

7 Factories Soon To Go As Surplus Ordnance Industry Worth \$136,000,000 Offers Sale Problem

By JACK REED INDIANAPOLIS STAR BUREAU, 1207 National Press Building, Washington, Nov. 14—Indiana's \$136,000,000 war baby—the ammunition industry—is about to be liquidated.

Surplus Property Administrator, Douglas Stuart Symington, advised the Congress today that six gigantic ordnance facilities in Indiana will be declared surplus in the near future along with a seventh, Evansville Ordnance Works at Vanderburgh City, which is already on the surplus property list.

Symington's report said that six plants would be declared surplus in the near future—the Hoosier Ordnance Works at Charlestown; the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant at La Porte; Victory Ordnance Works at Terre Haute; Indiana Ordnance Works at Charlestown; Wahab River Ordnance Plant at Newport and the Charlestown Nitric Acid Plant at Charlestown.

THE HOOSIER Ordnance plant, which was operated by Goodrich Engineering Corporation, employed 6,500 people at its peak. It manufactured light ammunition and hunter charges.

The Kingsbury plant, which was operated by the Todd & Brown Corporation, employed 14,740 at its peak and produced fuses, detonators, primers and other small parts of heavy arms.

The Evansville Ordnance plant was operated by DuPont and employed 9,500. Its product was smokeless powder and diphenylamine.

The Wahab River plant manufactured smokeless powder and RDX powder. It employed 2,400 workers and was also DuPont operated.

The Vigo plant was operated by Continental Can Company and at its peak of employment had 8,000 workers.

SYMINGTON, in his report, said that the disposition of all six plants, as well as that of Evansville Ordnance Works at Vanderburgh City, constituted a special program for the surplus Property Administration.

Bit Of 'Rock's' Historic Flag Is Preserved

Washington, Nov. 14 (AP)—It was only a small piece of red hunting, not larger than two by three inches, but it was handled reverently today by Secretary of War Patterson when he received it from Col. Delbert Ausmus, coast artilleryman. It was, as best anyone knows, the only existing fragment of the American flag that was lowered at Corregidor.

ITS STORY was told by the gray-haired colonel from Schenectady, N.Y. Ausmus had hidden it in a false shirt cuff for three years in a Japanese prison.

He related that he was taken to Bilid prison in Manila and sent down to the penitentiary. While he was in the hospital Col. Paul D. Bunker of Taunton, Mass., was brought to Corregidor from seriously infected blisters on his feet and blood poisoning.

ON JUNE 10 Bunker, watching carefully to see that there were no Japs near, swore him to secrecy. Ausmus continued, and said he wanted to turn something over to me to deliver to the Secretary of War.

From beneath a false patch set into the left pocket of his shirt Bunker took a bit of red cloth. Solemnly he gave Ausmus part of it and put the rest back.

"On the morning of the day Corregidor was to surrender Col. Bunker had been ordered to take down the American flag and burn it and put up the white flag of surrender," Ausmus related.

Bunker reported that before he burned the colors he had cut off a small piece and that he was determined to take it back to the Secretary of War. Ausmus promised to carry out the mission.

When the small bit of red cloth was entrusted to him, Ausmus cut off some material from his pants and sewed bands to his shirt cuffs, as though he were mending worn edges. Underneath the band on his right sleeve he tucked the fragment.

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U.S. Guns Back China Landings

12,000 Marines Aid Nationalist Invasion Of Communist Area

Chungking, Nov. 14 (UP)—Chinese Nationalist forces, protected by the guns of American Marines, invaded the Communist-held Shantung Peninsula today.

THEIR landings were speeded in the hope of putting the entire Nationalist Eighth Army ashore at Taingtau, 280 miles southeast of Tientsin, several days ahead of schedule.

MORE THAN 12,000 Marines of the Sixth Division commanded by Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd guarded the port as thousands upon thousands of Chinese troops, carrying American rifles, machine-guns, mortars, flame-throwers and bazookas, marched from United States transports onto the Taingtau pier.

The Shantung Peninsula, which juts into the Yellow Sea west of Korea, is a Chinese Communist stronghold in northeast China. Communist troops control its entire coast and all its major ports with the exception of Marine-held Taingtau.

Taingtau itself was ringed by troops of the Communist Eighth Route Army, whose leaders are pledged to resist any Nationalist advance into the peninsula, but the Communists say they are anxious to avoid conflict with American forces.

COMMUNIST troops in Shantung Province held four air fields taken from the Japanese and also were strongly entrenched in the 5,000-foot Tai Mountains south of Tientsin.

Famous Track Becomes Indiana-Owned



The historic Indianapolis Motor Speedway became Indiana-owned exclusively yesterday for the first time since Carl G. Fisher and other founders relinquished control 15 years ago.

Shaw, associated with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, O., since the last race in '41, will resign at once to assume the management of the track which brought him fame and glory as one of the world's fastest pilots. Work will start immediately for the resumption of the big event at the celebrated two-and-one-half mile course on May 30, 1946.

THE NEW organization will serve as chairman of the board, and will be Marshall, Terre Haute banker, as secretary; J. R. Cloutier of Terre Haute, treasurer; Mr. Myers, Indianapolis, as vice-president; and Mr. Shaw as president and general manager.

THE BRITISH prosecutor, Sir Hartley Shawcross, opposed, asking that the elder Krupp be tried for the brain tissue" and would never be able to stand trial.

THE LATTER TWO had reversed their previous stand against the substitution after a medical consultant reported that the 75-year-old Gustav Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach was suffering from "senile degeneration of

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Race Plant Purchased By Hulman

Sellers Represented By Rickenbacker; Shaw New President

By W. BLAINE FATTON, Sports Editor The Star

A deal was closed at the Indianapolis Athletic Club yesterday afternoon whereby the world-famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway becomes the property of Antoinette Hulman Jr. Terre Haute sportsman and financier.

THE SALE WAS made following meeting of the old board of directors and is said to have involved a consideration of approximately \$750,000.

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Marshall, former attorney long associated with Mr. Hulman, is now president of American National Bank of Terre Haute. He is 44.

Cloutier, 37 years old, has been in business in Terre Haute many years and is the vice-president and treasurer of the Clabber Girl Baking Corp. there.

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Farm Bureau Convenes Here To Occupy Session

Indiana Farm Bureau leaders, 5,000 strong, will level their sights on postwar farm problems here today.

Delegates began arriving yesterday for important pre-convention discussions.

Today's sessions will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning and the convention will get under way at 2 o'clock, concluding Saturday afternoon.

ALL GENERAL sessions will be held in the Murat Theater except Saturday morning's business meeting which will be held at the Hotel Severin roof garden.

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Gates Seeks Housing Relief

Stout Field Uses Suggested By Tour

Governor Ralph F. Gates said yesterday that he may recommend that the Indiana adjutant general's office and the office of the Indiana Aviation Commission be quartered at Stout Field when the installation is returned to the state early next year.

The Governor visited Stout Field yesterday on an inspection tour of the barracks which he hoped might be used as emergency housing facilities to ease Indianapolis' critical housing shortage.

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Public To See War Weapons

Marines Bringing Exhibit Here Today

Residents of Indianapolis and central Indiana counties today will get their first and last look at one of the six Victory Loan special trains touring the nation under auspices of the armed forces.

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3 Powers Seek Delay, Change In Krupp Trial

Nuernberg, Germany, Nov. 14 (AP)—The American, French and Russian prosecutors today asked the International War Crimes Tribunal to substitute Alfred Krupp for his ailing father as a defendant, and to delay the trial of top-flight Nazis for 12 days until Dec. 2.

Countering the Krupp family attorney demanded that the indictment against "an old, dying man" be dismissed and that none be issued against his son.

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Auto Output Slowed Again

Strike Of Frame Assemblers Blamed

IN CLEVELAND the UAW reported there was no strike at Midland but that the company had discharged 200 workers two weeks ago because the company "didn't like the amount of production."

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Wife Claims Sergeant Held Incommunicado



S. Sgt. Frederick Bauer and his wife, Mrs. Wilma Bauer, on their wedding day.

General Motors attributed the output of production to a parts shortage arising from a two-week "work stoppage" by CIO United Automobile Workers in Cleveland, but the union denied this.

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The Weather

in Cross says: The National Press Club gave resident Frank a piano, maybe on the theory that all work and no play makes Harry a dull boy.

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