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High Army Officers Visit NAA Plant



Maj. Gen. Echols

Col. Harris

Lt. Gen. Knudsen

Lt. Col. Schlegel

Two high officers of the U. S. Army were visitors to the North American plant Tuesday.

Lieut. Gen. William S. Knudsen, special production chief of the Army, and Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Echols, chief of the materiel division of the Army Air Forces, made a tour of the plant and

the modification center. With them was Col. Ray G. Harris of Wichita, district supervisor of the Mid-Western Procurement District of the Army Air Forces.

Generals Knudsen and Echols made a plant inspection, stopping at numerous production departments to chat with em-

ployees or to pose for pictures.

The visitors were met at the plant by Lt. Col. Leo G. Schlegel, area supervisor of the Army Air Forces; J. H. Kindelberger, president of NAA; J. S. Smithson, vice-president in charge of manufacturing, and H. V. Schwabenberg, factory manager.

Slacks Prices Due to Rise

The North American Foundation store announced Wednesday that an advance in the price of slacks suits for women in factory production and factory clerical is expected as soon as the present supply of those suits is sold.

"Due to increasing costs," the Foundation announcement said, "the present price of \$5.00 for the factory production and \$13.00 for the factory clerical women's slacks will be advanced as soon as this shipment is used up. The manufacturers have not yet told us what the amount of the price advance will be. There are only a few hundred suits left."

Bond Sales Are Down to 92.3%

One hundred per cent sale of bonds loomed again as a possibility for the plant when J. H. Kindelberger announced the new bond purchase plan to be in effect by August. The new system to make buying greater but easier for the individual is eagerly awaited as the bond percentages have slipped slowly but surely down the scale and last week's figure was a mere 92.3%.

Just 21 departments have sold bonds 100% now, however, the averages are high for individual departments and generally in the 90's. Power plant installations hit an all time low since the bond sales started in January with a figure of 55.1%. Individual percentages are as follows:

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CIGARETTE SALE STARTS AUGUST 3

August 3 is the date set for the opening of the cigarette sale, according to Roy Sanders. A widespread organization is being set up throughout the plant to promote the sale of "smokes for soldiers" overseas and to make buying easy for purchasers.

Sanders also announced this week that North American will be able to offer the cigarette plan for \$1.60 instead of \$1.70, as previously stated. The selling organization will include the NAA Supervisory Council, leadmen, factory clerical, police and all sports groups. Booths complete with placards, bunting, flags and cigarettes will be set up outside each plant entrance and salesmen will be on hand at all hours.

Under the plan in which North American participates with the distributors of a popular brand of cigarettes, the purchaser pays \$1.60, retains one carton or ten packages for himself and the remaining eight packages are sent overseas and given out to the armed forces by a special Army distributing service. If the purchaser desires to donate the entire \$1.60's worth, the amount of cigarettes sent overseas will be 31 packages instead of 18. Each individual package is banded with a message from our plant and the recipient is told where the gift comes from and is in a position to acknowledge receiving it.

The plan is in effect in Inglewood and in Dallas and has met with overwhelming success. Sanders is anxious that it should prove popular here and inquires as to when the "smokes for soldiers" plan begins are any indication of enthusiasm that can be expected, sales in Kansas City should top those in other plants.

and Norton to leave the ship, then jumped himself a short time later.

The plane remained aloft approximately 16 minutes after it had been abandoned, then crashed a few miles from the plant.

BOMBER CRASHES DURING TEST

A North American B-25 crashed while on a test flight last Saturday, after Pilot Vic Gibson, Co-Pilot Leland Lloyd, and Flight Engineer Dan Norton had parachuted to safety.

Lloyd was the only one of the three who was injured. He is confined to Bethany Hospital for treatment of a foot injury, which doctors said is not serious.

Lt. Col. Leo G. Schlegel, Army Air Forces Area Supervisor, announced that an Army board of inquiry had begun official investigation of the cause of the crash. Gibson had reported that the ship became uncontrollable soon after it took off, and during the more than two hours it remained aloft, he was in communication with the Air Forces offices by radio.

Gibson first ordered Lloyd