

President Asks Authority For Price Ceilings

WASHINGTON, July 30—(AP)—President Roosevelt, asserting inflationary price increases were threatening to "undermine our defense efforts," asked congress today to authorize him to establish ceilings for prices and rents. "We face inflation, unless we act decisively and without delay," he said.

The president also requested in a special message authority to purchase materials and commodities when necessary to assure price stability and to "deal more extensively with excesses in the field of installment credit."

While refraining from seeking authority to put a limit on wages, he said he expected the voluntary cooperation of labor to prevent labor costs from rising abnormally.

"Labor," Mr. Roosevelt said, "has far more to gain from price stability than from abnormal wage increases. For these are likely to be illusory, and quickly overtaken by sharp rises in living costs which fall with particular hardship on the least fortunate of our workers and our old people."

Congress Divided.
The message went to a congress sharply divided on the question of price fixing. Already a senate farm bloc has served notice it would oppose limits on agricultural prices and only yesterday won senate approval of a bill preventing the marketing during the emergency of government-owned stocks on wheat and cotton.

Another group in congress has advocated control of wages on the ground that wage increases have put up manufacturing costs and forced higher prices.

A bill to carry out the president's request is expected to be introduced in both houses shortly. Leon Henderson, head of the office of price administration and civilian supply, has been working on the legislation for weeks with bill-framing experts.

Mr. Roosevelt recommended that the price-limiting authority "be flexible and subject to exercise through license or regulations under expeditious and workable administrative procedures." "Like other defense legislation," he added, "it should expire with the passing of the need, within a limited time after the end of the emergency."

Upper Limit to Be Set.
The concept of a price ceiling, the president said, is "already familiar to us as a result of our own world war experience. Prices are not fixed or frozen; an upper limit alone is set. Prices may fluctuate below this limit, but they cannot go above it." He added:

"To make ceiling prices effective it will often be necessary, among other things, for the government to increase the available supply of a commodity by purchases in this country or abroad. In other cases it will be essential to stabilize the market by buying and selling as the exigencies of price may require."

Regarding rent control, the chief executive said despite steps taken to assure adequate housing for defense the nation was already confronted with rent increases reminiscent of those prevailing in world war days. "This is a development that must be arrested," he said, "before rent profiteering can develop to increase the cost of living and to damage the civilian morale."

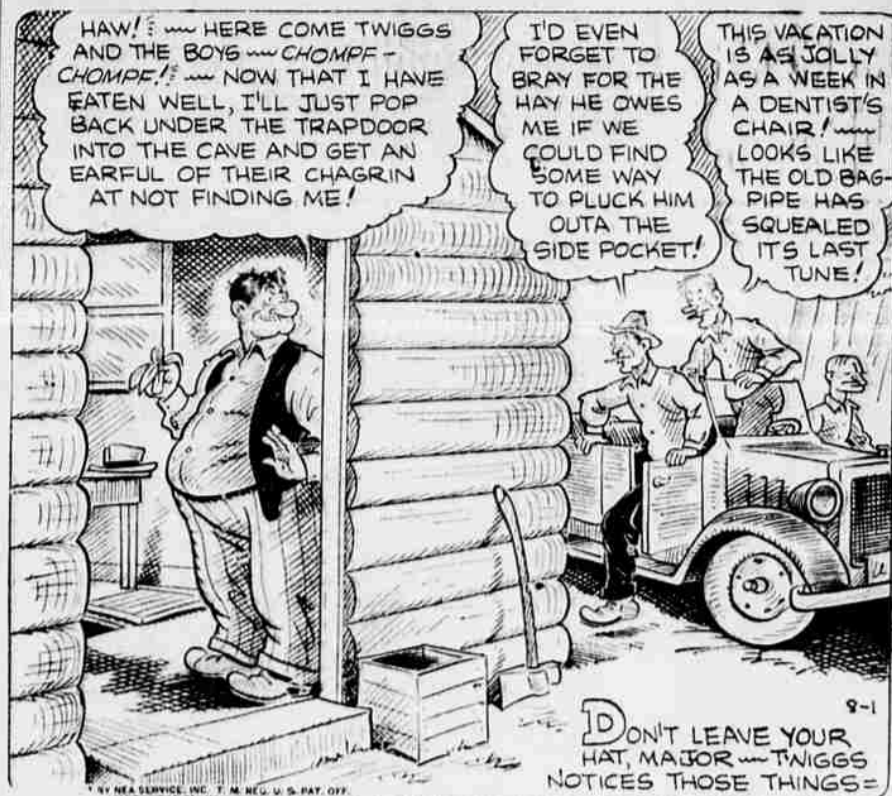
Thos. E. Dewey Will Not Be Candidate for Re-election

NEW YORK, July 31—(AP)—District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey announced today in a seven-word statement: "I shall not run for district attorney." His term expires this year.

Dewey's aides took his statement to mean that the district attorney was relinquishing his 11-year role as a special prosecutor and crusader against vice and racketeers for the state and federal governments.

He was an aspirant for the republican presidential nomination last year.

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Committee On Retaliation Is Formed by Japs

SHANGHAI, July 30—(AP)—A "special capital and property adjustment committee" to execute retaliatory measures against British and American interests was established at Peiping today.

All American and British companies in north China were prevented from doing business except in the Peiping and Tientsin foreign quarters, reports said.

The special committee, which will have the specific duty of supervising business transactions between Chinese and Japanese on the one hand and foreigners on the other, includes representatives of the Japanese army, Japanese embassy, Japanese consulate, the Japanese finance ministry's local agent, the Asia development board's local liaison officer and a representative of the federated reserve bank.

Branch committees will be established throughout north China under the supervision of local Japanese military affairs commissions, it was said.

Luggage "Frozen"
Americans and Britons arriving at Peiping by train reported that their luggage was "frozen" by the station authorities who refused to release it except upon recommendation of the Japanese embassy.

(In Japan itself foreign business was virtually at a standstill

as assets were frozen by the government.)

American and British properties in the whole of Shanghai province were said to have been put under protective custody by the Japanese.

Among those reported affected were the Texas and Socony Oil companies.

At some places Japanese sentries were patrolling the properties, at others Chinese pickets employed by the Japanese mounted guard, it was said.

Foreign businessmen anxiously awaited further actions against them since, they pointed out, any moves taken by the Japanese controlled Nanking government could meet with no United States and British retaliation. Nanking has no foreign holdings.

The Swatow branch of the British-owned Hongkong Shanghai bank, the largest in the Orient, was reported picketed by Japanese in semi-military uniforms.

All Chinese and Japanese throughout the occupied areas have been forbidden already to do business with nationals of the freezing powers except by official permission.

Whistle Will Call Town's Residents to Peace Prayers
MERIDIAN, Miss., July 31—(AP)—Mayor Clint Vinson today called upon the people of Meridian by proclamation to pause at noon each day and pray for peace. The city waterworks whistle will sound the daily reminder. The peace plea was sponsored by the Pilot club and ministers.

Armory at Astoria Is in Prospect

SALEM, July 31—(AP)—The state board of control agreed tentatively today to contribute \$40,000 toward construction of a \$180,000 armory in Astoria, replacing the one which burned a year ago.

The government, under its plans to provide recreational facilities for soldiers, would grant \$115,000, while Clatsop county would contribute \$25,000 and the site, valued at \$15,000. The state would obtain title to the armory.

The state's contribution is part of a \$100,000 legislative appropriation for armories. Lieut. Col. Elmer V. Wooton, acting state adjutant general, said Astoria needs the armory more than do other cities, because of the troops stationed at Camp Clatsop and Fort Stevens. But he added that the need also is great in Pendleton, Baker, La Grande

and Bend. Final approval of the state's grant hinges on approval by the attorney general.

The legislature provided that the board, when it found the money available, could spend not more than \$100,000 for armories.

Budget Director David Eccles reported the money is available because revenues are larger than anticipated. "The increased revenues already have wiped out the \$150,000 deficit caused by the legislature's appropriating more money than was believed available six months ago."

Youngest Senators
Four men have been sworn in as senators before reaching the required age of 30: Henry Clay, Armistead T. Mason, John Henry Eaton and Rush Dew Holt.

U. S. Population
The 1940 census shows the United States now has a population of 131,409,881, almost one-third of whom are either foreign-born or of foreign-born parentage.

Cheap at Half Price

INGLEWOOD, Calif.—(AP)—Police Judge Bernard Lawler picked up the dice and announced boldly: "I shall throw a seven." "Not with them dice, Judge," put in a bailiff. "They're miss-outs."

"Missouts?"
"Sure, Judge," them dice are engineered so you couldn't seven with 'em if you tried all day."

"H-m-m-m." n-m-m-m-ed his honor, turning to three men charged with gambling.
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