

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

A Resume of Government Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, Aug. 28—The government's pattern for reconversion to peacetime living has been announced in detail—but it is evident that many shifts in the blueprints will be necessary as new problems present themselves.

The aims of the government program are: to see that every man has a job (although government spokesmen admit that this will be impossible during the rest of 1945), to keep peacetime production and peacetime wages at a level equal to wartime and thus raise our nation's standard of living, to get rid of wartime restrictions as rapidly as possible, and to prevent price inflation.

Jobs is definitely the biggest problem. Millions of men already are out of work as a result of the cancellation of war contracts and it is expected that unemployment may reach a peak of 8,000,000 by the end of this year. The only immediate answer for these unfortunate workers seems to be unemployment insurance—although, through the U. S. employment service, it is the government's hope that they will be quickly absorbed into peacetime industry. Special efforts will be made to find immediate work for veterans. But during the period while large industries are shifting from wartime to peacetime manufacturing there will be a large group of men in the cities who will be unable to find work.

It is the general opinion here that our nation can have a short period of unemployment without having a business depression—but if it lasts long the whole plan for prosperity may blow up. In an effort to be sure that reconversion is brought about in the quickest possible time, the War Production board is making materials available to industry immediately and is eliminating all possible red tape which might slow up the process.

Inflation—which could wipe out all of our savings if it ran wild—will be controlled with an iron hand. Although rationing has ended on many items, price ceilings will be enforced more actively than ever in an effort to prevent prices of scarce goods from soaring. And wage controls will be kept in force until the time comes when the supply of goods is equal to the demand.

The public was pleasantly sur-

First U. S. Occupation Troops Land in Tokyo

Manila, Aug. 28—The first American occupation forces landed in Japan today at 9 a. m. Tokyo time (8 p. m. Monday, Eastern War time).

Forty-eight two and four-engined transport planes and Flying Fortress began landing at that hour at Atsugi airfield, 18 miles southwest of downtown Tokyo, with 150 technical specialists.

The momentous first arrival of ground personnel, to prepare for mass arrivals two days hence, occurred as powerful fleet units, headed by the 45,000-ton battleship Missouri, rode at anchor in Sagami bay, nine miles south of Atsugi.

The advance party at Atsugi immediately set about arranging for American signals and landing procedures for the air armada due Thursday.

prised when gasoline rationing and canned food rationing were suddenly ended on the day following the Jap's surrender. Most everyone saw in this action the promise that the government would release its controls over our lives as rapidly as possible. By the end of 1945, it is hoped, practically all wartime regulations will be eliminated. At present, however, there are good reasons why the rationing of meat, shoes, butter, tires and sugar must be continued.

Informed opinion here expects that shoe rationing will end within a few months, cheese and canned fish rationing may end any day, butter rationing should end before 1946, and tire rationing may end in the fall. Meat and sugar rationing will probably be the last to go—sometime in 1946.

Letters to congressmen indicate that there is considerable disappointment among the people over the time it will take to return the men in the armed forces to their homes. But analysis of the situation here makes it apparent that the job will be done as rapidly as is humanly possible. In the first place, large armies of occupation are vitally necessary and a large number are needed to supply those armies. As for those who are scheduled to be sent home, the problem is largely one of transportation. If the average transport carries 1,000 men, it would take 8,000 ship loads to move an army of 8,000,000.

State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

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A summer vacation for curtains that have been on the job all winter is recommended by textile specialists this year when curtains are almost impossible to replace.

Open season for windows is a hard season on curtains, the specialists explain. In strong summer sunlight, draperies may fade, and glass curtains rot. Blowing against screens and dust and rain from open windows are all hard on curtains.

When draperies and glass curtains are taken down, a light summer set may be put up. Or, an old set may be used. Minor repairs won't show when these old curtains are pushed back to let in as much air as possible. Or, as a third possibility, particularly where summers are hot, many families prefer to leave windows curtainless.

Cotton draperies may be washed if they are unlined, fast color, and preshrunk. Try to have other draperies dry cleaned. A good way to keep draperies from wrinkling or crushing in storage is to fold lengthwise and hang over the horizontal bar of a coat hanger padded with

paper. Several pairs can then be slipped into a large paper bag. Fold up and pin the open end of the bag. Then hang the draperies in a closet where the paper covering won't get torn.

It is best to have fragile net and lace curtains—either cotton or rayon—dry cleaned. If they must be laundered at home, the specialists advise washing them in a large muslin or mesh bag, using mild, lukewarm suds.

Unless curtains can be rolled smoothly for storing, it saves work to put them away without ironing or starching, because folding makes creases that necessitate pressing or stretching when the curtains are hung. Wrap in plain paper.

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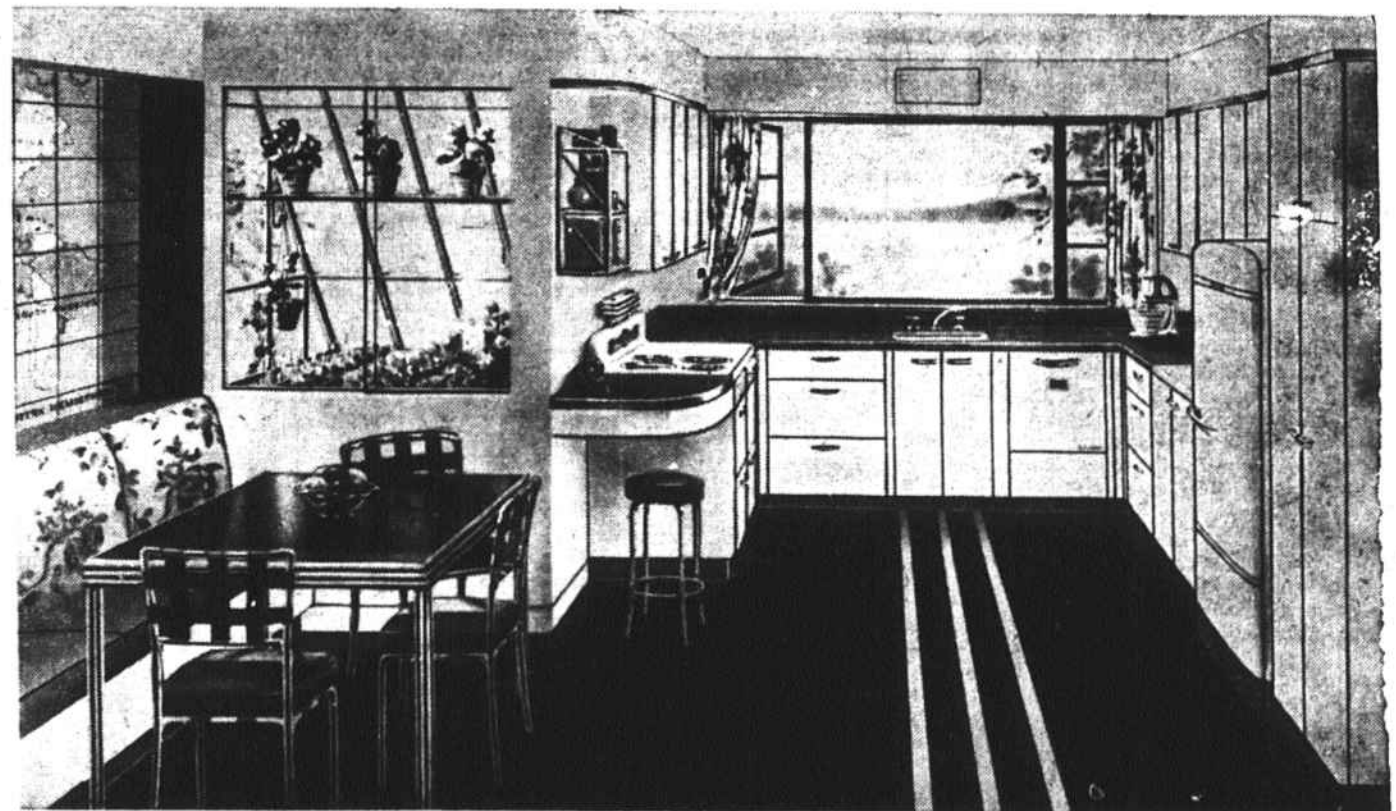
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