

PREDICTS PORK SHORTAGE IN U. S.

Shortage in pork and pork products will confront the American people within the next three months if the United States Government's program to meet British requirements are carried out as originally planned. This information was vouchsafed today by F. S. Snyder, chief of the meat division of the Food Administration, who warned that American consumers should not expect lower prices on these products because of the great surplus that now exists.



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Recognize Poland, Paderewski Asks

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IGNACE JAN PADEREWSKI.

handed, raised an army of 50,000 Poles in the United States and sent it to France.

Revision of City's School System Imperative, Says Commissioner Brownlow

Revision of the school system of Washington to prevent the undermining of the educational structure of the District was urged by Commissioner Louis Brownlow in an address before the Commercial Club last night.

"Washington, in the future, must plan in terms of 500,000 population," said Commissioner Brownlow. "Prosperity and opportunities await the National Capital as never before in the history of the nation.

"For that reason we should be careful not to lay the building of the city's welfare on false foundations. And in view of that fact we must take immediate action to correct the school problems now confronting the District."

The appointment of a District director of education with unquestioned executive powers was advocated by Commissioner Brownlow.

"The director of education," he says, "should have two assistants, one a superintendent of schools and the other a business superintendent. The Board of Education should be made an advisory body.

Not Reflecting on Board.

"In advocating this drastic change I do not wish to cast reflection on the capable men and women now serving on the Board of Education. The fault lies in the system, not in the person, and the system must be cor-

rected if the children of Washington are to receive proper education."

Commissioner Brownlow also discussed the teachers' salary fight, and declared his sympathy with their cause.

"We consider our children of more importance than our automobile, yet we pay a chauffeur more to take care of the automobile than we do the teacher to take care of the child," declared the Commissioner.

"The salaries in the schools must be readjusted to a basis fair to the teacher, or the educational system of the District will totter.

Urges City-Wide Campaign.

A city-wide movement to influence Congress to revise the school system in Washington and, incidentally, to pay the teachers more salary was advocated by the Commissioner.

As a preliminary favorable move toward Mr. Brownlow's plan, the Commercial Club voted to refer the matter to the board of governors with power to act.

"The population of the city of Washington never will return to that of pre-war days," said Mr. Brownlow. "Since the signing of the armistice only 3,940 war workers have left the District. The problems of peace and reconstruction will necessitate the retention of most of the persons who came here to help win the war. The War Risk Bureau, the Internal Revenue Department, the War Department, and the Departments of Labor, Interior, Agriculture and others will need the continued services of their war-time forces. And rapidly expanding departments will need even more employees.

Mr. Brownlow advised the creation of an orderly building program for the District, so that Federal employees may be enabled to live in comfort.

"The housing problem still is serious in Washington," he said. "And in view of the fact that the population of the National Capital is to remain practically as great as during the war, some policy of general building must be adopted. This can best be done by the Government. The industries of Washington are Government industries and Congress must provide housing facilities for the Federal employees. One of the best things Congress has done for the District recently is to authorize the completion of the housing project in the Union Station Plaza."

Municipal, or centralized, building of homes is not at all experimental, the Commissioner pointed out. He compared what had been done in Scotland, England and Germany.

"In Washington the time is not ripe for housing projects of a general nature to be undertaken by private individuals," he said. "Lack of capital is the main reason for this state of affairs. Since most of the people looking for homes are Federal employees, it is up to the Federal Government to provide homes for them. Much as the corporations did in Gary, Ind."

Deplores Decentralization.

Any plan to decentralize the activities of the Government was deplored by Commissioner Brownlow.

"It would be a serious mistake for Congress to move any of the Government departments from the National Capital," he said. "Centralization of the departments works for efficiency and efficiency is the keynote of ultimate success."

The measure now in Congress providing for the purchase by the Government of land on both sides of Pennsylvania avenue was commended by the Commissioner.

"This plan is excellent in that it will help to bring about the city beautiful, and also will be of help to the Government when the growth of the nation's business during the coming years necessitates a still further growth of the Federal departments," he said.

The following officers of the Commercial Club unanimously were elected: President, J. A. Whitfield; first vice president, E. P. Mertz; second vice president, C. W. Semmes; secretary, W. J. Eynon; treasurer, Cuno H. Rudolph, and a board of governors composed of John Dolph, J. Sharp, and H. E. Stringer.



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