

Army Radio Man to Speak
Capt. Harold W. Kent, G. S. C., of the radio division of the bureau of public relations for the War Department in Washington, D. C., will speak at a no-host luncheon Monday in the Rainier Club. Mrs. Gerald De Garmo, president of the Seattle Radio Council, sponsor of the luncheon, announced today. The luncheon will be limited to civic and business leaders.

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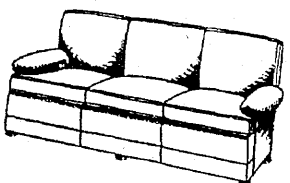
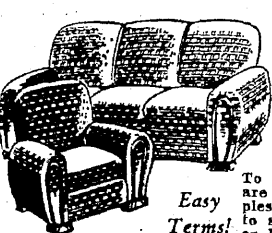
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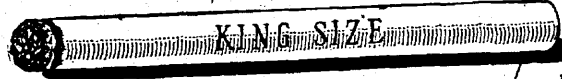
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JAPANESE PROUD TO HELP U. S.



Bearing signs which read: "Seattle Japanese Loyal to America. Proud to Do Our Share," the members of the Seattle Japanese community climaxed the city's aluminum drive with a flourish yesterday afternoon by taking a truckload of old aluminum to the depository in front of the Metropolitan Theatre. The load was tossed onto the mountainous heap piece by piece. The girls receiving the aluminum in this photograph are Tomoe Tada (left) and Mary Kawamura. W. Walter Williams, chairman of the King County Defense Council, was present (extreme lower left). Behind him is M. Shirashi, president of the Seattle Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

LARGER RAILWAY YARDS APPROVED

Boeing Aircraft Company ended commercial-airplane production today and became a 100 per cent military-defense industry when it delivered the last of twelve "flying boats" built for an air line.

The last of the huge Seattle-made transoceanic Clippers took off from Elliott Bay at 10:18 o'clock, with E. T. Allen at the controls, for delivery to the air line at Astoria, Or. From Astoria, she was to fly to San Francisco for Pacific Ocean service.

The Clipper was produced far ahead of schedule, as she was not to have been delivered until the spring of 1942. The air line sold three of the ships to Britain for Empire communications.

Boeing Plant No. 1, which employed 2,000 men and where the Clippers were produced, now will be devoted to experimental work, with most of the men shifted to Plant No. 2.

City Council members today had scheduled special meetings for tomorrow and Friday to introduce and pass an ordinance to permit the Union Pacific, Milwaukee, Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railroads to build additional switching tracks in Seattle's South End industrial-traffic bottleneck.

The railroads' application was approved yesterday afternoon by the Board of Public Works. The Board recommended the Council draw an ordinance granting the roads a permit.

The railroads said the new tracks would serve defense industries and reduce traffic congestion in the bottleneck area.

Doctor Norman Will Fly Home

Dr. Edward C. Norman, 27 years old, is scheduled to board a plane tomorrow in Philadelphia to keep a breakfast date here Friday morning with his mother, Mrs. Lilla C. Norman, 5650 11th Ave. N. E.

Dr. Norman, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, is an interne at Philadelphia General Hospital. He was graduated from the University of Washington and Roosevelt High School.

Dr. Norman plans to vacation here a month before returning to Philadelphia.

Episcopalians Told To Leave Japan

NEW YORK, Wednesday, July 30.—(AP)—The national council of the Protestant Episcopal Church announced yesterday afternoon that Rev. Charles S. Reifsnider, adviser in Japan, had ordered the church's remaining staff in Japan to take an immediate furlough for the duration of the present emergency.

The council said some might return to the United States and some might be assigned to Hawaii, Alaska or the Philippines.

Prices, Rents Must Be Curbed, Says F. R.; Text of President's Message to Congress

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, July 30.—The text of President Roosevelt's message to Congress on price controls follows:

Inflationary price rises and increases in the cost of living are today threatening to undermine our defense effort. I am, therefore, recommending to the Congress the adoption of measures to deal with this threat.

We are now spending more than \$30,000,000 a day on defense. This rate must and will increase. In June of this year we spent about \$208,000,000 more than five times the \$163,000,000 we spent in June, 1940. Every dollar spent for defense presses against an already limited supply of materials.

This pressure is sharply accentuated by an ever-increasing civilian demand. For the first time in years many of our workers are in the market for the goods they have always wanted. This means more buyers for more products which contain steel and aluminum and other materials needed for defense. Thus a rapidly expanding civilian demand has been added to a vast and insistent demand by the government.

Those who have money to spend are willing to bid for the goods. The government must and will satisfy its defense needs. In such a situation, price advances merely determine who gets the scarce materials, without increasing the available supply. We face inflation, unless we act decisively and without delay.

The consequences of inflation are well known. We have seen them before. Producers, unable to determine what their costs will be, hesitate to enter into defense contracts or otherwise to commit themselves to ventures whose outcome they cannot foresee.

Speculators, anticipating success, are willing to bid for the goods. The government must and will satisfy its defense needs. In such a situation, price advances merely determine who gets the scarce materials, without increasing the available supply. We face inflation, unless we act decisively and without delay.

Today we stand, as we did in the closing months of 1915, at the beginning of an upward sweep of the whole price structure. Then, too, we enjoyed relative stability in prices for almost a year and a half after the outbreak of war abroad. In October, 1915, however, prices turned sharply upward. By April, 1917, the wholesale price index had jumped 63 per cent; by June, 1917, 74 per cent, and by June, 1920, it was nearly 140 per cent over the October, 1915, mark.

The facts today are frighteningly similar. The Bureau of Labor Statistics index of twenty-eight basic commodities, by the end of June, had advanced 50 per cent beyond its August, 1939, level. It has increased 24 per cent since January of this year.

Since August, 1939, the Bureau of Labor Statistics index of 900 wholesale prices has advanced 17½ per cent. It has increased 10 per cent since January of this year. In the past sixty days wholesale prices have risen more than five times as fast as during the preceding period since the outbreak of war abroad.

Since August, 1939, the Bureau of Labor Statistics index of the cost of living has advanced 5½ per cent. It has increased 3¼ per cent since the beginning of this year, and the upward pressure is now intense. In a single month, from the middle of May to the middle of June, the cost of living was greater than during any similar period since the World War. But even yet the index does not fully reflect past increases, and only in a few months will it respond to current increases.

Regulation Too Late
In 1915 the upward price movement proceeded unchecked so that when regulation was finally begun it was already too late. Now we have an opportunity to act before disastrous inflation is upon us. The choice is ours to make; but we must act speedily.

For twelve months we have tried

to maintain a stable level of prices by enlisting the voluntary cooperation of business, and through informal persuasive control. The effort has been widely supported because far-sighted business leaders realize that their own true interest would be jeopardized by runaway inflation. But the existing authority over prices is indirect and cumbersome, and operates through measures which are not appropriate or applicable in all circumstances. It has further been weakened by those who purport to recognize need for price stabilization, yet challenge the existence of any effective power. In some cases, moreover, there has been evasion and bootlegging; in other cases the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply has been openly defied.

Faced now with the prospect of inflationary price advances, legislative action can no longer prudently be postponed. Our national safety demands that we take steps at once to extend, clarify and strengthen the authority of the government to act in the interest of the general welfare.

Legislation should include authority to establish ceilings for prices and rents, to purchase materials and commodities when necessary, to assure price stability, and to deal more extensively with excesses in the field of installment credit. To be effective, such authority must be flexible and subject to exercise through license or regulation under expeditious and workable administrative procedures. Like other defense legislation, it should expire with the passing of the need, within a limited time after the end of the emergency.

Only Top Limit Set
The concept of a price ceiling is already familiar to us as a result of our own World War experience. Prices are not fixed or frozen; an upper limit alone is set. Prices may fluctuate below this limit, but they cannot go above it.

To make ceiling prices effective it will often be necessary, among other things, for the government to increase the available supply of a commodity by purchases in this country or abroad. In other cases it will be essential to stabilize the market by buying and selling as the exigencies of price may require.

Housing is a commodity of universal use, the supply of which cannot speedily be increased. Despite the steps taken to assure adequate housing for defense, we are already confronted with rent increases ominously reminiscent of those which prevailed during the world war. This is a development that must be arrested before rent profiteering can develop to increase the cost of living and to damage the civilian morale.

Of course, there cannot be price stability if labor costs rise abnormally. Labor has far more to gain from price stability than from abnormal wage increases. For these are likely to be illusory, and quickly overtaken by sharp rises in living costs which fall with particular hardship on the least fortunate of our workers and our old people.

There will always be need for wage adjustments from time to time to rectify inequitable situations. But labor as a whole will fare best from a labor policy which recognizes that wages in the defense industries should not substantially exceed the prevailing wage rates in comparable non-defense industries where fair labor policies have been maintained. Already, through the efforts of the National Defense Mediation Board and wage stabilization committees, wage standards are being established and a measure of wage stability is being brought to particular industries. It is expected that such activities will be continued, extended, and made increasingly effective.

I recognize that the obligation not to seek an excessive profit from the defense emergency rests

NAVY REQUESTS UNION TO WORK

By Associated Press.

Work stoppages in four widely separated cities were terminated today but a strike of 8,900 American Federation of Labor Electrical Workers in New York City went into a second day with its effects reaching into the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The National Defense Mediation Board announced the end of stoppages at the Gulf State Utility Company, Baton Rouge, La., and at Air Associates, Inc., at Bendix, N. J. At St. Louis, Mo., where 2,700 A. F. of L. construction workers walked off the site of an \$89,000,000 ammunition plant in protest to the discharge of two top haulers, the strikers agreed to go back to work and submit the discharge of the two to arbitration. A similar decision to resume work and negotiate later ended a one-day walkout at the Clifford-Jacobs Forging Company, Champaign, Ill.

Four federal agencies—the Navy, Office of Production Management, United States Conciliation Service and National Defense Mediation Board—attempted to bring about a settlement of the New York electricals' strike. Rear Adm. E. J. Marquart, commander of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, declared 200 skilled electricians had walked off projects in the yard, including work on drydocks in which two super-battleships are to be built. He said he had asked a union agent to send the men back to work.

Other construction, chiefly of a non-defense nature, was tied up over the metropolitan area.

Eight hundred A. F. of L. laborers, whose strike tide up work on \$2,000,000 worth of naval construction at Key West, Fla., expressed their willingness to return to work today, provided contractors release 150 newly-hired Negroes.

With two exceptions, the Western Cartridge Company, Alton, Ill., agreed to accept recommendations of the Mediation Board for settlement of a dispute with C. I. O. Chemical Workers.

\$35,000 Fire In 2 Yakima Plants

YAKIMA, Wednesday, July 30.—(AP)—Firemen this morning still were battling the smoldering flames of the fire which last night destroyed two-thirds of the plant of the Inland Lumber Company and damaged the Yakima Food Lockers plant to such an extent the loss in both will be about \$35,000, according to present estimates.

Cause of the blaze, which started behind the office of the lumber company, is not known. A. B. Thinius, owner of the food lockers and president of the lumber company, fears the loss will exceed early estimates since the 1,200 lockers were fairly well stocked with food. Fire in the lumber plant itself spread rapidly with explosions of paint material adding the rush of the flames. Firemen were able to save some of the lumber sorted in the yard.

with equal force on labor and on industry, and that both must assume their responsibilities if we are to avoid inflation.

I also recognize that we may expect the wholehearted and voluntary cooperation of labor only when it has been assured a reasonable and stable income in terms of the things money will buy, and equal restraint or sacrifice on the part of all others who participate in the defense program. This means not only a reasonable stabilization of prices and the cost of living but the effective taxation of excess profits and purchasing power. In this way alone can the nation be protected from the evil consequences of a chaotic struggle for gains which must prove either illusory or unjust, and which must lead to the disaster of unchecked inflation.

—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.
The White House, July 30, 1941.

Gibraltar is thirty-three miles across the water from Tangier, Morocco.

Volunteer-Teaching Plan Goes Awry

OAK GROVE, La., Wednesday, July 30.—(AP)—Classes have been discontinued at the Oak Grove school after being conducted a week by parents and other volunteer teachers.

The school board recently consolidated the school's enrollment with two other schools. Patrons last week opened the school and more than seventy children went to classes.

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