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Postwar Output Moves Into High Gear; Army Modifies Draft Proposal; Fats to Remain Short

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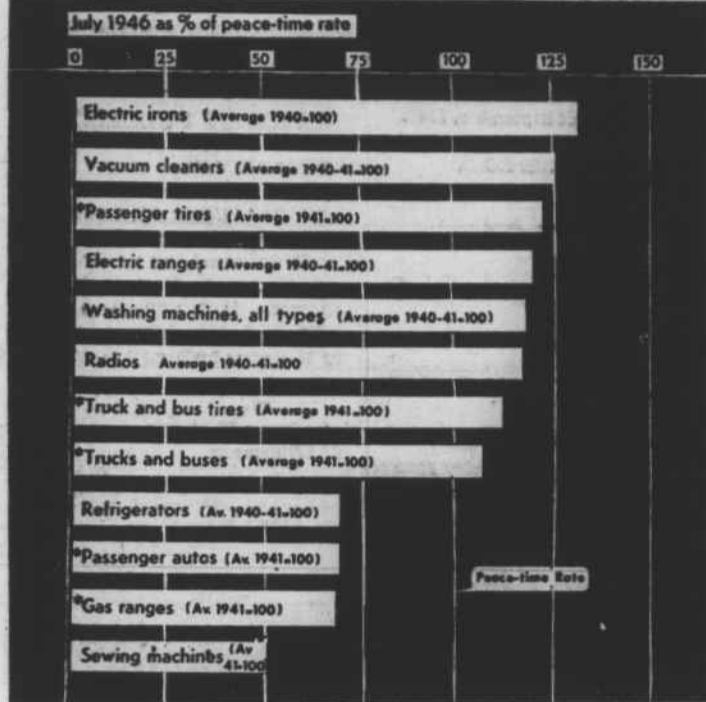


Chart released by Reconversion Director Steelman marks progress in civilian production, with figures with asterisks indicating production and other figures representing shipments to dealers.

RECONVERSION: Steelman Reports

The wartime economy of the U. S. has reached a fork in the road, Reconversion Director John R. Steelman declared in his quarterly report to the President and congress. In one direction lies unprecedented, stable prosperity; in the other, boom and bust.

Steelman pleaded with business, labor, agriculture and consumers to avert an inflationary spiral. He asked business to hold down prices; labor to refrain from making unsound wage demands; agriculture to continue to produce at a record clip, and consumers to desist from spending freely.

Despite record employment of 58 million and an annual production rate of 172 billion dollars, many key commodities remain scarce, Steelman said. Accumulation of inventories at a rate of 6½ billion dollars yearly indicates there is some speculative hoarding, he added. The meat shortage promises to worsen this winter and supplies of fats, oils and sugars will remain tight for many months. Up 23 per cent from 1943, clothing prices are expected to go up another 10 per cent by the end of 1946.

CIO: Fight Reds

The growing movement against Communist influence in the CIO received further impetus in New York City when 34 officials of six CIO affiliates organized to do battle against the Reds.

Forming the CIO-Committee for Democratic Trade Unionism, the group, headed by Vice Pres. Jack Altman of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store union, conceded that Communists had wormed

Disgusted with "the dirty work of the Communists within our union," Frank R. McGrath, president of the CIO United Shoe Workers, announced his resignation in Washington, D. C.

their way into CIO councils and sought to divert the labor movement to advancement of the cause of a foreign nation and its ideology.

In addition to Altman, the new committee included representatives of the United Auto Workers, Textile Workers, Rubber Workers, Utility Workers and Novelty Workers. In banding together to combat the Communist menace, they followed the lead of democratic elements within the CIO Electrical and Upholsterers' unions.

RUBBER: Cut Price

While the state department declared that an unexpected increase in production of Malayan rubber has permitted the British to slash their price to 20½ cents a pound to the U. S., experts asserted that the government's threat to utilize a greater capacity of this country's huge synthetic industry resulted in the reduction.

British, Dutch and French producers had hiked their price to 23½

cents a pound from the wartime rate of 20¼ cents when Uncle Sam contracted to purchase 145,000 tons during the latter half of 1946. Congressional protest that the U. S. was being gouged by plantation operators led the state department into insisting on the lower price in buying an additional 200,000 tons, it was said.

Because of a desire to provide the British, Dutch and French with American dollars for purchases in this country, the state department has recommended that the U. S. obtain the bulk of its rubber from Far Eastern plantations and utilize only 250,000 tons of its huge synthetic capacity yearly.

DRAFT: Modify Plan

In modifying its postwar draft plans for teen-agers, the army improved the prospects for eventual congressional adoption. The statement of Rep. Dewey Short (Rep., Mo.) that he would consider a modified draft after having been convinced of its necessity by General Eisenhower indicated which way the wind was blowing.

While the new plan calls for the induction of 18-year-olds, it differed from previous proposals in that it confined intensive training to six months and gives the draftee a number of alternatives in completing the remainder of his service. He could:

- Continue his specialized military training for six months.
- Enlist in any of the regular military services, national guard or reserve corps.
- Enter West Point or Annapolis.
- Enlist in the reserve corps and take up an approved college course, including R.O.T.C. training, or a technical course in an authorized school.

Inductees would not be subject to military law but a special code of conduct and receive a monthly allowance of \$30 plus subsistence, dependents' benefits, insurance and disability compensation, if eligible.

FATS: Remain Short

The U. S. faces a continuing shortage of fats and oils during the next 12 months as production drops 1 billion pounds below the estimated demand of 10.7 billion pounds, Charles E. Lund, food specialist in the department of commerce, declared at a meeting of the American Meat institute.

The most pronounced scarcity will remain in butter, with demand continuing heavy for fluid milk and dairy products affording producers a larger profit. With butter output down 35 per cent from prewar levels and per capita consumption reduced from 18 to 10 pounds, only slight improvement is expected in 1947, Lund said.

Supplies of paint oils, drying oils and laundry soap will continue short because of limited stocks of inedible fats and oils. Diversion of substantial amounts of coconut oil from the Philippines to other countries has limited the relief expected from that quarter, Lund declared.

FOOTBALL: 'No Football'

"Postwar college football has no more relation to education than bullfighting to agriculture."

So said Robert V. Fletcher, chairman of the board of American university of Washington, D. C., in commenting upon the school's permanent ban on football.

Elaborating on Fletcher's statement, Prexy Paul F. Douglass declared that agents and scouts of affluent coaches scoured the country for likely talent and then bid, and bitterly, for promising prospects' services.

Passage of the G.I. bill of rights has permitted the ivory-hunters to offer athletes even more than formerly, Douglass said. In addition to tuition, books and subsistence payments made by the Veterans' administration, players sometimes receive as much as \$200 per month more in cash or fictitious jobs.

PARIS: Override Russ

Overriding the bitter opposition of the Russian camp, the Anglo-American bloc pushed through the French compromise proposal for strong United Nations' control over the free territory of Trieste in a committee session of the Paris peace conference.

If finally adopted by the general convention and the foreign ministers' council, the proposal would establish an all-powerful governor acting under the U.N. for Trieste. He could introduce legislation, wield a veto, maintain order, conduct foreign affairs and name and remove the judiciary.

Pro-Russian opposition to the proposal grew from the hope that Yugoslav and Italian Communists could dominate the free territory through majority representation in an elected assembly. In acting to establish strong authority in Trieste, the Anglo-American bloc sought to prevent the domination of either the Yugoslavs or Italians by the other.

TURTLE: Long Jump

The big, blue, two-motored "Truculent Turtle" circled in a steep bank at 2,000 feet and one engine sputtered. The crowd at the Columbus, Ohio, airport watched anxiously in fear that the plane's tanks were running dry. Then, Comdr. Thomas D. Davies, 32, leveled off the ship, the motor picked up, and he made a safe landing to complete a record-breaking 11,236-mile flight in 55 hours and 17 minutes.

The temporary engine trouble at the airport was not the only anxious moment the "Truculent Turtle" caused on the long haul from Perth,



William M. Mann (left) of National zoo in Washington, D. C., and Commander Davies with kangaroo carried on record hop.

Australia. In the Bougainville-New Guinea area, the crew rode out heavy weather; 200 miles off California, they ran into thick clouds and flew on instruments; north of San Francisco, ice formations on the wings cut speed to 150 m.p.h.

Although Commander Davies and his three-man crew were not fazed by the mechanical rigidities of their flight, they intimated that the 35-pound baby kangaroo they carted as a gift to a Washington, D. C., zoo was more than their match as he fussed in his cage.

NUERNBERG: U. S. Must Lead: Goering

No. 2 Nazi during Hitler's heyday and leader of the German bigwigs on trial for war crimes at Nuernberg, Hermann Goering told a British correspondent that U. S. retention of leadership in the field of the atom bomb was the hope of the world. Otherwise, he said, civilization is doomed.

Speaking out after having been condemned to death along with 11 other top Nazis for war crimes, Goering further declared that the character of future German governments will depend upon the U. S. and Britain.

To the question whether he thought he had received a fair trial, Goering responded that the court could not be objective because the proceedings were of a political nature. Politely, he purred: "One really could not say that all the possibilities of defense were at my disposal."



Notes of a Newspaper Man:

Churchill and Ass't Sec'y of State Berle thrashed out a lot of problems at 10 Downing street during the war. Berle protested Churchill's support of only one Yugoslav party (Tito's). . . . Finally Churchill said: "Cahn't you permit an old man one romance?"

"Sure," said the American, "but, as in all these cases, I can only hope the affection is returned!"

The Democrats were going to use "You Need Mead!" for the N. Y. gubernatorial campaign slogan. . . . Until they heard that those mean, old Republicans were going to counter-attack with just one word—right under theirs: "Dewey!"

Quotation Marksmanship: Goethe: There is no more terrible sight than ignorance in action. . . . Anon: Always listen to the opinions of others; it probably won't do you any good, but it will them. . . . B. Penrose: Public office — the last refuge of the incompetent. . . . A. Head: Some women carry their secrets about them like an alluring perfume; others wear their secrets in their eyes. . . . J. Caida: The glazed pain in her eyes—like frozen tears. . . . P. Baker: News is anything that makes a woman say: "For Heaven's sakes!" . . . A. Franklin: Truman the Chief Executive. . . . Ike Eisenhower: To win the peace you have to fight like hell. . . . R. McDowell: The trouble with money is that so few people can afford it. J. Billingsley: Love conquers all—except poverty and a toothache.

"How are the Dodgers doing?"

"Which do you mean — the ones in Brooklyn or the ones in the State Dep't?"

Sounds in the Night: In the Stork: "They seem to be treating Henry Wallace like he was Henry Aldrich!" . . . At the B'way Hofbrau: "He'll make a fortune with his new invention for columnists. A fountain pen that writes under pressure!" . . . At Lindy's: "What's the S in H. S. Truman stand for?" . . . "I dunno. What's Harry Truman stand for?" . . . At the Riviera: "Wallace went down for the count of 10—Downing street" . . . At Hanson's: "Look, I want to be your Now Or Never—not your Now and Then!" . . . At the Colony: "Wish he'd stick to the Stork market and leave the Stock market alone." . . . At the Blue Angel: "A Broadwayite is a Jerque who knows the inside of everything—except his own home."

Whatever became of that old gag about the restaurant patron who asked the time of a passing waitress, who kept on going as she said, "Sorry, but that's not my table."

It's on page 23 of the current Old Yorker.

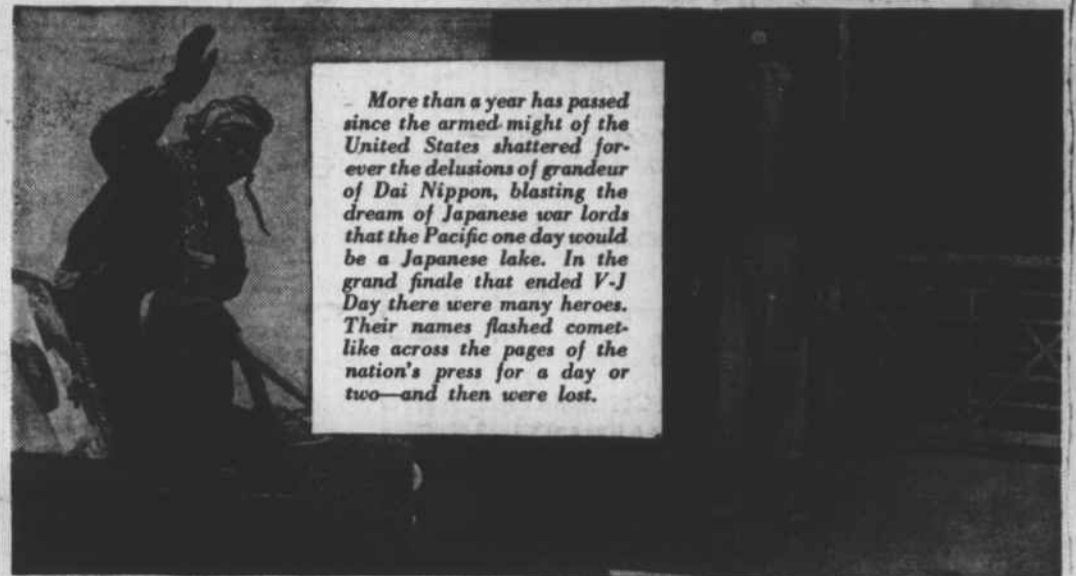
Sallies in Our Alley: They were discussing a Broadway actor on the skids. "I hear," said a Lindyite, "That he and his wife may go on the early morning radio with one of those breakfast routines." . . . "I gedit," summed up Hal McIntyre, "one of those has-been and wife teams!" . . . It's been announced that divorcees in the U. S. have gone up 25 per cent, and J. Elinson thinks he knows the chorus girl responsible for half of 'em.

International Weather Report: Dark war clouds over Europe; continued fog over Washington.

A foreign correspondent tells about his conversation with a Russian scientist who deplored those who discuss atomic energy only in terms of war—when that energy could accomplish miracles in peace. He summed up with this canny analogy: "To talk of atomic energy in terms of atomic bombs is like talking of electricity in terms of the electric chair."

Manhattan Murals: The Hamburger Heaven opposite St. Patrick's cathedral on 51st, which serves little paper envelopes (of sugar) on which is printed: "And stir like H—!" . . . The pathetic sight of a little blind boy "looking" into a 3rd avenue toy shop while his mother shopped at a nearby butcher's. . . . The panhandler with the H'oxford accent. His requests for handouts are masterpieces of eloquence. . . . The chalk sign on a construction fence: "Annie Get Your Goon." . . . The 42nd street and 6th avenue bootblack whose parrot (on his shoulder) calls out: "Shine, buddy?"

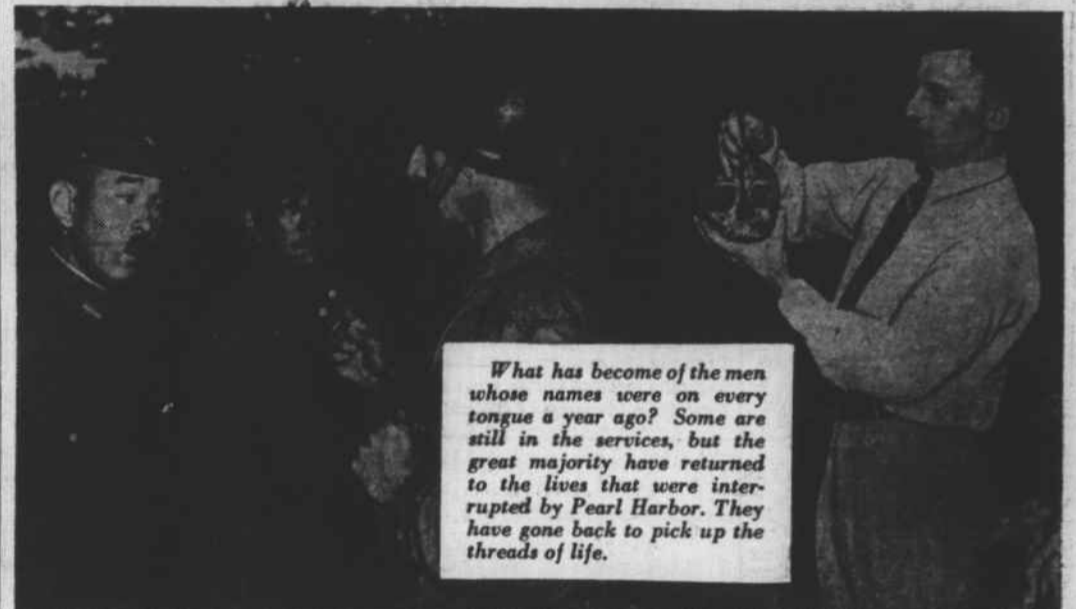
HEROES Then and Now



More than a year has passed since the armed might of the United States shattered forever the delusions of grandeur of Dai Nippon, blasting the dream of Japanese war lords that the Pacific one day would be a Japanese lake. In the grand finale that ended V-J Day there were many heroes. Their names flashed comet-like across the pages of the nation's press for a day or two—and then were lost.

VICTORY SPEARHEAD . . . The name of Capt. Donald McMillan of New York City was headlined when he piloted the first plane load of American personnel to Japan's Atsuki aerodrome.

RECONVERSION . . . And this is McMillan today, one year after his historic flight to Tokyo. He is shown in his working clothes as a geologist at Anaconda Copper company, Butte, Mont.



What has become of the men whose names were on every tongue a year ago? Some are still in the services, but the great majority have returned to the lives that were interrupted by Pearl Harbor. They have gone back to pick up the threads of life.

CONNECTICUT YANKEE . . . A Yankee who speaks Japanese fluently is a rare bird indeed. Such a one was Lt. A. H. Smith of West Haven, Conn., marine corps interpreter during victory operations.

ALAS, POOR YORICK! . . . Reminiscent of the graveyard scene in Hamlet is this one showing Smith back at his job as assistant professor of anthropology at University of Texas at Austin.



The few modest heroes presented here are typical of the men who finished the job in Japan. A year ago they made headlines. Today they are working quietly in peaceful pursuits, proud of what they accomplished but not expecting to be hailed as world saviors. There was a job to do that necessitated a detour from the life they had planned.

IN FIRST FIFTY . . . Among the first 50 men of the U. S. occupation forces to land on Japanese soil was Sgt. Joseph Archosky, radio operator of the 68th army group, army airways communications system.

STILL TEAMWORK . . . Archosky is a firm believer in teamwork. He saw what it did to Japan. So he still practices it. He and his bride team up here to unravel a college homework problem.

Navy to Honor Sea Victims at Memorial Rites

WASHINGTON.—Following a custom inaugurated in 1945, navy planes and ships will scatter flowers over the oceans of the world on Navy Day, Oct. 27, in tribute to shipmates who gave their lives at sea in defense of their country during World War II.

People desiring to participate in the service may send one flower to the senior naval chaplain at any designated U. S. port before midnight Oct. 26. The flowers will be put aboard planes and ships for transport to sea.

California's Lure Proves No Magnet In Three States

LOS ANGELES.—The magic lure of California has little effect on residents of Maine, New Hampshire and Wyoming, chamber of commerce officials regretfully admit.

Reporting that its mail volume has increased fourfold during the past year, the chamber says the least number of inquiries come from those three states. Greatest percentage comes from New York and Illinois.

Not Only Girls Bewail Current High Doll Costs

WASHINGTON.—Members of Washington Council of Church Women are awaiting return of the 29-cent doll as impatiently as any child ever awaited Santa Claus.

The reason is that the current high price of dolls is holding up plans for the council to extend its famous "doll adoption" plan to children abroad.

Now the council wants to inaugurate a doll-adoption program in Latin America and China, but its plans are stymied by the high cost of dolls.