

Levels of Price Support for Farm Products Listed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—War Food Administrator Marvin Jones has announced the minimum levels at which the government proposes to support producer prices of more than 30 farm commodities under a 1944 production program calling for a record output.

Under present price control policies, the support program would cost the government between \$600,000,000 and \$800,000,000, the final amount depending on volume of production.

The cost would be incurred in assuring farmers returns in excess of OPA ceilings on some crops.

Jones emphasized that the support program was subject to "action of congress making provision for carrying out the support prices and will not be effective unless such provision is made."

He said administration leaders in congress had assured him there was no strong opposition to the support prices as such.

The new support program, which is designed to assure farmers returns in line with wartime production costs and hence to encourage maximum production, follows the general pattern of a similar program last year.

Slight increases were proposed for a number of commodities, including corn and wheat. Only hogs will be subject to a lower support price, beginning next October.

Various devices will be used, Jones said, to carry out the price minimums. These will include loans, government purchases of affected commodities, and direct payments to farmers.

The support prices included:

Wheat—\$5 per cent of parity as of July 1. The 1943 support price averages \$11.23 a bushel at the farm. Because of an anticipated increase in the parity prices, the 1944 support level is expected to be higher.

Potatoes—90 per cent of parity compared with 92 per cent in 1943. The actual prices in dollars and cents should be about the same.

Mott Has Opponent in GOP Primary Race

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Seeking republican nomination for representative in congress from the first congressional district, office now held by James W. Mott, Dan Harman, Newberg automobile dealer has filed for a place on the May primaries ballot.

Allies Air Blows Last Major German Cities

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Hannover cost 20 bombers and five fighters and the Germans paid with 91 planes near the targets and a dozen more near the channel. In the Frankfurt attack, 102 Germans were shot down and 31 bombers and 13 allied fighters were lost.

The staggering air offensive rose to a record new peak as Russian armies beat swiftly across the snow fields toward the Baltic states. Swift Russian advances in the north placed the Red army within 17 miles of Estonia and 60 of Latvia. German colonists in the Baltic states were reported fleeing. Fifty villages toppled before the soviet forces charging out of Leningrad.

The Germans reported fresh Russian breakthroughs in the Dnieper bend country below Kiev.

The Russians were reported to have rejected a Yugoslav proposal for a treaty of alliance and friendship similar to the Czech pact. The partisan army of Tito, estranged from King Peter's government and most friendly with Russia, reported hard fighting in coastal Croatia and in Montenegro.

At sea, the Germans said without confirmation that U-boats had sunk ten destroyers and escort vessels and five merchant ships in the Arctic from a Murmansk-bound convoy.

Hitler Tones Down

Against the background of doom from Russia, Italy and the skies, Hitler asserted Sunday that only Russia or Germany could emerge as victor from the war and he declared "a victory for Germany means the preservation of Europe, and a soviet victory, Europe's annihilation."

The utterance was singularly free of comments on military events.

Hitler said that England already had lost her power on the continent and he seized upon the Russian-Polish question as evidence of the decline.

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expect from British promises of help is best proved by the Anglo-American attitude toward Poland, Finland and the Baltic states, as well as entire southeast Europe," he said.

"All these states have been dropped and sacrificed," he continued, "not because this is demanded by the individual Englishman, but because Great Britain is incapable of preventing such development in the case of a Bolshevik victory."

Western Oregon Mills Lag in Log Branding Privilege

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—In the seven months of 1943 that the log branding law was in operation, the commissioner of public utilities, George H. Flagg, has been able to complete registration of 656 brands, and in his annual report to Governor Snell he will also advise his excellency that he is reserving 180 additional brands for woodsmen, millmen and contract cutters of the big trees who ask prior usage rights.

It was the great flood of January, 1943, that caused the branding law to be adopted by the legislature. Thousands of unbranded logs were wrenched from the booms and went down the river on those raging waters, and as the flood receded the timber was stranded on islands, at coves and in river bends. Many logs are still in such places because their owners have been unable to identify them. The financial loss was huge.

That was the incident that caused loggers to demand the branding act.

According to engineers of the utilities department, who have charge of the log brand section, less than 50 per cent of the outfitting cutting mill timber in western Oregon forests have protected themselves against another such loss by registering identification brands.

Sea-Air Combat for Marshalls Isles Rages

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persistent attacks on Rabaul, one-time powerful Japanese stronghold on New Britain, and bagged at least 30 or more likely 62 enemy planes. The Nips tried interception with 70 planes. Thirty of them were certain kills and 12 were probables. On the ground 20 more enemy planes were caught like "sitting ducks" and added to the "probable" toll. Our losses were five fighters and a medium bomber.

Bad Month For Japs

The Japanese have tried frantically to stop the American power plays, but January saw their defense torn to shreds at Rabaul. They had their worst month of the war in the air, losing at least 546 planes and probably 717 against our loss of 97.

Today's communique from General MacArthur reported naval bombardment of Jap targets on Bougainville in the Solomons as well as dive bombing attacks on enemy positions holding up the allied drive on Madang, New Guinea. A fair sized convoy was caught off the northwest tip of New Ireland by a reconnaissance plane which left two ships, one of them a destroyer, burning.

On the western end of New Britain Island the Japs were reported pinned down against the mountainous interior by marines with strong aerial support.

Allied troops captured Vitall, in Burma, without opposition. RAF bombers hit Japanese airfields at the western Burma port of Akyab and surrounding areas while American mediums were active in central Burma, damaging two important bridges.

Woman Loses \$5,000 to Pair of City Slickers

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Police investigated today a report of a woman visitor that two men bilked her of \$5,000.

The woman, who identified herself as Miss Gloria Lowe, San Francisco, told officers she met the men in the California city through a woman acquaintance. They followed her here, she said, and unsuccessfully tried to induce her to invest in a gambling house or to buy \$16,000 in "perfect" counterfeit bills.

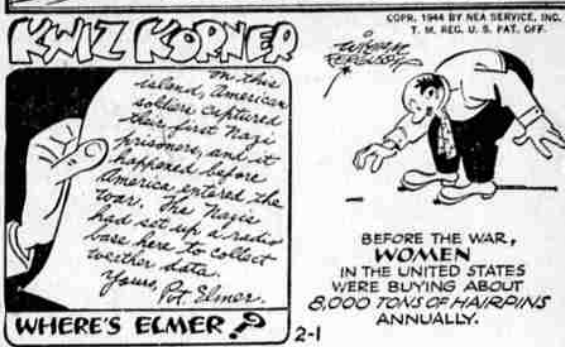
The men didn't believe she had \$5,000, she said, so she showed them an envelope containing the money and when they had gone she found strips of paper in the envelope.

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Navy 'Scalps' an Indian



An Indian got "scalped" by a white man when Joe Aguilar, full-blooded Pueblo Indian from Santo Domingo Reservation, New Mexico, joined the Navy and submitted to a regulation haircut. At left, above, Seaman G. J. Vallancourt, San Diego, Calif., Naval Training Station barber, prepares to snip Joe's long locks. Operation over, Aguilar, right, ponders over the result.

2nd Set of Twins Born to Couple In Eleven Months

SEATTLE, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Mrs. Marion L. Myer, 23, was the mother of twins again today, the second pair in 11 months. And her husband, 25, told interviewers he has to shudder at his responsibilities for his children now number six, the eldest 3 years old.

"Next time it might be quadruplets," he added sheepishly. "But I like kids. That's the trouble, I'm too big a kid, myself."

The Myers moved to a housing project here from Faith, S. D. several months ago. Myer is a port of embarkation army motor pool chauffeur.

Mrs. Myer said her father, Edward Nelson, of Faith, is a twin; his twin, her Uncle Anders Nelson, has two sets of twins, and she has twin aunts in Norway.

But her latest twins break the family record. They're a boy and girl. All the other sets have been of the same sex.

Jersey Cattle Club Opposes Food Subsidy

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—The Oregon Jersey Cattle club was on record today as opposing the food subsidy program now before congress.

In a resolution adopted Saturday at the club's annual meeting, the program was opposed on the ground it is inflationary, contrary to American practices and not

conducive to winning the war.

Another resolution urged the government to dispose of reserve stocks of foodstuffs after the war in such a manner there will be demoralizing effects on the price structure.

Landlords Forced to Pay Back Overcharges

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Seventeen landlords in the Portland-Vancouver area have paid tenants \$1,259.60 this month as reimbursement for overcharges, says the district OPA. Some of the overcharges dated a year and a half back.

Navy Enlists Seven From Douglas County

The naval recruiting office in Portland today reported enlistment of seven Douglas county recruits, including Walter E. Horcher, Dillard; Harvey L. Mitts, Myrtle Creek; Alvis E. Hendrick, Riddle; William E. Bales, John W. Decker, Donald H. Morgan and Richard W. Talley, Roseburg.

Yoncalla

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson have sold five acres of their ranch, which lies between the Waters home and the Gus Perot property, to William Hollamon. Mr. Hollamon intends building a home on the land for his parents.

The Castor Schosso Feed store has been sold to Fred Booth, who will take possession the first of Feb. Mr. Castor expects to retire to his ranch in Rice valley. Mr. Schosso's plans are indefinite.

Argentina Freezes Merchant Fleet Pending Safeguard

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Argentine military government has frozen movements of state merchant fleet as one of the first follow-up actions to its diplomatic break with the axis, all vessels being directed to remain in port "until new orders."

It was expected here, however, that the tieup would not last long, since Argentine economy largely depends on the free movement of the merchant fleet.

(Although no reason was given for the freezing order, it seemed apparent that the Ramirez government deemed it unwise to expose the vessels to the menace of any lurking enemy submarine in the South Atlantic until some provision could be made for their protection, possibly in convoys. (Nazi submarines sank three Argentine ships in 1942 but no mention was made of these torpedoings in yesterday's official announcements concerning the diplomatic break.)

Spy Cleanup On

As congratulations poured in from all over the continent, the Argentine government turned to another problem attending its diplomatic break—the question of communications with Germany.

Suspension on these facilities loomed as great importance in view of the revelations that Buenos Aires was headquarters for a giant espionage ring. It is believed that telephone communications with Germany already have been cut.

The German news agency Transocean, a powerful nazi propaganda arm, has been notified to wind up its affairs here by Jan. 31.

Newspapers, released to some extent from strict censorship rules, which forbid criticism of belligerents, turned to with a will yesterday and printed reports of German espionage and propaganda activities.

BREAK DRAWS WAIL FROM NAZI SPOKESMAN

LONDON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—German Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop decried today what he termed Argentina's surrender to United States "benevolence" and declared that in the end England, not Germany, was the loser by the Argentine severance of diplomatic relations with the axis.

"The United States tried for years to bring about a rupture of diplomatic relations between the Argentine government and the axis," von Ribbentrop was quoted in a dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio.

"She did not shrink from any means, any blackmail to achieve her purpose."

Death in Fire Laid To Cigarette Smoking

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Clewett M. Donovan, 45, burned to death in his home yesterday.

His body was found on a smoldering davenport by his 17-year-old son. Sheriff Robert Brady said Donovan, a shipyard worker, apparently had fallen asleep smoking a cigarette.

Pendleton Air Cadet Dies in Crash of Planes

ENID, Okla., Jan. 29.—(AP)—George W. Roush, 22, Pendleton, Ore., was one of three aviation cadets killed in the crash of two training planes near their base at Enid army flying school yesterday.

Suspect in Slugging Near Yoncalla Nabbed

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bile was driven to Roseburg and out to the Lookingglass road, where it was stripped. Byers was robbed of the sum of \$18, which he carried on his person. His



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