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HARD FACTS

AND SOFT THINKING

end, it's the hard facts of reality paperboard for boxes, cartons conthat mankind has to face.

President Harry S. Truman realized this when, in those first can be no adequate distribution. jubilant moments following his an- In fact, estimated paper requirenouncement of Japanese surrender, ments call for more pulpwood than

est task we have ever faced. The year. emergency today is as great as it was on Dec. 7."

The victory celebration is over The cold grey "morning after" economic crisis in our history.

ed for next Spring.

Of course, it takes time for industry to reconvert from war to "We are going to meet it (the unpeacetime operations. When new employment problem) -- and it products finally start to roll off will take the help of all of you to great assembly lines it will make do it."

a difference. And if industry gets going "full blast", the unemployment problem is bound to shrink to nothingness.

An important danger in the months ahead rests in the fact that industry will not produce any Soft thinking may be able to more of its products than can be gloss over some unpleasant situ- distributed. And there may be a ations for a time but always, in the serious shortage of paper and tainers, wadding, packaging and wrapping, with out which there has ever been produced in this "We are faced with the great- nation in any single peacetime

> Failure to produce this pulpwood could make our paper supply

the "bottleneck" of reemployment. In a real sense it may be said facts are that we face the greatest that our nation's economic future fore the nation once again could depends in large part upon this Unemployment is mounting It and other pulpwood producing may reach 5,000,000 by the end of areas. The time for soft thinking September. A reservoir of 8,000,- is past. The hard facts are that 000 unemployed has been predict- mills must have more top quality pulpwood NOW.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Japs Guard Against Uprising; Plan to Demobilize 7,000,000; Nation Shifts to Peace Economy

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are e.:pressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Tighten Imperial Grip

Even as General MacArthur arranged the complicated procedure for Japanese surrender and occupation, the U.S. prepared for the mafor readfustments looming ahead be tread the paths of peace.

With the Japanese government anxious to bring about a cessation of firing before the preliminary surrender parley in Manila, the conference was postponed to permit members of the imperial household to fly to the far-flung Asiatic battlefronts to enforce the emperor's orders to lay

Appointment of tough and able 57year-old Prince Higashi-Kuni as Jap premier disclosed an effort to bring all of the weight of the imperial family behind the surrender acceptance to avert any outbreak of diehards which might upset the internal situation. A second cousin of the emperor and an uncle of the empress. Higashi-Kuni has had a long career in the Jap army, serving a chief of the military aviation board, commander of defense headquarters and a member of the supreme war council.

While it was expected that some fanatical officers may try to fight on or commit hara-kiri, the great mass of Japanese were expected to give up peaceably. "There will be no trouble when American soldiers go to Japan if it is the wish of the emperor," said one Jap naval officer. "The army, navy and Japanese people exist only by the will of the emperor.

U. S. Demobilizes

With the end of the war, the serv ices' carefully prepared demobilization plans were scheduled to be put into effect, with the draft continuing for men under 25 years of age unless the President or congress ordained otherwise.

Approximately 261,000 enlisted men and 40,000 officers are eligible for release under the navy's newly announced discharge plan requiring 44 points for the enlisted men and 49 for the officers. Under the program, one-half point is allowed for each year of age up to the nearest birthday; one-half point for each full month of active duty since September 1, 1939, and 10 extra points for dependents regardless of number. Requirements for WAVES are about 14 points lower, with the same credit computations.

Designed to relieve men with the longest service, the navy program will permit release of about 2,000,000 men within the next 12 to 18 months. which, with the army's plan for discharging 5,000,000 G.I.s within a year, will result in a total demobilization of 7,000,000 by 1947.

Except for four categories of specialists, all army personnel with 85 points or more will be immediately released, along with men 38 years of age or over. Until such a time as the size of the occupation force needed in Japan can be determined. however, there will be no reduction in the present point system, it was indicated.

With G.I.s in the Pacific eligible for discharge due to be released. men with low-point scores in the U. S. or with only brief European | tember 29.

service must prepare to accept over seas assignments, the army declared.

Ease Controls

Though five million people were expected to be discharged from war work following cessation of hostilities, industrial plans for a rapid reconversion to civilian manufacture promised early re-employment.

Fortunately, such basic industries as steel will be able to furnish civilian materials with little delay, and plans have been set up to continue government supervision over scarce items to permit more even distribution and prevent speculative hoarding and pressure for price increases.

With its financial position greatly bolstered by heavy wartime production, and with banking funds available before settlement of cancelled war contracts, industry generally is strongly heeled for reconversion. Meanwhile, civilians have record cash balances and bond holdings,



Economic Stabilizer Davis (left) and Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach leave White House after reconversion confab.

and will be able to draw unemployment compensation to tide them over the early transition period. While manpower controls were removed with Japan's defeat, wage checks were retained to prevent an

inflationary spiral, and efforts made to minimize strike threats. With another bumper crop on tap, farmers could look to continued heavy government purchases for the large military and naval establishments and foreign relief, and an uncertain domestic market dependent on the speed of the reconversion program. Under congressional leg-

islation, however, farmers have

been assured of federal price sup-

port for at least two years after the Among the first effects of reduced military requirements was the removal of gas, fuel oil, canned fruits, vegetables and juices and other processed foods from the rationing lists. At the same time, price control was lifted from such items as jewelry, sports equipment, toys sellng at 25 cents or less, cigarette lighters, pipes, luxury furs and garments, some photographic apparatus

Because of the shortage of supplies, and no possibility for immediate increases, rationing will be retained on meats, fats and oils, butter, sugar, shoes and tires.

and notions.

In the case of tires, OPA anounced, drivers of cars used for occupational purposes will continue to receive cords according to the importance of their work, and "A" card holders will be given consideration in cases of unusual hardship.

Though a check will be kept on shoes, men's and women's wear manufactured before March 1, 1944, and priced at \$3.50 or less a pair, will be ration-free through to Sep-

Army Teaches G.I.s Virtues of Thrift

armed forces have been taught the virtues of thrift is indicated by figures supplied by the war depart-ment office of dependency benefits.

As of the end of June, there were 3,714,910 active monthly Class-E allotments-of-pay, which are voluntary assignments of pay to a soldier's dependents, a bank, an insurance company, etc., and are dis-

tinct from the family allowances to which the government contributes. Over 40 million dollars have gon to insurance companies in the last

three years to pay premiums on soldiers' civilian life insurance. In June alone, \$263,227 went to building and loan and savings and loan associations under the recently authorized plan permitting G.I. Joe to save for a home.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Bern, announce the birth of a dau. Germany. ghter, Jean Claire, on August 19,

1945, at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bern, Mrs. Southerland is the former Miss Mary Daniels of New Pvt. and Mrs. Leonard W. Sou- Bern, and Pvt. Southerland is therland of Warsaw and New with the Army of Occupation in

Another Good Year Owing to record yields of wheat, oats, peanuts, rice, peaches, pecans and commercial truck crops; near record prospects for hay, tobacco, soybeans, sugar cane, and large production for potatoes, sorghum grains and flaxseed, the department of agriculture predicted the 1945 harvest would be the third best in history.

With the wheat crop estimated at a record 1,146,283,000 bushels on the basis of conditions as of August 1, and with oats at 1.546,032,000 bushels, feed grain production was at a high level despite the estimated drop in the corn harvest to 2,844,478,-000 bushels. One of the bright spots in the

picture was the estimated increase in sugar cane production to 6,976,000 tons, and rise in sugar beet output to 9.332,000 tons, promising to relieve the tight supply in the commodity.

Conservation Needed

After the most extensive study of farmland resources ever undertaken by any nation, the soil conrervation service reported that more tian 90 per cent of the country's farmland was in need of treatment to protect it from erosion and maintain fertility.

More than 3,600,000 man years of labor would be required for the huge task, the service said, along with \$27,441 years of motor equipment; 1.089,978 years of horse-drawn fachities, and 2,544,106 tons of seed.

Of the 417,561,000 acres of farmland now under actual cultivation. the service said that 43,000,000 should be retired because of steepness, erosion, wetness and stone.

LABORITE BRITAIN

With Great Britain and all the rest of the world awaiting the pattern of postwar life in the United Kingdom, King George VI presented the victorious Labor party's legislative program, with nationalization of the Bank of England and the coal mines heading the agenda.

At the same time, the king revealed that the war's end would not bring about a release of wartime restrictions, with the Laborites seeking power during the reconversion period to maintain control over materials and services to assure proper distribution at fair prices.

Besides nationalizing the Bank of England to promote employment and development, and socializing the coal mines as part of a program to integrate the fuel and power industry, the Laborites propose to reorganize transport; provide social security and industrial insurance; buy land for housing, and set up machinery for planning investments in new business.

WORLD RELIEF:

Needs Boosted

With the termination of the war in the Pacific expected to multiply its problems, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration Director Herbert Lehman declared that more than two billion dollars in additional funds would be needed to help stricken countries before their restoration of stable

Speaking at the third international conference of UNRRA at Lopdon, Lehman revealed plans for coping with the Asiatic relief problem, disclosing that plans already have been formulated for the shipment of supplies to China over the Stilwell road and through coastal ports. Of the 100 million Chinese reported destitute, many are expected to succumb even if relief should be offered immediately.

The London meeting was enlivened by Australia's demand to broaden the UNRRA control council to nine members instead of the present Big Four to provide smaller nations with greater representation in the allocation of funds.

FRANCE:

Break Marshal

Leader of France's liberation move ment, Gen. Charles de Gaulle spared the life of Marshal Henri Petain by commuting his death sentence for plotting against the internal safety of the country to life imprisonment.

Nevetheless, the jury's additional sentence of national indignity stood, imposed even after Petain's final assertion: "My thought, my only thought, was to remain with the people of France as I promised instead of abandoning them in their agony. My honor belongs to your

country . . . " Most controversial rench case of the century, Petain's trial found the country sharply divided, with charges on the one hand that the old marshal had delivered the state up to the Germans, and counter-charges on the other that prewar politicians were using the proceed-ings to whitewash themselves.

CONSUMER BACKLOG: Big Order

The American people bought nearly 23 billion dollars less of automobiles and parts, and furniture and housefurnishings in the three years, 1942-44, than they would have if these goods had been available in prewar volume, the department of commerce estimates.

In automobiles and parts actual expenditures totaled 1.8 billions, with expected expenditures under normal conditions, 16.2 billions and the deficiency in purchases, 14.4 billions.

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JOSEPH'S PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN

LESSON TEXT-Genesis 39:20-23; 41: 14-16, 25, 41-43.
GOLDEN TEXT—Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings.—Proverbs 22:29.

Does it pay to trust God? Does He know about the sorrows and the troubles of His people? Does He have anything to do with the affairs of the world? Men are asking such questions in our day, and we have the answer in God's dealings with

men in the past. The story of Joseph is fascinating from almost any angle, but it holds no more important truth than that the man who honors God in his life will be honored by God (I Sam. 2:30), even in the hardest place, yes, and in the highest position.

Joseph appears before us in our lesson as

I. A Prisoner Prospered by God (39:20-23)

It is surprising how often one finds God's men in the Scriptures in prison. Their determination to live upright and honorable lives ran so counter to the plans of the world that in the inevitable clash there came persecution.

The story of how Joseph became the object of his brother's jealousy and was sold as a slave into Egypt; how he prospered there only to be disgraced and imprisoned because of the lying accusation of an angry woman-all these are in the background of our lesson.

Now that he was in prison, presumably his influence was gone and his usefulness at an end. Not so, for God can be with a man in the prison as well as in the palace.

He soon became the head man of the jail. Imagine a prisoner taking over the keeper's work! Then, too, he there met the king's chief butler who, though forgetting for a time, did eventually say the word which brought Joseph back into power (see Gen. 40:14-23; 41:9-13).

The obvious lesson and blessed truth here is that when one of God's people finds himself in a difficult place, he can rest assured that God is there working out His own blessed purpose. Why not trust Him and look for His deliverance?

Joseph the God-prospered prisoner now becomes

II. A Prophet Prepared by God (41:14-16, 25). The hour had come when a man

was needed who had a word from God. In preparation for the awful years of famine the Lord wanted to use the land of Egypt as His great granary. He wanted thus to preserve the chosen nation of Israel as well as to meet the needs of others.

The vision of the king, plain as it seemed when interpreted, was unintelligible without the key from God, and He had his man prepared. Joseph was ready to be called from prison to speak the right word at the right time.

How important it is that the Lord's messengers be prepared and ready to respond in the hour of His blessing and opportunity! Many eager Christians look forward to the months and years just ahead of us as the greatest opportunity the Church has had to spread the gos-

Notice that Joseph gave God the glory (vv. 16-25). The one who really knows what is going on in the world is quick to recognize that only the wisdom and the grace of God are sufficient for man's need. Let the voice of boasting mankind be silenced and let the voice of God speak!

Joseph's prophetic word marked him as God's man to carry out God's plan, so we see him now as III. A Premier Promoted by God

(41:41-43). "I have set thee over all the

land," said Pharaoh, and so he had, but in reality it was God who had planned the whole matter. He wanted Joseph there at this time. and there he was. It may be well to stress the fact

that God is interested in government and in the men who hold public office. In fact, the only true foundation for government is found in God. We are told to "be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1).

The Bible clearly teaches that every governmental agency and every public servant, from the policeman on the corner to the President in the White House, is permitted to exercise authority over his fellowmen only because God has ordained that there should be such govern ment.

Clear it is that every rightthinking official of state and nation should be humble, teachable, discreet, and wise in the exercise of his power, and God-fearing in the discharge of his responsibility. He who reads may apply the truth

of God's Word to himself and find personal blessing. It is a rich and powerful and stimulating Word. Let us use it for God's glory!

A COSTLY RIDE

RATIONING GUIDE

(NOTE: The Baleigh District Office of Price Administration compiles this thumbnail ration guide from official sources each week for the Duplin Times as a public service feature.) RATION CALENDAR

For Period Aug. 1-18 MEATS & FATS: A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, now valid, expire Oct. 31.

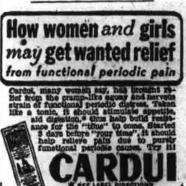
F1, G1, H1, J1, K1, now valid, expire Nov. 30. August 31.

V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2, expire on Sept. 30. Q2, R2, \$2, T2, U2, now valid expire August 31.

SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 36 expires Aug.

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