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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. Walgren (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-pound output as the "largest in the United States and believed to be the largest in the world."

Seek Post-War Market

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.

5. Declared that this country should lead the world in the light metals industry and said it was "inevitable" on any firm holding a monopoly on any type of production to make certain the United States at least equals other countries in output of that material.

The committee observed that in 1933, German magnesium production was about 33,000,000 pounds, while American output, entirely by Dow Chemical, was only 7,000,000 pounds.

FISHER TO SPEAK

George Fisher of the Allison division will speak at the American Chemical society luncheon tomorrow at Hotel Warren on the physical and chemical control of aircraft engine material.



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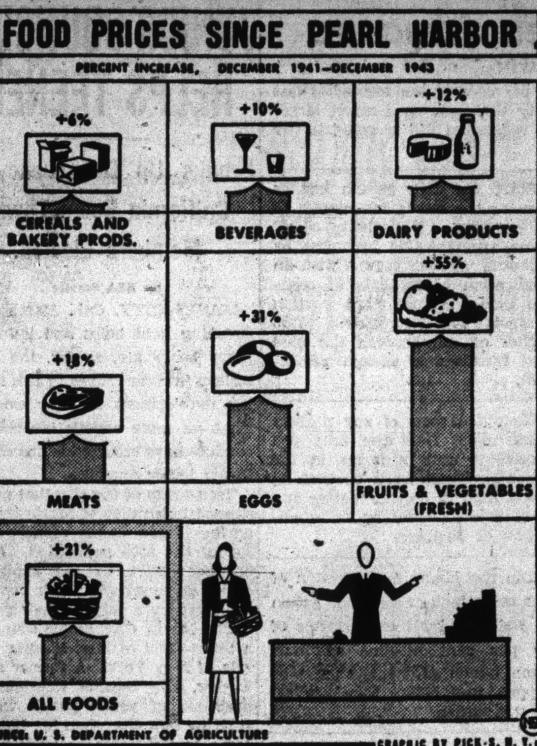
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INDEPENDENTS FACE ELECTION

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

By FRED W. PERKINS
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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 Willys-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 rejected 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 Confederated Unions of America, presented their pleas for WLB membership in Washington. These 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 over 100 and 160 pounds and over 330 pounds were unchanged.

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

GOOD TO CHOICE HOGS (\$200)

High Low Close Change
Allis-Chal. 38 1/2 38 1/2 38 1/2 1/2
Am. Loco. 19 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2 1/2
Am. M. & M. 14 1/2 13 1/2 13 1/2 1/2
Am. Tob. B. 60 1/2 60 1/2 60 1/2 1/2
Am. Water W. 7 1/2 7 1/2 7 1/2 1/2
Armour & Co. 26 1/2 26 1/2 26 1/2 1/2
Atchison 65 1/2 65 1/2 65 1/2 1/2
Auto Equip. 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2 1/2
Bath Steel 60 1/2 60 1/2 60 1/2 1/2
Borden 30 1/2 29 1/2 29 1/2 1/2
C. & O. 47 1/2 47 1/2 47 1/2 1/2
Chrysler 85 1/2 84 1/2 85 1/2 1/2
Cudahy W. 5 1/2 5 1/2 5 1/2 1/2
D. & F. 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2 1/2
Du Pont 148 1/2 147 1/2 148 1/2 1/2
Gen. Electric 36 1/2 36 1/2 36 1/2 1/2
Gen. Motors 58 1/2 58 1/2 58 1/2 1/2
Goodrich 46 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2 1/2
Goodyear 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2 1/2
H. Y. W. 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2 1/2
Hornell 40 1/2 40 1/2 40 1/2 1/2
Kennebunk G. & B. 45 1/2 45 1/2 45 1/2 1/2
L. & O. Glass 45 1/2 45 1/2 45 1/2 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft 17 1/2 17 1/2 17 1/2 1/2
Marshall Field 64 1/2 64 1/2 64 1/2 1/2
Mont Ward 46 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2 1/2
Nash. Auto. 13 1/2 13 1/2 13 1/2 1/2
Nat Distillers 35 1/2 34 1/2 34 1/2 1/2
N. Y. Central 18 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2 1/2
Packard 41 1/2 41 1/2 41 1/2 1/2
P. Am. Air 33 1/2 33 1/2 33 1/2 1/2
P. Am. Car 28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2 1/2
P. Am. Cal. 36 1/2 36 1/2 36 1/2 1/2
P. Am. Oil 33 1/2 33 1/2 33 1/2 1/2
Pub. Ind. (Ind.) 33 1/2 33 1/2 33 1/2 1/2
Pub. Ind. (N.J.) 33 1/2 33 1/2 33 1/2 1/2
Texas Co. 48 1/2 48 1/2 48 1/2 1/2
26th Cent. Fox 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2 1/2
U. S. Rubber 51 1/2 51 1/2 51 1/2 1/2
Warner Bros. 13 1/2 13 1/2 13 1/2 1/2
Westing. H. 99 1/2 98 1/2 98 1/2 1/2
W. T. Wag. 16 1/2 16 1/2 16 1/2 1/2
Zenith Rad. 37 1/2 37 1/2 37 1/2 1/2

PACKING SEWS

Good to Choice
700-1000 pounds \$11.25@11.75

1000-1500 pounds 11.75@14.05

1500-2000 pounds 14.05@14.15

2000-2200 pounds 14.25@14.35

2200-2400 pounds 14.15@14.25

2500-3000 pounds 14.10@14.10

3000-3500 pounds 14.10@14.10

3500-4000 pounds 13.50@13.50

SLAUGHTER PIGS

Medium and Good
500-600 pounds 8.25@11.40

CATTLE (1975)

Steers
700-900 pounds 15.75@15.50

900-1100 pounds 15.40@15.25

1100-1300 pounds 15.00@14.75

1300-1500 pounds 14.50@14.25

1500-1700 pounds 14.75@14.50

1700-1900 pounds 14.50@14.25

1900-2100 pounds 14.75@14.50

2100-2300 pounds 14.50@14.25

2300-2500 pounds 14.75@14.50

2500-2700 pounds 14.50@14.25

2700-3000 pounds 14.75@14.50

3000-3300 pounds 14.50@14.25

3300-3600 pounds 14.75@14.50

SLAUGHTER PIGS

Medium and Good
500-600 pounds 8.25@11.40

CALVES (1975)

Steers
800-1000 pounds 15.00@15.75

1000-1200 pounds 15.35@15.00

1200-1400 pounds 15.50@15.25

1400-1600 pounds 15.75@15.50

1600-1800 pounds 15.50@15.25

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