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MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1944

# CUT IN MAGNESIUM PRODUCTION SEEN

Truman Report Also Criticizes Dow Chemical's Pre-War Output for Lagging Behind Germany; Nevada Project 'Bungling' Hit.

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U. P.).—The Senate Truman committee, in its long-awaited report on magnesium, said today it was "reasonable" to assume that 1944 production not only will suffice for war and essential civilian needs but also provide a surplus for production of other civilian items.

Climaxing a long inquiry headed by Senator Mon C. Wallgren (D. Wash.), chairman of a subcommittee on light metals, the report also:

1. Said the war production board soon will initiate action to reduce production of magnesium, which is used for such things as incendiary bombs and aircraft parts.

2. Gave Dow Chemical Co. major credit for the nation's success in meeting the bulk of wartime magnesium requirements, but criticized the company for its failure to match German output in recent years.

3. Criticized inefficiencies in construction of the \$133,000,000 Basic Magnesium, Inc. project at Las Vegas, Nev., but nevertheless praised the plant's present 112,000,000-pound output as the "largest in the United States and believed to be the largest in the world."

4. Recommended an immediate program to familiarize civilian industry with the advantages and techniques involved in the use of magnesium. This, the committee said, would open a larger future market for the light, tough metal and make private operators of government-built plants more inclined to purchase them for post-war operation.

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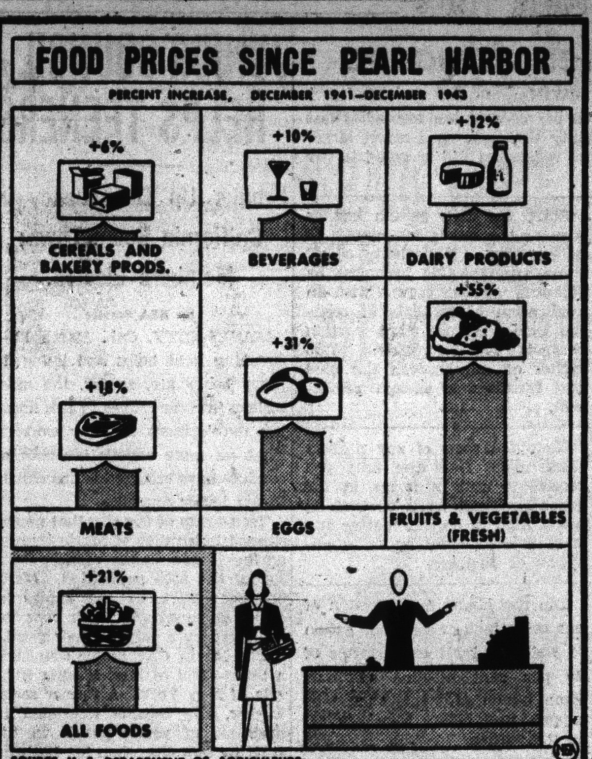
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## INDEPENDENTS FACE ELECTION

C. I. O. Challenges Union at Willy's Overland in Toledo.

By FRED W. PERKINS  
Scripture-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, March 13.—A showdown in the fight of independent unions for representation on the war labor board, on the same basis as the A. F. L. and C. I. O., was brought nearer today through an order of another government agency.

The national labor relations board directed that a collective bargaining election be held within 30 days in a portion of the Willy's-Overland Plant at Toledo where there is a bitter jurisdictional contest between the Independent Mechanics' Educational Society of America and the United Automobile Workers of the C. I. O.

M. E. S. A.'s closed-shop rights over about 800 mechanics were recognized by NLRB in January of 1939. They are now challenged by the C. I. O. union, which asked for the election. Matthew Smith, M. E. S. A. sparkplug, has asserted that the C. I. O. unit has been cutting into the independent union through telling the members they could not get wage raises without representation on the war labor board.

NLRB's first hearing on the C. I. O. petition produced a strike lasting several days in early February among key employees in 50 war plants in the Cleveland, Toledo, and Detroit industrial areas.

The Matthew Smith union, aided by a number of other independent unions he has recruited for the Federated Unions of America, presented their plea for WLB membership in Washington. They were rejected last Friday by four public member of WLB, and the rejection brought a threat from the independents of "political as well as economic action."

The top advanced to \$14.35 for good to choice 200 to 210-pounders. Weights from 160 to 225 pounds were 15 cents higher than Saturday; weights from 225 to 330 pounds were 10 cents higher, and weights between 100 and 160 pounds and over 330 pounds were unchanged.

Receipts included 9200 hogs, 1975 cattle, 600 calves and 1075 sheep.

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## Synthetic Rubber Improves; Tree Variety's Return Seen

By JOHN W. LOVE  
Scripture-Howard Staff Writer

AKRON, March 13.—Synthetic rubber is going to stay with us after the war—it was here before the war—but how about the synthetic rubber tire?

The answer hangs on the length of the war and the speed with which the GR-S is improved between now and then. (GR-S is government rubber, type S, and the S stands for styrene, one of its chief components).

Few if any engineers here believe we won't return to natural rubber for tires, but a number of them leave the possibility open for staying with the synthetic.

Harvey S. Firestone Jr. said the industry "has high hopes that eventually synthetic tires of all kinds and sizes will equal the natural rubber product in every way."

But Mr. Firestone doesn't say we will not switch back to tree rubber for tires, even if the new is just as good, and "eventually" can be a long time.

"We have some service records which show," he goes on, "that with proper care and under wartime driving regulations, passenger car tires made of synthetic rubber will give about the same performance as natural rubber tires." The synthetic tire, though, is more easily damaged, he admits, and the companies have had much less success with the synthetic truck and heavy duty tires.

Ray P. Dinsmore, Goodyear development vice president, is another who is bullish on synthetic rubber.

"The butadiene is now coming along from the petroleum industry as well as from the alcohol plants. The schedule will be met from here on, they say. There are no more events in sight, and only military budgets can affect the flow from here forward. But the "pipeline" which now has to be filled is enormous. It takes millions of tires.

There's first the pipeline of materials, now well filled. Next come the copolymer or synthetic rubber plants, now filling. After them the tire plants, which will be at capacity next summer. Then the manufacturers' warehouses, for every variety of tire, then the tires in transit, the tires in branches and the tires in dealers' hands. All that before the consumer can be sure of getting a tire to fit his car.

USE BIG PROPS—All 20 of the new and bigger versions of the Martin Mars will be equipped with the largest three-blade hollow steel propellers ever made, Curtiss-Wright Corp. announced today. The propellers will measure 16 feet 6 inches in diameter.

INDUSTRIAL FORUM TO FEATURE PANEL

Employment problems will be discussed by a panel of speakers at the American Industrial Forum Wednesday at the Central Christian church.

Speakers will be Maury G. Padell, manager of the U. S. employment service office here; Melville W. Hankins, veterans' employment representative of the USES; Galen W. Thole, supervisor of the state unemployment compensation department claims section; and Charles M. Hampton, director of veteran rehabilitation at the R. C. veteran rehabilitation at the R. C. Victor division plant here, who will be moderator.

DAILY PRICE INDEX

NEW YORK, March 13 (U. P.).—Dun & Bradstreet's daily weighted price index of 30 basic commodities, compiled for United Press (1930-32 average equals 100):

Saturday 172.74  
Week Ago 172.25  
Month Ago 172.12  
Year Ago 170.89  
1944 High (March 11) 172.74  
1944 Low (Jan. 15) 170.69

Anderson Man Quits WFB

NEW YORK, March 13 (U. P.).—Alfred G. Birkenmeier, of Maplewood, N. J., regional redistribution chief of the war production board, has resigned as of March 15, to return to management of the Anderson Stone Co., Anderson, Ind., the WFB announced today.

WAGON WHEAT

Up to the close of the Chicago market today, Indianapolis flour mills and grain elevators paid \$1.61 per bushel for No. 1 red wheat (other grades on their merits). No. 2 white oats, No. 3 red oats, No. 3 yellow shelled corn, \$1.08 per bushel, and No. 2 white shelled corn, \$1.34.

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Indianapolis ranked first among the 11 industrial areas in the Chicago war production board region in the dollar value of supply contracts for aircraft form June, 1940, through December, 1943, according to figures released today by Albert O. Evans, manager of the Indianapolis district WFB office.

The category "aircraft" includes contracts for air frames; airplane engines, propellers and other parts; and certain related equipment such as parachutes and aircraft pontoons. Armament, instruments and communication equipment are excluded.

Following is the list in the order of dollar value rank:

1. Indianapolis, \$1,373,574,000.  
2. Chicago (and Lake county, Ind.), \$1,338,165,000.  
3. South Bend-LaPorte, \$802,570,000.  
4. Milwaukee, \$585,358,000.  
5. Evansville, \$141,219,000.  
6. Ft. Wayne, \$42,059,000.  
7. Rockford, \$32,875,000.  
8. Anderson-Muncie (\$2,259,000.

N. Y. STOCKS BOOST DIVIDENDS IN '43

NEW YORK, March 13 (U. P.).—Cash disbursement in 1943 to holders of common and preferred stock listed on the New York Stock exchange totaled \$2,407,988,000 compared with dividend payments of \$2,346,566,000 in the previous year, according to the exchange year book.

Dividend disbursing common and preferred stocks showed a typical yield of 8.1 per cent and 5.4 per cent, respectively, based on year-end prices.

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**U. S. STATEMENT**  
WASHINGTON, March 13 (U. P.).—Government expenditures and receipts for the current fiscal year through March 10, compared with a year ago:

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