

This Week in WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C.—The President's plan for relieving the housing shortage is considered here to be a "partially satisfactory answer" to a problem for which there is no hope of an immediate remedy.

At the present moment, according to figures supplied by John Snyder, director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, "more than a million families are living doubled-up with other families" and the number is expected to increase by hundreds of thousands next year as more men return to civilian life.

The President's answer to the situation includes: immediate release of government surpluses of building materials, priorities to those building homes in the under-\$10,000 class and price ceilings on both new and old dwellings. The first two parts of the program already are being put

into operation. The ceiling provision, however, will require legislation, and it appears rather doubtful whether congress will agree to enact "ceiling price" legislation when there is so much public clamor to get rid of price control.

The ceiling for old houses proposed by the President would be the last price at which a house sold, while the ceiling on new houses would be based on the cost of building plus a fair profit.

Most optimistic estimates are that 500,000 dwellings might be built during 1946. At this rate the present severe housing shortage couldn't be very much relieved before 1949.

Indications are that the labor difficulties which are impeding reconversion will continue well into 1946. When finally solved it

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OPPOSES CONSCRIPTION—Senator Thomas (D) of Utah says in the December American Magazine that compulsory military service in peacetime is undemocratic and un-American and should be abolished in favor of a voluntary system. The chairman of the powerful Senate Military Affairs Committee thinks that the right kind and number of American youths will volunteer for an occupation service not exceeding two years if Army life is made sufficiently attractive and remunerative.

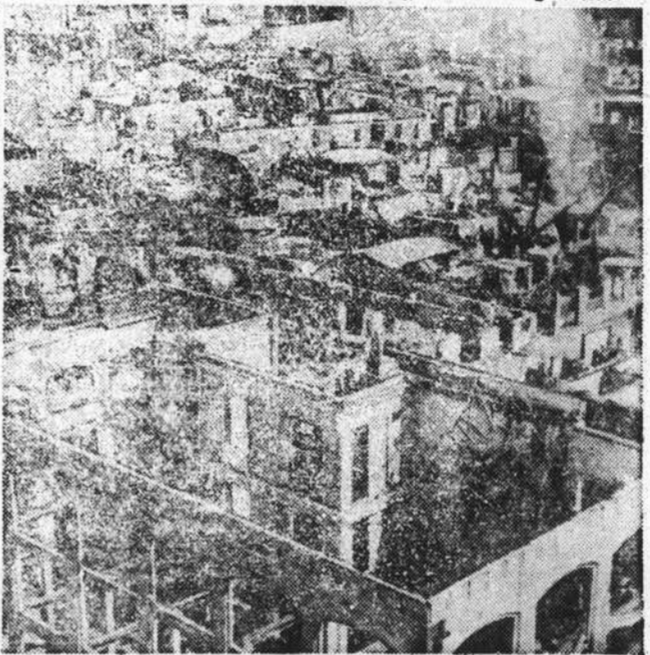


WHETHER YOU USE a tub or a washer when you launder shirts, you will be sure of a steamlined job if you blue automatically while you wash, adding bluing flakes with the soap. This technique will not only insure gleaming white and color bright shirts that will never have bluing streaks, but will save time by eliminating the need for a special bluing job. After the two clear water rinses so essential to good laundry practice, starch the shirts, adding a specially prepared wax-like product to the starch to keep the iron from sticking and to give a smooth, dirt-resisting finish.

MEN'S TOILETRIES are Jack Carson's answer to the Christmas gift question. Jack is mailing his Seaforth mugs and jugs early this year to make sure they arrive in time.



CLINCH COLLECTION—Vicki Vols, star of stage and radio, shows off her favorite pin-up pictures which she has appropriately named her "clinch collection." Made up of a series of the famous Back Home For Keeps illustrations, Vicki's favorites are the Navy pictures. The reason—her guy is in the Navy.



ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES of the \$27,000,000 Presbyterian Restoration Fund is to give aid to the long suffering peoples in Europe and Asia. Included in the total war destruction was \$1,500,000,000 worth of church buildings in Europe alone. The above scene of desolation in Manila is typical of cities which have been bombed by the enemy.

is expected that our country will have a more definite labor policy than it has ever had before—a set of rules and regulations under which labor, management and government can work together without constant bickering and serious interruptions in production.

Present indications are that labor will have to agree to accept more responsibility, to abolish "wild-cat" strikes, to use the regular strike weapon with less frequency, and to let wages be more directly related to the prosperity of business.

Management, on the other hand may be forced to open its books during wage discussions in order to work out wage agreements related to profits, to abolish layoffs or provide some compensation to workers during layoffs, and to give greater acceptance to collective bargaining.

The President's recommendation for legislation empowering him to appoint fact-finding boards to consider strike threats for 30 days before a strike takes place is looked upon fairly favorably

by many congressmen. But because of the opposition of labor and the lack of enthusiasm for the plan on the part of management, there is no chance of it being rushed through congress.

Automobile production, because of strikes, is way behind the schedule set when war ended. It was expected that 500,000 cars would be built during 1945, but present figures indicate that the total will probably not reach 100,000. This means months of delay in supplying the new cars which people already have ordered and the major automobile companies have given up even guessing when deliveries might be made.

The automobile concerns are still putting pressure on OPA to allow them to increase prices—particularly if they will have to give wage increases. The Ford Motor company has estimated that it will lose money on every car it makes in 1946, under the present price schedule, and expects losses to total 35 million dollars.

Timely Hints

By RUTH CURRENT

For roast turkey choose a young, tender bird, with a generous coating of fat under the skin. Other clues to roasting quality are well-rounded body, a



CORDIAL GOOD WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Time waits for no man, and 1946 is no exception. That is why we hasten to send our New Year's wishes to you good folks in town and all around town.

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WE SALUTE YOU AS THE NEW YEAR DAWNS Now, when the hopeful New Year is about to take its place on the world stage, we salute the brave men and women who have so splendidly guarded America's precious heritage of freedom. We salute you, too, good friends and neighbors. Ours is a debt of gratitude we can hardly repay.

Better days are ahead for all of us, we are reasonably sure, and we want you to know how deeply we appreciate your friendship.

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AS ANOTHER year comes to a close and a New Year dawns we pause for a moment to look backward as well as forward. We are happy in the thought that we have made so many new friends in 1945 and retained so many old ones.

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R. C. Mitchell