

### System of Priorities Ordered on Postwar Recreation Projects

The District Recreation Department today is proceeding, under orders from its Recreation Board, to draw up a postwar recreational development plan for Washington, with each swimming pool and tennis court marked in the order of its importance to the general plan.

"We need a system of priorities," Walter L. Fowler, District budget officer and board member, declared at the board meeting yesterday. He said that in event of funds suddenly becoming available for new recreation facilities the board should know "what they want to do first."

"Hodge-Podge" Thus Far.

"This has been a hodge-podge affair so far," C. Melvin Sharp, representative of the Board of Education, declared. "We poked at a playground here and a shelter house there without really knowing where we're going."

Milo F. Christiansen, recreation superintendent, was asked at the same time to make a thorough survey of facilities now available. Once the "procedure of development" has been drawn up, Mr. Christiansen said, he will need funds to pay technical assistants and to supply materials for actual blueprints of the proposed recreational facilities. The priority list, however, will be completed by present personnel of the department without additional assistance of a landscape or architectural engineer.

The board on June 23 approved a \$15,000,000 postwar recreational plan, including 12 year-round swimming pools, but gave no indication of the method of procedure in case money was granted on a piece-meal basis. In arguing for a system of priorities, Mr. Fowler said it was "absurd" to suppose such a large sum of money would ever be granted all at once.

**Shelter House to Stand.**

In answer to the board's demand for \$6,000 in case the Sullyland parkway had to be built through the Barry Farms Shelter House, the War Department has responded that the new parkway will be constructed to avoid the house, Mr. Christiansen announced.

The department had originally estimated that "shoulders" of the proposed military highway would come so close to the playground that the small house would have to be demolished.

The board decided to ask the Commissioners for use of the E. V. Brown School as a "hangout" for Chevy Chase "teen-agers" after the Ration Board has relinquished its use.

**Oil Refiners to Offer Plan to Boost Output**

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A group of independent oil refiners announced yesterday they would present to Government officials a plan designed to increase oil refining in the Midwest, which a spokesman predicted would have an idle refining capacity of 300,000 barrels a day by next June.

The plan, announced by B. L. Majewski, vice president of the Deep Rock Oil Corp. and chairman of the Petroleum Industries Marketing Committee for District 2, proposed:

1. Use of the little Big Inch pipeline from Texas to Norris City, Ill., to carry into the district 100,000 barrels of crude oil daily for 100 days.

2. Shipping 50,000 barrels a day of West Texas crude oil into the district under an arrangement in which all refiners would be reimbursed by the Government the difference between freight rates and the cost of moving the oil by pipeline.

3. Relaxation of Government oil regulations to permit the drilling of new oil wells 10 acres apart instead of 40 acres.

Plans for presenting the recommendations to Petroleum Administrator Ickes were announced after a closed meeting between independent oil refiners from 15 Midwest States and representatives of the Petroleum Administration for War in District 2.

**Heavy Times Square Patrol Ordered New Year Eve**

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Times Square—traditional scene of New Year eve merrymaking—will be patrolled by 2,147 policemen, plus a number of air-raid wardens, members of the City Patrol Corps and firemen this New Year eve.

Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine announced the measure yesterday and also alerted police in each of the five boroughs for the holiday eve, issuing orders to be on guard against possible sabotage and hoodlums, particularly near war plants.

The use of sirens in the Times Square area between 7 p.m. December 31 and 4 a.m. New Year Day was banned.

As a wartime precaution, the police department will erect 10 loud-speakers in the section to give emergency instructions to the more than a million persons expected to gather along the Great White Way.

**Procter & Gamble Held Infringing on Competitor**

By the Associated Press.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 29.—The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled yesterday that the Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co. had infringed on a soap-making patent held by Lever Bros. Co., another manufacturer of soap.

An opinion prepared by Judge Armistead M. Doble reversed the judgment of the district court at Baltimore and remanded the case for further proceedings.

**Mexico May Ship Silver To U. S. After April 29**

By the Associated Press.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 29.—If Mexico's large-scale minting program is concluded by April 29, 1944, silver shipments to the United States will be resumed after that date, Bank of Mexico sources said last night.

However, Mexico will continue minting until the national shortage of fractional money is eased, and no one can foresee when that will be, it was added.

### MacNicol, Foggia Raid Hero, Dies as Result of Accident

Was Given D. F. C. By Gen. Spaatz For P-38 Attack



LT. COL. GEORGE MACNICOL. —A. P. Wirephoto.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Lt. Col. George MacNicol, commander of the 82d Fighter Group which had destroyed 319 enemy planes in the Mediterranean theater, died December 21 as a result of an accident, his father, E. P. MacNicol of Chicago, was informed by the adjutant general's office yesterday.

The 82d was famed for its raid on the Foggia airfield in Italy last August 25 before invasion of the mainland began.

The MacNicol family lived in Memphis, Tenn., where the elder MacNicol was managing editor of the Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Dispatches at the time told of Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz's enthusiasm for the Foggia raid. He ran out on the P-38's home field and brushing aside red tape called Col. MacNicol and in the presence of Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle pinned the Distinguished Flying Cross on his dusty and disheveled uniform.

Col. MacNicol had just reported after the mission and was wearing a red and green stocking cap that was neither regulation nor military. As he got out of his jeep, he stood speechless before Gen. Spaatz, Gen.

Doolittle and the brigadier general who commanded his wing.

Gen. Spaatz said abruptly, "I am going to give you the D. F. C.," and before Col. MacNicol knew what was happening pinned it on his chest.

"Thank you, sir," the colonel spluttered.

That was the first time such an instantaneous battlefield decoration had been conferred in the campaign.

### Agreement Expected By Walker on Plan For Soldier Voting

By the Associated Press.

Democratic National Chairman Frank C. Walker says he has "no doubt that a compromise measure can and will be enacted" that will enable service men and women to vote in the 1944 national election.

Replying to a telegram from Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, urging the Democratic party to affirm "wholehearted support" for a Federal ballot, Mr. Walker recalled the original Lucas-Green bill (defeated in the Senate) met with opposition of the group in the "controversial" doctrine of State rights.

"I have no doubt that a compromise can and will be enacted that will meet this objection," he said. "For I can conceive of no member of Congress being willing to deny the soldier the chance to make his voice count in a national election."

"Of course, every precaution must be taken to insure perfect freedom in the soldier's choice, and equally important is that an honest non-partisan count must be guaranteed."

**Compromise Outlined.**

The telegraphic exchange was made public today by the Democratic National Committee. A compromise being talked on Capitol Hill would provide for a Federal commission which would merely be the instrument of getting the ballots for President and Congress to and from the members of the armed forces, with the States doing the counting and passing on the question of voter eligibility.

However, poll tax and registration requirements would be waived under this plan.

"Among the military voters," Mr. Walker said, "are thousands unlisted on the registration lists—young fellows who were mustered into the services before they had reached the voting age, for example. These must not be eliminated."

Mr. Hillman said in his telegram that unless Congress acts promptly on reconvening January 10 to pass a practical uniform Federal ballot the right of the fighting forces to vote "will inevitably become a major political issue in 1944."

**White Asks Agreement.**

Earl White, Senate Minority Leader White's plea that Congress cut short its prolonged battling over food subsidies and soldier voting in the interests of national unity prompted a general "Me, too," reaction at the Capitol today.

Legislators of both parties agreed in principle with Senator White's assertion that all possible legislative controversies should be avoided for the duration.

"There is a time to fight and a time to avoid it," Senator White said at a press conference yesterday, "and as long as this accused war remains on our hands it is my conviction we should try to adjust all legislative controversies possible."

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**Green Backs Proposal.**

Senator Green, Democrat, of Rhode Island, co-author of the Green-Lucas bill, said he sympathized heartily with the Senate's rejection of a Federal system in favor of State control of servicemen voting already had caused widespread disgruntlement among men in the armed services.

"The question is just how a compromise is going to be accomplished," Senator Green added. "It seems every time someone tries to compromise he gets a hit on the head with a brickbat."

Senators Danaher of Connecticut and Burton of Ohio, Republicans, endorsed Senator White's views, but in the House Representative Wolcott, Republican, of Michigan, ranking GOP member of the House Banking Committee, said he could "see no compromise on the principle involved" in the food subsidy row. Mr. Wolcott was a leader in the successful House campaign to abolish food price control subsidies, but the legislation still before the Senate Banking Committee.

Senator White made it clear in his press conference remarks that he wasn't proposing any 1944 political campaign trace.

"There will be plenty of things to scrap over later on," he said.

**Single Foreign Policy.**

Chairman Bloom of the House Foreign Affairs Committee meanwhile proposed that "all potential presidential candidates get together and agree on a single foreign policy plank for 1944" to eliminate that issue from next year's election campaign.

"It would be a service to the Nation and to the world," said the chairman in an interview. "It would remove last lingering doubts of this

### 45 Cab Drivers Wait Action on Complaint Of 'Passed Up' Fare

By the Associated Press.

Forty-five taxicab drivers who were halted before the Board of Review and Revocation of Hackers' Character Licenses yesterday to explain why they allegedly refused to stop for passengers, were back to the streets today while the board debated what action should be taken.

Complaint in the case was Robert L. Hill, Agriculture Department official, who carefully noted license numbers of cabs that passed him by over a two-month period as he futilely hailed them at Second street and Massachusetts avenue N.E. Mr. Hill told reporters he didn't want the drivers to be suspended or lose their licenses, but was merely trying to get "ordinary service."

Mr. Hill's campaign began October 1, after he became aggravated at being consistently passed by, and continued through December 1. He said he felt many drivers had become somewhat nasty to would-be customers and stopped only when it suited their convenience.

The drivers were outspoken in their remarks about Mr. Hill, many denying they were in the vicinity at the time he allegedly took their license numbers. Others offered a variety of excuses for ignoring his signal for a cab. Most said they didn't see him or that they were on call and unable to stop.

Mr. Hill said his action reflected the attitude of hundreds of persons who felt the same about the cab situation, but were unwilling to do anything about it.

The board, headed by Edward R. Dean, announced it would be a week or 10 days before it makes a decision. All cases will be judged on their individual merit.

### Radio Station Sues to Force Paper to List Program

By the Associated Press.

DENVER, Dec. 29.—District Judge George Luxford has taken under advisement a motion to dismiss an injunction suit brought against the Denver Post by Radio Station KFEL of Denver.

The suit seeks to restrain the Post from omitting listings of KFEL programs and those of the Mutual Broadcasting System, of which KFEL is an affiliate, from the newspaper's daily schedule of radio programs.

The radio station contended such action violated the Colorado Unfair Trade Practices Act. The Post argued in a hearing yesterday that the newspaper had the right to refuse the listings if it desired.

Judge Luxford indicated a decision on the motion will be made soon.

### Fifteen Drowned in Mexico

GUADALAJARA, Mexico, Dec. 29.—Fifteen persons drowned last night in the sinking of a launch on Lake Chapala, a tourist resort. All aboard were believed to be Mexicans.

### Arthur W. Colton Dies

PALISADES, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Arthur Willis Colton, 75, author, poet and literary critic, died yesterday. He was born in Washington, Conn.

### Shore Patrolman Hears Robbery Call From Home

By the Associated Press.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 29.—Chief Petty Officer C. H. Harris, a shore patrolman here, who formerly was a Baltimore policeman, tuned in the Baltimore police on his patrol car radio.

Baltimore police were being ordered to his own house there and he recognized the signal as "breaking and entering." His wife was visiting him in Richmond and his daughter was at home alone. He dashed for the telephone.

The daughter answered and credited the family bulldog with frightening the intruder away.

Nation's willingness to co-operate with other countries."

He offered no specific declaration of what that plank should say, but asserted that it should be flexible enough to provide for a give-and-take policy in general terms, the policy recognizing that this Nation must take a part in world affairs.

### Steel Mills Nearing Normal Production; Wage Talks Continue

By the Associated Press.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 29.—Steel production climbed back toward normal today after a work stoppage by more than 170,000 workers, while the CIO's United Steel Workers of America continued negotiations for new contracts.

Over the nine States affected by work tie-ups which began with expiration of contracts on Christmas eve, workers returned to their jobs with the start of regular shifts or in accordance with operating conditions.

Philip Murray, president of the steel workers and the CIO, maintained his silence on the controversy, estimated by the American Iron and Steel Institute to have cost the industry about 125,000 tons of steel production. He participated, however, in contract negotiations between a union committee and subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corp.

**Fact May Be Master Plan.**

Any pact agreed on by the union and United States Steel appeared likely to become a master plan for other contracts to be signed with some 500 steel companies. No indications were available as to when such a model contract would be ready to submit to the War Labor Board for approval. The steel workers seek 17 cents an hour above the ceiling fixed by the "Little Steel" formula.

The work stoppage which began at midnight Christmas eve ended shortly after the union chief announced full compliance with a WLB directive calling for resumption of full production and assuring workers any wage increases agreed on would be retroactive to December 24.

**Increases Expected.**

A WLB spokesman emphasized that the pay boost—if approved—would be retroactive only if they conformed with the national stabilization program, but opinion throughout the industry reflected a belief the final result will put more money in steel workers' pay envelopes.

"And I don't think it will be by giving up our lunches," declared one union leader. He referred to an agreement between Secretary of Interior Ickes and John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, that gave miners more pay by cutting 15 minutes off lunch.

In the meantime, another tie-up had developed in the Birmingham area where steel workers and miners—members of the United Mine Workers—went out in a dispute over working regulations. About 3,300 men were involved.

**Backtracking Is Denied By WLB Public Members**

Public members of the War Labor Board emphasized last night that they did not backtracked on the question of retroactive pay for the steel workers and if any one did, it was the labor members.

An opinion by Chairman William H. Davis, subscribed to by the three public members, said the President's telegram to the steel workers Sunday "was in every substantial respect the same as the proposal made to the board by the public members on December 22."

That was the proposal voted down by a combination of industry and labor members, though their opposition was grounded on different reasons.

On Monday, the opinion pointed out, the decision ordering that a wage increase, if any, be made retroactive was reached when John Brophy, CIO member of the board, moved "that a directive be issued consistent with the President's telegram."

The opinion added that "it was made plain to the board that the motion did not propose retroactivity with respect to any wage adjustments beyond the limits of the existing wage-stabilization policy."

The public members' original resolution, opposed by the labor members, limited the board's commitment on retroactivity to the existing wage policy. The resolution eventually agreed to by the labor members called for the limiting language, but by the terms of the motion, it was restricted by the President's telegram which Mr. Davis described as substantially the same as the public members' terms.

Mr. Davis also pointed out that no order of the WLB "has any effect beyond the limits of the wage-stabilization policy established by law at the time the order is made."

**Tin Can Salvage Drive Scheduled Tomorrow**

A canvass of apartment buildings for tin-can contributions by house-holders will be made tomorrow by the District's bottling industry. James E. Colliflower, District Salvage Committee chairman, announced today.

Resident managers are urged to instruct their janitors to place their collections of tin cans in suitable containers in front of their building before 8:30 a.m.

"While the last few months have shown a slight increase of tin cans collected from apartments," Mr. Colliflower stated, "we are still not getting anywhere near the cans available from this source."

Mr. Colliflower emphasized that the salvaged tin is being used in many ways for the war effort.

### Two Youths, 16, Held In Gas Coupon Theft

Two 16-year-old boys were arrested yesterday and charged with housebreaking in connection with the theft of gasoline ration coupons good for 6,000 gallons and 10 inventory coupons valued at 100 gallons each from a service station in the 3700 block Minnesota avenue S.E. Monday night. One of the youths had been working at the station.

Police said a portion of the coupons had been recovered. A check of police records revealed that both had been involved in a similar theft in Baltimore.

Eleventh precinct police made the arrests and lodged the boys at the Receiving Home pending Juvenile Court action in the case.

### United States Treasury Position

By the Associated Press.

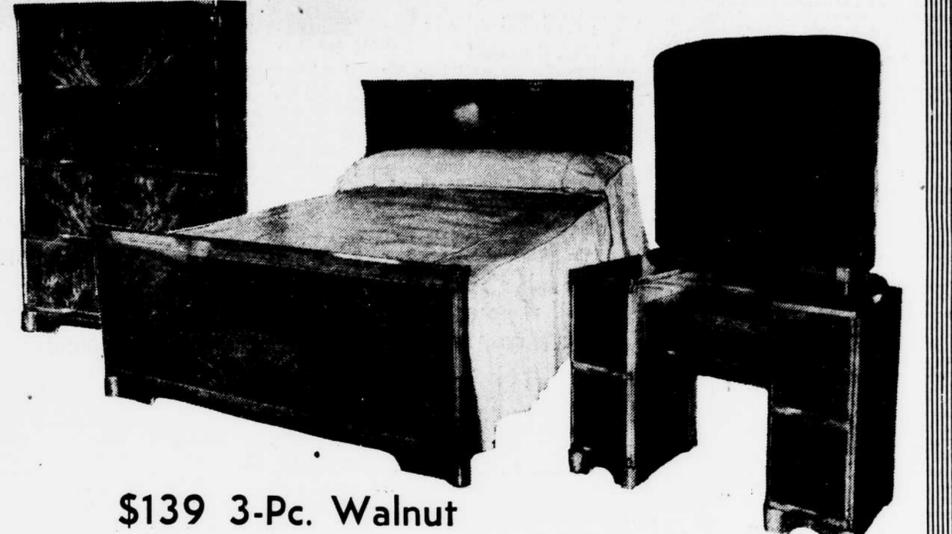
The position of the Treasury December 27, compared with corresponding date for 1942 and 1943.

Receipts	December 27, 1943	December 27, 1942	December 27, 1943
Expenditures	188,576,158.57	182,295,877.14	188,576,158.57
Net balance	10,284,043.87	8,300,000.00	10,284,043.87
Working balance included	11,074,198,961.87	7,447,235,025.00	11,074,198,961.87
Customs receipts for month	10,284,043.87	7,447,235,025.00	10,284,043.87
Receipts fiscal year (July 1)	38,528,754,668.38	28,392,392,605.83	38,528,754,668.38
Expenditures fiscal year	38,528,754,668.38	28,392,392,605.83	38,528,754,668.38
Excess over previous day	10,284,043.87	109,039,089,242.70	10,284,043.87

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3-Pc. 18th Century Sofa, Club chair, channel chair	\$298.50	<b>\$228.80</b>
2-Pc. French Louis XV	\$398.00	<b>\$295.00</b>

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6-Pc. Mahogany Bedroom Suite	\$279.50	<b>\$225.60</b>
6-Pc. Bleached Mahogany Veneer Bedroom Suite	\$269.50	<b>\$209.80</b>
3-Pc. Solid Maple, Dresser or vanity, chest and bed	\$129.50	<b>\$98.40</b>
3-Pc. Solid Mahogany, Dresser and 2 twin-panel beds	\$225.00	<b>\$169.30</b>
3-Pc. Cherry Bedroom, Dresser or vanity, chest and bed	\$109.50	<b>\$79.90</b>
4-Pc. Walnut Modern Bedroom	\$165.50	<b>\$119.70</b>
3-Pc. Mahogany Veneer Dresser, Chest, Bed	\$149.00	<b>\$89.00</b>
4-Pc. Lined Oak, dresser, chest, bed, vanity	\$225.00	<b>\$159.00</b>

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5-Pc. Maple Dinette Suite, table and 4 chairs	\$59.75	<b>\$39.50</b>
Dinette Refectory Table, Odd Solid Maple	\$24.95	<b>\$17.88</b>
Odd Solid Maple Dinette Table (stretcher base)	\$29.95	<b>\$19.90</b>
Maple or Walnut Dresser	\$29.95	<b>\$22.00</b>
9-Pc. Solid Bro Oak and Walnut Dining Room Suite	\$298.00	<b>\$239.60</b>
10-Pc. Aspen Wood Dining Room Suite	\$398.00	<b>\$295.00</b>
Lounge Chair, Grip arm, Tapestry	\$39.50	<b>\$21.88</b>
Regency Sofa Covered in Brocattelle	\$219.50	<b>\$119.60</b>
Tuxedo Sofa, Feather Cushion, Covered in Damask	\$169.50	<b>\$69.40</b>
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Tapestry Covered Colonial Rocker (upholstered arm)	\$34.95	<b>\$26.66</b>
Regency Lounge Chair, Feather Cushion	\$69.50	<b>\$49.60</b>
Felt Mattress and Box Spring, double size. Both were	\$44.95	<b>\$29.50</b>
Hair and Felt Combination Box Spring & Mattress. Both	\$79.50	<b>\$39.50</b>
Headboard Bed with Mattress Box Spring, damask covering	\$89.50	<b>\$48.80</b>
Four Odd Full Size Box Springs	\$34.95	<b>\$19.50</b>
One Twin Size Box Spring (floor sample)	\$39.50	<b>\$19.88</b>
50 Lb. Felt Mattress, A. C. A. Ticking	\$19.95	<b>\$12.66</b>
Twin Studio Couch, tapestry covered	\$72.00	<b>\$44.50</b>
Upholstered Headboard	\$39.95	<b>\$17.60</b>
Sofa-Bed, opens to double size	\$74.00	<b>\$44.50</b>
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\$45 Platform Rocker Tapestry Covered	<b>\$29.50</b>
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\$44.95 Lounge Chair Modern Tapestry Covers	<b>\$19.90</b>
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\$24.95 Beach Cart Metal Pusher Wire Wheels	<b>\$13.88</b>
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