

OPA Extension Fight Hinges On 6 Months or Year

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—A sharp fight shaped up in the house today on a republican move to hold OPA's new lease on life to six months. The administration is asking for at least a year's extension.

House Republican Leader Martin, of Massachusetts, called in his steering committee, and after the meeting broke up he told newspapermen:

"While we believe OPA must be continued, it should be limited to six months, so at the end of that time we can take another look at it and take advantage of any changes needed for adjustment to war and reconversion developments."

"We also are exploring the possibility of some other amendments."

Administrationists already have taken the position that a short extension of OPA would encourage the withholding of goods from the market in anticipation that price control will be lifted.

Meanwhile, three national farm organizations—the American Farm Bureau federation, the National Grange and the National Farmers union—took a united stand against the senate-approved cost-plus OPA pricing system for farm products.

A spot poll of house banking committee members, now considering OPA extension legislation passed by the senate, indicated the cost-plus farm amendment would be rejected there.

Albert S. Goss, granite master, told the committee today "we do not believe the OPA would administer the provisions of the amendment and still maintain any appreciable control on food prices."

Big 3 Tension Eased by Yield in Polish Dispute

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Influence in an effort to have Mikolajczyk, former premier of the London Polish government, included in the projected national unity administration.

The Moscow radio said today that the 16 Polish political leaders accused of "terroristic acts" by hind red army lines would be tried "within the next few days."

DeGaulle May Visit U. S.

In Paris it was expected that Gen. DeGaulle would go to Washington by plane next week to discuss the situation in Syria and Lebanon with President Truman. Conditions in the Levant were described by a French government spokesman as "increasingly unsatisfactory."

Official quarters disclosed that DeGaulle was planning to confer with Truman following a report that the United States had declined France's invitation to a five-power conference on middle east problems.

Chiefs of the American and British missions to Tangier were expected to arrive in London by the weekend for preliminary conferences on the proposal to return Tangier from Spanish control to the status of an international zone. Spain assumed control of Tangier, on the African side of the Gibraltar strait, in June, 1940, after the fall of France.

Elie will choose a new president today to succeed 85-year-old Dr. Douglas Hyde. Elected seven years ago without opposition, Dr. Hyde declined to seek another term because of his age.

Two Airfields on Borneo Captured by Australians

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miles from the original beachhead outside Victoria town. Rubber Plantations Taken

After recovering from the apparent early surprise—the enemy obviously expected an invasion at Jesselton 60 miles northwest of the Nipponese started using mines and booby traps extensively on both Labuan and the mainland.

Some of Borneo's finest rubber plantations fell to the Aussies in the Brunai airfield vicinity.

South from Brunai other rubber plantations extend for 30 miles to Tutong, gateway to the Seria oilfields, which the Japanese have set afire.

Patrol-torpedo boats patrolling the west Borneo coast saw fires visible for 40 miles and great smoke plumes rising from the Seria, Lutong and Miri wells, tanks and refineries. The Nipponese appeared bent on devastating fields with a pre-war production of 10,000,000 barrels a year.

Dyaks Aid Invaders.

Primitive Dyaks of Borneo

have attacked the Japanese with poison-dart blowers in independent support of the Australian invasion to liberate their home island.

Natives outside of Brunai town told today that the fierce Dyak aborigines donned battle regalia and killed 14 Japanese in the last two days.

They said the Dyaks ambushed the Japanese and killed them with blow darts, swords and spears. They even have crude bayonets mounted on the ends of their blow guns.

Portland Cafe Forced to Close, Others May Follow

PORTLAND, June 14—(AP)—With one of Portland's largest restaurants already closed, many owners said today they might follow suit during part of the summer.

Practically everything is short, they said—red points, meats, fowl, fish, butter and sugar. They look unhappily toward July and August, when the OPA will allot them 20 per cent less meat and cooking fats than in May and June.

Restaurant men pointed out also that they cannot get such items as hearts, tongue, ox-tails and pot roasts. As a result they claim they must use their points for high-point meat.

Third, Seventh Armies Will Occupy Germany

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today the Third and Seventh armies have been selected as the American army's occupation forces in Germany rather than the 15th army.

He did not, however, disclose the future of the 15th army, which until recently has been viewed as the probable occupation outfit.

Gen. George S. Patton, commander of the Third, will return soon to his command in Europe, the Secretary said.

The Seventh army was commanded by Lt. Gen. Alexander Patch, but he returned to the United States recently, and was succeeded by Lt. Gen. Wade H. Haislip.

Draft Evader Facing Federal Court Sentence

PORTLAND, June 14—(AP)—Gordon Howard Lewis, 19-year-old Oregon City chicken farmer, who ignored his draft board's order to report for army induction but said he would enter the navy, was found guilty of violation of the selective service act by a federal court jury here.

Sentence will be pronounced soon, U. S. district Judge McCulloch said.

India Self-Rule Presaged in British Proposal

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view to formation of a new executive council more representative of organized political opinion."

Wavell promised that it would be an all-Indian council except for the viceroy and the commander-in-chief.

Voters Urged to OK Postwar Building Plan

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one boy is brought in for correction another must be released regardless of whether his readjustment has been completed.

There are 150 applications on the waiting list for admittance to the state home for the feeble minded, he reported, while tuberculosis hospitals are forced to turn away hundreds of people in need of treatment.

"We have an opportunity today which we may never have again to correct these conditions," Farrell stated in explaining the mechanics of the proposal coming before voters at the special election, June 22.

Money Already on Hand

The sum of \$10 million proposed to be earmarked for postwar construction—\$6 million for

state institutions and \$4 million for schools of higher education—already is on hand, he reported. It can be expended only by a vote of the people, as the legislature has no authority to budget more than 6 per cent to be raised by taxation.

He pointed out that the income tax law provides that money received from income taxes must be applied as an offset to property taxes. In normal times income tax revenue is about equal to the cost of state administration. The procedure calls for a budget to be approved by the legislature, after which a tax on real property is authorized by the state tax commission, which then effects the state tax by appropriations from the income tax fund.

Surplus Now Idle

During the war years, as a result of greatly increased industrial income, there has been a sharp rise in income tax receipts. Funds of 75 per cent and 30 per cent were made during the past two years by discounting state income taxes, but despite these discounts there has been accumulated a surplus of \$15,625,221.51, of which \$5 million dollars is held as a "cushion" or emergency fund. This leaves more than \$10 million, or the amount proposed to be earmarked for the postwar building fund, already on hand.

Farrell said, "Thus the program will not cost the taxpayers an additional cent," he pointed out. "and if not ordered appropriated for the 6 to 10-year building program the money will continue as idle surplus."

The most confusing factor to

the average voter who has not carefully studied the proposal is that the ballot calls for a tax on "real property," the speaker said, but, as income tax revenue can be used only to offset property taxes, a property tax must be voted before the existing surplus can be withdrawn.

No Postwar Set-Aside

The secretary of state told his audience that the state of Oregon as a state, does not have "as much as one cent set aside for postwar projects." California, he said, has earmarked hundreds of millions of dollars, while Washington has set aside several million. Counties, municipalities, school and port districts in Oregon have accumulated large sums for postwar work but the state government has no such funds and will be unable to participate in postwar projects unless a favorable vote is received at the forthcoming election.

Mr. Farrell stated emphatically that, in his opinion, Oregon should "not have its hand out to the federal government for postwar aid," except for assistance in reconstructing highways and reforestation.

"The election to be held June 22, I believe, is the most important election we have ever held in Oregon," he said, "for it will determine whether we, as citizens, can hold up our head in pride when we view our state institutions and our schools. It is an opportunity we may never have again—a condition in which we have money on hand to achieve a building program, that cannot be completed one second

too soon, at no extra cost to taxpayers."

Banzai Assaults Presage End of Okinawa Defense

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The Suwa sea of the southwest end of Honshu and at the western end of the island sea.

One small Japanese cargo ship was left burning fiercely and at least one patrol boat was damaged from the western Aleutians in an attack on shipping off the Kuriles islands northeast of Japan Monday. The crew of the cargo ship was abandoning it as the men turned away.

Okinawa Loss Conceded

Tokyo broadcasts conceded the plight of 10,000 Okinawa survivors, including every man and woman over 15 who was physically able to fight, was "truly desperate." And premier Suzuki conceded loss of the island, 325 miles from Japan, by saying neither the fate of the homeland nor his own as premier hung on the outcome of the Okinawa battle.

Radio Tokyo boasted that Lt. Gen. Buckner, U. S. Tenth army commander, was the first American general to suffer the "embarrassment of a formal rejection" of a surrender demand.

Buckner's offer was ignored but the tricky Japanese took advantage of a temporary suspension of artillery fire during preparations for possible peace to fortify a hill on the western flank—treachery which cost the lives of American marines.

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