

Price and Supply Problems Grow More Pressing

American war and industrial planners have chalked up victory in Europe as an accomplished fact, and the production pendulum this week was beginning to swing back toward a peacetime economy.

While officials were insistent about maintaining production for the war still to be won, many believed that the preservation of the domestic economy would now receive considerable attention.

Conceding the vastness of the task of defeating Japan, these officials said, however, that the home front was in a sad state of disrepair, and that much of this country's wartime facilities would be a playground for Satan if they were not immediately put to work producing civilian goods.

J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board, already has promised a speedy transition to a peacetime economy within the limits of the Pacific war needs. Within a year, he has said, civilian goods will be pouring out of factories not devoted to war work at a rate roughly equal to pre-war levels.

The consumer demand for these products will be greatly above the pre-war level. Thousands of war workers will still be earning high wages, and there is a tremendous buying potential in the form of war bonds and other savings. Thus, the factors which push prices up now, big demand and small supply, will continue well beyond V-E Day.

The Government's efforts to keep prices down and to curb the inflationary tendency are well known. The Office of Price Administration gets both credit and blame for the job.

When the new civilian goods start arriving, the cry for price freedom will increase because, in a narrow sense, the "emergency" will have passed. But both Chester Bowles, Price Administrator, and William H. Davis, Director of Economic Stabilization, realize the dangers of suddenly loosened controls and unleashed spending power in combination with limited supplies.

Mr. Davis made this plain at a news conference. He said that his agency and the OPA were preparing a policy for establishing a wage and price policy in the reconversion period. Some months ago, in a preliminary statement on reconversion pricing, Mr. Bowles asserted that 1942 prices would be a good level to aim at, though adjustments — all upward — would have to be made for some industries.

The only way in which some of the pressure for higher prices will be held in check, Mr. Davis said, is through the continuation of wage ceilings and controls.

The new production will come from reconverted war plants as well as from old facilities that have been idle since the war began and now can start afresh because there will be materials and manpower not needed for the Japanese war.

As far as quantity of production is concerned, expectations of the efficiency of this "spot" mechanism are not high. The procedure will, it is hoped, enable plants sloughed off from the war effort to take up the slack in manpower and prevent an immediate unemployment problem. Its secondary effect will be to fashion the excess supplies of war materials into a few of the consumer products which have not been manufactured since before the war.

The country's wardrobe is one feature of civilian life which will probably deteriorate for the next few months. While military procurement may be leveled off, liberated Europe will need even greater supplies of American clothing and fabrics. This, according to the Combined Production and Resources Board, is a shortage so acute that its proper treatment is expected to be a large factor in the formation of a sound and durable peace for the world.

Food is in the same category. The demand, since most of Europe's land is ravaged by war and in many areas crops could not be planted this year, will rise instead of diminish with the ending of the European war.

High Flats

Robert Lavine has received an honorable discharge from the army having been in combat duty in Northern Africa and Italy. We wish to express our welcome home to Robert and also our pride in his splendid army record.

Colton

Senior Scholastic honors for the Colton-Pierpont Central School goes this year to Mary Elizabeth Frank, as valedictorian with an average of 91.28 and to Elizabeth Sullivan, as salutatorian, whose average is 91.03. This announcement was made by Supervising Principal Michael H. Corbett. The valedictorian, daughter of Mrs. Anna Frank of Colton and the late Ellsworth Frank, has majored in a difficult field, Latin. During her four years of high school, she showed ability not only in scholastic but also in extra curricular activities. She is an active member of the school band, and the Girl's Glee Club, and she has worked in a reportorial and editorial capacity on the schoolpaper, "The Raquetteer." Her Senior year, she was made captain of the cheer leading squad and elected to the staff of the Coltonian. In addition to this work, she played a major part in the senior play, "Saved by the Bell."

Salutatorian Elizabeth Sullivan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sullivan of South Colton. She is one of the most active members of the Senior class being both President and Editor-in-Chief of "The Raquetteer," assistant editor of the year book, "The Coltonian" and a member of the cast of the Senior Play. Her major is in business and both Miss Frank and the plan on studying further in this field at Central City Business Institute in Syracuse.

The two girls led a class of thirteen students, the other members of which are Elise Sanford, Shirley Alexander, Betty Pyffe, Jean Sullivan, Kathleen Olmstead, Marjorie Seymour, Myrtle Huckle, Myrtle Morrow, Sylvia Penney, Robert Thomas and Francis Woodard.

Miss Winnifred Sullivan, a member of the August graduating class of A. Batton Hepburn school of Nursing, Ogdensburg, spent the weekend with her sister, Miss Margaret Sullivan of the High school faculty.

L. P. Hepburn attended a meeting of the St. Lawrence County Rural Letter Carrier's Association held in the Lisbon Hepburn Library hall on Saturday evening. The business session was preceded by a chicken dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Miss Laurine Hawley visited her grandmother, Mrs. Flora Brewer of West Pierpont a few days last week.

Right Rev. Bishop Oldham of Albany, N. Y. will confirm a class from Zion Church, Colton, in Grace Episcopal Church, Canton on Tuesday, May 29, at 7:30 p.m. Zion choir with Mrs. Myrtle Bullis accompanying at the organ, will sing for the services. Following the confirmation a reception will be held at the Grace church rectory.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Faulkner of Potsdam, Route 2, have returned to their home in this village.

Mrs. Frankie Willis who spent the past winter with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Leclair and daughter Joyce in Sidney, Ohio arrived in Colton last Tuesday and has opened her home here for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Potter have taken over the Frank Potter farm and Mr. Potter is now residing in town with Mr. and Mrs. John Potter.

Mrs. Charles Saucier of South Colton visited Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Connelly and family last Saturday.

Pvt. John Durwood Smith is confined to a base hospital in France with serious wounds in the upper arm and in the neck. In a letter written by an army nurse, Pvt. Smith informed his wife and parents that he was "coming on good" but his wounds would "take some time to heal." Pvt. Smith expects to be evacuated to a base hospital in England when he can be moved and eventually returned to the United States.

The So. Colton baseball team defeated the Hannava Falls nine in a game played at St. Patrick's Athletic Field Sunday afternoon. The score was 7 to 9. Blanchard Howe was the referee.

Miss Mary Dow of Clintonville was the guest of Miss Helen Cornell the past week.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul H. Bicknell of North Bangor called on several friends in town last Wednesday.

The May meeting of the W. S. C. S. of the Colton Methodist Church was held at the home of Mrs. William Schwartz, Thursday afternoon, May 17th. Mrs. Corna Garlough, the president, presided. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Dora Russell. The committee gave their reports and plans for a miscellaneous sale to be held June 13, at the home of Mrs. Bessie Gleason, were made. A memorial service for deceased members was conducted by Mrs. Maude Hawley. Flowers for the occasion were donated by Mrs. Margaret Alford. Tribute was paid in memory of the following: Mrs. Zora Davidson, Mrs. Savanna Barker, Mrs. Henry Day, Mrs. Guy Reed, Mrs. Clara Harvey, Mrs. Beckwith, Mrs. Lucia Hawley, Mrs. John Thomas, Mrs. George Stuart, Mrs. Jane Salls, Mrs. Leah Hepburn, Mrs. Kate Anstead, Mrs. Luna Brewer, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Homer McGary, Mrs. Gertrude Southland, Mrs. Eliza Bush, Mrs. I. Louise Jefferson, Mrs. Ella Russell, Mrs. Louise Remington, Mrs. Maria Herrick, Mrs. Nettie Boody, Mrs. Jennie Patterson, Mrs. Ena Gotsch, Mrs. Thelma Rivers, Mrs. Lavora Vebber, Mrs. David Sandford, Mrs. Beulah Stuart, Mrs. Maria Fallon, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Nora Long, Mrs. Jennie Curtis, Mrs. George Libby, Mrs. Edna Brown, Mrs. Eliza Root, Mrs. Nettie Root, and Mrs. Minnie Vebber.

Edward Glasgow of Potsdam spent the week end with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Archie Collins.

Betty Ames and nephew, David Cummins of Massena visited her mother, Mrs. Bertha Ames, Saturday and Sunday.

The next blood clinic will be held in Potsdam, Sunday May 27, and donors are urgently needed. You physically fit who have been spared the horrors of war, show your appreciation for the great services of your fighting men by signing up today to donate a pint of blood to alleviate the suffering of the sick and wounded.

Mrs. Armand Alford and daughter Margaret and Dorothy spent a few days the past week in Watertown visiting Mr. and Mrs. Homer, Dorothy and family.

Chipman

The Rev. and Mrs. George R. Harland received a letter from their son, Corp. Robert W. Harland from Germany written the 28th of April. Robert is with the 69th division of the First Army and met the Russians in their attack. His parents are waiting for news of him since Germany surrendered. Their second son, David Harland is stationed at Sampson N. Y. and was home for "Mothers Day."

Mrs. Edwin Fisher attended a meeting of the Executive committee of the Home Bureau at Canton on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos R. Fife called on their cousin Miss Gertrude Fisher, R. N. who is confined to bed at the Dunlop Nursing home in Madrid with a broken hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hobkirk were dinner guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hobkirk of Potsdam.

Mrs. Roy Fisher received a letter which was returned to her after travelling quite a distance. The letter was written to her son S-Sgt. Alton Fisher last August 19th. It had followed him from Belgium, where he was hurt, to a hospital in England and finally arrived at Madrid P. O. S-Sgt. Alton Fisher is still confined to a hospital in N. J. but will come home for a few days soon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fife attended the wedding ceremony of their cousin Lloyd W. Fick to Miss Arlene Northup, at the Morley Wesleyan Methodist church on Sunday at two o'clock.

Sinclair Corners

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas are the parents of a daughter, May Lou, born May 9.

The girls of the Sinclair Corners 16-4-H Club went to the Clothing Review and Demonstration Day held at Fort Jackson, May 12. Mildred Touss and Gloria Thomas won first prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moses and daughters of Tead Hollow, and Mr. and Mrs. Royal Moses and daughter of Parisville were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Flint Russell, Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard Howe and children of Colton spent last Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Halford.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thomas and daughter, Carol, of Potsdam, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Thomas, Mother's Day.

Mrs. Clara Randall of Tead Hollow called on Mrs. Flint Russell last Friday.

Miss Jane Foster of Hopkinton, spent Thursday night with Miss Pauline Delotte.

Mrs. Oliver Chose and Keith Thomas of Potsdam were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Thomas last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and Mrs. Royal Moses and daughters spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Herriman.

Buckton

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Thowright were callers on Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sweeney, also called on Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Phelps, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ernest Sweeney was a week-end guest of her brother-in-law, Arthur Sweeney and family. Second Lieut. Harrison and Mrs. Payne were callers a few days at Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott and family. He expects to leave for overseas in the near future.

Mrs. Kenneth Bitterfield and girls were callers for a week-end of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merton Poole at Hernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boothe attended the blood clinic in Cornwall Sunday, it being Flora's second donation and Daniel's fourth.

Mrs. Donald Crump of Lake Placid has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Leroy Sweeney and other relatives and friends the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Phelps and Maurice were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miller Dunn and family at Fort Jackson.

Harold Boothe and Elaine and Grace Richards were Wednesday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Boothe and family at Winthrop.

Alburg

Rev. Roberts Mallabar, pastor of the Sand Hill Community church, attended the Northern New York Conference at Oswego, and there were no services Sunday, May 20. Service will be conducted the following Sunday morning at the usual time, 8:15.

The W. S. C. S. meeting which was scheduled to have been May 12 at Mrs. Ada Southwood's in Brushton, was postponed and held

Pvt. Kenneth Wright left Sunday for camp in Pa. after a 15 day furlough with his wife and children.

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Norman Guertin, Winthrop, has been wiring for electricity in this vicinity for the farmers.

Fred Wolf, Nicholville, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gibson and family recently.

Mrs. Mena Richards who has been quite ill, is much improved and able to be up and around.

Mrs. Adelaide Joy visited Mrs. Ada Southwood at Brushton several days last week.

George Page spent the week-end and Sunday visiting his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Ross and Janet, in Ogdensburg.

Mrs. Burt Page has been reported on the sick list, but improving.

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AUCTION As I am giving up farming I will sell at my farm home about 1 1/2 miles West of Morley on the Morley-Lisbon road on Tuesday, May 29, beginning at 1:00 P. M. my entire dairy, team and farming tools DAIRY—24 cows, 10 of which are grade Holsteins, 13 Registered Holsteins, 1 Jersey, 4 full-blooded Holstein 2-year old heifers; 1 grade Holstein 2-year old heifer; 6 full blooded Holstein calves; 1 grade Holstein calf; 1 Registered Holstein bull, 2 years old, bred at Wait Farms, Auburn, N. Y. This bull was 2nd prize Junior yearling at Gouverneur Fair 1914 and 1st prize and Junior Champion at Franklin County Fair 1944. A number of this dairy are Cornell University bred. TEAM—One grey team, mare 7 years old, gelding 5 years old, weight about 2900 lbs. TOOLS—Nearly new set double harness, Osborne corn harvester, McCormick-Deering hay loader, McCormick-Deering riding cultivator (nearly new); cable litter carrier, milking machine with Sarge pump that will handle 4 single units; 2 DeLaval single units (nearly new); General Electric 6-can milk cooler and other small tools. ALSO considerable amount of poultry equipment, most of it new and never used. Consisting of new flock feeders 3 x 5 ft; several size chick feeders, 2 1/2 and 1 gallon water fountains, one fan-type electric brooder, Happy Home electric brooder, one used kerosene brooder and kerosene incubator. FRED W. RODGER, Auctioneer, Potsdam, N. Y. DONALD NORTHRUP, Owner.

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