

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, Sept. 3.—With their recess cut short by the sudden end of the war and the urgent need for legislation to deal with reconversion problems, congressmen have returned to Washington to find several vital measures ready for their immediate action.

President Truman has urged that the so-called "full employment" bill be taken up first. This bill would increase unemployment compensation to a maximum of \$25 per week for 26 weeks. Full hearings were held on this bill before Labor Day, since the committee members returned to Washington immediately after the Jap surrender to get the bill ready.

Although the measure is expected to pass, since it has the full backing of the President, there will be considerable opposition to it among members of congress who fear that it will encourage shiftlessness and unwillingness to accept work on the part of many unskilled workers.

As evidence of this attitude, it was pointed out at the hearings that thousands of men, dismissed from war factories, are showing more interest in getting unemployment insurance than in getting jobs. In the New York area, as an example, it was reported that the number of jobs available was three times as great as the number of men seeking work. Yet long lines of men were applying for unemployment compensation and were refusing jobs which did not meet the wartime standards they had set for themselves.

Four other problems which are expected to be acted upon at an early date are: (1) reorganization of the machinery for handling the disposal of billions of dollars worth of surplus property; (2) a measure to give the President authority to reorganize and cut the costs of operation of the federal government; (3) a new tax program, which will probably include a reduction in personal income tax for 1946; (4) the Wagner-Murray-Dingbell bill for the extension of social security.

The end of government controls over manufacturing and distribution of goods have been coming thick

Potsdam Terms Again Agreed To By Jap Leaders

The Potsdam ultimatum, to whose terms the Japanese bowed at the surrender ceremonies in Tokyo bay Sunday, calls for the elimination "for all time" of the authority and influence of those who led Japan into the war and stern justice for war criminals.

Others of the terms laid down by President Truman and Prime Minister Clement Attlee of Britain call for:

Occupation of Japanese territory until the allies feel the peace of the world is assured;

Limitation of Japanese sovereignty to the main Japanese islands of Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu, Shikoku and a few minor islands, stripping Japan of all her conquests;

Complete disarmament of Japanese armed forces;

Removal by the Japanese of all obstacles to a revival of freedom of speech, religion and thought.

and fast so that now there are very few controls left which might interfere with peacetime production. Manufacturers are now free to make, in unlimited quantities, practically all of the things consumers want most—things like refrigerators, automobiles, tires, radios, machinery, electrical appliances, batteries, film, washing machines, etc. It is just a matter now of the time it will take to convert to full production. It is not expected that automobiles, for example, will be available on a large scale this year, but radios and smaller items will soon be in the stores again. And nylon stockings will be back before Christmas.

As for rationing, that should be pretty well over by the end of the year, although price ceilings will continue, for the protection of the people, until there are no scarcities which might stimulate the activities of black marketeers. Meat points are being reduced and it is possible, as the supply of meat increases, that prices may also fall. Tires for farm implements already are ration free and this may apply to all tires by the end of the year. Gasoline prices are expected to be reduced slightly within a short time.

Lend-lease operations, which are estimated to have amounted to over \$41,000,000,000, have now been called off. From now on any foreign country will have to pay for goods it gets from us.

Recently released figures show that in 1944, British farmers had 3,230,000 acres in wheat, an increase of 82.9 per cent over 1939.

VALUE OF RED POINTS SLASHED

Effective last Sunday, red points go further. Virtually all meats, all cheeses, creamy butter and margarine require fewer points. Canned milk no longer require any.

The reductions announced by OPA, average 28 per cent for meats, 25 per cent for butter, 0 per cent for cheese.

The average point cost of meat is the lowest since the acute shortage developed last March. Butter at 12 points, down 4, will cost the fewest since May, 1944. Margarine drops from 14 to 12 points.

Despite the improved meat supply, Administrator Chester Bowles said the end of rationing is not yet in sight.

"Because supplies continue to be tight in many places over the country," Bowles said, "meat rationing will continue. It is impossible to tell how long this situation will prevail, but as long as it does, meat buying by points must continue so that all may get their fair share. To this end, we will keep up the vigorous enforcement of all-out meat regulation."

Steaks and roasts will cost 2 to 3 points, less a pound; hamburger, 3 points less; lamb and veal, 1 to 3 points less; pork steaks, chops and roasts, 1 to 2 points less; bacon, for those who can find it, 2 points less; spareribs, 3 points less.

Nearly all meats with a current 3-point value will be reduced 1 point.

Only in fats and oils is the supply situation tighter than in August, Bowles said.

Rayhill News

Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Miller, of Marion, Indiana, who have been spending the past ten days with "Mayor" and Mrs. Davis, of Rayhill, returned home on Friday. This is their third trip to this section and are delighted with it. Mrs. Miller is a sister of the "mayor."

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burland, of St. Petersburg, Fla., will arrive Thursday of this week to spend two weeks at the "Katsmeow" cottage, Rayhill home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis, who have spent the past month at their home in Rayhill, left for their home in St. Petersburg, Fla., last Monday. They plan to return early next summer, when they will hold their annual party, which they discontinued during the war, and also hold the election for "mayor" which has been postponed since 1942.

COUNTY-WIDE HOME DEMONSTRATION MEETING TO BE HELD SEPT. 8TH

On Saturday, September 8, there will be a county-wide home demonstration meeting in the First Baptist Church in Boone. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:30 a. m.

Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, will be here and will make a short talk. With her will be two South American girls who are observing home demonstration work in North Carolina. Miss Anna C. Rowe, district home agent, will also be present, along with Mrs. Frances C. Wagoner, who will discuss curb markets, and Miss Doris Whitesides, who will talk on neighborhood leaders.

Each club woman is urged to be present and to bring a picnic lunch. Everyone who is interested in home demonstration work is invited to attend.

President Calls On the Nation to Preserve Peace

Washington, Sept. 2.—President Truman tonight called V-J day a time for great rejoicing and for solemn contemplation.

In a broadcast message on the occasion directed primarily to the American armed forces scattered across the earth, Mr. Truman said: "With the destructive force of war removed from the world we can turn now to the grave task of preserving the peace which you gallant men and women have won."

"It is a task which requires our most urgent attention. It is one in which we must collaborate with our allies and the other nations of the world."

"They are as determined as we are that war must be abolished from the earth, if the earth, as we know it, is to remain. Civilization cannot survive another total war."

It was Mr. Truman's second radio talk within 24 hours. Saturday night, when word of the formal capitulation of the surrender of the Japanese had been transmitted to the mainland, he proclaimed Sunday as V-J day.

VET IS ENTITLED TO HIS OLD JOB, COURT DECREES

NEW YORK—A World War II veteran is entitled to the job he held before entering service, Federal Judge Matthew T. Abruzzo has ruled, even though his rehiring may necessitate dismissal of a worker whose seniority is greater.

"Any day there was work, the veteran was entitled to preference," Bruzzo said in directing that Abraham Fishgold, 28, a welder, be rehired by Sullivan Dry Dock Company, of Brooklyn.

James R. Hartley

James R. Hartley, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gray Hartley, of Boone, died on Monday, Aug. 27, from a sudden illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2 o'clock from the Three Forks Baptist Church, by Rev. Raymond Hendrix and Rev. W. D. Ashley, and interment was in the Ray cemetery. The bereaved parents, a brother and two sisters survive: Billie, Joan and Ruby Lee Hartley.

Active pallbearers were: Joe Edmisten, Carson Eller, Bobby Winebarger, Howard Winebarger, Jackie Hartley and Edd Hayes. The flower girls were: Mrs. Lester Carroll, Mrs. Elsie Carroll, Mrs. Mary Lee Edmisten, Mrs. Ruby Brown, Misses Mae

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