army work would be walked out of midwest refineries in freed within three to four weeks. a strike that threat- With the exhaustion of high point men by late winter, the army may imperil the national further alter its demobilization program by releasing all men with two years of service.

#### the troubled auto-POSTWAR BUILDING: Lid Off

With removal of all building controls, government agencies bent themselves to the task of speeding up construction and at the same time keeping costs within bounds to head off an inflationary boom during the reconversion period.

As experts looked for the erection of 500,000 private dwellings next year and a peak of 800,000 in 1948, officials sought to increase the supply of scarce building materials, permitting wage and price boosts and priorities to break bottlenecks, if necessary. Inventory controls also were to be strengthened to prevent hoarding and creation of artificial

At the same time, OPA announced over building materials to counteract heavy demand, while federal credit agencies prepared to discourage loose financing in a market booming with home needs and prospects for high postwar employ-

# RETAIL PRICING:

# Absorb Increases

Declaring that up to now retailers have not been squeezed by price control, OPAdministrator Chester Try Nazis Bowles reiterated government policy that dealers would have to absorb any increases in manufacturing costs in the reconversion period.

Rejecting a plea of a retailer group that such absorption would be uneconomic and unfair, Bowles said that dealers' markups were not reduced during the war, and records show that profits soared under increased volume and lower operating costs. Whereas the profit margin of department stores stood at 11/2 during the 1936-'39 period, it reached 12 per cent in 1944, he said.

Under OPA's pricing policy for manufacturers for the reconversion period, some increases will be permitted to allow for higher labor and material costs. Profit margins will be held to half the industry-wide average for larger businesses or prewar levels for smaller firms.

## Industry Takes Kindlier View of Oldsters

Because of their generally fine war and will stay broken in many during the wartime labor shortage, older workers will find employment opportunities much broader in the postwar era than in prewar years. Northwestern National Life Insurance company found in a survey.

Hard-and-fast age limitations ex-

performance while "pinch-hitting" | fields, although most large concerns will conduct their most intensive recruiting in the 20 to 30 age group. Many employers who have had un-

satisfactory experiences with irresponsible young employees during the wartime labor shortage express a definite preference for older workisting in the prewar era were pretty | ers, who are loyal and very dependthoroughly broken down during the able.

#### NAVY: Two-Ocean Dimension

A two-ocean fleet almost five times hearing of the house naval commit-

Under the proposal advanced by Secretary of the Navy Forrestal and Fleet Admiral King, 300 ships would remain in active duty and another The remaining 680 vessels would be laid up but maintained in sea-going condition. A total of 500,000 enlisted men and 58,000 officers would be needed for the 300 active ships and planes and 815,000 to man the entire fleet.

For implementation of U.S. defenses, the navy recommended es- WNU Service, 1616 Eye Street NW, tablishment or retention of major naval bases for the Pacific in the Aleutians, Hawaii, Canal Zone, Guam, Saipan, Tinian, the Bonin-Volcano island group, the Admiralwould include Argentina in Newfoundland, Bermuda and Trinidad.

### ATOMIC TEST: On Battleship

Even while plans were being

Target for the experiment, which Virginia in 1923, will be the Jap After the last war, he said, there steel armor plate.

to determine any underwater effect. than England and Wales.

### 16th Child Her Biggest



The mother of 15 children, Mrs. Francis Strohl's 16th child was an 18 Lawton, Pa.

# LONG FLIGHT:

Across Great Circle Approximately 25 hours and 43

minutes after taking off from north-B-29 bombers glided onto the sprawling Chicago airport, to be shortly followed by the remaining two after a 5.995 mile experimental

With three top U. S. air force commanders in the planes, the original plans called for a non-stop run to Washington, D. C., to test the great circle route and attendant weather in the far north. Because of strong headwinds during the early stages of that it would tighten price control | the flight necessitating increased use of gas, however, the B-29s decided to land in the Windy City for refueling.

Though traveling 5,995 miles in a long journey which took them over Kamchatka, Alaska and Canada before reaching the U.S., the American airmen led by Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Le May fell 1,100 miles short of the record non-stop flight set by two Britons flying from Egypt to

## WAR CRIMES:

Charged with systematic starvacamp, 45 Nazi men and women tried to fight back at their war crimes front. trial conducted at a British military court in Lueneburg, Germany,

In seeking to defend themselves, camp were all habitual criminals, felons and homo-sexuals. Britons

In first seizing the camp, the British counted 13,000 dead, an another the increase." 13,000 died later because their condition was beyond treatment, medical officers charged. Though supfort was made to procure provisions. | band of criminals efficiently trained | Lauren Bacall perched atop it.

## U. S. INCOME:

1944 Peak Figures compiled by the department of commerce show that total income payments to individuals in the United States in 1944 rose to a The largest percentage of this total, or \$19,345,000,000 went to individu- erly. als in New York state while the smallest percentage, or \$196,000,000 went to people in Nevada. The amounts differed among the various states because of the size of the population per capita income.

# Washington Digest

# A two-ocean fleet almost five times the size of the pre-Pearl Harbor force was proposed by naval chiefs at a Postwar Crime Wave

100 would be kept in ready reserve. Quick Reconversion Can Prevent Era of Lawlessness, FBI Chief Says; Expects Vets to Demand Order.

> By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

Washington, D. C.

Will there be a postwar crime wave in the United States?

That question was put to the man who will have to deal with it if there ties and Philippines. Atlantic posts is one-FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. He threw the answer back on me-and on a lot of other people in these United States. Here it is:

Whether we have a postwar crime wave in the United States depends on how well we as a nation can remapped in Washington, D. C., for convert. If we do have a period of the postwar fleet, naval officials pre- lawlessness, it will in all probabilpared to carry out a test of the ity be led by teen-agers. The reatomic bomb's effect on surface ves- turning veteran has it in his power sels 500 miles off conquered Japa- to make or break such a crime

That's not beating around the might eventually lead to a redesign bush. Let's look at the facts, disof surface vessels as followed Billy turbing though they may be, as the Mitchell's test bombardment of the FBI director laid them before me.

battleship Nagato, with its 14-inch grew up a lawlessness from which the United States has never been Although the restyling of warships entirely free since. When the gangafter Mitchell's successful experi- ster era of the 20s and 30s was finalments led to their strengthening ly broken up there was some deagainst air attack, they have re- cline in criminal tendencies. Nevermained vulnerable to underwater at- theless, just before World War II tack. So far, reports on atomic began in Europe crime was still bombings have indicated the main very much with us-in fact, the force of the explosion is up and out, United States had 11 times more but naval chieftains also would like cases of murder and manslaughter

With our entry into the war, crimes increased, the emphasis on type changing from crimes against property to crimes against the person-murder, assault, rape and the like. On V-J Day a major crime was being committed every 23 seconds in the United States. One person in every 22 in this country had been arrested at some time or other.

#### New Crop of Criminals Teen-Agers

Perhaps the most ominous single factor about the picture with which we start the postwar years is that the most frequent criminals in the United States today are boys and girls 17 years of age.

Director Hoover explained why this has come about. These teenlb. baby girl. The infant was one of the agers have been maturing in a peheaviest delivered, with a 25 pounder riod of great political, economic and born in 1916 topping the record. 38 social upheaval. As they were en-years old, Mrs. Strohl is a resident of tering the critically formative years for them in the beginning teens, fathers and big brothers, to whom they might have looked for guidance, left home to enter the armed services. Mothers frequently had to take jobs which kept them away from home, leaving boys and girls ern Japan, the first of three giant to their own social and recreational devices.

> Frequently, families pulled up roots and moved to teeming industrial centers in other parts of the country where jobs could be had in war plants. Normal living was impossible under such overcrowded conditions. There was a general spirit of wartime abandon which impressionable youth was not long in catching-lack of discipline, lack of personal responsibility, became the accepted thing. A "war hero" attitude developed in many of those too young to "join up."

Then teen-age boys and girls found that because of the manpower shortage they could stop school and take jobs where they would make more money than some of their elders did before the war. Coming suddenly onto what seemed sudden wealth, and of their own making, found them unprepared to use it wisely.

"We have been developing a generation of money-rich and character-poor Americans."

While we had our attention on the tion and neglect of internees at the far-flung battlefronts the foundation notorious Belsen concentration was being laid for one of our major postwar problems on the home

There is another condition that has been a breeding ground for lawlessness during the war, according the accused followed the line that to Hoover, and which may spread most of the 40,000 prisoners in the if crime detection and law enforce-

ment do not keep ahead of it. "Gangsterism has been showing taking over the camp upon the Nazi signs of revival during the war," he collapse claimed that their experi- said. "There have been gang wars ence showed it was not necessary in places where they used to thrive. to use force to govern the internees. Hijacking, shakedown rackets, black markets and bootleg have been on

Therefore, the groundwork has been laid for a new era of Dillingers. Then there are the returning vetplies were obtainable in the imme- erans. Because of their peculiar

in taking life and appropriating property that does not belong to

#### Vets Desire Orderly Community

On this subject, Director Hoover issued an emphatic "No!" Here is his reasoning:

"Of course, soldiers are trained to kill-but so are we of the FBI and so are police officers. But no man of the FBI has ever been arrested for a crime of violence. There will be criminals among the returning veterans, it is true-criminals who will operate more efficiently than they would have if they hadn't had army training. But these are the men who probably would have been criminals anyway if they had remained civilians. After all, the army is only a cross-section of the American people. Of course, the real criminals never got into the army-their records were too bad.

"I expect the returning veteran to be a big help to us in combatting crime," Hoover went on. "The boys who are returning from the battlefields have seen so much of destruction, horror, disease, the dangers of dictatorship that they are anxious to see their communities get back to normal, peaceful ways. They are more interested in their homes and civil affairs. They want law and order over here."

The FBI expects the veterans to be a major influence on the criminal tendencies of the teen-agers.

"If the big brothers and fathers coming back settle down into jobs or go back to school, they can show the younger boys and girls how to be good citizens. The youngsters look up to these men as heroes-they can be a strong influence on them."

But the responsibility for leading the teen-agers aright does not rest solely on the veterans-nor alone on the agencies of law enforcement.

"The question of crime among our juvenile courts, overburdened juvenile bureaus, and the local police," Director Hoover declared. "These agencies can help materially, but the big job is getting every parent, business man, school teacher, salesman, farmer, mechanic, housewife, and every other forward-looking citizen to knuckle down to the two-fisted realization that this is their job and it is up to them to do something about it."

But no matter what is done to try to meet a crime situation that now has a potentiality for great evil in this country, there is one thing which Hoover believes will determine in the long run whether it will be law or lawlessness from here on.

"Whether or not we have a postwar crime wave will depend in the last analysis on how we as a nation convert to a peacetime basis." Director Hoover announced emphatically. "You can't divorce economics from crime. Although it is true that having money does not necessarily prevent a person from committing a crime, not having money is a definite cause of it. When people are out of work, there is a greater chance for them to get into trouble than when they are employed."

"If the Republicans don't look out, this guy Truman is going to pick up some votes right out from under their noses, he's so darned human." a political wiseacre whispered to me at the Press Club party for Byron

Price. We were watching the President mingle with the guests, obviously enjoying himself.

Just then a colleague of mine on the weekly press came up. His face was wreathed in smiles. "Guess what," he exclaimed. "I

just said to the President 'I'm from Kansas City' and what do you think he said? 'That's a suburb of a certain city, isn't it?' '

And my friend, who has been a Republican since he can remember and especially so in the last 12 years, is beginning to think that "this guy Truman" is all right. When the party was breaking up

the President was heard to observe with a broad Missouri grin that he was having as good a time as he did when he was at the Press Club last. That time he was still vice president and his picture was taken diate vicinity of the camp, no ef- training, will they present a new playing the piano with movie star

# BARBS . . . by Baukhage

Christmas is coming-yes it is. It | will be here before your package to land each soldier was permitted to new high record of \$148,090,000,000 your soldier is there unless you mail | carry 75 pounds only. Any more was now. Wrap securely-address prop-

> In 1940 this country had less than 131/2 million men in what is considered the productive age group of | that wasn't nailed down. 45 to 64. It is estimated that in 1970 there will be over 181/2 million.

When the German armies left Holconfiscated by the Hollanders. But they wouldn't have had much chance to loot anyhow because the German civilians left the Netherlands ahead of them and left very little behind

The latest is canned sandwiches.



# Better Handling of Range Helps Forage

Grazing Plans Aid to Natural Reseeding

More than 73,244,000 acres of grazing lands are being conserved, developed and utilized under range management plans which are a part of the government's agricultural conservation program.

Better forage for livestock is natural result of better handling of accessible range. At the same time, soil on the range and on nearby cropland receives increased pro-

Proper utilization of rangeland requires a carefully worked-out "use plan" involving a number of factors. In widest use are such practices as rotating grazing, natural reseeding through deferred grazing, artificial reseeding by drilling, broadcasting and harrowing in suitable locations, development of properly spaced, adequate and dependable water supplies, eradication of destructive plants, proper fencing to facilitate uniform distribution of stock, and water spreading measures to divert run-off water and prevent erosive action.

Proper management of one range area may require only a few of these practices, while another will need many or all of them in order



to return the range soil to its original fertility. Reseeding, both natural and artificial, is an essential to most rangeland.

While natural reseeding through deferred grazing is held to be the most practical method, excellent results are reported from artificial reseeding on lands where sufficient remnants of desirable forage plants did not remain.

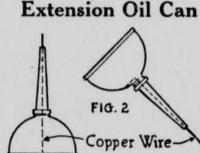
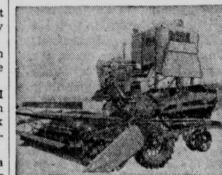


FIG. 1

Oil Can Equipped with Wire.

There are usually one or two oil holes on all machinery that the average oil can will not reach. This can be remedied by taking a copper wire about three inches longer than the spout and bend at right angles, as shown in the illustration. The bent end is inserted into the can, and spout is placed over the wire. The bent piece will prevent wire from falling out but will allow the oil to follow wire into oil hole de-

### Postwar Machinery Harvester



Postwar harvesting will be taken care of by self-propelled harvesters. The self-propelled feature on this machine designed by the Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement company, makes possible the harvest

of all crops at lower cost. Unusual engineering development makes the feature adaptable in harvesting all types of grain includ-

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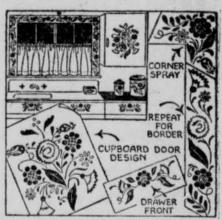
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age and dried corn distillers' solu-

bles.

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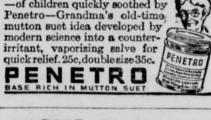
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