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Price Policies Dispute Takes On Added Heat

Small, Production Chief, Says Output Hike Needed More Than OPA Control

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—A government official's plea for a "realistic and flexible" price policy brought into the open today a long-smoldering row between OPA and other federal agencies.

The nub of the debate that has been hauled from behind closed doors is whether prices are being held so firmly as to hamper conversion and contribute to industrial strife.

Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small made the plea for what he called realism and flexibility. He said at a news conference yesterday:

"The maintenance of a firm price line means little if goods are not available for purchase at that level."

Small said he favors unequivocally the continuance of price controls to withstand "severe inflationary pressures." But he added that such controls should be used "to bring about the most rapid increase in production."

Production Lack "Worst"

"There has been a growing feeling throughout the country," Small declared, "that price increases would be about the worst thing that could happen. To my mind, lack of production is the worst thing."

Small said he had discussed this matter several times with OPA Administrator Chester Bowles, adding that while Bowles is "worried about lack of production," he feels at the same time that the price line should be held.

OPA officials expressed surprise at Small's statements on price policy. They asserted the present program has both realism and flexibility, but they said OPA's basic responsibility is to hold prices "pretty close to present levels."

OPA said the price policy laid

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE are some faint signs of improvement in human relationships in the news.

ANY such sign is encouraging.

ON THE foreign front, there is a new premier in Iran.

He is said in cautious dispatches from London (where UNO is in session) to be favorable to friendly relations with Russia, and people who ought to know say he will be likely to drop or "shelve" Iran's demand on UNO for a settlement of her dispute while he NEGOTIATES DIRECTLY with Russia for an agreement—which is Russia's idea of the way it should be done.

That (temporarily, at least) would cool off one of the hot spots UNO is sitting on.

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81 MARINES REPATRIATE MILLIONS OF JAPS—Ten officers and 71 enlisted men are handling one of the toughest tasks ever given the Marines—repatriation of millions of Japs. At Hario Reception Center, Sasebo, Japan, these men operate on a 24-hour schedule, processing 50,000 Japs each week. Here an LCT, built to ferry American troops and equipment into battle, docks at Sasebo with Jap troops who will be discharged at Hario Center and retrned home. Photo by Tom Shafer, NEA-Acme staff photographer.

U. S. Senator Wagner Joins Catholic Church

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Senator Robert F. Wagner (D., N.Y.), 68-year-old veteran legislator and author of the Social Security Act, has been received into the Roman Catholic Church.

Francis J. Quillinan, his law partner, said last night.

Quillinan, a son-in-law of the late former Governor Alfred E. Smith, said Wagner was baptized Thursday by Msgr. Robert F. Keegan, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, at Lenox Hill Hospital where he is recovering from influenza.

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Consumer Goods Production Far Short of Schedule

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Here's the Civilian Production Administration's latest review and forecast on output of consumer goods:

Automobiles—Only 83,702 cars were built in 1945. At least five times as many were expected. Strikes are "continuing to hamper production."

Refrigerators—About 150,000, half the prewar rate, were shipped in December. Output may double by June.

Washing machines, ironers—65,000 went to dealers last month. This is 60 per cent less than 1941 monthly shipments.

Vacuum cleaners—December shipments totaled 90,000, 58 per cent of the prewar rate, which may be reached in May.

Electric irons—Monthly output only eight per cent less than before the war. Production expected to hit 1941 rate of 380,000 a month soon after settlement of electrical industry strike.

Sewing machines—Only about 5,000 shipped in December, but production may hit prewar 48,000 monthly by June.

Alarm clocks—900,000 started to retail stores last month. Only a 10 per cent climb now to prewar rate, which expected by March.

Radios—Only 100,000, or 10 per cent of 1941 rate, shipped in December. Industry having trouble getting cabinets because it has to compete with furniture makers.

Snow Worsens Oregon Highway Conditions

SALEM, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Highway conditions in Oregon were worse today after heavy snow-falls at higher elevations and in parts of eastern Oregon, the State Highway Commission said.

Travel on the state's two major routes was slowed by ice on the old Oregon trail east of Pendleton, and by ice on the Pacific Highway in the Siskiyou Mountains as well as at Medford and Grants Pass.

The daily road report included: Siskiyou Summit—Icy condition in Siskiyou south of Ashland. Also at Medford and Grants Pass.

Klamath Falls—Four inches new snow on Haven Mountain on Green Springs Highway, still snowing.

Roseburg—Snow and rain. Coquille—Light snow at higher elevations, being sanded.

Robbery Suspect Nabbed With Jewelry and Gold

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Arrest of a Portland, Ore., man carrying \$5,000 in gems and gold and platinum ring settings believed stolen in a Christmas day robbery of a Portland jewelry store, was reported here today by Police Lt. Joseph W. Shimon.

Shimon said Theodore Lucas, 27, Portland, Ore., was arrested yesterday as he stepped from a Chicago-Washington train at Union Station.

Lucas was carrying 500 precious and semi-precious gems and 200 ring settings in a valise, Shimon said, and was held for investigation in the Portland robbery.

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Oregon Lumber Output Boost Study Is Advised

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—The sub-committee on port development today had the mayor's recommendation to study ways of increasing Oregon lumber production.

The mayor said surveys indicated Washington and Oregon have 440-billion feet of standing timber, most in government-owned tracts, and that 25 per cent of it was either ripe, over-ripe or already dead.

He said selective logging in the tracts could make 100-billion board feet available for housing needs, now expected, perhaps because of an exceptionally mild winter.

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He said engineers would survey the swimming pool and if manpower becomes available the state may develop the site.

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Chilean Police, Laborites In Bloody Clash

Government Declares Siege, Workers' Leader Calls Nationwide Strike

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Chilean cabinet was reshuffled today as the government prepared for a showdown with labor by imposing strict censorship and a 60-day state of siege following a bloody riot yesterday between police and labor demonstrators in which five persons were killed and 77 injured.

Mounted troops patrolled Santiago streets this morning and the government ordered all soldiers on leave to report to their barracks and hold themselves ready for duty.

Two changes were made in the cabinet, giving military men new posts of authority, and some quarters predicted other appointments would be forthcoming.

During the rioting, which took place in the heart of the city, Bernardo Ibanez, general secretary of the Chilean Workers' Federation, grasped a microphone and announced that a general nationwide strike would be called immediately to protest the action of the police.

One of those killed was a woman. Six women and five policemen were known to be among those wounded. The condition of 25 of the wounded was reported as serious.

Each Side Blames Other

After the fighting the demonstrators, members of the Workers' Federation, paraded through the streets with banners dipped in blood.

The government blamed the strikers.

German Criticism of Allied Policies Increases

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Germans are becoming more outspoken in their criticism of allied occupation policies, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, U. S. commander in Germany, declared today, but their behavior thus far has been better than expected, perhaps because of an exceptionally mild winter.

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"Work or Starve," Strikers Told

Farmers, on Counter-Strike, To Quit Marketing Food Until Industrial Work is Resumed

EDGAR, Neb., Jan. 29.—(AP)—A group of 217 Clay county farmers who said they need "farm tools and machinery, bathtubs and refrigerators," last night voted a strike against strikers.

In a resolution proposed by V. Hubert Johnson, the group decided to withhold their farm produce from market until the nation's industrial workers return to their jobs. Johnson was named head of a committee which will fix the date of the proposed strike.

This decision followed a similar step taken Saturday night at Chickasha, Okla., where farmers voted to continue producing but not to market anything until all strikes are settled. "No goods for us, no food for you," the Oklahomans said in their resolution.

The Edgar resolution asserted that farmers here are not "taking sides in the industrial battles," but added, "we will supply no one but ourselves."

Johnson said that "when we shut off sources of food, strikers will work or starve."

Jap 'Wind' Message on Date Of Pearl Harbor Meant War On Great Britain, Not U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Pearl Harbor committee received today a report that Gen. Douglas MacArthur's investigators could not find any evidence that the Japanese broadcast a "winds" message to signal war with the U. S.

The report to the Senate-House inquiry group said pertinent records had been burned Aug. 14, 1941. It added that no Japanese had been found who would testify that a pre-arranged signal, indicating hostilities, had been radioed prior to the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor.

Sentencing of 3 is Backwoods Holiday

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 29.—(AP)—An Ozark hills woman and her neighbor-lover began life on prison terms today while in another part of the prison her 15-year-old son started a 12-year sentence for carrying out their murder plot against his father.

Sentencing of the three—Mrs. Henry Westerman, 31, Ben French, the 43-year-old neighbor, and Gene Westerman, the son—furnished the Ozark hamlet of Vienna one of its biggest events.

Schools were dismissed—and from miles around the hills folk flocked to Circuit Judge Sam C. Blair's courtroom where the three pleaded guilty yesterday to murder charges.

Prosecuting Attorney Hamp Rothwell offered signed confessions, which related that the youth, after being talked into it by his mother and French, called by his father from bed at midnight last Dec. 2 and with a rifle "shot Pa down just like I would a hog."

The father had returned home only a short time before from a war plant job in Kansas.

Pay Increase Ratified By CIO Woodworkers

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—A 24-cent-an-hour wage increase recently negotiated by the CIO International Woodworkers of America for operations in five Western states has been approved by all local unions, Vice President William Botkin said today.

About 40,000 workers in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Montana are affected, he said.

The increase supplemented a 12-cent boost made earlier. The minimum now is \$1.05 an hour.

Harry Hopkins, Ex-Aide Of Roosevelt, Passes

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Harry L. Hopkins, 55, former special assistant to the late President Roosevelt, died today at Memorial Hospital.

Since leaving Washington, Hopkins had been impartial chairman of New York City's cloak and suit industry. His salary was reported to be about \$25,000 yearly.

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, he became Federal Relief Administrator during the depression years of the 1930's and later became President Roosevelt's closest confidant.

OPA Increases Price Of Softwood Shingles

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The OPA announced an increase of 15 cents per square in price ceilings for mill sales of Western softwood shingles, effective today.

The increase was authorized, OPA said, to meet the increased cost of production resulting from a 15-cent an hour wage increase agreed upon by the industry and unions. It added the increase would not affect the prices to most consumers.

Auto Blow Proves Fatal

SILVERTON, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Mrs. Velma Dunn, 52, died yesterday from injuries received Saturday night when she was struck by an automobile. She leaves a widower, Leslie Dunn, and four children.

Tokyo had arranged to insert the word "east wind rain" in its noon news broadcast to warn its diplomatic representatives that war with this country was at hand.

Records of the Federal Communications Commission's monitoring stations, also placed before the committee, showed no interception of such a message.

However, on December 8, the FCC stations picked up a Tokyo broadcast which contained the words, "west wind clear," which under the code meant war with Great Britain.

MacArthur's headquarters reported that its investigation showed that some signal may have been broadcast December 8, Tokyo time; the day of the Pearl Harbor attack but added "exact hour unknown."

The committee has been investigating conflicting reports that the "east wind rain" signal may have been broadcast and intercepted by the American military forces as early as December 4, Washington time.

The committee also received copies of cablegrams to the secretary of state from Canberra and London in which the Australians and British reported they had been unable to find any trace of the "winds" message.

2 Slain, Third Wounded In Yakima Gun Tragedy

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 29.—(AP)—A man and a woman were killed, and another man was wounded last night, as shots were fired in a basement room of a Yakima home.

The dead are Glen Willard Collicott, 27, and Mrs. Bernice Johnson Setness, 25, both shot through the heart.

Willard Sanford, brother in law of Collicott, was wounded in the chest and left arm.

Investigating police said Sanford told them Collicott had been keeping company with Mrs. Setness. He said both had been previously married, and both had two children.

Police said Sanford, under treatment in a hospital, told them that Collicott turned the gun on himself after shooting Mrs. Setness and Sanford. The shooting occurred at the home of Ben F. Johnson, 66, father of Mrs. Setness, while her two children were upstairs in the house.

Salem Physicians Buy Site for Medical Building

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—A group of Salem physicians and surgeons announced today they have bought a lot at 13th and Center Streets for construction of a medical building.

The group, headed by Drs. Charles Campbell and Robert F. Wulf, said the building is necessary because office space for doctors is scarce.

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James Dewey Vows Staying 'Till Task Done

Steel Strike Continues As Fairless Joins New Washington Conference

(By the Associated Press) Hopeful of some definite action before the end of the week, special Federal Mediator James Dewey plunged quickly today into his task of seeking settlement of the 70-day General Motors strike.

Dewey, an old hand at Detroit labor disputes, held a morning conference with Charles E. Wilson, GM president, and arranged a subsequent meeting with officials of the CIO United Auto Workers.

"I am hoping for success and will stay here (in Detroit) until this matter is ironed out," said Dewey, a former member of the Labor Department's conciliation service.

Dewey said he had been given a free hand by Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach in the wage dispute which has made idle more than 200,000 workers.

Hope ran high for an early settlement as both the union and General Motors agreed to accept mediation. The other two of the Big Three in the auto industry—Ford and Chrysler—previously came to terms with the UAW on wage demands, Ford with a boost of 18 cents an hour and Chrysler with 18 cents.

A fact finding board recommended 19 cents in the GM wage dispute, a figure which the union said it would accept but which was turned down by com-

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Byrnes Tells Why Russia Got Kuriles

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes said today that a secret agreement at Yalta for United States support of Russia's claims to Japan's Kuriles Islands was reached with full knowledge of this country's military leaders. He explained that the agreement was regarded by former President Roosevelt as a top military secret.

Byrnes added that he believed there was a very good reason that it should have been so classified.

He said that at the time of the conference,