

Reconversion Moves Into High Gear But Volume Will be Small for Months

BY STERLING F. GREEN

Washington—(AP)—The government slipped its reconversion program into high gear today. Consumers, however, must wait months—at least—before most long-missing household appliances return in quantity to stores.

The war production board released a "free" supply of metal for civilian goods, the amount depending on what is left over from war demands. It also began a gradual scapping, over the next half-year, of its priority system for all but munitions items.

Slower Reconversion

Yet electric and gas refrigerators, for instance, will not reach stores until September or October, and then probably as "demonstrator" models.

In other words, housewives will be able to see the new machines and enroll their names on dealers' lists of buyers. In most cases, however, the customer will be far down the list—many purchasers already have ordered sight unseen. This is the conclusion from an informal survey of government and trade sources.

Moreover, these officials believe it will be the middle of 1946 before refrigerators are freely available for "walk-in" sales, and perhaps five to six years before the refrigerator makers have to start pushing sales instead of merely accepting orders.

Guidesposts Compiled

Similar guidesposts for a dozen other scarce or unobtainable consumer items were compiled. By taking into account the continuing scarcity of some materials and parts, the volume of work remaining in many plants, and the heavy pent-up consumer demand, so heavy is the demand for military radar and radio that officials sources said no home radios would reach the market before early 1946, if that early.

The week-end brought a spurt in reconversion developments, starting with Fred M. Vinson's report to congress outlining a "postwar economic charter" under which, he said, Americans should seek to "live 50 percent better than they have ever lived before."

Vinson, director of the office of war mobilization and reconversion, emphasized the need for sustained war production, but he urged business and government agencies to lay plans promptly "for an early defeat of Japan as well as a late one."

"Charter" Proposals

Summarized in his "economic charter" were proposals for increasing the minimum wage, by congressional action, to 50 cents an hour instead of 40 cents; preparing a shelf of blue-prints for public works projects to stimulate construction and business; stabilizing the government's fiscal policy at the level of a "full employment" economy—which he said meant a national income of over \$140,000,000,000 a year compared with \$89,000,000,000 in 1939.

Texas should be kept high until V-J day, Vinson said, but plans should be drafted at once to reduce them for industry and individuals, as a stimulant to business investment and consumer purchasing power.

WPB took these steps:

1. Announced a gradual shift, to be completed by January 1, to a simple priority system under which military production will be protected, but civilian firms will operate generally without restrictions or priority help.
2. Relaxed its controls over materials so that steel and copper may be delivered to civilian, non-priority users, so long as there is no interference with military and other priority claimants. Aluminum and brass mill products already have been released.

Outlook for Household Appliances

	Reach Stores	Good Supply
Washing machines	Late August	End of 1946
Vacuum cleaners	A few now	October, 1946
Sewing machines	Nov.-Dec.	Fall, 1946
Electric irons	Some now	Mid-1946
Alarm clocks	Some now	End of 1945
Galvanized ware	Now	Nov.-Dec., 1945
Scissors and shears	Now	Nov.-Dec., 1945
Plated silverware	Now	Nov.-Dec., 1945

War at a Glance

(By the Associated Press)

Borneo

Australian troops stormed rich oil port of Balikpapan, Dutch East Borneo, with light losses after a 16-day U. S. bombardment.

Nearly 600 Superfortresses, largest fleet of sky giants yet assembled, speared a record 4,000 tons of fire bombs on Kure, Nippon's greatest naval base, and three important Japanese manufacturing cities.

Philippines

Yanks mopping up in the Philippines raised Japanese casualties to 419,035 including last week's total of 5,240 dead and 711 prisoners.

China

Chinese captured Weichow island

off China's south coast. Three Japanese-held Indo-China towns fell to Chinese forces pushing into French colony on 100-mile front. Chinese advanced toward former U. S. airfields Kweilin and Tauchuk, South China.

Burma

British troops captured two enemy-held villages in Sittang river valley, 71 miles northeast of Rangoon.

Wisconsin VFW For Inspection Of Deferments

Madison—(AP)—The Wisconsin department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, holding a "war council" in place of its annual convention approved a resolution Saturday asking revision of national selective service rules to permit inspection of deferments granted by local boards.

Delegates also approved another resolution urging congress to change the law to provide full pensions, compensation or retirement pay to all veterans during hospitalization.

Clyde Thomas of Superior, was elected commander.

Other elected officers included: E. M. Greinke, Milwaukee, senior vice-commander; Stanley Bychinski, Wausau, junior vice-commander; E. A. Lewis, Manitowoc, adjutant; quartermaster; Herman Jongebloed, Milwaukee, judge advocate; Dr. George Reddick, Wabeno, surgeon and the Rev. Gustav Stearns, Wood, chaplain.

Flashes of Life

Strictly GI

—Cpl. Obadiah Curlee, 42, army air forces electrician from Greensboro, N. C., is leaving the army and his pup.

He decided not to take Static (the pup) along when he is discharged because Static habitually howls at all strange civvies.

Homeless Bay

Kansas City—(AP)—Drill, KP, and other sundry tasks at his army camp near Greenville, N. C., kept Pfc. Paul Lashaw Miller, 25, from reading the Kansas City Star, his hometown paper.

When the unread papers filled all available duffel bags and were stacked by his bed, inspection officers and his buddies began to complain.

To ease the situation, he offered the papers to the Greenville public library, the Greenville county courthouse, and a Greenville business concern. No luck. Finally, as a last resort, he offered them to the paper salvage drive and the offer was accepted. The papers weighed 400 pounds.

Cure

Kansas City—(AP)—John Girard had ants in his house—"big, fat, black ones."

He lighted three sulphur candles in various parts of the house and left to watch a neighbor build a boat.

Later, a passing motorist discovered the house afire. Firemen estimated the damage at \$700—every one was smoked out but the ants.

Delayed

North Platte, Nebr.—(AP)—Leo Grieser, discharged veteran of the African and Sicilian campaigns, lost a wallet containing \$50 on an Italian hillside in October, 1943.

His wife received a letter from a company sergeant enclosing a \$50 money order and carrying information that the wallet had been found.

Short Story

Decatur, Ill.—(AP)—Police Chief H. J. Schepper has banned abbreviated shorts on business streets.

Shorts, he says, which fail to reach the knees, subject their feminine wearers to "yoo-hoo's, whistling, and improper remarks."

FIREMEN ARE CALLED

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Services Held For Pfc. Ebert



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Arpin—Memorial services were held last Sunday at Immanuel Lutheran church here for Pfc. Verlyn William Ebert, 21, who was killed in action on the Rhine river in Germany on March 26. The American Legion participated and the Rev. William C. Hagebusch preached the sermon.

Verlyn Ebert was born at Nasonville in Wood county November 15, 1923, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ebert, who now reside at Arpin. He married June A. Stoffel on February 12, 1944, and prior to entering the service May 22, 1944, he was employed in trucking milk to Junction City. Private Ebert received his training at Camp Hood, Texas, and Camp Butler, N. C., and arrived in Germany in January of this year.

Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Norbert Shupe of Auburndale and Miss Evelyn Ebert at home.

In Justice Court

Charged with reckless driving, Thomas Welch, 31, Burlington, Wis., pleaded guilty this morning when arraigned in justice court of Marjorie Jacobson and was fined \$15 and costs of \$7.13. He was arrested yesterday by county police who said Welch was driving at a rate of 70 miles per hour and failed to stop at an arterial stop sign while driving about five miles south of Wisconsin Rapids on Highway 13.

James Carpenter, 47, Wausau, pleaded guilty this morning to failing to stop at an arterial stop sign at the intersection of Baker and Second street when arraigned in Justice Jacobson's court. He was fined \$1 and costs of \$7.13.

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County Seat Notes

Marriage Licenses

Douglas H. Anthony, Marshfield, and Marie E. Hellish, Marshfield. Marriage at Marshfield June 14.

Realty Transfers

Burt Smith to Thomas Joslin, the west one half of two lots in the town of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Caroline Link to Niek Deranek, parcel of land in Wisconsin Rapids, together with buildings and improvements.

Valentine T. Siewert to Fayette Skinner, parcel of land in Wisconsin Rapids, together with buildings and improvements.

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OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Home on leave or furlough according to records of the war price and ration board:

Allen P. Greene, Nekoosa; Harold L. Neufeld, 2811 Second avenue south; Arthur J. Crowns, Nekoosa; Vernon L. Hesse, 1940 Gaynor avenue; Harold N. Boyles, Nekoosa; Jacob Potter, 460 First street south; Kenneth A. Polansky, 1410 Baker street; Roger C. Benson, 1551 Second street north; Ellsworth D. Helke, Nekoosa; Edgar J. Klingforth, 710 Oak street; Richard Turbin, 1040 Baker street; Delbert L. Jensen, 130 Twelfth avenue south.

William Sawaska, fireman second class, left Shoemaker, Calif., June 10 for Terminal Island, Calif., where he has been assigned to a PT tender. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sawaska, 1510 Baker street.

Moultrie, Ga. He will continue pilot training at an advanced pilot school within air force training command.

Temporarily leaving his job of first cook, T/4 William N. Stamm, Strong's Prairie, volunteered to accompany a machine gun section of the 151st infantry, 38th division, helping to carry a heavy machine gun through 11 days of action in the mountains east of Manila. T/4 Stamm is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stamm, Strong's Prairie. The "Cyclone" division soldier has been overseas the last 18 months.

Receives Air Medal

A flight engineer and gunner with 23 missions and 170 combat hours to his credit, S/Sgt. Melvin L. Pollock, 24, of Adams, recently was awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement." He took part in the Philippines air offensive and more recently has flown numerous long range strikes against Jap shipping in the South China sea and the Formosa areas. He entered service in July, 1942.

Among the new arrivals at Mayo General hospital, Galesburg, Ill., is Pfc. Jay J. Nash, whose wife, Vivian, resides in Adams. He was attached to the infantry and has the ETO ribbon with two battle stars and the Purple Heart. He entered service September 20, 1943 and went overseas June 15, 1944.

William F. Mengel, formerly with the experimental engineering department at Curtis Wright in Buffalo, N. Y., has entered the navy at Great Lakes, Ill., as a radio technician.

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U. S. Submarine is Overdue From Patrol

Washington—(AP)—Overdue from patrol, the submarine U. S. S. Kete is presumed lost with her complement of from 80 to 85 men.

A navy announcement Saturday said the Kete, commissioned last July 31, was under command of Lt. Comdr. Edward Ackerman of Cincinnati. Next of kin of those aboard have been notified, the navy said.

Two Pilots Die in Crash Near Marshall

Madison—(AP)—Two army air force pilots, both residents of Madison, were killed late Saturday when their single engine trainer plane crashed four miles north of Marshall in Dane county.

Brig. Gen. Vincent J. Meloy, Truxav field commander, said the victims were Lts. Thomas C. Bowditch, 23, and Jack G. Evans, 28. The wives of both men live in Madison.

The fliers were on a training flight.

A board of army air force officers from Truxav field was appointed to investigate the accident.

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NOTICE

The Board of Review of the Town of Sigel, Wood Co., Wis. will meet Monday, July 9th 1945, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the Town Hall, for the purpose of reviewing the Assessment Roll of all property in said Town, for the year 1945.

August Finup
Town Clerk

THE SPIRIT OF '76 MARCHES ON

- ★ We fought to get our freedom.
- ★ We are fighting again to preserve it.
- ★ The struggle demands every cent every one of us can spare.
- ★ For Freedom's sake BUY ALL THE BONDS YOU CAN.
- ★ For your own sake, HOLD THE BONDS YOU BUY.

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How Congressmen Of Wisconsin Voted

Washington—(AP)—Wisconsin's delegation was divided Saturday as the house passed, 275-91, legislation extending price control for another year.

Voting with the majority were Democrats Biemiller and Wasieleski, Republicans Keefe and Stevenson, and Progressive Hull. Opposing the extension were Republicans Barnes, Henry, O'Rourke, Murray and Smith.

Senators LaFollette (Prog) and Wiley (R) voted with the majority Saturday as the senate, by a 42 to 26 vote, provided \$250,000 to continue the fair employment practices committee for one year.

STOPPAGE POSTPONED

Milwaukee, (AP)—Officials of the State, County and Municipal workers of America (CIO) and Milton J. McGuire, president of the Milwaukee common council, announced last night that a scheduled work stoppage by garbage men had been postponed to allow negotiations of differences over wage rates.

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Remember: Government regulations make it impossible for us to allow discount after the 12th of the current month.

Wood County Telephone Co.

NOTICE To The Public

Wednesday, July 4th, being Independence Day, a legal holiday, the banks of Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa, Rudolph, Pittsville, Vesper and Arpin will not transact business on that day.

Wood Co. National Bank
of Wisconsin Rapids

First National Bank
of Wisconsin Rapids

Nekoosa State Bank
Nekoosa, Wis.

Farmers & Merchants Bank
of Rudolph, Wis.

People's State Bank
of Pittsville, Vesper and Arpin