

HOUSE-APPROVED OPA BILL FACES SENATE

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The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday.

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Acceptance in Present Form Is Predicted

Futile Attempt in House To End Meat Ceilings May Be Repeated in Senate

WASHINGTON, June 26.—(AP)—A drive by Republican Senators to send the OPA extension bill back to conference with the House gave indications of folding up today.

Sensors who earlier had expressed interest in the idea told reporters privately that the big margin by which the House rejected a similar move made defeat almost certain.

The House vote was 221 to 150 against returning the already-limited compromise legislation to committee for elimination of meat ceilings.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the Republican whip, still held to his plan to ask return of the bill to a conference committee, however.

Administration leaders expressed confidence they had enough votes to defeat Wherry's motion and to send the bill on to the White House. It was approved 265 to 105 by the House yesterday.

There was no indication that any filibustering tactics would be employed against the bill. OPA expires next Sunday at midnight unless the extension measure is enacted.

Disliked But Favored But Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) said he thought the overwhelming House vote foreshadowed a Senate okay for the measure even though, he added, "nobody likes it."

Senate rejection of the bill would plunge it back into conference, probably with instructions to the seven Senate conferees to hold out for the decontrol not only of meat, but of poultry, dairy products, petroleum and tobacco. All those efforts to lift controls were eliminated Monday night by the joint committee which wrote the compromise version.

Speaker Rayburn bluntly told (Continued on page 6)

New Draft Bill Now in Hands Of President

Nine-Month Extension Provided; Pay Increase Main Point of Interest

WASHINGTON, June 26.—(AP)—With more than \$50,000,000 at stake, the nation's men in uniform riveted their attention on the White House today to learn when the draft extension compromise and its companion pay increase measure become law.

The twin bills cleared final Congressional hurdles yesterday in doublequick time after months of argument.

Public interest centered on the nine-month extension of the war-time draft beyond June 30 with non-fathers between 19 and 45 probably most concerned as possible draftees. Neither service, however, has indicated any desire to draft anyone over 26. Other prime provisions of the measure include:

1. An 18-month limit on compulsory service.

2. No further inductions of fathers.

3. A clause that fathers now in service may apply for release after August 1.

But the men of the Army, Navy, Marines and other armed services—former gold braided officers down to privates and apprentice seamen—were more interested in the time of the pay boost signing.

To \$166.67 for the upper bracket \$25 a month for the privates up to \$166.67 for the upper bracket generals and admirals—will be (Continued on page 6)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
HEADED for Gearhart, up in the far northwest corner of Oregon. Traveling along the coast, following the incredibly green and beautiful coastal highway.

This is a change of plan, made necessary by the fact, revealed by exhaustive telephone inquiry in advance, that there is not to be had in Portland so much as a box with some straw in the bottom of it in which to sleep.

The reason—there's a convention on there.

(A) T this point, I feel a hot flush creeping slowly up the back of my neck, and in a few moments my face will be red—or anyway it should be. For I too am headed for a convention—of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association. It will take ALL the hotel space loose in Gearhart, and OTHERS will be compelled to move on or sleep in the street during the two days of the session. Such is life in these scarcity days when there isn't enough of anything, except gripes, to go around.)

(N) Its basic, rock-bottom economy, this coast country hasn't changed much in the 30-odd years (Continued on page 2)

Opposition of United States Bars Long-Term Wheat Pact Between Canada and Britain

OTTAWA, Ont., June 26.—(AP)—A proposed long-term wheat agreement between Canada and Britain has foundered on the rocks of United States opposition in what may be regarded as an important test case of the post-war international trade structure, it was learned today.

British Food Minister John Strachey is returning to London without an agreement after talks in Washington and Ottawa. He had hoped to take a pact back with him.

The British and Canadians, it is understood, were about to enter a 10-year agreement under which Britain would buy Canadian wheat at \$1.25 Canadian per bushel, or \$1.13 U. S. The current Canadian price is \$1.55, and the American and world price is approximately \$2.00 Canadian, or around \$1.80 U. S. Hence the proposed contract would have been at a little more than half the American price.

Perhaps more important than American opposition to this particular deal, however, is the firm American stand favoring multi-lateral trade agreements for the post-war world, emanating from the U. S. government in its white paper of last winter, which laid a framework for the off-and-on-but still projected world trade conference.

Canada, as so often in the past, found herself caught between



FOREST GIANT DESTINED FOR MILL—This giant log, seen by spectators at Saturday's rodeo parade, was cut for the Umpqua Plywood Corporation in the Calapooia logging area of the Mt. Scott district, by the Roseburg Lumber Co. Forty-two feet long, it contains 9,175 board feet of lumber. Circumference of the log is 25 feet; diameter at butt, 95 inches; at top, 67 inches. It will be manufactured into 22,500 square feet of 3/8th-inch plywood, Walter Urbanek, superintendent of the plywood mill, said. The log was so big it was rolled on the truck, instead of being lifted by the spar pole. Driver of the truck is W. B. Meredith, Roseburg.

Army Cuts Distinctions Scored by 'Gripe' Board

Bartender Nominated For Prohibition Post

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 26.—(AP)—John W. Brown, secretary of the local and state bartenders union (AFL), was chosen by prohibitionist party voters at the June 4 primary for a place on the party's county central committee, the official canvas disclosed today.

"I feel highly complimented," said Brown, "even if I can't serve." He explained, as did Rex Lord, registrar of voters, that he was ineligible because he was not a registered prohibitionist. The voters favoring him wrote in his name on the ballot.

Father of Slain Soldier Kills Himself With Gun

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 26.—(AP)—Joseph W. Foubert, 55, was found dead at his home here Monday with a bullet wound in the heart which Klamath County Coroner George H. Adler said was self-inflicted. Foubert, a carman employed by the Great Northern Railway, had been in ill health and had not been well since the death of his only son, Cpl. Rene S. Foubert, 23, killed March 28, 1945, on Iwo Jima.

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Obnoxious Caste System Revised by 7-Point Directive

WASHINGTON, June 26.—(AP)—The Army launched a military "new order" experiment today by narrowing social and other distinctions between officers and enlisted men without wiping them out.

It also decided it can get along with less saluting, except where a snappy salute counts.

Secretary of War Patterson put the new formula into Army life when he gave carefully qualified approval last night to all but two of the 14 recommendations submitted by the Doolittle "gripe" board which investigated postwar GI complaints of too much caste in the service.

Patterson announced that the War Department is ordering:

1. Abolition of saluting except on military posts, in overseas occupied areas and on ceremonial occasions.

2. Elimination of an existing (Continued on page 6)

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Lovers' Spat Brings Pole-Sitter Down; Fiancee Takes Perch

COSHOCTON, O., June 26.—(AP)—A lover's quarrel last night brought "mad" Marshall Jacobs off his 176-foot flagpole, which he ascended May 30 in quest of a world sitting record.

Today he had disappeared, and his fiancée, Miss Lonnie Cosmar, went to the top of the pole and said she would stay there until he returned. They are scheduled to be married on the pole Sunday.

For 26 days Jacobs had clung to his perch, despite electrical storms and hot sun. But Miss Cosmar wanted to go to Cleveland today to take part in a radio broadcast, and Jacobs forbade her to go.

She insisted, and then Jacobs came down despite her entreaties. The pole-sitter, who had planned to stay aloft until July 4, then went to his hotel room, took a bath and disappeared.

Train-Truck Crash Kills Ten Persons

HARLINGEN, Texas, June 26.—(AP)—Ten were killed and 12 seriously injured when a Missouri Pacific passenger train plowed into an open truck packed with Latin American farm workers on a palm-lined right-of-way near here shortly after dusk yesterday.

No one on the train was hurt. Capt. Marvin Gordon of the state highway patrol said a string of freight cars along the siding at the crossing made it blind for both the locomotive engineer and the driver of the truck.

Jury Chosen for Trial of Russian Naval Officer

SEATTLE, June 26.—(AP)—With two capitals closely following the proceedings, the United States government was to open its espionage case today against Naval Lt. Nicolai G. Redin, Soviet purchasing commission representative.

A jury of seven men and five women was seated at the close of the federal court session yesterday. They must decide the 30-year-old Russian's fate on charges of inducing and attempting to induce a shipyard engineer to provide plans of a new destroyer tender and its equipment. One of the questions asked by the government attorneys yesterday was whether prospective jurors had scruples against "finding a person guilty of a crime punishable by death?"

Fresh Meat Lack Reaches Famine Stage

(By the Associated Press)

A virtual famine in fresh meat for most of the nation was reported today—with no indications of immediate relief—as the Senate prepared to act on the House-approved compromise OPA bill retaining meat price controls.

Some packer industry spokesmen said should the bill become law, keeping the lids on livestock and meat prices, the country's meat supply "will get even worse."

Others asserted the scarcity would continue for several months. One large packer said the shortage would continue "until the fate of OPA is determined." There were threats of a complete shutdown of facilities from packing houses to retail markets in Los Angeles because of expressed dissatisfaction over the OPA bill provisions.

Fish and fowl and eggs replaced the main meat dish on the country's dinner tables as hundreds of butcher shops across the country closed. Operations in packing plants dropped to new all time low levels.

The abnormally low volume of livestock at markets during the last two weeks has resulted in the lowest output in history at many plants.

An increase in livestock receipts, however, was expected next week by some industry spokesmen who said many farmers would release cattle which they have been holding back pending settlement of the OPA issue.

The larger run in the weeks (Continued on page 6)

Wholesalers to Open Warehouse

Hudson-Duncan & Co., one of Oregon's largest wholesale grocery firms will open a wholesale warehouse in Roseburg Monday, July 1, it was announced today.

The company has secured temporary quarters in the Oregon Turkey Growers' building on West Mosher St., near the S. P. roundhouse, and will occupy this location until completion of a steel and concrete warehouse, recently authorized by the CPA and to be built at an estimated cost of \$16,500.

Horace Berg, Chamber of Commerce president, who has been aiding R. A. Hudson, Jr., and A. S. Anderson, branch supervisor of the Hudson-Duncan Company, in finding suitable sites in the Roseburg area, has been advised that the company proposes to locate their warehouse in Edenbow, adjacent to the railroad tracks, although a definite site has not yet been selected from among the several pieces of property under consideration. It is expected to start construction on the warehouse in the very near future, with occupancy scheduled about Sept. 1.

Mr. Anderson will be in charge of the Roseburg plant until after the new warehouse is completed and occupied.

The company representatives report they plan to employ local people so far as possible in the conduct of their business; that they will take an active part in civic affairs, and will expand their program as rapidly as availability of materials permit.

Anthracite Coal Prices Upped to Meet Wage Hike

WASHINGTON, June 26.—(AP)—Price increases averaging 91 cents a ton for hard coal were authorized by OPA yesterday to offset wage boosts won by John L. Lewis' miners and other cost increases.

The boost, totaling an estimated \$4,500,000 a year, will be felt mainly by householders, the major users of anthracite. The 40 cents average increase on soft coal granted last Friday affects industrial users primarily.

With Roseburg's March of Progress

NEW HOMES ON CALKINS ROAD—Pictured in the strip above is a row of new homes in the Garden Homes subdivision on the Calkins Road west of the Veterans Facility. This development is on property formerly constituting the old Curtis farm, now owned by Bill Whipple and Bill Oeding.

Three Convicts Flee Under Gunfire From Oregon Prison Farm

SALEM, Ore., June 26.—(AP)—Search for three Oregon State convicts who escaped a prison farm gang under gunfire of guards was widening today.

The trio fled across an open field, dashed behind a barn as guards opened fire, and broke for the nearby woods to win their freedom late yesterday afternoon while working in a gang at the annex farm on the south edge of the penitentiary.

The office of Warden Alexander listed the escapees as:

La Verne F. Keller, 21, serving three years on a Jackson County conviction for contributing to delinquency of a minor; admitted to prison Oct. 6, 1945.

Frederick E. Cleveland, 25, serving one year for larceny on Linn County conviction; received April 29, 1946.

Alfred W. Strain, 26, serving three years and one year sentences concurrently on Linn County conviction for possession of stolen property; received April 29, 1946.

Cherries Rotting For Pickers' Lack

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Ore., June 26.—(AP)—Cherries are rotting on the trees in the Willamette valley, and farmers throughout the state are getting an idea of how the farm labor shortage may affect their own harvests.

The shortage of cherry pickers is caused by lack of housing. In the Salem area alone, growers, with the biggest crop in several years, are calling for 5,000 pickers. That's more than the Salem area can provide, so migratory farm laborers are needed.

But there is no housing for migratory workers, because the materials shortage has made it impossible to get temporary housing completed.

The Oregon State College extension service says that good pickers can earn more than \$15 a day. But the jobs go begging.

The shortage of barrels for brining cherries have caused some canneries to refuse more cherries. And most canneries are refusing to take black cherries because of worms.

The next crisis might occur in the harvest of the bumper crop of red raspberries, blackcap raspberries, youngberries and boysenberries, which will start in a week or so.

The housing shortage is expected to affect harvests throughout the state.

Train-Auto Crash Kills One Man, Injures Another

PORTLAND, June 26.—(AP)—A train-auto crash was fatal last night to R. A. Abernathy, 42, Portland, and seriously injured Floyd D. White, 36, Vanport City, at the west edge of the city.

Police said Abernathy's car was struck broadside by the Spokane, Portland and Seattle passenger train at the blind crossing and dragged 366 feet along the rail.

White was thrown clear of the wreckage, but Abernathy's body was taken from the car.

Tacoma Newspaperman Killed in Auto Plunge

TACOMA, June 26.—(AP)—Fred Moll, 45, assistant city editor of the Tacoma News-Tribune and veteran Northwest newspaperman, was killed early today when his automobile crashed through the guard rail below the Cliff House on Marine View Drive and plunged to the beach below.

Copco Common Stock Bids Turned Down

NEW YORK, June 26.—(AP)—Standard Gas (AP) Electric Company yesterday announced it had rejected all bids received for 312,000 shares of California Oregon Power Company common stock, which represented all shares outstanding. Blythe and Co., Inc., and First Boston Corp. had bid \$28.33.

Medford Fire Inflicts Loss Of \$1 Million

MEDFORD, Ore., June 26.—(AP)—A three-block sector of this southern Oregon city's industrial district was a smouldering ruin today after the worst fire in Medford's history leveled fruit packing and lumber plants valued at more than \$1,000,000.

There was fear too that the region's multi-million dollar paper growing industry would suffer even greater loss because the fruit plants—two of them among the largest in the district—could not be replaced before the August fruit harvest.

Fire Chief Roy Elliott listed the \$500,000 American Fruit Growers plant, where the fire started; the adjoining Crystal Springs Packing Company and the Reter Packing plant; among those destroyed. A large lumber yard, a lumber milling plant and a feed and seed company also were leveled.

Burning barrels of oil fruit spray resisted efforts of Medford firemen to halt spread of the fire for an hour and Elliott said only the combined hose of two neighboring cities, the Oregon Forestry Service and the Navy's Camp White equipment finally quelled the two-hour-long blaze.

Individual company valuations listed by Elliott were: American Fruit \$500,000.

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Oregon Ups Funds For Road Program

PORTLAND, June 26.—(AP)—A three-year road building program costing \$5,743,500 has been tentatively approved by the State Highway Commission to augment federal aid to the state and the federal forest road program.

The commission announced the three-year U. S. road expenditures in the state now total \$34,342,200 and the forest service program \$10,880,000.

Major projects planned are widening of the Oregon city-Canby section of the Pacific Highway, \$413,000; a bridge over the Willamette river at Independence, \$300,000; resurfacing of 12 miles of Wilson river highway, \$200,000; and improvement of Klamath Falls highway entrance, \$350,000.

Final approval on 73 projects and contract awards is set for tomorrow.

State Highway Engineer Baldock reported that the U. S. Forest Service should be notified that log hauling on state highways is causing unusually heavy wear on the roadbed. He said the commission should urge that timberland sales not be made where existing roads are inadequate for the loads.

Soviet Republics Lose Autonomy for Treachery

MOSCOW, June 26.—(AP)—Two formerly autonomous Soviet republics in South Russia have been deprived of their autonomy, and many of their inhabitants have been resettled in other parts of Russia as penalties for wartime treachery, it was disclosed officially today.

The Crimean and Chechen-Ingush autonomous Soviet Socialist Republics, units of the Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic, were abolished as such and reduced to the status of provinces of the federation.

A government decree said "many Chechens and Crimean Tartars * * * voluntarily and together with the German Army waged an armed struggle against units of the Red Army. Under German orders, they also formed diversion bands for a struggle with Soviet power in the rear."

Sales of Lumber in Black Market Face Harder Govt. Drive

WASHINGTON, June 26.—(AP)—The government today announced plans for a stepped-up campaign against black market sales in lumber and other building materials.

Designed to halt diversion of these materials from veteran housing, the program was billed as an "intensive" combined attack by the National Housing Agency, the OPA, the Department of Justice and the Treasury Department.

They said measures to be used will include criminal prosecutions, tax investigations and seizures, treble damage suits, as well as injunctions and similar actions. The officials said the drive will be directed against all levels of operations, including producers of materials, truckers, distributors and consumers.

Timber Cruised in Access Road Plan

Six timber survey men have established headquarters at Wolf Creek Camp on Little River, and will map and cruise 15,000 acres of forested land in the Upper Little River area, it was announced by M. M. Nelson, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, today.

The survey is in connection with the opening up of timber in the area through construction of access roads.

The survey crew, headed by Don Allen, Oregon State College graduate, is made up of veterans of the recent war who have just completed or are nearing completion of their forestry training at institutions of higher learning.

In Roseburg today were two Forest Service officials who are outlining plans for the eventual construction of an extensive system of timber access roads in the Umpqua Forest. They are Roy Goffe, assistant to the regional engineer, and Elliott Roberts, both of the Portland regional office.

While here, Elliott will look into the equipment needs for road construction and maintenance on the Umpqua National Forest.

Reforestation Planned

Areas near Steamboat Creek and on Thorn Prairie in the Diamond Lake district, suitable for reforestation, were inspected this week by Charles Rindt, Portland, and Arthur Greeley, Washington, D. C., in the timber management division of the Forest Service, it was stated by Nelson.

Greeley, son of a former chief forester who later became executive secretary of the West Coast Lumberman's Association, and Rindt inspected old burns where reforestation is feasible.

Picnic Equipment at Kiwanis Park Restored

Restoration of seats and outdoor fireplaces at Kiwanis Park to make them suitable for use by picnic groups was accomplished this week by members of the Roseburg Kiwanis Club.

The park was developed as a picnic ground last year by members who volunteered their time and labor, it was stated by M. M. Nelson, who headed the committee in charge of the program.

Winter-time vandals destroyed tables and fireplaces. Some tables placed near the river bank were carried away by last winter's flood.

The park is again ready for public use, because of a club cleanup program Sunday.

Levity Fact Rent

By L. F. Rosenbush

Most Americans nowadays seem to be divided into two classes: One, sports hungry, absorbed chiefly in recreation; the other, with eyes on the impending atomic bomb test, concerned with theoretical attempts to wreck creation.