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The Weather
Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday.

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Retail Costs Going Up, Wholesalers Hold Back, Expecting Fresh OPA

Cattle, Hogs Still Pouring Into Markets

(By The Associated Press)
Rising livestock prices and the loss of government subsidies brought higher prices to the meat, milk and butter buying public today as the nation's wholesale markets steered under a growing conviction that OPA will be restored with a roll back to June 30 ceilings.

The first shipments of butter to reach New York City and Boston markets since OPA's end were released today to retail 13 to 15 cents above the OPA ceiling. The government subsidy on butter was 15 cents a pound.

Meat prices were up in many areas as much as 20 cents a pound. Milk was boosted three cents a quart in New Hampshire and a milk shortage was threatened in the metropolitan New York area unless the price is raised there.

In Wall Street, uncertainty over the possible resurrection of the OPA—coupled with the advent of a long July 4 weekend holiday—again inspired speculative and investment caution and the stock market was quiet and irregular.

Cattle Shipments Heavy
—Abnormally large shipments of

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE are two big stories in the news—the OPA blow-up and the Bikini bomb test.

BOTH are in utter confusion as this is written.

THIS much, however, is crystal clear:

The atom bomb test is a long way off. Its results will concern the next generation even more than this. The OPA blow-up comes close to all of us NOW.

It dominates the news.

IT is too early to draw any definite conclusions as to what the sudden end of OPA will mean. About all we can do at this moment is to examine certain SIGNIFICANT developments.

Let's start with the New York stock market. It boomed at the Monday opening, but most of the gains ran into profit cashing and FAILED TO HOLD.

Buyers were CAUTIOUS.

COMMODITY markets (cattle, hogs, cotton, wheat, corn, eggs, etc.) boomed everywhere. Price increases Monday were sharp.

Keep this fact in mind, for it is fundamental: Stock and bond and

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FROM COLONIZATION TO SELF-RULE

Philippine Islands Will Be Granted Independence On Glorious July Fourth

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(AP)—On tomorrow, July 4, the United States will grant full political independence to the Philippine Islands, thus completing an American experiment in colonization which began with the Spanish-American war in 1898.

The act will occur on the 170th anniversary of America's own independence.

The U. S. is living up to its 1934 congressional promise of complete freedom despite the fact that the war and Japanese occupation left the archipelago of 7,000 islands in virtual economic ruin.

But like a mother assisting her youngster to stand alone and take its first step, so America is helping insure the economic and political survival of this new nation of 18,000,000 Filipinos.

The U. S. is pouring millions of dollars into the islands to help restore widespread war damage and has enacted legislation guaranteeing for 28 years after inde-

Snell Asks Neuner's Advice on Power to Set Price Controls

SALEM, Ore., July 3.—(AP)—Governor Snell asked Attorney General Neuner today to investigate state laws to determine what power the state might have if it becomes necessary for the state to establish price controls.

The governor said he had asked Neuner also to determine what action would be required to establish such controls.

The governor added, however, that he would make a thorough study and wait to see what Congress does before taking any action.

"Present indications," the governor said, "are that landlords and merchants generally with few exceptions are determined to hold prices in line. Only a few cities of the state are now governed by rent control legislation. Rent control is the chief concern of all of our citizens, and more particularly as it affects our returning veterans."

Snell Avoids Haste

Snell said he has asked Neuner to interpret provisions of several city charters to determine if cities can establish controls of prices and rents.

"Some folks," he continued, "seem a little jittery about this whole question and would rush headlong into this scheme or that, but to me it seems sound public policy to determine the facts and legal procedure, learn what action Congress decides to take within the next couple of weeks which may preclude any state consideration whatsoever, and finally during this period, make the developments and indications in connection with self-imposed price control action."

Strike of Shop Crews Halts Airlines' Service

SEATTLE, July 3.—(AP)—A strike by mechanics and mechanical workers tied up the Northwest Airlines' coast-to-coast operations early today, the lines' offices announced.

A company spokesman said wages, hours and vacation with pay were issues in dispute and that the strike was called when a new contract was not negotiated.

The union filed with the company a request for negotiations early in April. A deadlock developed and both sides appealed for government mediation. Meetings had been held almost daily since June 7 and another had been set for today at the company's offices in St. Paul.

K. of P. Girls Drum Corps Goes to Coquille Rodeo

The Roseburg Knights of Pythias Bugle and Drum Corps left this morning for the two-day rodeo festivities at Coquille as guests of the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

The twenty-eight all-girl organization will enter competition in the 4th of July celebration with a representative group from the Eagles Lodge in Coos Bay, and will perform as guests at the Thursday rodeo show, Director Bill Black said Tuesday.

The group, chaperoned by Black and Mrs. Thomas Hartfiel, will stop off en route to Coquille for their annual picnic.

Petsco System's Sale Gets Official Approval

PORTLAND, July 3.—(AP)—Sale of interurban railways of the Portland Electric Power Company to the newly-formed Portland Traction Company for \$1,000,000 has been approved by State Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg.

The sale is part of a reorganization of the Pecco affiliates ordered under the holding companies act.

News-Review Will Not Issue Edition July 4th

There will be no publication of the News-Review Thursday, July 4, in keeping with the usual custom of observing Independence Day as a full holiday. The News-Review's radio station, KRNR, will observe holiday hours and will interrupt any scheduled programs to broadcast news of special importance.

The day will be observed as a holiday generally by all business houses, banks, offices, etc., will be closed throughout the day.

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Oregon Rents, Food Prices Climb Higher

(By The Associated Press.)
Rising prices for meat, butter and cheese and higher rent charges were reported in Portland and scattered up-state cities Wednesday as OPA price ceilings stayed off a third day.

District OPA officials, shorn of their authority to "hold the line" and compel enforcement, waited and answered telephoned complaints of buyers and tenants.

The American Veterans' Committee scheduled a meeting in Portland today to protest Congressional failure to reinstate OPA and at the same time announced it favored a "buyers' strike" to halt inflation.

The OPA reported about 500 tenants had complained of rent hikes ranging from nominal to 40-50 per cent and a few to 90 and 100 per cent. Officials said they believed there were more. Realty board directors meanwhile urged landlords to postpone charge increase pending Congressional action.

Livestock Bidding Hi-H

Prices bid for livestock at the North Portland stockyards continued at high levels as slaughterers vied for the still comparatively short supply. Stockyard officials believed steers would reach market in volume this weekend.

Retail meat prices were rocketed.

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Pension, School Petitions Filed

SALEM, Ore., July 3.—(AP)—Two initiative measures, which would create a \$15,000,000 basic school support fund and levy a 3 per cent gross income tax for old age pensions, will appear on the November general election ballot.

Dave O'Hara, head of the state elections division, said today.

But the other four initiatives which had been circulated apparently are dead because of insufficient signatures, O'Hara said.

Today's 5 P. M. deadline for filing completed initiatives approached.

The other four measures would set up a compulsory automobile liability insurance system operated by the state, lower the voting age to 18 years, eliminate horse and dog racing, and provide minimum \$50 monthly old age pension.

The school support bill, sponsored by several educational organizations, had 39,560 signatures. The pension measure had 29,395.

Heavy Increase Shown In Oregon Liquor Sales

PORTLAND, July 3.—(AP)—Sale of liquor by the state stores has increased 52 per cent over last year. Ray Conway, state liquor control administrator, reported today in predicting supplies will keep coming.

Conway noted that popular brands have been scarce and shelves often barren, which he said would continue, but added he believed the supply situation would "be all right."

Barracks Razed by Fire Started by Prisoners

SAN FRANCISCO, July 3.—(AP)—Fire set by prisoners in the Camp McQuade Army disciplinary barracks near Watsonville Monday night destroyed one entire compound of 36 buildings, the Sixth Army provost marshal's office said.

Col. E. A. Everett, camp commandant, reported that no one had been injured and that it was not necessary to use firearms to control the prisoners.

Col. John P. Pitzer, the provost marshal, said he was informed the prisoners succeeded in barricading the compound area for a time, delaying the entrance of fire fighters.

Negroes in Stolen Auto Sought for Kidnaping

SANTA MARIA, Calif., July 3.—(AP)—Shaken but unharmed, Clifford C. Anglim, El Cerrito city attorney and former collector of internal revenue for Northern California, was found trussed in a ranch corral 13 miles south of here yesterday.

He told police he had been kidnaped and robbed as he stepped into a car after buying ice cream near his home in the San Francisco Bay area 275 miles to the north. Police broadcast a pickup order for two Negroes driving Anglim's car.



NEW NAVAL AIDE—Captain James H. Foskett, aide to the 19th Fleet commander, has been appointed President Truman's naval aide. They met when Capt. Foskett skippered the USS Augusta, which carried the President to Europe for Big Three conference in Berlin.

Tax Distribution In Douglas Shown

Total of \$1,037,314.10 in taxes were disbursed in Douglas county during the fiscal year ending June 30. County Treasurer Oliver L. Johnson reported today. Other funds distributed during the year to schools, union high schools, cities, the Port of Umpqua, and the forest patrol included \$275,901.94 from county land sales.

Land sales during June totaled \$73,961.28, Johnson said.

In the latest distribution of funds to schools, \$30,389.35 came from land sales; \$22,219.82 from 1946 taxes, and \$10,498.42 from delinquent taxes dating back to 1928. Total disbursement to schools was \$63,052.88.

Other disbursements included \$5,493.16 to union high schools; \$14,473.70 to cities; \$2,811.59 to the Port of Umpqua, and \$6,894.75 to the forest patrol.

Breakdown of disbursements to school districts, Johnson said, shows \$10,023 going to Roseburg; \$2,615.63 to Canyonville; \$2,701.02, Glendale; \$4,657.59, Myrtle Creek; \$7,988.82, Camas Valley; \$3,357.11, Elkton; \$2,703.25, Riddle; \$3,941.80, Reedsport, and \$6,012.20 to Tillamook.

The Drain Union high school district received \$3,315.93.

Breakdown of disbursements to cities shows: \$6,719.09 to Roseburg; \$2,568.82 to Myrtle Creek; \$2,553.37 to Reedsport, and \$1,439.73 to Sutherlin.

Indictment Hits Justice T. C. Hartfiel

Delays in accounting for money paid into the justice court of Deer Creek district has resulted in an indictment by the Douglas county grand jury against Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfiel, who has posted cash bail in the sum of \$500 pending arraignment. It was announced today by District Attorney H. A. Canaday.

The indictment returned by the grand jury contains two charges, one accusing Hartfiel of "larceny of public money" the other "malfeasance and negligence in office."

The indictment returned by the grand jury, which was called into special session Monday, charges that between the dates of Dec. 1, 1944, and April 30, 1946, Hartfiel "withheld from delivery to Douglas county the sum of \$4,372.81" collected from fines, costs and fees.

"The law specifically provides that the justice of the peace shall turn all monies collected into the office of the county treasurer by a certain date," the district attorney said today.

"Justice of the Peace Hartfiel has failed on numerous occasions to make reports and surrender monies collected by his office on the dates required by law. Demands have frequently been made by the county court for accountings as required by law. Investigation by the grand jury resulted in an indictment based on the presumption of law that money not accounted for upon dates specified shall be considered as having been misappropriated."

Accusation Denied

Admitting that he is "far behind" in his "bookwork," Justice Hartfiel today emphatically denied any misappropriation of funds and charged that the accusation results from failure of the county court to provide the office with "necessary clerical help."

"I have been pleading with the county court for many months to provide the office with clerical help," Hartfiel said.

"It is impossible for one person to do all of the accounting, keeping of records, preparation of transcripts and other work required by law. I have been working nights and holidays in addition to regular office hours trying to keep the work up to date."

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Overcharge Before Death Of OPA Draws Penalty

SEATTLE, July 3.—(AP)—One day after the end of OPA, John C. Hyde of Tacoma was fined \$50 plus costs for selling a used automobile at \$349.98 over the OPA ceiling price. Hyde was ordered to refund the overcharge to the purchaser.

Federal Judge Leavy sentenced Hyde after OPA attorneys explained the act provides for prosecution for offenses committed before its expiration.

Butter Price Hiked to Offset Subsidies Loss

Roseburg dairies manufacturing butter announced an increase today of 12 cents a pound in wholesale prices, and an increase of 15 cents a pound to producers for butterfat, to offset the discontinuance of the government subsidy paid to farmers.

Retail prices for butter in Roseburg stores is expected to vary, but will average around 80 cents a pound, Roseburg dairymen believe.

Decision on Improvement of Airport up to Roseburg Now, Aeronautics Director Says

Now is the time for the people of Roseburg to decide whether they "desire an airport commensurate with (the city's) growth, or be satisfied to have pick-up mail and express service rather than general airline service," in the opinion of Leo G. Devaney, director of the Oregon State Board of Aeronautics.

The city of Roseburg, he said, is faced with a very serious airport problem due to the general topography of the country, and it will depend "a great deal on the attitude of the community and city administration" if airport facilities are to be improved.

"Now is the time to make the decision," Devaney said, "and if the city intends to go ahead, they should secure the services of a suitable firm of airport engineers to plan ahead for the future and the entire community."

Devaney's statement was the result of studies made recently by W. C. Hill, state engineer, and J. H. Reavey, district airport engineer for the CAA, at the request of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce.

Approach Zone Faulty

Reavey's study showed that the

Atom Blast's Toll Upped to Five Ships Sunk, 54 Damaged; Surviving Animals Face Test

ABOARD U. S. S. APPALACHIAN, July 3.—(AP)—Fifty-nine of Bikini's 73 target warships felt Monday's white-hot atomic blast, the Navy reported today, with damage ranging from total to negligible. Six remained dangerously radioactive today.

Five, including one modern cruiser, were sunk; nine others, including two battleships, two cruisers and a carrier, were "heavily damaged." Damage to small craft was not tallied.

The army's official ground forces observer, Maj. Gen. Anthony McAuliffe, concluded the new weapon could force any nation, even the United States, to quit war—although he believed it would be more effective against cities and industries than military targets.

"I hope I never see another one like that thing," he sighed to newsmen. He said he knew

Passenger Train Kills Three Boys

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., July 3.—(AP)—Three boys, including seven-year-old twins, were killed by a Pennsylvania railroad passenger train last night at Pine Station, seven miles east of this central Pennsylvania city.

Mrs. W. J. Shoemaker, Clinton county coroner, identified the victims as seven-year-old Dale and Dari Rachau, twins, and Jan Oechler, 9, all of Pine Station.

Mrs. Shoemaker said Mrs. Harry Plney, who witnessed the tragedy while sitting on her front porch, stated two of the boys were riding a bicycle on the railroad right-of-way and the third was walking ahead when a westbound passenger train approached.

The engine struck the Oechler boy's bicycle, hurling him and one of the twins, perched on the handle bars, to the ground. Mrs. Plney reported, The Oechler boy was tossed ahead, striking the twin who was walking. All three were thrown clear of the train.

The boys suffered fractured skulls and other injuries.

U. S. Uncertainty Forced Bread Ration in Britain

LONDON, July 3.—(AP)—Food Minister John Strachey asserted today that Great Britain decided to ration bread rather than "gamble on American labor relations and on the course of things in congress."

He called on the United States to help feed the British occupation zone of Germany or "face the incalculable political and social consequences to western Europe." He asserted that congress' action in the price control dispute also would determine whether there would be any interruption in U. S. exports.

He said he believed the U. S. government was determined to do its utmost to meet foreign grain commitments, but that he did not know whether it would be able to do so.

Soviet Never to Start War on U. S., Envoy Says

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(AP)—Nikolai V. Novikov, new Russian ambassador to this country, promised today that the Soviet Union "will never start a war against the United States or anyone else."

And by the same token, he said he knew that the people of this country do not want to fight anyone.

But while he insisted that all differences between the two major powers can be "ironed out," Novikov cautioned that solutions for many world problems will require time and patience.

Cong. May Accused in Profits Inquiry

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. William N. Porter testified today Rep. May of Kentucky, chairman of the House military committee, thrice intervened with the Army on behalf of an Illinois munitions combine whose war profits are under Congressional investigation.

In his comment on the proposed site in Garden Valley, Reavey stated that one landing strip only in a north-south direction, would provide a landing field to accommodate large planes that require a Class II or a Class III field, and would provide safety with regard to winds for more than 75 per cent of the time for small planes.

Devaney said that to enlarge upon the relative merits and costs of the two sites would be "beyond the scope" of the state board at the present time.

Hungary's Money Sinks To Virtually Nothing

BUDAPEST, Hungary July 2.—(Delayed)—(AP)—A United States dollar was worth 100 quadrillion pengos today in Hungary, swept by one of the most fantastic inflations of history. The economy of Hungary was approaching complete chaos. Ten quadrillion-pengo notes were in general circulation.

In June, 1939, the pengos was worth 23.12 cents. By last October its value had sunk to 1-100th of a penny.

Empty House Beckons Needed School Teacher

MADRAS, Ore., July 3.—(AP)—An empty house is waiting here—if you can qualify as a science teacher at the Union High School.

School officials acquired the home for W. H. Bunch, who was to take the teaching job. Bunch hunted for two weeks for a house for his family, then looked for a job where he could also get a house. The Madras school board was too late then, but members are hanging onto the vacant house for the next man.

O'Daniel Ends Opposition to Senate Action

Duplicate of House Bill Introduced; Collapse of Coalition Impending

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(AP)—Two measures to revive price controls reached the Senate Banking Committee for consideration today after Senator O'Daniel abandoned the blocking tactics that had stalled them for three days.

O'Daniel gave up after making a jocular motion to refer the bills to the committee on pensions.

He said that seemed the logical place for them, as 65,000 former employees of OPA now have nothing to do.

The two bills—one already passed by the House, the other introduced in the Senate by Banking Committee Chairman Wagner—are identical.

Each would grant OPA a temporary extension of life, until July 20, to give Congress time to work out permanent legislation if possible.

Coalition May Fizzle

There appeared, meanwhile, several signs that the coalition which molded the presidentially-vetoed OPA extended might be falling apart.

Senator Murdock said that as a member of the Banking Committee he had received concrete indications that some Democrats who joined in whittling down OPA have had a change of heart.

"I think the President has solidified his party behind his position on the price control question as it never was solidified before," Murdock told a reporter.

He added that the 1938-1941 House vote Monday for 20-day stop gap controls, with Rep. Roe of Maryland as the sole Democrat opposing, indicated a trend that may provide good news for OPA in the Senate.

Would Curb OPA Power

Republicans declared, however, they will not agree to restore price controls without sharp restrictions in OPA authority.

Chairman Taft of the Minority Steering Committee said he personally is willing to compromise some of the provisions of an extension measure. But he added that many of his colleagues want to re-enact without material change the bill Mr. Truman vetoed.

There is some Republican sentiment, too, to let OPA lie dormant until the full effects of the agency's death can be assessed.

Senator Moore put this sentiment into words in a radio address last night in which he said he had heard of nothing in the first two days without price control to indicate a "national col-

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Rose Hotel Leased To Frank Bodin

Lease of the Rose Hotel to Frank Bodin, formerly of Glendale, Calif., was announced this week by George H. Smith, who has been owner-operator of the hotel since it was built in 1925.

Bodin arrived with his wife and seven-year-old daughter in Roseburg last Friday, and has assumed active management of the hotel. As soon as construction of the annex is completed, its operation will be turned over to Bodin, Smith announced.

The Smiths have not announced their personal plans except that they intend to remain in Roseburg.

Bodin was formerly an operator of hotels in Glendale, California, Santa Barbara and Astoria, Calif., and was associated for almost 12 years with a hotel advertising agency.

When the hotel's new addition is completed, dining space on the ground floor will be enlarged and the kitchen will be the finest hotel kitchen in Oregon, second only to the Multnomah in Portland, according to a letter from the State Board of Health to Smith.

During his active management of the hotel, Smith served one year as president of the State Association of Hotel Operators and two years as president of the Southern Oregon Association of Hotel Operators. He also has served as president of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, the Roseburg Kiwanis Club, and the Roseburg Country Club.

Bilbo Leads Rivals, Rankin Triumphs

(By The Associated Press)

Senator Theodore G. Bilbo clung to a slim majority today of all votes so far counted in his race for a third term, after a stormy Mississippi primary in which some Negroes participated despite his night in which he said he had heard of nothing in the first two days without price control to indicate a "national col-

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Green and Happy Valley School Districts United

Green and Happy Valley School districts were declared officially consolidated yesterday by the school district boundary board. It was announced today by Mrs. Lula C. Gorell, county school superintendent. The vote in both districts was unanimous.

The Roseburg-Sylmar Valley consolidation was declared official last week, Mrs. Gorell said. There have been 25 consolidations of Douglas County school districts during her term of office, since 1941, she added.

Uncle Mike Jacobs, fight promoter, missed the bus on the current scrap between the British and Jews in the land of his ancestors. Foresight on Mike's part might have enabled him to make another cleaning on \$100 ringside seats.

Levity Fact Rent
By L. F. Adamstein