

K-9 SAVES UNIT

A messenger dog, a K-9 Corps member on duty in the Southwest Pacific, recently carried a

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Lienerth Home Entered and War Bonds Taken

Into the home of Mrs. Nellie Lienerth, 21923 S. Harvard blvd., some time Sunday or that evening went a sneak thief and when he or she left the premises a suitcase was taken along.

And Mrs. Lienerth's savings of 17 \$25 war bonds, \$10 in cash, an expensive ring and some clothes were in the suitcase.

The victim reported her loss Monday morning to San Pedro police but could not name her suspect. She said she had left the door to the dwelling open and the suitcase containing the war bonds and other articles was the only thing taken.

Teenie Weenies Sell War Bonds

By William Donahay
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SAY! HERE'S AN IDEA AND SEW A BUTTON ON IT - BONDS FOR EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY AND DON'T FORGET THE BABY.



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Rebuilt Bicycle Ceiling Prices Are Announced

Maximum prices for retail sales by dealers of rebuilt bicycles in the Los Angeles area were announced by the OPA consumer durable goods section. In an order issued by the war agency, two prices were set for completely rebuilt bicycles carrying a dealer guarantee tag stating what parts were furnished to put the vehicle in first class condition.

Rebuilt old style American 20-inch to 26-inch single tube high pressure tire bicycles will retail for \$34.50 and rebuilt American balloon tire type, or rebuilt American lightweight 26-inch by 1.375 tire and tube bicycle will retail for \$49.50.

U. S. Steel Chairman Sees Orderly Reconversion; Hits Western Plants

Expressing confidence in industry's ability to reconvert quickly to peacetime production in the postwar period, Irving S. Olds, chairman of the board of directors of United States Steel Corp., said recently that the framework exists for prosperity in the postwar period once the task of reconversion is accomplished. Olds spoke before the 150th dinner of the Economic Club of New York at the Hotel Astor, Dec. 5.

"Our country has the ability to produce," Olds said. "We have the money to finance large-scale production and distribution. We have savings out of which to make purchases. Unquestionably there will be a substantial demand for our products. Here is a framework for prosperity in the postwar period once the task of reconversion is accomplished."

"American industry was converted promptly for war purposes without too much talk or complaint. This was so because everyone recognized that such a conversion was vital to the public interest. Why should our mental attitude not be the same when the reverse step is taken once the requirements for war are fully met? We should go about the business of getting back to a peacetime basis just as expeditiously and uncomplainingly as is possible."

His Western Mills
In reference to proposals for decentralization of industry, Olds said, "It is argued that industrial plants now located in the East or Middle West should be supplanted by similar plants to be erected or maintained in the South or in the far West. Just how this is to be accomplished is not clear, unless it be through arbitrary restrictions by governmental edict upon the operations of now existing mills. Those in favor of such a governmental policy fail to recognize that a manufacturing industry automatically locates, or relocates itself in a favorable district or districts. It cannot long survive if markets for its products do not exist or have moved beyond its reach. No statute or governmental regulation is required to bring about a proper equilibrium between place of supply and place of demand. In proof of this, we may note that industry on its own initiative has constantly moved westward in pace with the settlement and development of our country west of the Alleghenies."

"We may well inquire what is to be gained by such a decentralization. Applying such a principle to the steel industry it would appear to contemplate limiting the amount of steel to be produced in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland or Alabama in order that more steel might be produced in California, Utah or Texas. Will such a move advance the public interest by bringing about lower prices and more abundant production and greater employment? Or is it a scheme to force industrial activity artificially in a particular locality through subsidies at the expense of the public, or that such localities may compete with another community more favorably located? It surely cannot be to the advantage of the nation to embark upon any pro-

gram which is economically unsound," Olds added.

Would Capture Market
"If steel can be produced in plants west of the Rockies and delivered to consumers on the Pacific Coast at a cost below the delivered price of steel originating in Illinois, Pennsylvania or elsewhere, these Western mills to the extent of their capacity will, of necessity, eventually capture the West Coast market. Such a law of economics has occasioned the continuous redistribution of productive facilities in America for decades. As our population has spread across the land, markets for goods and services have shifted, and the productive facilities to supply these markets have also shifted. Forcing or restraining local production through an uneconomic process must inevitably tend toward lesser volume of production and decreased employment."

"Undoubtedly," Olds continued, "there are serious problems ahead for industry. As they arrive, these issues must be solved calmly, sensibly and soundly. The solution of each problem must be such as will benefit the country as a whole. This calls for a full public understanding of essential facts and a comprehension of the economic consequences thereof. None of us should be disposed to criticize and condemn any part of our business or economic system simply because we are not informed and therefore do not understand what is involved. We cannot afford to proceed on a forced course of action which permits one group in our society to obtain an unwarranted advantage over another group—and this is equally as applicable to business as it is to labor or agriculture—or a course which advances without justification the interests of one community to the detriment of the rightful interests of another community. The forced creation of employment in one locality cannot be helpful for the nation, as it brings about corresponding unemployment in another locality. If competitive free private enterprise is to survive, it must be given a full and fair opportunity to function. Such a program offers the best outlook for increased production, new jobs, and an ever increasing flow of better and cheaper goods."

Lomita V.F.W. Post's Letter In Magazine

A letter from Lomita Post No. 1622, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is published in the current issue of Look magazine. The letter referring to an article published previously by the magazine, titled, "Will GI Joe Get a Job?", instigated the local chapter of V.F.W. to go on record as a body that will endeavor to make it possible for the returning soldier to find employment.

Part of the letter to the editors of Look states, "Rest assured that we who have seen what happened in the past are going to do everything possible to see that all these boys get a fair break."

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