

The Week In Washington

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, April 23—The treasury department, which until now has tried to sell war bonds and stamps without putting on much pressure, is beginning this week a drive to get every one on a payroll to pledge a minimum of 10 per cent of income for the purchase of bonds.

This move followed the revelation that there has been a sharp falling off in the purchase of bonds recently. During the month of January approximately \$1,000,000,000 in bonds were purchased, but now the rate is said to have dropped to \$500,000,000 a month—a decrease of 50 per cent.

Secretary Morgenthau has therefore instructed 108,944 members of war savings bonds committees in 3,070 counties to begin immediately to ring every doorbell in an effort to get pledges for regular purchases. It is intimated that unless this voluntary plan works, a compulsory plan will have to be instituted.

"It is our plan," said the secretary of treasury, "to reach every person in the United States who receives an income of any sort, and to reach him as quickly as possible." He admitted that some people, because of unusual circumstances, may not be able to pledge more than that others should be able to pledge more than that amount.

Financing of our huge war expenditure is becoming increasingly difficult, due in part to the postponement of congress in taking any new action on taxes. One congressman has said that he is willing to wager that the President will get no new tax bill to sign until after the No-

Inspect Latest Type of Army Uniforms



Photo shows Maj. Gen. Edmund B. Gregory, quartermaster general, U. S. A., inspecting the latest type of army uniforms now in use. The uniforms are, left to right, experimental for tropical bases; ski trooper; snow shoe trooper; and para trooper.

member election, even though the treasury has made urgent demands upon congress for new taxes amounting to at least \$7,000,000,000 and wanted part of the new taxes to be collected this year in the form of payroll deductions. Because it is an election year, congressmen are clearly trying to avoid tax legislation and are also shying away from the many measures which face them regarding control over labor, wages and profits.

On the labor problem there is clearly a wide divergence of opinion, some feeling that legislation curbing labor's rights would increase production difficulties while others feel it is necessary to prevent any future strikes or continued demands for higher wages.

That production has increased greatly this year is unquestionable. Donald Nelson, head of the war production board, has predicted that by the end of the year this country will

have overcome the reserve built up by the Axis nations during the last decade. "We have not yet won our battle of production," he said, "but I honestly believe we have passed the turning point."

Lieut. Gen. William S. Knudsen, production head of the war department, echoed Mr. Nelson's statement after a recent inspection tour when he said: "Our output has gone up every month since Pearl Harbor and we have more plants coming into production every day. Every machine tool factory I was in was working three shifts, seven days a week."

The war production board took an unprecedented action when it accused two leading steel companies of violation of priority regulations and asked the department of justice to take appropriate action. The complaints said that "the violations cited resulted in diversion by the two companies to their private customers of large quantities of critically needed iron and steel at the expense of the needs of the armed forces and the maritime commission."

Although the charges have been denied by the companies concerned, whether they are true or not they stand as a clear warning to others engaged in war production that there is to be "no fooling" with priority regulations.

Meanwhile, Dr. John R. Steelman, director of the United States Conciliation Service, states that management and labor are both doing a remarkable job. "Labor's and management's pledge of full co-operation and continuous production," he said, "has been 99.97 per cent successful."

The verbal fight over whether the closed shop should be frozen still continues, however. Philip Murray, head of the CIO, warned the senate that legislation curbing labor would completely destroy labor's "no-strike" agreement. The National Association of Manufacturers, on the other hand, said that union spokesmen are demanding "100 per cent security" before they will help win the war and said that the war labor board was acting as a dictator when it ordered a closed shop in any industry. The association asked congress to "freeze the status quo until we've won the war" and added, "Which is more important to a nation at war—national security or union security?"

The bitter feeling which exists between union leaders and certain representatives of management continues without let-up and both sides are flooding congress with their arguments.

It may be that the whole problem, instead of being decided in congress, will be dumped into the lap of Paul McNutt, chairman of the new war manpower commission, and Sidney Hillman, recently appointed special assistant to the President on labor matters. Both will have wide powers over labor.

FIRE PROTECTION IS REQUESTED FOR WATAUGA

At a meeting of the directors of the Blowing Rock Chamber of commerce, an urgent appeal was sent to the Watauga county board of commissioners to appropriate funds to establish proper fire control facilities for the county. In view of the large number of forest fires, which have been raging in Western North Carolina, this is considered an urgent matter. An appeal was also made to the war production board in Washington for material to construct a telephone line from Camp Yonahlossee to Blowing Rock, this being an urgent need both for the control of fire and public health provision.

The directors also discussed plans for a general advertising campaign in the newspapers sometime within the next six weeks. Mrs. Velma Greene was employed as chamber of commerce secretary for five months, beginning with May 1.

RUBBER

Collection of used rubber in the farm scrap drive will be a vital aid toward keeping rubber-reclaiming plants operating on the scale now considered necessary.

Buy Defense Bonds

Sugar Rationing Will Begin In U. S. On May 5

War-time rationing of sugar will begin May 5 and Price Administrator Leon Henderson promises that the government "will hit chislers hard and fast."

Violators of sugar regulations may be fined \$10,000 or imprisoned for one year, or both.

"A few chislers can do a great deal of harm both to the operation of rationing and to the morale of the country," Henderson said. "The country is in no mood to let chislers get away with it. Our policy will be to hit them hard and fast."

He was confident, however, that an overwhelming majority of traders as well as institutional users will abide by the regulations.

Under the program individuals will register in elementary schools throughout the country on May 4, 5, 6 and 7, and industrial or institutional users registered at high schools on April 28 and 29. One adult representative of each family unit may register and obtain ration books for the entire family.

Family units will not include maids or other adults who are not blood relatives. They must register individually or with their own family units.

Soldiers or sailors leaving the United States for more than 30 days must surrender their ration books to local boards. Such books also must be turned over to boards within 10 days after the death of a person to whom a book was issued.

Children born after the registration dates may be registered at any time convenient to their parents or guardians.

The first stamp in the book will be available for purchase of a pound of sugar from May 5-16 and not thereafter. Stamp No. 2 will cover the period from May 17-30, stamp No. 3 from May 31 to June 13 and stamp No. 4 from June 14-27.

Supplies to restaurants will be reduced to half the amount used in a base period which will be either the corresponding period of 1941 or the amount used during March, 1942, if records for last year are not available.

Maximum allowances will be established for canned vegetables, canned fruit juices and fruits, frozen fruits and canned or cured meats, fish and poultry.

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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

The Democrats of Watauga county are hereby called to meet in convention at the courthouse in Boone, N. C., on SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1942, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of perfecting the county organization and naming delegates to the state convention in Raleigh, which meets on Friday, May 22.

The chairmen of the various precincts are asked to hold meetings on Saturday, May 9, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of perfecting precinct organizations and naming delegates to the county convention.

This April 27, 1942.

EDWARD B. MAST, Chairman
Democratic Executive Committee, Watauga County

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