

U.S. Reports Industry Nearing Peak Production Levels

1946 Business Activity Shows Big Increase

Cost of Heavy Goods To Remain High

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—The department of commerce predicted today that all industries would hit top production levels soon.

But it held out little hope for price reductions on houses, automobiles and major household appliances.

The report said 1946 "business activity, sales and profits were above the best pre-war years."

And the department found reconverted business and industry had made "substantial progress" towards filling demand.

"Indeed," the year-end summary said, "there are now relatively few segments in which reconversion has not been substantially completed."

"While peak rates of output have not been achieved in all industries, the attainment of such levels is not far in the future."

Heavy Goods Still High

Consumer refusal to pay high prices for "soft goods"—such as clothing—is forcing "a better adjustment," the report said. But heavy goods are still high.

Other summary highlights:

ONE: 1946 income payments to individuals were estimated at \$165 billion compared with \$161 billion in 1945.

TWO: Consumers spent \$127 billion for goods and services last year, 30 per cent more than in 1945, and two-thirds more than in the pre-war peak year of 1941. Some of this is due to inflated prices.

THREE: The production of food, clothing and other non-durable goods for civilian use reached the highest level on record during 1946.

FOUR: Automobile production during 1946 was just over 3 million cars and trucks, below the best peacetime years. But increased production during the closing months brought the rate to "about the average for the years 1940-41."

FIVE: Ex-servicemen were absorbed "smoothly" into civilian jobs. The total employed in the civilian economy reached \$7 million during the second half of 1946.

Illinois Joins Hunt For 4 Escapees

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 3 (U. P.).—Police of Indiana and Illinois were alerted today to be on the watch for four men who overpowered a guard and escaped from the federal penitentiary here.

The escape was announced yesterday by Warden J. E. Overlake, who served as consulting expert last year in efforts to make the Washington, D. C., jail escape-proof.

The warden identified the fugitives as Ray Anderson, 23, Assumption, Ill.; William C. Owens, Sioux City, Ia.; Ronald Riser, 22, Stockton, Cal.; and Walter H. Szeleski, 24, Detroit. All were serving terms for violation of the Dyer vehicle theft act.

Overlake said the men took advantage of a skeleton holiday staff to escape and slugged Guard Roy J. Guendel after surprising him in the kitchen of the prison. The guard, found unconscious shortly after the escape, was reported in fair condition at Vigo county hospital.

Heads Recruit Drive

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—Maj. Gen. St. Clair Street, wartime commander of the 13th air force, has been appointed to head the army's drive for recruits. He is chief of military personnel procurement service in the adjutant general's office.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Leonard Trinkle, 59 W. Rural; Lucille Marie Spengler, 50 N. Rural; James Richard Rose, 4112 N. Capitol; Betty Jean Ballman, 4437 Caroline; Jack Frederick Apple, 940 N. Keystone; Marjorie Haynes, 1809 N. Alabama; Howard Paul Slaughter, 1138 W. 33d; Viola Ann Fritsch, 1935 Churchman; Beech Grove; James Russell Wood, R. R. 20, Box 378; Orpha Marie Baker, 731 S. Reister; Lester William Bumpers, 1216 E. Polk; William Marie Dorothy Schenck, 1136 N. Riley.

Leonard Russell McClain, Franklin; Virginia Porter, Franklin; Walter Charles Wells, 2315 N. Gale; Margaret Louise Kline, 2118 N. Gale; Joseph Murray, W. Lafayette; Mary Anne Lamb, 6249 College; George Franklin Harper, Spink Arms hotel; Mary Carol Heinrich, 2035 N. Meridian; Dean Matilda, Lafayette; Louise Berry, Lafayette; Donald Raymond Corn, 1908 W. Wyoming; Elizabeth Mae Bruce, 1247 Reister; Albert L. McKinnis, 2253 N. Harding; Mary Elmer Goble, 1859 Dexter; Earl H. Gray, 8172 Norwalk; Betty Jean Taylor, 4204 Crittenden; Wilbur Arthur Dulaney, 110 S. Bradley; Joyce E. Terry, 350 N. Denney; Edward Fred, 108 N. Capitol; Kareena Afzal Cleveland, O.; Ralph O. Blackwell, Ft. Benjamin Harrison; Evelyn Paul London, Louisville, Ky.

Jack Marshall, 1133 E. West; Betty Ann Hobbs, 747 King; William Conrad Lutz, 223 E. Fifth; Beech Grove; Gilberta Huff, 2409 Carrollton; Carl Arthur McKee, Acton; Margie Elizabeth Wallace, 214 N. Eighth; Beech Grove; Thelma Elwood Davis, 425 S. Rural; Alma Mae Dillinger, 616 N. New Jersey; Roy C. Thomas, 824 Marion; Wanda Nicholas, 662 Livingston; Louis Toole, 2915 W. 16th; Betty Louise Coffey, 4051 W. 21st; Carl Philip Wenz, 50 N. Keystone; Emma Pearl Becker, 901 N. Keystone; Robert Bailey, 229 Arch; Thelma Johnson, 225 Arch; Jack O. Smith, 18 N. Highland; Dora Belle Heddy, 12 N. Highland; Raymond E. Whisen, R. R. 6, Box 335; Emily Louise Mickel, 4219 Otterbein.

BIRTHS

At Home—Charles, Oval McClain, 2236 W. Michigan 44, 510; At St. Francis—Elizabeth, Dorothy Fuller; Francis, Margaret, Cecelia, and Noel; Dorothy Miller; At City—Margaret, Christine Miller, John,

Lawyers Battle 'Slum' Project

Residents Protest Clearing Plans

Attorneys representing residents of a "blighted" area on the near northwest side of the city today declared unanimously they would go to the limit of the law to "save" the community from being razed.

The assertion came after a public hearing yesterday in city hall in which the Indianapolis Redevelopment commission accepted remonstrances from property owners of the 357 dwellings and 28 other structures in the area.

Members of the commission said they expected "a certain amount of opposition" to the city's pioneer redevelopment program which proposes transforming the area bound-

Polish Opposition Candidates Seized

Warsaw, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—Election violence was reported increasing throughout Poland today.

Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, Polish peasant party leader, charged that the security police systematically are arresting and intimidating his followers.

With the elections scheduled for Jan. 19 Poland was in a state of rising excitement. President Boleslaw Bierut announced that he would hold a press conference to present to foreign correspondents the government's defense against Mr. Mikolajczyk's charges.

Mr. Mikolajczyk charged that the government security police had arrested 104 of his party's candidates and characterized the forthcoming election as "more comedy than election."

Edgett Appointed McBee Manager

Robert H. Edgett, 811 Berkeley rd., has been appointed manager of the Indianapolis office of the McBee Co., 17 W. Market st.

He has been associated with the local office since last October. Mr. Edgett, a graduate of Ferris institute at Big Rapids, Mich., came here from the Detroit office of the McBee Co. He is a member of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and the Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is married and has one son.

Hunt Nine Who Fled N. Y. Jail

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—New York's 17,000 policemen were on a mass manhunt today for nine convicts who escaped in the shush and fog outside an antiquated Brooklyn jail yesterday.

The escapees included a confessed killer, who was awaiting a hearing. The men reported for sick call, then sawed through the bars of a prison wall to escape.

Apparently, they fled while returning to their cells from the prison dispensary. Their absence was not detected until roll call, two hours after the escape.

The break was blamed by prison officials on a shortage of guards and the outmoded jail. Warden Thomas McDonnell said, "this jail must be 100 years old."

\$5000 Left in Will To Keep 18 Dogs

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—Aline Barnsdall, eccentric oil heiress, left \$5000 of her \$3,500,000 estate to keep her 18 dogs in bones, her will disclosed today.

The sum appeared insufficient to care for the cocker spaniels. Attorneys said the pets may have to be given away.

Nearly all the rest of the estate was left to her daughter, Mrs. Aline Elizabeth Devine, 29.

Mrs. Barnsdall, who died Dec. 18 at the age of 62, did not mention in her will any of the liberal causes she championed in her lifetime.

Condition of National Banks Is Asked

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—The comptroller of currency issued a call today for a report on the condition of national banks at the close of business, Dec. 31, 1946.

Sherwood Quits His Legion Post

Ex-Adjutant General Enters Business

Elmer (Doc) Sherwood, former adjutant general of Indiana and one-time close personal adviser to Governor Gates, has given up his last connection with "public" life to go into private business.

His resignation as Americanism director of the American Legion was announced yesterday. His Legion activities will be limited, it was announced, to serving on the Legion's national security committee to which National Commander Paul Griffith appointed him.

Mr. Sherwood, a veteran of both world wars, was appointed Americanism director Dec. 1, 1946. His retirement, he said, was to enable him to devote full time to his duties as president of the American Travelers Life Insurance Co. He was named to the company post several weeks ago.

He was discharged from service in February, 1946, to take Governor Gates' appointment as adjutant general. Prior to World War II he had served in the Legion as editor of the National Legionnaire, official publication of the veterans' organization.

While in the army he served as a public relations officer, part of the time at Ft. Harrison here.

Edgar A. Guest, Poet, To Address Scouts

Edgar A. Guest, poet and philosopher, will address the annual meeting of the central Indiana council, Boy Scouts of America, Jan. 16, in Cadle tabernacle.

Meanwhile an election of council officers will be held Thursday night in the Indiana World War Memorial. Reports of operating committees for 1946 and plans for 1947 will be discussed.

Members of the council meeting committee are L. J. Badollet, chairman, Kenneth E. Miller, Heber D. Williams, John W. Bailey, D. C. Rowlinson, Ed Bruck and Lloyd Byrne.

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