

U.S. TO HELP KEEP JAP FARMS GOING

Striving to keep farm land being evacuated by Japanese in full production, the Department of Agriculture today opened an office in Seattle to aid Japanese in disposing of land and to aid qualified farmers in obtaining operating credit and transfer of the property.

The Seattle office, in the United States Employment Service Office, 808 Second Ave., will be directed temporarily by C. J. Opperman, tenure specialist for the Farm Security Administration of the Department of Agriculture. The F. S. A. was directed to open the office by the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

It is intended to supervise fair disposition of land being voluntarily evacuated by Japanese and help farmers obtain the land and funds to buy seed, fertilizer, labor and other crops production necessities, Opperman said.

The Wartime Farm Adjustment Program office also will help with the program in operation. The F. S. A. will help farmers arrange credit either through private sources or the Farm Credit Administration.

Sixty such offices have been established in California. Others set up in Washington are in Bremerton, Raymond, Tacoma and Yakima.

Opperman said continued operation of farm lands in this area is seriously needed in the national war effort, and that all Japanese who are contemplating voluntary evacuations are urged to accept assistance from the office.

G. M. ASKS END OF DOUBLE TIME

DETROIT, March 20.—(AP)—General Motors Corporation officials, entering into contract negotiations this morning with representatives of the United Automobile Workers, Congress of Industrial Organizations affiliate, made public nine counter-proposals including a suggestion that payment of double time under any circumstances be eliminated for the duration of the war.

One of the U. A. W.-C. I. O. demands is for continuation of double wages for holiday work, with Armistice Day added to the holiday list. Other demands included a flat \$1-a-day pay increase and wage boosts every 90 days based on cost of living.

End of Attacks Asked

In addition to eliminating double time, the G. M. proposals, signed by H. W. Anderson, vice president in charge of personnel, include:

- Discontinue in union publications attacks and accusations of "speed-up" on management's efforts to increase war production.
- Establish the right of management to set up any system of shifts it believes necessary to speed war production.
- Cease union opposition to individual piecework and other incentive methods of pay, with any such change to be negotiated with the shop committee before being placed in effect.
- Provide for wage differentials in certain job classifications so that employees who produce more and better work may be rewarded by payment of the maximum rate.
- Promotions or transfers to higher-paid jobs be made on the basis of merit, ability and performance of the employee.
- Reduce by 50 per cent the number of union committees for handling complaints in the plants.

Wilson Proposes Publicity

President C. E. Wilson of General Motors proposed that the negotiations be open to the press, but Walter Reuther, head of the union's C. M. division, took an opposite stand, holding that the proceedings should be protected from "public controversy" and "anti-labor hysteria."

"This proposal," Wilson said, "is made in view of the fact that the corporation is no longer producing automobiles, but now is engaged almost entirely in the production of airplanes, tanks, guns and ammunition required to win the war."

"We realize how deeply the public is interested in this whole matter and we hope that this proposal to keep the public currently informed regarding our negotiations will be readily accepted by you."

'Usual' Method Proposed

In reply, Reuther said the negotiations should be conducted "in the usual manner" and that if any issues remained unsettled they would be referred to the national War Labor Board whose proceedings thereafter could be public.

"Through this procedure," Reuther said, "many minor issues—and perhaps some major ones—may be adjusted in an atmosphere of conciliation unmarred by the element of public controversy."

"The union feels certain that the desire of the corporation is for an early and amicable agreement rather than to exploit the anti-labor hysteria which foes of labor are doing their best to generate at this time."

Operated by an electric motor taking current from a house circuit, a device has been invented to keep meats turning in ovens while being roasted so that they cook evenly.

DAUGHTER AT MURDER TRIAL



Loretta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yager, appeared at the first-degree murder trial of her father today for the first time. She is shown in her arms during recess. Mrs. Yager, who took the child to court, is with them. The little girl waved to her father as he left the witness stand at recess time. He smiled and waved back. Yager and his wife were estranged before the speakeasy shooting.

Yager Denies Responsibility For Statements at Inquest

Although Prosecutor E. B. Gray Warner succeeded in drawing from Edward Yager, 410-B speakeasy slayer, testimony at wide variance with testimony which the gunman gave during a coroner's inquest, Yager did not lose his calmness on the witness stand as his first-degree murder trial continued in Superior Court today.

At the time of the inquest, Yager was in Harborview County Hospital recovering from bullet wounds he suffered during a pistol battle with Police Patrolman L. L. Brown at the speakeasy. The battle followed the slaying of three men and the wounding of six others by Yager.

Time after time this forenoon, as Warner reminded Yager that his testimony conflicted with that given at the inquest, the red-haired witness stubbornly replied:

"I was in pain then. I'm not responsible for anything I said in the hospital."

Yager sat with his hands in his lap, facing the jury, and spoke softly. As the verbal duel between the witness and the prosecutor wore on, it was Warner who seemed finally to grow exasperated. As the court recessed at noon, Warner was shouting at the witness, who, however, seem undisturbed.

Weapon Presented

At one time Warner, saying loudly, "so you don't remember shooting Gus Golematic down in cold blood?" walked toward the witness stand holding the pistol, which Yager used on the night of the speakeasy shooting.

Warner thrust the pistol toward the witness, but first:

"Here," the prosecutor shouted, "point the pistol at me."

Yager, hands in his lap, made no move to take the weapon, shook his head and said, "No sir, I won't."

"You just don't like this gun, Yager, do you?" asked Warner.

"No sir, it isn't that," Yager said. "I'll point it at the wall if you want, but I don't point pistols at people."

Warner then walked away from the witness stand and laid the pistol down beside the clerk of the court.

A new note entered the trial briefly today, when a woman, Juanita Green, was mentioned for the first time.

Yager was testifying that he drank on the night of the shooting because he was lonesome and worried about his wife and family, when Warner broke in and asked:

"Were you worried about your wife when you were out with Juanita Green?"

Yager did not answer, and Warner continued: "You saw her and took her out, didn't you?"

Tavern Visit Admitted

"Yes, I seen her," Yager replied. The witness testified in response to the prosecutor's questions that he had taken the woman to a tavern in Tacoma and to another in Orting to dance and drink beer some time between July 21 and 25.

The prosecutor made no other reference to the woman, moving on to another line of questioning.

When Yager first was arrested he gave his name to King County Hospital attendants as James Green. Later, after he gave his true name, he told officers he used the alias because he knew someone in Tacoma of that name.

At one time during Warner's cross-examination, Yager, who maintains that he had become so intoxicated that he did not know what he was doing during the shooting, testified that on several occasions before he had drunk a quart of whisky in one day.

'Always Got Home'

The prosecutor asked the witness if he ever had been unable to get home or prepare himself for bed after drinking such an amount. Yager replied he always had gotten home but often was unable to remember what occurred after that.

While state witnesses in the case maintain that Yager entered the 410-B speakeasy only one-half hour before the shooting began, the witness himself said that he arrived there with two other men at about 1 o'clock in the morning. He testified today that his memory ceased to function after he drank four drinks. The shooting occurred at 4:30 o'clock in the morning.

Yager's testimony about the two men with whom he went to the speakeasy conflicted with testimony he gave at the coroner's inquest.

Drinking Described

Yager told the Court today that the two men, one a middle-aged person and the other a younger man, drank with him until the point at which he said his memory vanished.

At the coroner's inquest, Yager testified the elder man had one drink and then left, and that he had six, not four drinks, as he testified today.

Yager did not seem ruffled today, however, when Warner pointed out the difference in the testimony. He repeated he was in pain during the inquest and should not be

held responsible for what he said there.

"You said your memory returned during the operation on the morning of August 3," Warner queried. "At other times you said your first memory was that of seeing your wife at the hospital. Now you say you should not be held responsible for what you said at the inquest, which was even later than that. Just when did your mind get clear?"

Operation Recalled

Yager replied:

"Well, I did remember a little about the operation afterwards. It was sort of like a dream. And I remember people talking to me at the hospital. It seemed like there were a lot of people around up there. But I guess my mind really wasn't quite clear until two weeks after the operation."

Yager's wife, Lorraine, from whom he was estranged before the shooting, brought their small daughter, Loretta, to the courtroom today. As Yager stepped down from the witness stand at the forenoon recess, the little girl waved to him. Yager smiled and waved back.

Yager yesterday afternoon told the jury that he could remember nothing of the wild shooting, because he was so intoxicated that he was "out on his feet."

Other high lights in the testimony of Yager were:

That he was carrying the pistol which started the shooting fracas only because he was afraid someone would steal it from the hotel in which he was staying.

That he had no intentions of robbery because he had no reason for it.

That he had been a moderate drinker, but began drinking excessively, "so I could forget" family trouble.

That the reason Yager assumed the names of James Green and Ed Anderson was that Mrs. Yager had had him arrested on charges of abandonment and nonsupport.

After testimony by four Walla Walla citizens who said that Yager had a good reputation in his home town and that he was known to be a kind husband and loving father, the defendant took the stand. Yager was calm and unruffled as he answered questions.

Pistol Is Evidence

The courtroom became silent when Prosecutor Warner handed Yager the pistol used in the shooting. Apparently as an afterthought, the prosecutor suddenly drew the pistol back and checked to see if it was loaded before returning it to Yager.

Allen Drummheller Witness

Character witnesses placed on the stand for Yager by H. Sylvester Garvin and Eugene E. Hooper, counsel for Yager, were the Rev. W. B. Nelson; John Emish, creamery operator; Floyd W. Hodgson, laundry owner; and Allen Drummheller, sportsman and former member of the Washington Horse Racing Commission, all of Walla Walla.

FISHERS EAGER TO BEGIN SEASON

Despite hazards of the Alaska salmon industry for the forthcoming season, some 15,000 fishermen, cannerymen and machinists from the Pacific Coast are willing and even anxious to get to the fishing grounds, heads of labor unions reported yesterday.

Both American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations unions representing fishermen presented new wage agreements for the 1942 season to employers Wednesday and yesterday, and reply from the operators is expected by the end of this week.

The Cannery Workers & Fish Laborers' Union, affiliated with the C. I. O., will present demands as soon as fishermen's wages are determined. Conrad Espe, business agent of the cannery workers, said the 5,000 members of the union are eager to go to the fishing grounds.

"They either want to get into the canneries or into the Army," said Espe, who reported about 3,000 members of the union are Filipinos.

The morale of fishermen is excellent this year, despite the known and unknown dangers of the season, Joseph F. Jurich, president of the International Fishermen & Allied Workers of America, reported.

"There is more interest and activity in preparing for the season than ever before," Jurich said. "The men want to get going."

Machinists' Union, Local 79, which represents about 500 machinists in the salmon industry, has presented wage demands to the employers, asking about 15 per cent increases.

Use of Glycerine, Coconut Oil Cut

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—The War Production Board today prohibited the use of coconut oil and other oils having a high glycerine yield in the manufacture of margarine, shortening or cooking fat, and restricted their use in soap making to 75 per cent of 1941 consumption.

Another order sharply restricted the use of palm oil after April 1. Because of wartime demand for glycerine in explosive production, palm oil use will be permitted only in manufacturing processes in which all but 1.5 per cent or less of the glycerine is extracted as a by-product. Unrestricted use also is permitted in the manufacture of critically-needed tin plate, ternite plate, steel sheets and strips, and black steel plate.

Search for a synthetic substitute for quinine accidentally uncovered the basis for the important coal-tar dye industry.

SECOND ALIEN BOARD IS NAMED

Appointment of another enemy-alien hearing board for the Seattle district was announced today by United States Attorney J. Charles Dennis.

Judson F. Falknor, dean of the University of Washington Law School, is chairman of the new board, to be known as Board No. 2. Other members are Andrew Steers, Seattle business man, and Clifford Hoof, Seattle attorney.

Members of Board No. 1 are J. Speed Smith, Frank E. Holman and Charles H. Paul, Seattle attorneys, and Leslie Stone, Orting banker.

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2 MORE ALIENS SEIZED IN SOUTH

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—(AP)—Federal agents took an alien Italian and a German alien in custody today and seized dynamite, detonation caps, firearms and other contraband in raids in Sonoma and Lake Counties.

Federal Bureau of Investigation operatives said they found five sticks of dynamite and caps and a shotgun at the ranch of B. Bitunio, Italian, of Healdsburg. The shotgun had been hidden under a chicken coop.

At Lakeport, they said, they seized three rifles, a shotgun and a short-wave radio receiver at the home of Karl Friederich Schweikert, a German. They also found a photograph of Schweikert in a German army uniform.

Fifty thousand school children in Mexico City formed a gigantic Mexican flag and sang the Anthem of Mexico to celebrate Mexico's "Day of the Flag" this year.

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60 Arrested In \$10,000,000 Lottery Ring

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—The Justice Department announced today that agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, operating in 36 cities, had arrested 60 members of what was described by the department as the nation's largest lottery ring.

The announcement said operations had been carried on in states from Maine to South Carolina, with an estimated year's income of \$10,000,000, from the sale of about 4,125,000 lottery tickets printed weekly at Albany and Fort Plain, N. Y.

R. A. F. Sinks Patrol Boat Off France

LONDON, March 20.—(AP)—A flying boat of the Royal Air Force Coastal Command destroyed a German naval patrol boat in the Bay of Biscay today, the Air Ministry announced tonight.

Only this week the Admiralty declared the Bay of Biscay dangerous to shipping in a move to plug a blockade leak through which goods have been reaching Germany by way of France.

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