

# THE BIG JOB

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**AXIS CERTIFICATE FOR NOT WORKING**  
 PAYABLE ONLY TO WORKERS NEEDLESSLY ABSENT  
 THOSE WHO ARE ABSENT FROM THE JOB FOR GOOD CAUSE  
 BUT WHO TRY TO CASH THIS CERTIFICATE WILL BE GIVEN DE WOIKS



GOOD FOR  
 1 BILLION MARKS\*  
 PAYABLE IN BERLIN

"VEN CHERMANY HAS DER VAR VON  
 I VILL PAY YOU VON BILLION  
 MARKS FOR BEING ABSENT DER  
 BMI JOB FROM, BECAUSE DAT VILL  
 HELP US DER WORLD TO GE-LICK."

ADOLPH SCHICKLGRUBER



GOOD FOR  
 10 BILLION LIRA\*  
 PAYABLE IN ROME

"WHA LA DA VITA... ACHA TOU  
 MOOCH. THINK OF A TA VAND  
 AND STAY OFFER DA LIRA. I PAYA  
 YOU DA WAD IN DER LOSTA LIKE  
 DAT. AFTER AN DER CHETS WINNA  
 DA WAR FOR ME, EHT."

BENITO DA MUSS



GOOD FOR  
 100 BILLION YEN\*  
 PAYABLE IN TOKIO

"SO SOLLU: YOU TH REAT...  
 "PROMISEM MARKS...  
 NEDTIN...  
 YOU...  
 FOUR NOT...  
 PLEASE."

HON. HIROHITO

\*DOUBLE TIME PAID FOR MONDAY HANGOVERS,  
 FOUR-DAY WEEKENDS  
 AND SICK GRANDMAS IN LOS ANGELES

PAUL JEPSON WAS YOUR BOY--YES HE WAS  
 To Jesse N. Jepson; his work as a BMI  
 laborer in the peat beds has a new, even  
 if sad significance. Jesse's son Paul,  
 who enlisted in the Regular Army back in  
 November, 1940, took his soldier's part  
 in the American landing in North Africa.  
 Paul was among the first of the wounded.  
 He was sent back to the States in a hospital  
 ship. He died of his wounds in New York.  
 Jesse is back on the job now--after a leave  
 for the funeral in Utah. He has another  
 son, Cecil, overseas with the Army--and a  
 boy 17 who wants to get in. Yes, Jesse's  
 work in the peat beds means a lot to him  
 now. He's got a score to pay off and two

more sons to protect. Take Paul Jepson  
 for a symbol, for a minute. Laborer's son.  
 Boss's son. What's the difference? He  
 was an American boy. There are going to  
 be a lot of Paul Jepson's as the casualty  
 lists grow. Your son? My son? Your kid  
 brother? Mine? No difference at all.  
 Our kids--all of them. Isn't our part  
 here in Nevada--Vegas or Gabbs--an easy  
 thing? Every lick we put in--construction,  
 office, mine, preparation, metals, chlor-  
 ine--is a blow for those kids of ours. The  
 more we do and the quicker, the fewer Paul  
 Jepsons will there be. They've got the  
 tough jobs. So who the hell are we to  
 squawk?

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## WHO SAYS WE HAVEN'T ANY



Who said Basic didn't have any women production workers? Meet Miss Delano Christine Bandenberg--the lady machinist at Gabbs. Got her training at Vultee Aircraft, but pined for the open spaces. Came up to the mine and went to work--ten gallon hat and all. Keep 'em rolling, Christine.

### PICKED UP ON THE RUN

Jerry Struthers, whose townsite house burned Christmas eve--and Mrs. Struthers asked us to thank the scores of neighbors who were so kind. Little Tommy says "Thanks" too....

The PTA co-operative shrub buying program is under way. Twenty-five members are canvassing the townsite, taking orders from a shrub list. It's cash-on-the-barrel-head. When orders are all in, delivery date will be announced and you can come and get 'em.. When things get tough and you can't buy butter, or there's no meat on the table, remember the American way is to toss it off with a wise-crack. Like the guy on the raft. He and his gang, the crew of a torpedoed merchantman had been floating around for days, without food, wet, hungry, cold. One night a white searchlight stabbed the murk. It was from a destroyer. The shipwrecked men on the raft were saved. As the destroyer hove alongside and within earshot a long, lanky Yank on the raft cried out: "Hey, you guys, did you bring the evening paper?".....Call for VFW members. They're organizing. If you're interested see Jack Higdon, 274 Basic Road or Taylor Combs, guard at Gate 3..... The world knows all too little about magnesium. Some folks hereabouts know plenty. A lot of others want to know more. So a group has formed the Magnesium Club--very informally. Next meeting will be Jan. 14 in the USO room at the school. Guests are welcome. Membership is by invitation. Owen Woodbury is one of the moving spirits..... W. G. Platt, engineer at Gabbs writes with a kick. Wish we had space to publish his whole letter. Here's a sample: "We are

going to do our job of getting the magnesium oxide to Las Vegas..and into the hands of the boys and men who had too little too late; the flag of the Setting Sun still flies over Corregidor! How do you like that, you unsettled job-hunters and growlers? Gabbs Valley men and women are in here passing the ammunition. Come on folks. Let's 'pal up'. Victory in 1943!" Thanks "W. G.", we can all use more of that kind of thinking--and doing.....? By the way, did you read what Eddie Rickenbacker said? Here's the meat of it: "I have come to the conclusion that if they brought the combat troops back here and put them in factories and had the factory workers replace them in the field, we could double production in 30 days. If only you can get people to realize that.".....The BMI Hill Billies really swing into it at Wednesday night practices. Fourteen good musicians were on hand at the opening, and what they did to the "Arkansaw Traveler" would be hard to describe. They want a big bass fiddle and a guitar, so, you mountain folk--come a' runnin'. Practice every Wednesday night at the schoolhouse at 7:30.

### SO YOU'LL KNOW IN ADVANCE

Pay checks for every worker in the United States this year will show a deduction for Uncle Sam's new Victory Tax. First deductions are slated for pay to be received for the period from Dec. 28 to Jan. 3.

Here's a sample of the way the deduction plan works. Suppose you earn \$60 a week. Twelve dollars of that is not taxable. The balance--or \$48--is subject to the five percent tax. That would be \$2.40. Old age benefit deduction will be made, too. It should be noted that the amount not taxable--of \$12 a week--is the same for all employees, whether single, married or with or without dependents.

The Victory Tax deduction will be shown on your check stub in the space marked "Other Tax" and hours will be shown in the space marked "Department" until new check forms are received.

### WHAT'S COOKIN'

- (All Programs in School Auditorium)
- THURSDAY, Jan. 7, Moving Pictures--7 and 9 p.m.
  - SATURDAY, Jan. 9, Moving Pictures--2 p.m.
  - MONDAY, Jan. 11--PTA Regular Monthly meeting 8 p.m. No cards or Arts & Crafts
  - TUESDAY, Jan. 12--Old fashioned dancing 8 to 12. (Instruction 7 to 8 p.m.)
  - WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13--Badminton, 7:30. 25 cents. Hill Billy Band practice Arts and Crafts
  - THURSDAY, Jan. 14--Moving Pictures 7 and 9 p.m.