

National Leaders Consider Plan To Export Tobacco

A move to develop a new foreign market for flue-cured and burley tobacco—through shipment of unmanufactured tobacco to occupied Germany for blending there—was launched at a conference between a House delegation, including North Carolina Representatives Harold D. Cooley and J. Bayard Clark, and Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson.

Sponsors of the move hope that it can be tied into the United Nations' program for development of non-ammunition industries in occupied countries. They hope that this program will stimulate trade between occupied countries and their neighbors

to the extent that all countries involved can have more dollar credits with which to buy American goods, such as cigarettes and manufactured tobacco.

Secretary Anderson was extremely interested in this proposal, and gave the green light for the Agriculture Department's tobacco section to go ahead with working out details of a projected program.

It was suggested at the conference that the program could later be extended to include Japan, and possibly other nations devastated by war.

Joining the Tar Heel Congressmen in this step to find a new, permanent outlet for American-grown tobacco are three representatives from states which grow burley tobacco: Virgil Chapman and Earle C. Clements of Kentucky and Dayton Phillips of Tennessee.

The group told Secretary Anderson that they had reason to believe U. S. tobacco manufacturers would support the program, and that some of them had indicated willingness to provide expert to teach workers in the occupied territory how to blend the American tobacco with Turkish tobacco and other nearby-country tobacco that might be used in the manufacturing process.

"Our idea," said Cooley, "is not only to build up our foreign market for unmanufactured tobacco, but to keep alive the taste for American cigarettes and other tobacco products that many persons in Europe and elsewhere acquired through the presence of our servicemen during the war and the occupation period."

"If this idea can be worked out for Germany, we hope that later it can be extended to Japan and elsewhere. A program is already underway for shipment of some American cotton to Japan for the Japanese to use in manufacturing and in trade of finished cotton goods with other countries in the Far East. Through building up non-war industry in occupied countries and stimulating their trade with nearby nations, we would be helping their whole economic machine and building up markets for our own products."

National League Acreage Will Be Down Slightly

The 1947 prospective tobacco acreage in the United States is 1,998,000 acres, about 1.5 per cent below last year, according to the State Agriculture Department. Most of the intended decline is in burley tobacco. Dark air-cured intentions are down slightly. Changes in other tobacco acreages are generally moderate and slightly upward. If the acreages indicated are harvested, and yields should approximate the average of the past five years, total production of about 2,000,000,000 pounds would be expected.

Although the acreage of flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina will be up about 1.5 per cent, the acreage for the entire area will be little changed from 1946, averaging maybe less than one per cent up. An indicated decline of one per cent in South Carolina is more than offset by increases in Georgia and Florida where the acreages last year were below intentions due to shortage of plants brought about by severe blue mold. Most growers are planning an acreage as close to allotments as practicable. If the indicated acreages are harvested and if yields should be the same as the average of the past five years, production of about 1,600,000 pounds would be realized.

Changes in acreage of burley tobacco from 1946 to 1947 vary among states but averaged 11 per cent below last year. Those states whose 1946 acreages were substantially below allotments showed little or no decline in 1947 while Kentucky and Tennessee are lower by 14 and eight per cent respectively.

POPE FIELD WAS NAMED 28 YEARS AGO, APRIL 1ST

Pope Field, April 3—Bulletin No. 38 of the Adjutant General's department for the year 1919 contains but one paragraph:

"The flying field to be established at Camp Bragg, N. C., is named Pope Field in honor of First Lieutenant Harley Halbert Pope who was killed in an airplane accident January 7, 1919."

Thus on April 1, 1919, Pope Field was officially established. It has lived a busy life since then.

Three hangars, now known as Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were built when the land was purchased. A fourth, later torn down, was built by men of the 276th Aero Squadron, first unit here.

In the first post-war years aviation slumped and many war planes were sold to civilians, some Jennies selling for as low as five dollars. As the 1920's rolled by, military aviation began to pick up and Pope Field contributed to the growing annals of army flying.

Numerous records were set at eastern aeronautical meets in 1924 by a "scooped up" DeHavilland plane, old "77". In 1927 Pope serviced the army's entire bombardment aviation consisting of 14 bombers. A year later, Pope Field was host to the Air Service's mobile force of 61 planes.

In 1935, the field serviced the heretofore unprecedented number of 535 aircraft. From 1934 to date the field has been a busy hub of air force activity. Many of the buildings now seen on the field were built in 1934 and that year, too, the giant balloon hanger was dismantled on the west coast and shipped here.

The field has been under the 1st and 3rd Air Forces and the First

Troop Carrier Command. At present it is in the 9th Air Force, with headquarters at Greenville, S. C., and is engaged in cooperative training missions with the 82nd Airborne Division.

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The Army has advanced another inducement to veterans of World War II to join the Enlisted Reserve Corps by opening the doors of Officer Candidate Schools to enlisted men of the Reserve, Master Sgt. Virgil B. Lindsey, commanding officer of the Greenville sub-station of the Army Recruiting Service said today.

The new directive, which has just been received from Headquarters, Third Army, in Atlanta, Ga., states that members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps who attend and graduate from Officer Candidate Schools will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the Officer's Reserve Corps. They will not be required to serve on active duty with the Regular Army, but may apply for such duty if they wish.

ERC graduates of Officer Candidate Schools will be required to serve a three year period with the Officers Reserve Corps. This period will be waived, however, if the man applies for a tour of active duty with the Regular Army.

Sergeant Lindsey states that the Recruiting Service is currently conducting a drive among former servicemen in order to build up a strong Enlisted Reserve Corps, and invites any man interested to visit the local Recruiting Station for full particulars on the benefits and advantages to be obtained by joining the Corps.

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