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## BLACK MARKETS CRUMBLING UNDER FAST RESUMPTION OF CIVILIAN GOODS PRODUCTION

Price Formula Fixed for New Autos, Set-Aside on Poultry in Nine States Revoked; Restrictions on Citrus Fruit Sales Off, Price Ceilings Retained

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Black markets were crumbling into thin air today—because more peacetime goods were coming on line.

Black markets, prices, used cars, new cars, chickens, toys, and men wanting jobs—these were big subjects for Americans exactly two weeks after Japan threw in the sponge.

Reputable dealers in used cars and chickens said black markets in those fields are starting to disappear. That's because shiny new autos are on the way and there will be plenty of chickens for your dinner table "very soon."

Government officials added that black markets in food are dwindling, and will fall away in all fields as shortages ease up because: If a person can buy the things he wants—in honest stores at reasonable prices—he isn't tempted to pay some chiseler more than the legal price ceiling. Speaking of prices, there was this prime news about them today:

1. On used cars they have finally started down.

2. On new cars, they will be at about the same levels as in 1942—says OPA.

3. On goods in general, an army of retailers invaded Washington to protest that the OPA is trying to hold their prices below what they can stand.

From all indications, the OPA reply was to be a flat "no."

As the retail spokesmen met with OPA officials, the issue was this:

The OPA has ruled that prices of new goods—most produced in wartime—must be at, or near, 1942 levels. In many instances

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN London, in these days of re-deployment, the American GI is ever present. In Mayfair, the borough in which the American embassy and headquarters of the United Kingdom U. S. base are located, he is present in shoals.

As you walk down the streets in this area, it almost seems that every other building is a billet, a club or a mess. The number of these places seems to be legion, but there are none too many to accommodate the troops on leave here, or passing through here in connection with the base.

At almost any time on Park Lane, which borders Hyde Park, or around the Marble Arch, at the foot of Oxford street, there will be as many Americans as English.

You have no feeling that you are in a foreign city and a foreign land. For one thing, the English really aren't much different from Americans. The language difference is merely a matter of accent and of different words for the same thing—and even in these instances the variation is small.

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## Continued Drafting of 18-25 Aged, Requested by Truman, Has American Legion Backing

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(AP)—President Truman was told today that the American Legion is squarely behind his request for the continued induction of men 18 to 25 for the armed forces.

Col. John Thomas Taylor, national legislative director of the Legion, told reporters he presented the Legion's view in a conference with the president.

"We told him that we agreed with him that the men who have served two or three years should be returned to their homes and replaced by younger men," Taylor said. "Our view is that continuation of the selective service system is important to national security and to the keeping of our young men in top physical shape."

Taylor said the president's proposal fitted into the national defense program which the Legion has advocated since its existence.

"We told the president we were wholly in accord with the continuation of the selective service system," Taylor added.

Army Deduction Set  
As the Navy set out to return 2,839,000 men and women to civilian status within a year, Maj. Gen. I. W. Edwards, assistant chief of staff, told the house mil-

## Army Announces Liberalizing of Discharge System

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The Army's plans for liberalizing its point discharge system "as soon as General MacArthur tells us he does not need any more combat men" were outlined to the House military committee today.

The program is this:

1. All points will be computed. At present points are figured on a May 12 basis.

2. All men with 80 points or more will be discharged. The present figure is 85 points.

3. All men with 60 points or more will not be sent overseas. The present figure is 75 points.

4. Actually the reduction to 80 points, when it is announced will be more than what it sounds," Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Henry, assistant chief of personnel, told the committee.

This will be true because at that time, men will have been given extra points under the computed score from May 12 to that date.

"Accordingly, men overseas who now have approximately 72 points will be eligible for immediate discharge."

General Henry also disclosed that the Army was planning a special point system for discharging officers. The present one applies only to enlisted men.

For officers, he said, a different release figure will be set for varying branches of the service.

## Surplus Army Trucks Now Available to Anyone

CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Surplus Army trucks, originally earmarked for farmers, may be sold to non-farm buyers. N. C. Donaldson, executive assistant of the State AAA committee, said today.

A group of 139 trucks was sold at Medford last month to dealers, who were to resell them only to farmers in Columbia basin wheat counties. About half these trucks are still in dealers' hands.

Donaldson said no more trucks will be specifically allocated for agriculture. Surplus vehicles—and the group of trucks now held by dealers—will be sold freely to all comers.

## Anglers Seek Boats

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Astoria was swamped today by requests for boats from Northwest fishermen, here for the 15-day sport fishing season on King salmon, which opened yesterday.

## Butter Points per Pound Drop to 12 On September 2

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Butter will be reduced from 16 to 12 red points a pound beginning September 2, OPA officials revealed today.

The reduction is being made, they said, because of improvement in supplies.

This will make the red point value of butter only half of what it was until mid-July, when it was reduced from 24 to 16 points a pound.

The reduction in point value will apply to institutional users, as well as home users. Concurrent with the reduction, a military secret today—two weeks after the war is over—include the amount of butter the army has on hand.

Asked how much butter would go into civilian markets when an expected cancellation of the Army's set-aside order comes and how much is on hand, an army spokesman replied that the figures could not be disclosed "for reasons of military security."

## Full Jobs Bill Urged as Prop To Enterprise

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Wallace told senators today the Wagner-Murray job assurance bill "represents the conservative way of attaining full production and full employment."

The alternatives, he told a Senate banking subcommittee, are totalitarianism or a control of economy, which "obviously would mean the end of the free enterprise system."

"The full employment bill does not call for a planned economy," the former vice-president said. "I am against a planned economy but I am for intelligent planning to keep our American economic system competitively free and vigorous."

"I agree with Senator Taft that someone should be doing the job of studying and correcting the facts so that we can have intelligent planning."

Wallace said too much public attention has been centered on "short run provisions" of the bill—those which call for a gov-

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## Machinists Refuse To Work With Jap

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Sixty machinists at the municipal railway bus barn quit work today when Takeo Miyama, 37, Japanese-American, reported for work, after passing Civil Service examinations.

Miyama, with the backing of Mayor Lapham and the Civil Service commission, reported yesterday, but left when he was taken aside and advised there would be a "sitdown strike" if he stayed.

Charles McGuire, shop foreman, reported the men continued to work for a short time after Miyama, former resident of the Tule Lake relocation center, showed up this morning. A short time later the workers quit and gathered in front of the barn. No violence was reported and police were on hand to keep order.

Miyama yesterday talked to Mayor Lapham, who later went to the shops and told the machinists he would back Miyama's right to work and asked them to stay on the job. The machinists are members of AFL Automotive Machinists' local 1305.

## 10-Pound Canning Sugar Rationing Is Resumed

PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The district OPA today ordered ration boards to resume issuing 10 pounds of canning sugar per person, or a maximum of 80 pounds a family.

The allotment had been halted Aug. 13 in six western states to permit inventory.

Boards will act promptly on applications on file, said Acting OPA director Frederic F. Janney, urging housewives not to telephone or call in person.

## 5-Day Week Favored

PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The Portland Home Builders association has approved a five-day week to enable contractors to spread work farther and facilitate reconversion.

## Housing Work Here Hit By "Halt" Order

Authority Ended by War Finish, Agency Explains; Congress Action Needed

A temporary halt order has been issued against the 60-unit temporary emergency housing project under construction in West Roseburg, it was announced today.

The Federal Public Housing agency, which interprets its authority as having been halted by end of the war, has stopped construction work on all public housing projects under its control except those nearing completion. Work can be resumed, it was stated, only if Congress amends the act under which FHFA operates.

James E. Maxwell, national housing representative, reported by telephone to the News-Review today, that the FHFA has authority to provide housing only for emigrant "war" workers.

"The war has ended," Maxwell said, "and our interpretation of the act is that we no longer have authority to provide public housing for workers as they are no longer engaged in war production."

New Authority Needed  
Unless some other interpretation can be obtained, or new authority given by Congress, he said, the FHFA must close down all of its operations.

Instructions were sent out from Washington, Maxwell reported, to suspend immediately all projects in progress, unless a point has been reached where no money could be saved by the federal government.

A few projects are reported to be so far progressed that cancellation of contracts would not save money. But these would not have been given all contractors on projects where money can be saved through cancellation.

In addition to the project at Roseburg, work has been halted at Cottage Grove, Eugene, La Grande and other cities in Oregon and Washington.

Maxwell also revealed that prior to the halt order, the FHFA had recommended for Roseburg from 140 to 180 temporary dwelling units in addition to the 60 on which construction already had been authorized.

"This agency," he said, is fully cognizant of Roseburg's need, but cannot proceed without further authority from Washington."

Contractor M. W. Dudley, who holds the contract for moving and erecting the 60-dwelling units in West Roseburg, has completed grading, installation of water mains and laying concrete foundations. A large amount of material is on the grounds, including demountable sections of approximately 20 houses.

## Benefits Hike for Jobless Proposed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Senator Kilgore came up today with a proposed "20-20" amendment to legislation broadening benefits for jobless workers.

As now drawn the measure would increase unemployment compensation payments to a nationwide maximum of at least \$25 a week for 26 weeks, with the government paying the difference over present rates.

Kilgore would supplement this proposal by having the government offer to foot the bill for all payments exceeding \$20 a week for 20 weeks. His objective is two-fold:

1. To encourage states with low benefit payments to increase them, and

2. To make the legislation more appealing to richer states which already pay more than a \$20 top or whose payments extend longer than 20 weeks. (Present rates vary widely.)

Kilgore is one of the sponsors of the unemployment bill which will be called up before the Senate Finance committee Wednesday.

Traffic Fines Paid  
Traffic fines paid in the Roseburg justice court were reported today by Judge Thomas C. Hart, to include Daun C. Lillard, \$10, insufficient license plates; Guy L. May, \$10, permitting non-licensed minor to operate motor vehicle; Glen W. Greer, \$20, axle overload; Otis M. Kirkland, \$20, overload, and \$15, overload.

## Park Visitors Cautioned

MEDFORD, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Travelers to Crater Lake National park should be equipped with chains for sudden snow storms the rest of the season, the park superintendent said today.

He reported three inches of snow fell over the weekend.

## Rodeo Queen to Be Selected at Contest Sept. 3

The queen to preside over the Douglas County Sheriff's posse rodeo, to be held in Roseburg, Sept. 15 and 16, will be selected at a contest to be held at the county fair grounds in Umpqua park at 1 P. M. Labor day, Monday, Sept. 3, it was announced today.

Competition is open to all unmarried girls in Douglas county between the ages of 15 and 25 years, R. G. Baker, chairman, reported.

Candidates will be judged on a basis of appearance, personality and horsemanship. Girls must furnish their own mounts and costumes. They will be required to demonstrate their ability to ride. The queen and her attendants will be selected, following the demonstration, by a committee composed of Sig Felt, Floyd Smith, Cleo Tipton, Robert Mode and Sid Nichols. John Spencer and Ora Welker are alternates.

Chairman Baker pointed out that the contest is not restricted to girls of Roseburg and vicinity, but that any girl within the county may enter, providing she is more than 15 years of age and is unmarried. From the group of contestants, the committee will pick the queen and her princesses.

Noted Gun Fighter Of Frontier Period Dies Quietly at 80

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Eliego Baca, who by his own admission had killed nine men in a turbulent frontier career as cowboy, peace officer and lawyer, died quietly at his home tonight. He was 80.

An almost legendary figure in New Mexico, Baca once joined Billy the Kid in shooting out the lights of a saloon in an Albuquerque disturbance.

He died three times for murder and once for conspiracy against the United States government. He was acquitted in every case. He died a respected citizen.

In the assorted roles of sheriff, prosecutor and defense attorney, Baca figured in many of the state's early-day murder trials, and was credited with winning the acquittal of 19 men accused of slayings. He once was an unsuccessful candidate for governor of New Mexico and had been admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme court.

A name of Socorro, N. M., Baca was kidnapped as a year-old infant by wandering Navajo Indians, who returned him unharmed after four days.

He was 19 when he rode into the village of Frisco, N. M., (now Reserve), disarmed a rampaging Texas cowboy and then, single-handedly, stood off 80 of the man's enraged comrades in a 33-hour gun battle. Four of the besiegers were dead when Baca emerged untouched from a flimsy hut riddled by 4,000 bullets.

Years later Baca killed another man, El Paso Tex. street duelist. The other four killings he classed with a chuckle as "unofficial."

Grazing Plan Mulled  
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 28.—(AP)—The proposal to plant grass on the Tillamook burn and use it for grazing was in the lap of Governor Snell's new forestry investigation committee today.

The idea, sponsored by Washington and Tillamook county citizens, was referred to the committee by the state forestry board, which indicated it would rather plant trees than grass.

Albany Lumber Co. Mill Destroyed by Blaze  
ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Flames destroyed the Albany Lumber company mill here early today, with a loss estimated by owners at \$20,000.

The operators, B. L. Keller and Maxon Williams, said they had not made plans for rebuilding, but were "determined to stay in the mill business somehow." The plant employed 16 men.

Acting Fire Chief Burkhart said the blaze was probably caused by a spark from the stack.

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THE DALLES, Ore., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Plans for a chemurgy plant to convert surplus Oregon wheat into commercial glucose and dextrose sugar are being investigated by a new committee of Eastern Oregon grain ranchers.

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CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 28.—(AP)—The farm front was still hauntingly deserted for more weeks today.

The State Farm Labor office reported desperate appeals from Oregon bean growers, and a general shortage of workers in other crops.

Despite closure of some stores yesterday and volunteer picking by some 800 Eugene residents, much of Lane county's bean crop was still hanging on the vines at Salem, the Farm Labor office reported some growers abandoning their bean fields. Similar reports came from Yamhill county.

Business, Facing Production Cost Hike, Fights OPA Ban Against Retail Price Boost

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Spokesmen for the nation's retail stores lashed out at OPA price control policy today. They called it "uneconomic, unsound and inequitable."

The OPA policy is this: To hold ceilings on new goods coming on the market to—or near—the 1942 price level.

"It is necessary for OPA to make immediate plans for major policy changes that will contribute to rapid reconversion and maximum re-employment," said a report handed OPA by that agency's retail pricing committee, an industry group.

But Price Administrator Bowles was prepared to give a firm "no" in reply to the merchandisers' demand for change, according to officials close to Bowles.

This means that retailers and wholesalers must absorb—with-out passing on to the public—any increases in the cost of manufacturing goods.

This is what irks retailers: Under the OPA policy price increases are granted the manufacturers of refrigerators, washers and the like, if wage and materials cost have gone up.

This raises the cost to wholes-

## Gulf Storm Eases, Leaving Ruin in Wake

Property, Crop Losses in Texas Climb to Millions; Hundreds Are Homeless

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 28.—(AP)—What was left of the gulf hurricane which caused at least three deaths and millions in property and crop damage as it lashed the Texas coast, was fast diminishing inland west of Houston today.

The weather bureau, in a final advisory, ordered all hurricane warnings down on the Texas coast. It said the storm was centered between Sealy and Columbus, Tex., 28 to 40 miles from Houston.

Before it left the coast, the storm had battered a stretch of some 400 miles, demolished or heavily damaged buildings in exposed coastal towns, and scooped high water onto the low coastal plain. Heavy damage to cotton and rice crops was reported.

Heavy rains accompanying the inland movement of the storm slowed traffic in Houston early today, and brought a threat of flood to those sections of the city near where bayous were brimming.

3 Dead, Hundreds Homeless  
The death toll reached three as one man was killed in the collapse of a residence in suburban Houston, buffeted by a 55-mile-an-hour gale last night. Earlier two fishermen drowned off Port Isabel, Tex., when heavy seas capsized their boat.

There was an unconfirmed report that two cotton pickers, seeking shelter under a house as the storm struck Austin yesterday, were drowned when the area was inundated.

Besides the dead, hundreds were left homeless in the storm's wake.

Gales in the Freeport Port Arthur, Lufkin, Yoakum, Austin area will gradually diminish and

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DuPont May Establish Rayon Plant in Oregon

PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Possible location in the Willamette Valley of a million-dollar rayon manufacturing plant employing 300 workers was reported by the Oregonian today.

The newspaper said E. I. DuPont de Nemours engineers have been scouting the valley for a suitable 500-acre site to produce rayon cord for tires, or possibly other products. The rayon would be manufactured from wood waste or pulp.

The newspaper said one of the sites being considered was on the McKenzie river near Eugene.

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## AMERICAN OFFICERS, LANDING IN JAPAN, GET GARDEN PARTY RECEPTION FROM NIPPONESE

U. S. Armada Rides Into Tokyo Bay as Remnants of Enemy's Shattered Fleet Line Up for Surrender; Japanese in All Other Areas Preparing to Submit

(By the Associated Press)

Beribboned, saber-clanking Japanese generals with all the paraphernalia for a garden party, even to orangeade served in pavilion tents, greeted drably dressed American officers from airborne forces spearheading the occupation of Japan today.

The Americans were business-like, the Nipponese as "polite as pie."

The Gilbert and Sullivan touch to the occupation was reported by Associated Press Correspondent Richard K. O'Malley as radio broadcasts indicated General MacArthur had moved his advanced headquarters from Manila to Okinawa, ready to lead the first major airborne contingent to Tokyo's Atsugi airfield.

Other Japanese, who frankly admitted they didn't want any more war, piloted a U. S. Naval task force with leading units of seaborne occupation troops to anchor off the great Yokosuka naval base within sight of bomb-ruined Yokohama.

In sharp contrast with American warships gliding proudly into Tokyo bay, shattered remnants of the Japanese fleet were lined up at another naval base ready to surrender.

Even grudging Nipponese commanders in Southeast Asia took the first saluting steps toward relinquishing Nippon's vast southern conquests.

Matching these developments, Chinese communist leaders arrived in Chungking with Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, U. S. ambassador to China, for conferences with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to end the threat of civil war.

Tokyo asked for preliminary surrender conferences with MacArthur while General Stilwell ordered all remaining enemy forces in the Ryukyu islands south of Japan to surrender immediately.

Commander Harold Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, and other naval officers joined preliminary surrender discussions on Atsugi.

Transport Crashes; 20 Die  
First American occupation forces to land in Japan were

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Sports, Picnic On Labor Day Program Here

A full day of entertainment is promised by the Roseburg Central Labor council for the annual Labor day celebration to be held in Roseburg Monday, Sept. 3.

The program will open at 10 A. M. with a parade through the main part of the city. Music will be supplied by the Roseburg School band and the Knights of Pythias girls drum corps. Labor organizations will be represented by marching groups and floats. Civic and fraternal orders will enter floats and the Douglas County Sheriff's posse and other riding groups will participate.

The parade will end at the high school athletic field, which will furnish the setting for festivities throughout the morning and afternoon.

Mel Ingram's softball midgets will be matched in a contest starting at 11 A. M., while a horseshoe pitching contest will also start at that hour.

A basket lunch, picnic style, will be enjoyed during the noon hour, to be followed by a brief speaking program. Sound equipment will be provided so that all may hear.

Afternoon Program  
At 2 P. M. prizes will be awarded for the heaviest growth of beard and the most novel whiskers, in the whisker growing contest.

Starting at 2:15 P. M. there will be a series of foot races for boys and girls in various age groups. A penny scramble will be provided for children under six years of age.

Adult competition will include a log-sawing contest, women's shoe race, fat men's race, shomer's nail-driving contest, chariot race for men, slow horse race, etc.

At 3:30 P. M. the Lions club and Kiwanis club will meet in a softball game.

The celebration will conclude with a public dance at the Roseburg armory.

The Labor council is inviting all Douglas county residents to participate in the entertainment. Liberal cash prizes are being offered in all of the competitive events of the day.

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## Locvity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

What started out in Oregon ("She Flies with Her Own Wings") to be a banner crop of string beans now looms in certain localities as a crop of "has beens."