

B. Post-War Cutbacks Hit Long Island

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Village Board To Hold Meeting On Employment

With job security, steady work and the fight against unemployment the number one problem facing every section of the country today, the Babylon Village Board is making plans to cooperate with the various industries and plants in the vicinity to keep as many workers in the neighborhood at work as possible

The nearby plants have indicated their initial plans to a certain extent but are not able to estimate how many of the old workers will finally be employed on the new peacetime program. In most cases the entire staff except a skeleton crew were let go and now the companies are engaged in calling back the employees as they are needed.

Grumman Aircraft Corporation will keep all their employees on a leave of absence status until they are finally dismissed The plant started to work again Tuesday and while he could not estimate at the present time how many employees would eventually get their jobs back, the company has enough government orders on hand to keep the plant going for at least a year and a half. An indication for encouragement is the fact that the company is beginning to look for outside commercial orders. One of the items to be manufactured there will be aluminum alloy canoes.

The child care centers in Brightwaters and Freeport have been closed there is no indication that they will be opened again.

Republic Aviation Corporation was one of the first companies to announce the extent of postwar employment and "tide-over" pay to released workers. "This is our effort to help carry over to a new job those faithful workers whom we cannot retain."

The Stratos Corporation is still advertising for employees who qualify for the type of work the engineering company does as a subsidiary of the Fairchild Engineering Corporation.

The Dzus Fastener Company has closed temporarily to take inventory and then plans to open on the basis of their findings. It was indicated that there are hundreds of contracts to be reviewed in view of the end of the war and each must be considered separately to see if it has been canceled. When the preliminary work has been done, the Dzus company will resume on a peacetime basis.

Questions:

1. Why were there cutbacks in production at the end of 1945?
2. What plans did Long Island companies have to switch to peacetime production?
3. Why were women especially affected by these cutbacks?