influencing or directing the flow of man power." This may be a negative point, but clearly it is a sound one.

All in all, this policy statement by the War Labor Board takes us a substantial distance away from the vague and unsatisfactory concept of "stabilization" represented in the "Little Steel" decision and toward a genuine policy of wage ceilings, a policy which is fundamental to any realistic attack on the inflation problem.

The Conservation Commissioner
For almost ten years the work of Mr. Lithgow Osborne as Conservation Commissioner for the State of New York has commanded respect. The announcement that he has definitely left his post to do war work (he has been on temporary leave since September) serves as a reminder that he was, for a long period, one of the ablest members of Governor Lehman's Cabinet. He brought to his post a sound background, a reasonable viewpoint and a natural sympathy for the work involved. The Conservation Department, though it may cost money, is by no means an unimportant appendage of the state government. Through Commissioner Osborne's constructive efforts the routine work of the department has been carried out sensibly, and the attractions of New York State as a place to hunt, fish, travel and rest have gained wide attention. It is to be hoped, and assumed, that when Governor Dewey appoints a successor to Commissioner Osborne he will pick a man of equal attainments, feeling and enterprise. The place is important, even in these times.

Sword Into Plowshare
Many a sedentary town dweller is living in a dangerous situation and not realizing it. When the postwar days come, town dwellers may find themselves in the neighborhood of Olivi, Buna and Gona, where, as in the South Pacific, the Allied control will, for the present, be temporary. 

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