

OPA Prepares For Vet Plan

RALEIGH, February.—A broad program for assisting veterans of this war to return to businesses or employment affected by OPA regulations and for veteran participation with other groups in the work of price control and rationing was announced today by District Director Theodore S. Johnson, of the Raleigh District Office of Price Administration.

William B. Duncan, of Raleigh, active in American Legion affairs and now rationing attorney for the OPA, was named to serve as veterans relations advisor effective at once. Duncan will be responsible for giving veterans special services and advise concerning regulations and help in handling all problems connected with government wartime regulations.

Johnson said that OPA is working closely with George K. Snow, state commander of the American Legion.

"OPA has a deep sense of responsibility toward returned veterans," Johnson said. "The OPA program vitally affects the lives of veterans in a good many ways."

"As a first important step, we will provide special advisory service to veterans in our National, Regional and District Offices. Here in the district office, we have designated a veterans relations advisor to help with the program."

"We are revising our food rationing regulations to provide veterans with as much assistance as supply conditions permit in starting new businesses which use rationed food products as raw materials."

"Since OPA is the largest Federal Civilian Agency, we have a responsibility and opportunity to offer federal employment to returned servicemen and disabled veterans. We expect to continue and increase our present efforts through civil service to recruit veterans for OPA service."

"We expect to keep in close touch with representatives of veterans organizations. I plan to sit down and discuss with them freely the problems facing veterans and how our programs can help them."

"We expect to appoint a veterans relations advisor. Beyond this, we have already named Mr. Duncan, who is on our staff, as a veteran's advisor."

"The job of the veteran's advisor will include the establishment of an OPA veteran's advisory committee. Such committee will discuss and plan:

1. Ways of making price and rent

DEEDS OF VALOR—By Senich



ON JUNE 27TH—WALSH AND PARTY CAPTURED 400 GERMANS IN CHERBOURG. LATER THAT DAY—WALSH, NEGOTIATED THE SURRENDER OF FORT DUHOMET—EFFECTING THE RELEASE OF 52 CAPTURED U.S. PARATROOPERS AND BAGGING 350 MORE KRAUTS.

control and rationing more effective.

2. Ways of meeting special veterans' problems.

3. Increased employment of returned servicemen in the OPA in full cooperation with the civil service commission.

"This is in line with our regular policy of consulting with business, labor, agriculture and other groups through out advisory committees."

"Mr. Duncan will also expedite the handling of veteran's applications for quotas in businesses affected by OPA regulations. Furthermore, he will assist the veteran in getting information as to the extent to which regulations of other federal agencies may affect his business."

"OPA price and rationing regulations affect veterans as businessmen or potential businessmen. Some of our price regulations have clauses in them which restrict the field to those who were in it before a certain date. Several of our rationing regulations, especially in the case of sugar, fats and oils, have a similar effect."

"We are well along in the process of amending our price and rationing regulations to meet this prob-

Girl He Leaves Behind Does Not Wait For Man

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 25.—What could have been a very fine romance—complete with movie ending—has been nipped in the bud.

From the battlefields of Luzon this message was relayed from point to point until it reached Jacksonville:

"Very important that you get to San Francisco in the next few days. The message was to Miss Lorraine Fulp, care of National Air Lines, Jacksonville, Fla. The sender was handsome Capt. Robert V. Ball, Richmond, Calif., headed homeward from Manila with 30 days leave and matrimony in his heart.

It could have been a very fine romance—except...

Miss Lorraine Fulp is now addressed as Mrs. George Cook, Jacksonville—as of Jan. 23—this year.

Mrs. Cook was surprised, and pleased, to hear from Capt. Robert Ball—and small wonder.

Robert hasn't been available for the past few years. As a matter of fact, Robert deserves to be met by a pretty girl in San Francisco. He's had a rather busy time of it.

He had been a key man in the American intelligence setup in the Philippines and supplied General Douglas MacArthur with information which aided in the Luzon campaign.

During the past year he has operated a radio station on Luzon right under the noses of the Japs. Robert was on duty at Mindanao when the garrison surrendered to the Japs in 1941. He later escaped and joined Colonel Fertig's famed guerrillas. Since, he's been all over the island doing all kinds of chores for the American Army and Navy, with Japs about five steps behind all the way.

But while Robert was dodging Japs on Luzon his thoughts turned romantic-wise from time to time—especially to the pretty girl he met in a drug store in Sarasota, Fla., in 1940.

Lorraine and Robert corresponded for a time, then the war kind of broke things off. Lorraine had tried to write and tell Robert about her approaching marriage, but the mail was pretty slow.

By this time the return message has reached Robert. Lorraine won't be waiting on the dock in San Francisco, but it's hoped some pretty girl will be.

Ocean Tankers Save Day in Fuel Pinch

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Ocean-going tankers kept many eastern cities and towns "from running completely dry" when severe storms crippled overland transportation facilities recently.

This was disclosed yesterday by the Petroleum Administration for War which reported that tankers brought 570,010 barrels of petroleum and petroleum products daily into East Coast ports during the week ended Feb. 3.

This was the highest weekly shipments by tankers since April, 1942, when tankers were requisitioned by the War Shipping Administration and largely diverted to the carrying of military supplies.

Deputy Administrator Ralph K. Davies said the tanker movement assumed great importance since tank-car deliveries during the week ended Feb. 10, fell to a three-year low for the second successive week with a shipment of 425,155 barrels daily.

Urge A Of L In World Union

An ardent new plea to the American Federation of Labor "to forsake its path of isolation" and join in the World Trade Union organization with all other countries, was a feature of an address here by Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the British Trade Union Conference.

Sir Walter did not actually mention the A. F. of L. by name but addressed an appeal to "certain powerful organizations" not represented in the current talks.

He said he could understand deep convictions, but he asked, "How can any trade-union movement thrive in isolation?"

Seized Nazi Maps Serve In Reverse

New York, Feb. 25.—Vast stocks of German maps, designed for the invasion of Britain, fell into British hands when Brussels was liberated, according to information reaching here.

Rather than waste or pulp them it was decided to print large-scale maps of Germany on their backs. British forces now are using the maps in their invasion of Germany.

GOP Future Seen In Building Up

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Herbert Brownell, Jr., Republican National Chairman, said Feb. 16 that the G. O. P.'s principal future work would be "within the party lines, building and strengthening the party" rather than sponsoring any separate organizations, such as the Congress of Industrial Organization's Political Action Committee.

At a press conference he also announced the appointment of Wil-

iam T. Pfeiffer, former New York Representative in Congress, as his executive assistant in charge of the New York office. Mr. Pfeiffer is a native of Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. Brownell declined to comment on President Roosevelt's appointments to the United Nations Conference in San Francisco or on the part he or Gov. Thomas E. Dewey might take in the New York mayoral election.

Mr. Brownell said he planned a trip to the Middle West and possibly later to New England to "get Republican leaders' reactions" to the program adopted at the party's recent Indianapolis conference.

Montgomery Heads Woman's Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Ruth Shick Montgomery of the New York Daily News Feb. 15 was elected chairman of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's Press Conference Association. The organization governs press at-

tendance at Mrs. Roosevelt's press conferences from which men are excluded.

Eulalie McDowell of the United Press was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Other members of the standing committee named are Elinor Lee of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Christine Sadler of the Washington Post and Malvina Stephenson of the Cincinnati Star-Times and Kansas City Star.

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Boosts Premium For Grade Corn

Washington, Feb. 20.—The OPA today authorized a premium allowance of one-half cent a bushel for all No. 1 corn, effective February 26th.

This boosts the ceiling price to \$1.16 1-2 a bushel, Chicago basis, one-half cent over the base maximum for No. 2 yellow corn, and No. 2 mixed corn. All white corn continues to carry a premium of 15 cents a bushel over yellow corn.

The premium is being allowed in recognition of the better quality of No. 1 corn, the OPA said.

paigns in areas in which there are important training camps, rehabilitation centers or other military or naval institutions.

"Second, in order to aid the cause for which the veteran has fought, we must ration scarce commodities to assure that they are used with maximum effectiveness in winning the war. For example, we must be sure that the critically short supply of large size truck tires is distributed exclusively to most essential activities.

"Third, OPA is trying to preserve a stable economy during the war period and as long afterward as inflationary pressures last.

"Veterans, like the rest of us, want to get rid of price control and rationing as soon as conditions permit. But, like the rest of us, they want to see these controls work while the dangers of sharply rising prices and unfair distribution of limited supplies still face us.

"They have before them the memory of what happened after the last war, when the veteran's problem in getting a job or re-entering business was aggravated by the collapse that followed the inflationary period of 1914-1920. All of us are agreed that we must not let that happen again."

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Elements of Church Strength
(By the Rev. J. F. Funderburk,
Pastor of Mill Creek and Bethel Hill Baptist Churches.)

TEXT: ISIAH: 52-1

When we are asked concerning the strength of our church, we almost invariably think only of its numerical and financial strength. These things do not necessarily constitute a strong church. Then, what are some of the elements of church strength?

Unimpeachable belief in the teachings of God's word: We must believe its teachings respecting salvation. Almost anyone will declare his belief in the efficacy of the blood of Jesus Christ. Yet, that belief does not become an element of church strength until one believes it strongly enough to apply it to the lives of sinners. The efficacy of the blood of Jesus Christ is one of the cardinal tenets of the Christian church. The church that is strong in the strength of God will make the salvation of sinners the chief object of its being. The church that believes and acts upon the truth will be blessed by the truth. It matters not how much a church may profess to believe in this truth, if it does not try to reclaim the lost it will have failed in God's sight. Intelligent Christian living: The church that lives well will succeed well. Church people ought to con-

form to the laws given by God to regulate the conduct of His children. It is almost universally acknowledged by non-church people that the non-conformance to the laws of righteousness on the part of professed Christians, has done estimable harm to the cause of Christ. There are thousands of people who never read God's word and rarely attend church. The only inspiration they get comes from what they see and hear. It is sad but true that in the sinner's field of observation he sees too many thorns and not enough roses. It is great to have the truth, but it is a thousand times better to live it. It's doubtful if there is another organization in the world that could live under the stress and strain of the inconsistencies and incongruities on the part of those who constitute its body, as does the church. Surely there is an element of Divinity in it. Lives? yes, it lives, but it cannot live and prosper on the stimulus of a few choice souls.

Unquestioned fidelity to the whole program of the church: The church, like the human body, becomes strong by exercising the strength it already possesses. One of the most pathetic pleas in all the world is the plea of the church for willing workers. Several years ago while I was pastor in Georgia, one night at prayer meeting the superintendent of the beginners department asked if she

might have something to say. She and three little girls stood up as she said, "These are all that are left in this class because we can't get a teacher." I thought of a statement I had so often seen in God's word, "Is it nothing to you, all you that pass by?" We all know that most of our churches are weakened because so many of its members do not attend upon its services with any degree of regularity. I recently heard a bit of philosophy which was amusing, but sadly true to church life. This layman had attended the first services of a new pastor. The house was packed to its capacity. Many times had this layman been there when this was not the case. After the services he dryly remarked, "Well, a new broom sweeps clean, but the old broom knows where the dirt is."

A member of mine once said to me, "I want you to preach a sermon on, what people miss by not going to church." I gently reminded him that I had just recently preached a sermon on why people ought to go to church. He seemed to have been absent that day. We all know that anything is strong in proportion to its elements of strength. "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean."—Isaiah 52:1.

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