



Lanham Calls For Postwar Job Program

BY BYRON C. UTECHY.
 With Germany knocked out of the war and Japan doomed to reach the same status, perhaps sooner than expected, Fritz Lanham, Fort Worth congressman, Wednesday said that states, counties and municipalities should at once complete plans to fill in the unemployment gap as soon as the war ends. This, he said, will be the principal factor in averting a depression. Lanham in recent months took the lead in various hearings regarding post-war economics so he speaks with authority based on definite information. "The whole country is greatly in need of large amounts of consumer goods," he said, "but reconversion from military to public needs will require a year to 18 months, and we must be prepared to meet this emergency. Fort Worth has its plans very well advanced, but all cities have not gone as far as Fort Worth, and it will take a combined effort over the country by local, state and federal governments.

Lanham pointed out that Texas as well as other states need many public projects, including the construction of highways, schools and public buildings, which when undertaken will provide employment for millions.

"The federal government is prepared to help financially, but it can not do the whole job and municipalities and states should realize they can not be running to Washington, expecting the federal government to take over the entire load, for the federal government has a staggering war debt to pay."

Lanham has some definite ideas on what should be done with Germany and Japan.

"It is difficult to say just how long American forces should occupy Germany and Japan," he said, "but it is certain they should be taken over, lock, stock and barrel for a very long period, perhaps years, to assure the world that these two gangster nations can never again create the havoc and inflict inhumanity upon civilized nations. The atrocities they perpetrated are so horrible that they hardly bear telling.

Lanham declared that he indorses fully a statement made Tuesday by Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson, commander of the 9th Army, that "the war criminals should be tried promptly and shot."

Lanham is chairman of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Lands, and as such is regarded as the highest authority in Washington on the subject, and because of the demands for projects this has become an all-important committee. He came home to attend the Fort Worth and Weatherford homecoming events for General Simpson. Like Simpson, Lanham is a native of Parker County.

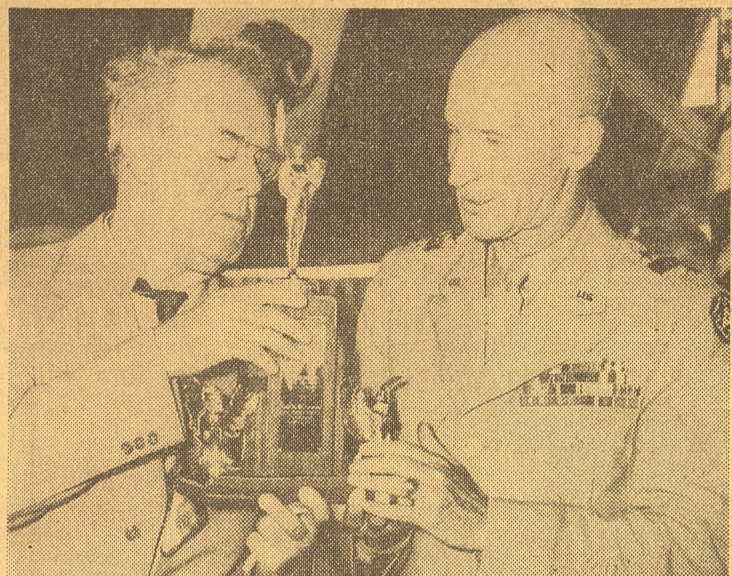
Group to Plan Relief For Grain Congestion

E. P. Byars, traffic manager of Fort Worth Freight Bureau and Chamber of Commerce, said Wednesday that a terminal operating committee of railroad officials will combine with the Fort Worth Terminal Grain committee to carry out plans for relieving the grain congestion in Fort Worth, and to prevent a similar situation from occurring in the future.

The current situation has improved in the past 48 hours, according to C. P. Newsom, chairman of the contact committee of the Grain Exchange, after the railroads accepted the responsibility of working out corrective action.

Houston Grocers Sell 129 Cattle to Packers

HOUSTON, June 27 (AP).—Pat S. Stone, executive secretary of the Houston Retail Grocers Association, announced late Wednesday that 129 cattle bought by certain members in the expectation that a slaughter quota would be granted to the firm of Siegel and Block had been sold.



PEACHES AND HANDSHAKES—Weatherford's homecoming hero, Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson, receives peaches, handshakes, and a trophy as hometown friends turn out to welcome him back from victory in Europe. Upper left, the general selects a peach from a fine exhibit of Parker County's plentiful crop, hands it to his wife, and takes one for himself. Upper right, at the end of the formal part of the homecoming program, Simpson leans over the rail of the speakers' stand to grasp as many as possible of the eager hands thrust up at him. Lower, George Fant, Weatherford banker, presents the 9th Army commander with a trophy from Parker County friends as a token of their admiration for "a big job well done." (Staff Photos.)

FACTOR IN PERMANENT PEACE

Gen. Simpson Advocates Universal Training

BY STAFF WRITER.
WEATHERFORD, June 27.—

Universal military training should be established in the United States for its own protection and as an important factor in maintaining permanent peace, Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson, commander of the 9th Army that hewed its way through Germany, declared here Wednesday afternoon.

He made this statement after the home-coming program in front of the Parker County court house, and the general was prompt in expressing his opinion.

"We should lose no time in establishment of universal military training," he asserted, "for it means protection of our own country, the safety of the world from gangster nations and progress of mankind. The training, whether there is another war or not, will be of great benefit to the youth of this country.

"We did not have universal training before the first world war and we did not have it preceding this, the second world war, and as a result we were caught unprepared and had to rush everything. If we had the universal training system, no so-called master race would run the risk of war.

"Besides, the universal training system would be far less costly than maintaining an enormous standing army. I am emphatically in favor of instituting the system as soon as it can properly be done."

This approval comes from a Texas soldier who loves peace so well he is willing to fight for it, in which attitude he is echoing the sentiments of practically all Parker County citizens who have known the general all of his life, and who have admired his career. Anyway in his talks, both public and private, here and in Fort Worth, General Simpson demonstrated he is for the soldier's welfare first, since they do the fighting.

In spite of the successful record of himself and his 9th Army in Europe, the general frankly says the war is only half over, that he wants to do his share in a mopping up job and be sent to the Pacific to defeat the Japanese. He pleads that Texas citizens continue unabated their war effort and war bond purchases.

"How can Texas best serve the country and the world in the post-war era?" he was asked.

"By getting back to work on the ranches, farms, in factories, shops and offices," he said, without hesitation, "and live normal lives that we all love. We have a big job to do after the war ends, too."

After the speaking program was completed, hundreds stood around the platform to meet the general, and at one point he was asked:

"Did you ever see such people as these in Europe?"

General Simpson smiled and replied: "No, I never did and I never will. These people furnished us the team work."

The general, who is scheduled to return to Europe soon, did not have much to say regarding the issue whether American soldiers should fraternize with the Germans. It is a problem that will have to be worked out later during the occupancy period, he indicated.

"I should think there must be some relaxation," he said, "but I surely would not want to see the lid lifted entirely, for we must be careful. A partial relaxation of the rules under well defined conditions may be the answer. No agreement has yet been worked out."

He was asked this question: "Would you like to go to the Pacific?" and he responded: "You bet I would."

General Simpson after a bond rally and show here Wednesday night planned to return to Fort Worth for a rest of a day or two before going on to Washington. He did not visit his old home at Aledo. While in Fort Worth he and Mrs. Simpson are guests of Amon Carter at the Fort Worth Club.

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