

Washington News From an Inside View

Argument, Sentiment, Comment

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House Acts on OPA

In view of the pressure and propaganda for continuing the price control law without amendment, with which the House of Representatives has been faced these last several weeks, I think its action in tearing the OPA bill to pieces on the floor was surprising. Immediately following the House action on the bill, administration forces went on the radio, condemning Congress and claiming the members of the House had yielded to pressure from "the interests". This is an old and hackneyed attack, and is particularly unbecoming, since, in my opinion, the pressure on House members by the administration and administration-controlled organizations was certainly much greater than so-called pressure from all other sources combined. The overwhelming vote favoring some of the amendments was, therefore, unexpected.

The Price Control Act, as originally passed, and as subsequently

extended, was and is a good law. It was passed by Congress and signed by the President for the purpose of meeting an emergency caused by unusual war demands upon our raw material and productive resources. Such unprecedented demands caused shortages in supply. Therefore, the control of prices on the remaining commodities was necessary to prevent price increases, profiteering and inflation. Now that the war is more than half a year ended, we still find shortages in many items which obviously should be in plentiful supply. I refer to such things as men's shirts, soil pipe for building, cotton underwear, mattresses, etc. This list includes hundreds of other items. Production of these items has been delayed, and, in some instances, prevented by the OPA, which has become a very bad administrative body charged with the administration of a good law.

This was the situation the House faced when it dealt with

the OPA bill. In the course of the general debate on this bill, I made the following statement in a speech on the floor of the House: "We shall probably have to continue OPA for a few months, because OPA policies have created shortages, but when we extend the life of OPA, I hope the people of the country will come to realize that OPA policies have betrayed them by slowing up the production of needed items. I hope then that the people will demand that OPA recede from its policy of scarcity and self-perpetuation and proceed to stimulate production. Only full production can end shortages and thus end OPA."

The House did not vote to end OPA, but it did vote to limit the functions of OPA, so that many of the administrative abuses practiced by that organization could no longer be indulged in.

The Senate Banking and Currency Committee is now holding hearings on the OPA bill, but I understand, from talking to some of the Senators, that the feeling in the Senate regarding OPA is not greatly different from that expressed by the House.

Famine

The current news stories and radio broadcasts regarding the food shortages and hunger in Europe and throughout the world are not propaganda. The situation in Europe is desperate. The world surplus of grain has disappeared. Consumption now is from current production, which is inadequate to come anywhere near meeting the need. The basic difficulty is wheat and feed grains. It will be necessary for the people of this country to voluntarily have one wheatless day each week, and curtail somewhat the consumption of bread and pastries the remainder of the week. If we do this, rationing can be avoided, and I am sure that no one wants to invite the return of rationing or any other type of government controls. I say it will be necessary to do this, because, in addition to our natural desire to help starving people, we know that hunger and famine bring chaos, and we cannot expect a hungry world to be a peaceful world.

Recess

I will not send any weekly letter during the two weeks of the Easter Congressional recess. I shall be in Oregon for a few days, but not long enough to make any visits in the district.

Loss in Empty Bottles At Courthouse Heavy

During the last five years, 5,344 empty bottles have disappeared from the soft drink dispensing machine in the courthouse, County Commissioner J. Ross Hutchinson reported this morning. In 1941, 1,084 bottles were missing; in 1942, 950 bottles; 1943, 1,080 bottles; 1944, 1,050 bottles, and last year, 1,180 bottles. He attributed the loss to persons who have taken bottles to their cars or offices and failed to return them.

Rookie Wins For Cleveland; Yanks Gain League Lead

(By the Associated Press)

Lollar, Cleveland's rookie backstop in his first starting role with the Indians yesterday, doubled with the bases loaded to clear the sacks, highlighting a five-run, eight-inning rally which gave the Tribe a 5-1 victory over the St. Louis Browns.

The victory, while leveling the Indians' won and lost record to an even .600, failed to advance them from their fourth place position behind the New York Yankees, Detroit and the Boston Red Sox. The Yankees moved into undisputed possession of first place in the American League by whipping the Red Sox 12-5 on the wings of a 15-hit attack against five Sox hurlers. Tex Hughson and Ted Williams, a pair of Hub favorites, disappointed a near record crowd who saw the Sox drop from first to third place. Hughson, seeking his third straight triumph, failed to last five innings and was charged with

the defeat. Williams was roundly booed when he grounded into three successive double plays after poising a 400-foot triple in the fourth inning.

Neck-and-Neck Race

Brooklyn and the St. Louis Cardinals continued their merry battle for first place in the National League as each team won its seventh straight after bowing in the season's opener. The Dodgers routed the Philadelphia Phils, 11-3, for their 12th consecutive win in Shibe Park.

The Redbirds won their second straight 3-2 game from the Cincinnati Reds, with Musial again driving in the winning run.

Truett Sewell, an old nemesis of the Chicago Cubs, fanned the Bruins again with a nine-hitter in pitching the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 4-3 decision over the National League champions. It was Sewell himself who batted in the winning run when his eighth-inning single broke a 3-3 deadlock.

Boston's Braves rebounded from their hitless efforts against Brooklyn Ed Head on Tuesday by raking five New York Giants hurlers for 14 hits to outslug the Polo Grounds 10-7.

Held scoreless for seven rounds, Washington's Senators rallied for four runs in their half of the

eight to overcome a 1-0 deficit and defeat the Philadelphia Athletics 4-2.

France to Nationalize 45 Insurance Companies

PARIS, April 25.—(AP)—The French constituent assembly yesterday voted to nationalize 45 huge insurance companies holding 68 percent of total French insurance premiums.

The assembly since last fall has nationalized deposit banks and the gas and electric industries. Bills to nationalize business banks and coal mines are in the legislative hopper.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGE LICENSE
CROCKETT-MARIS — Robert Francis Crockett and Marilyn Maris, both of Myrtle Creek.

DIVORCE COMPLAINT
STONEMAN—Ord vs. Mary Elizabeth Stoneman; married at Sapulpa, Okla., March 8, 1909; cruelty.

The world's first commercial telephone exchange was opened at New Haven, Conn., in 1878.

The deepest diamond mine in the world is the Kimberley Mine feet below the earth's surface.

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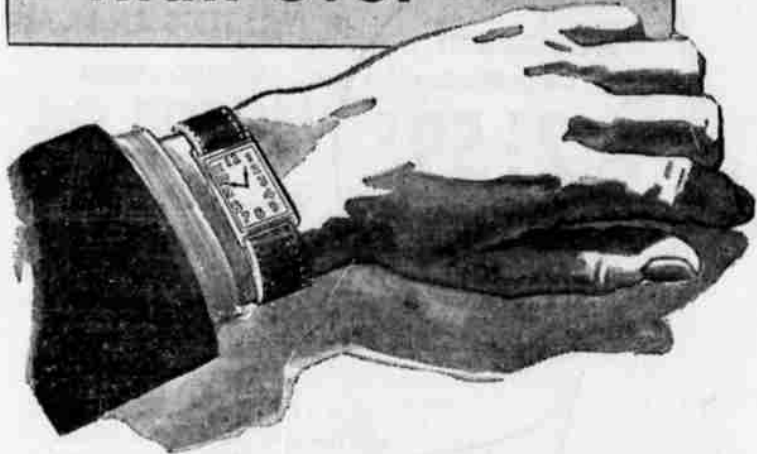
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Sizes 1-6X... made of fine wools in light and dark colors, were 9.07 **7.26**

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In brown or white, leather soles, were 2.49 **2.39**

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Sturdy hardwood frame, spring filled seat and decked with attractive covers, were 34.75 **24.95**

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