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Nation's Consumers Dig Harder Into Pocketbooks For Necessities

Meat Pacing Procession of Soaring Costs

(By The Associated Press)
The American laborer, business man, farmer and housewife paid more for any necessities of life today as the first week's test of a peacetime free-price economy drew to a close and congress got set for a showdown on whether to hand the cost-control reins back to OPA.

Stocks were mostly quiet in another slow session at the New York Stock Exchange and cotton was off 80 cents to more than a dollar a bale when trading was resumed today.

In Chicago, hog receipts were heavy but trading was slow at the opening. Cattle arrivals exceeded expectations with 9,700 head arriving as compared to a forecast of 5,000. Sheep receipts also were better than expected. Although some of the nation's major cities and rural areas came through the first few OPA-less days without a noticeable dent in the pocketbook, there was ample indication that most of the country was not so fortunate.

Meat Prices on Rampage

Meat prices all but staged a runaway in a majority of cities, although some industry spokesmen said they were still under black market levels and would begin to ease downward once the long-haul counters were filled again.

Butter and milk costs also spurred upward in a quick get-away but they were far behind the meat pace. Rent boosts caused turmoil in many places.

However, little or no change in these items was reported from

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN Washington the house of representatives passes quickly a bill to revive OPA for 20 days (to give time for reconsideration of the whole subject of price control.)

In the senate, the picture is different. There "adamant" opposition blocks all efforts to put through immediately a similar measure. The AP's Washington correspondent handling the story says: "Opposition in the senate made it increasingly apparent that any restoration of OPA will be delayed for several weeks."

MEANWHILE all price controls are off.

If they REMAIN off for a period of several weeks, the old, familiar law of supply and demand will be given a chance to see what it can do in these disturbed days.

If it fails completely—if our economy goes into a wild inflationary price boom—price controls will be restored. Probably in

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Premium Payments to Up Output of Logs for Plywood Not Ended by OPA's Death

TACOMA, Wash., July 5.—(Special to the News-Review.)—The government premium payment plan, designed to increase production of peeler logs for plywood factories and, in turn, boost plywood output for the veterans' housing program, will continue, despite OPA's demise, Wilson Wyatt, national housing expediter, has advised northwest panel makers.

The announcement was made today by Thomas B. Malarkey of Portland, Ore., president of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, which represents the 33-factory industry of Oregon and Washington. Malarkey obtained his information direct from Wyatt by long distance telephone to Washington, D. C.

Principal points of Wyatt's telephonic statements, according to Malarkey, are as follows:
1. The premium payment plan for logs going to plywood plants will continue in effect at least until the end of July.
2. Log subsidies to increase

PRICE INCREASES FEW IN ROSEBURG

Butter, Meat Cost More, Rents Hiked 25 Per Cent; Clothing Tags Unchanged

Few price increases are apparent in Roseburg this week, despite the lifting of price controls. Only noticeable increases were in meat and butter products, while clothing and manufactured goods were predicted to remain at OPA price levels for the present.

No Traffic Death Mars Oregon's 4th

(By The Associated Press.)
Thousands of Oregonians remained at mountains and beaches today after a sunny, sane Fourth of July which saw few accidents in the state.

Despite highway crowds for the first peacetime Independence Day in five years, not a traffic death was reported in Oregon. Violent death came to two—a Portlander killed by a plane propeller in front of his wife and son and a man suffocated in a Pendleton basement fire.

A freak traffic incident occurred in Portland, where two Tigard men—Peter Volk and Liddle Smith—careened over a 14-foot embankment and lay under their overturned car. A wrecking car operator was amazed to find them curled up comfortably, unharmed.

One person celebrated by extracting \$5,000 to \$7,000 worth of clothing from Black's Cleaners, Portland, one of the city's largest thefts in months.

Both St. Paul and Molalla counted record crowds for their rodeos, and were forced to turn away thousands of late comers.

Vacationers were expected to remain at resorts, with all government offices closed for the long weekend. Safety authorities, fingers still crossed against highway trouble, urged continued caution.

Nation's July 4th Death Toll Under Forecast

(By The Associated Press.)
The nation celebrated a comparative safe and sane Fourth of July holiday yesterday. Fireworks caused some deaths.

The toll of violent deaths, a survey disclosed, was far below the estimate which had been forecast by the National Safety Council for Independent Day and the extended four-day holiday. The survey showed at least 142 persons suffered violent deaths, with traffic accidents leading the list of fatalities with 65. At least 42 persons drowned in holiday outings, while violent deaths from miscellaneous causes totaled at least 35. On the Fourth of July Last Year, a Wednesday, 159 persons suffered violent deaths.

Smoking Blamed for Lodger's Death in Fire

PENDLETON, Ore., July 5.—(AP)—An Ellensburg, Wash., man died here last night after a minor fire broke out in his rented basement room.

He was identified as Pay Colson although officers said they were not certain of the spelling of his first name. His parents at Ellensburg were notified.

Fire Chief William Batchelor said Colson apparently had been smoking in bed and suffocated before the fire department arrived.

Price Control Power Not in Snell's Hands

SALEM, Ore., July 5.—(AP)—Governor Snell said today he cannot issue a proclamation that existing prices and rents be maintained because he has no legal authority to issue such a proclamation.

He said that such a proclamation would be advisory only, and would have absolutely no legal effect.

He said he has received several requests that he issue a proclamation to keep prices in line. Meanwhile, Attorney General Neuner, at the request of Snell, was making an investigation to determine what power the state has to enact price controls in the event that Congress does not extend the OPA. Neuner also is studying how these state controls could be applied, and he is examining several city charters to determine whether cities can hold down prices and rents.

Presumably, state controls could not be applied without a special session of the legislature. Many state officials said they believe that if a special session were called, rents and prices would be so high by the time that a new law became effective that the law wouldn't do any good. They also said that it would take much time to set up the large organization that would be necessary to enforce state controls.

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Munitions Cache Found in Palestine

JERUSALEM, July 5.—(AP)—The British army announced today that another large cache of munitions and "a large quantity of British battle dress" had been uncovered in the Jewish settlement of Mesheq Yagur.

British troops have been searching the settlement, which is located in the Haifa Bay area, since last Saturday, and previously had reported unearthing large quantities of contraband.

Tension continued high despite the release of three British officers by their Jewish kidnappers and a British announcement that many of the Jews arrested last weekend in a drive to curb armed violence were being freed.

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Medical Assn. to Fight Govt. Health Insurance

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—(AP)—American Medical Association delegates today headed for a battle against government health insurance.

Tactics developed in convention here call for carrying an aggressive fight to the public through 126,000 rank and file members. The association's 1946 meeting closed yesterday following election of Dr. Olin R. West of Nashville, Tenn., to be next president.

Fear of regimentation dominated policy making meetings during the current session. It resulted in decisions to embark on wide scale public education to advertise the virtues of medically controlled, voluntary prepaid medical service.

Vetoed OPA Bill Called "Republican Swindle"

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—The Democratic National Committee's newspaper "The Democrat" today called the OPA bill which President Truman vetoed a "Republican swindle."

That was the headline on an article in the July issue which said the President, by "courageously" rejecting the measure, performed "a signal service not only to the people of the nation, but to the Democratic party."

Airlines Strike Ended by Naming of Fact Finders

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 5.—(AP)—Operations of Northwest Airlines, halted for more than 30 hours by a strike of mechanics, were back to normal today, following return to work of the men upon creation of an emergency fact-finding board to investigate the dispute.

The mechanics walked out early Wednesday when union demands for an 18¢ cents an hour wage increase and changes in clauses of their contract with the line were not met.

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VFW Names Head, Sets '47 Meet at Grants Pass

CORVALLIS, Ore., July 5.—(AP)—Oregon members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold their 1947 convention in Grants Pass, they decided here at the close of their 1946 session.

A Portlander, Earl C. Mead, was elected state commander. Mrs. Laura Bornuth, Grants Pass, was named a guard in the auxiliary.

Dates for next year's meeting were unset, but it will fall between June 15 and July 15.

Bull Kills Owner, 'Cycle Accident Kills Rider

EPHRATA, Wash., July 5.—(AP)—Grant County had four Fourth of July fatalities yesterday. Charles William Mitchell, a stockman, 80, was crushed by a bull at his home, six miles east of Moses Lake, and Lawrence M. Pettit, 26, of Baker, Ore., died in the Columbia Basin Hospital here from injuries received in a motorcycle accident six miles south of Ephrata on the Ephrata-Moses Lake highway.

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3 Treated for Injuries After Auto Accident

Three persons were treated at Mercy Hospital yesterday for injuries received in an automobile accident on the Melrose road Wednesday evening. Hospital attendants gave the names as Freeman Higginbotham, 33, who was released yesterday; Mrs. Violet Howlett, 30, to be released today, and Miss Grace McBroom, 24. Witnesses said only one car was involved in the accident.

Sawdust-Dynamite Diet Kills Douglas County Elk

PORTLAND, July 5.—(AP)—A district biologist said today that 12 elk found dead in eastern Douglas County had nibbled on dynamite and sawdust.

The lethal items were abandoned in the region by a salvage crew which had gone in to destroy a crashed plane's engines.

Roseburg's 4th Quiet

Local police authorities reported a "very quiet" Fourth of July yesterday, with city police arresting one motorist for a speeding violation, and state police and the sheriff's office reporting "no excitement."

In the city police court this morning, Roy Brown, Negro, forfeited \$20 bail for his non-appearance on a speeding charge for which he was arrested on Stephens St. yesterday as he drove through the city.



ARMY PRISONERS FIRE HUTMENTS IN MASS ESCAPE PLOT—Charred ruins are all that remain of 36 tar paper and wood buildings fired by prisoners in disturbance at Camp McQuade disciplinary barracks, near Watsonville, Calif. The prisoners, behind hastily erected barricades, used clouds, stones and timber to prevent fire fighters and guards from entering this section of the compound. Resistance was finally quelled by using tear gas, but without resort to firearms or serious injury.

Jews Victims Of Pogrom in Poland

WARSAW, July 5.—(AP)—At least 34 persons were reported today to have been killed and 42 wounded at the city of Kielce in Poland's bloodiest postwar pogrom, which was finally suppressed by government forces.

The government blamed "Fascist reactionary elements" for the attacks, in which Jewish homes were raided and Jewish shops were smashed.

Authorities reported 62 suspected of participating in the pogrom were rounded up last night and said further arrests were underway.

A checkup of dead and wounded, the majority of whom were Jews, may show higher casualties. It was reported that some security police and militia-men were killed or wounded battling the mobs.

The disorder came as the government announced that early returns from the Polish referendum last Sunday gave the government a substantial lead on all three questions it presented.

A foreign ministry spokesman announced that 67 "bandits" had been killed and 308 wounded or arrested in clashes between security police, militia and outlawed bands preceding and during the referendum.

San Francisco Firemen, Police Demand More Pay

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—(AP)—City police and firemen today put forth wage increase demands on the heels of the San Francisco street car and bus strike settlement.

Firemen are seeking a 15 per cent wage boost in line with the carmen's demands and a reduction in hours from 67½ to 56 a week, said Robert F. Callahan, secretary of the AFL union. Firemen now get \$225 a month and are boosted to \$250 after four years.

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Wire Tapping Bares Talks of Congressmen, Arouses Their Wrath, Spurs Probe Demands

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—Angry Congressional criticism of "wire tapping" spurred prospects today of a full-scale inquiry into the practice of some government departments of recording telephone conversations with lawmakers and others.

Denunciations came from Democratic as well as Republican House leaders following the disclosure made at a Senate war profits investigation earlier this week.

Sneaker Sam Rayburn told newsmen of his great displeasure of such secret transcriptions, and Republican Leader Joe Martin termed them "a mean practice."

"I don't know why the bureaucrats should have more power on the telephone than the FBI," Martin added, noting that Congress has condemned "wire-tapping" for criminal prosecution purposes.

Inquiry May Be Asked
Meanwhile, an influential member of the special House Committee set up to investigate "execu-

Painting in \$100,000 Suit Is Returned to Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., July 5.—(AP)—A painting believed to be the "Descent From the Cross," for alleged loss of which Mrs. Jean Bullitt Darlington of West Chester, Pa., sued Harvard University for \$100,000, has been returned to Harvard, the Boston Globe said today in a copyrighted story.

The Globe said the painting, which Mrs. Darlington, a relative of William C. Bullitt, former ambassador to Russia, purchased in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1921, in belief it was a Rubens, was turned over to Harvard lawyers by a representative of a man who bought it for \$40.

The purchaser, the newspaper added, was not aware of its real value or that it had been the object of a six-year search.

Long-Life Battery Production Starts

TOLEDO, Ohio, July 5.—(AP)—The Auto-Lite Battery Corp., disclosed today that its recently announced longer life automobile battery now is in production in the company's six plants.

The longer life is expected to result from the design that gives the battery a reserve of three times more water than the conventional type. The additional liquor capacity makes it necessary to refill the battery only about three times a year. It also lowers the average strength of the acid, Auto-Lite engineers assert, tending to give the battery longer life without reducing its electrical capacity.

Bikini's Second A-Bomb To Be Exploded July 25

ABOARD U. S. S. MT. McKinley, July 5.—(AP)—Vice Adm. W. H. P. Dandridge today set July 25 as the tentative date for the detonation of Bikini's second atomic bomb, this one "an attack against hulls." It will be exploded slightly under the surface of the lagoon.

Blandly expects some form of radioactive cloud to result from the spray blown up from the underwater explosion. Contamination of ships by the spray and by solid water tossed onto their decks are expected to be a factor in delaying their return for inspection.

Bilbo White Vote State's Fraction

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—Senator Bilbo's re-election in Mississippi calls for fact-finding. It's this: Does his racial prejudices represent the thinking of white Mississippians?

He pitched his campaign on "white supremacy" and told whites to keep Negroes from the polls.

This was all-out racial prejudice. He was elected. This was the third time he's been elected senator. After his victory he said:

"I made the same fight and have the same convictions that a great majority of southerners have."

Did he? He certainly was the choice of the majority of Mississippians who actually voted.

They gave him 97,000 votes to a combined vote of 93,000 for his four opponents. The total vote cast, almost entirely white, was about 190,000.

But—the majority of white Mississippians who voted for him were only a small minority of the 500,000 white people old enough to vote in Mississippi.

(About 500,000 Mississippi Negroes are old enough to vote but only a handful did so in this election.)

The 97,000 votes Bilbo got was 19½ per cent of the 500,000 potential white vote. His opponents' 93,000 was 18½ per cent. So the total vote cast, 190,000, was only 38 per cent of the 500,000 potential vote.

European Peace Huddle Scheduled for July 29

PARIS, July 5.—(AP)—The foreign ministers of the Big Four drafted invitations today for a general European peace conference to be held in Paris July 29 for debate on treaties intended to end World War II for Italy and the Axis satellites.

The ministers last night settled their last major conflict—Italian reparations. By an agreement providing that Italy must pay Russia \$100,000,000 from munitions factories, from her assets abroad and from current production over a seven-year period. Italy was given a two-year period of grace before beginning the payments from current production, however.

Photo Shop to Be Opened July 9 by Gene Powell

The Master Photo Shop, which will be engaged in commercial photography, amateur photo finishing, and general photographic work, will open July 9 in temporary location at the Powell Hardware Co. building. It was announced today. The photo shop will be operated by Gene Powell, experienced photographer, who has installed equipment on the mezzanine floor at the Powell building. Powell served as News-Review photographer and engraver prior to entering college and later going into military service.

Woman of 84 Sex-Slain, Body Nailed in Closet

BOSTON, July 5.—(AP)—A medical examiner's report that Agnes Burnett, 84, mother of a New York musician, was stabbed and probably criminally attacked before she was nailed still alive in a clothes closet today sent police on a hunt for a maniac.

Her body was found Wednesday night by two policemen who had been summoned by friends. Two nails bolted the closet in which her body was discovered.

Substitute for Vetoed Measure Also Target Of Protests by Sen. Taft

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—OPA Administrator Paul Porter called on Congress today to revise the OPA extender bill still further to bring it into line with President Truman's recommendations.

The bill as amended by the Senate Banking Committee over the protests of Senator Taft, Porter said, does not go far enough. He said it contains "undesirable features."

While Porter did not elaborate on provisions of the bill he regards as objectionable, it was understood that these include:

(1) Amendments which outlaw a requirement that manufacturers produce low-cost clothing, (2) A provision for special pricing of cotton and woolen textiles, (3) an amendment restoring the pre-war profit margins of automobile dealers and household appliances distributors, (4) possibly provisions transferring authority over food prices to the secretary of agriculture and (5) those setting up new procedures for removal of price ceilings.

Stronger Bill Urged

As the Senate headed toward debate on the substitute for the OPA bill Mr. Truman has vetoed, Porter issued this statement:

"My comments yesterday afternoon upon leaving the Senate Banking and Currency Committee applied only to the Barkley amendment as a substitute for the Taft and Wherry amendments to the price control bill.

"It did not represent a blanket approval of the bill as a whole as reported out by the committee."

"I still hope that Congress will pass a bill that will conform to the president's recommendations in his veto message, and that other undesirable features will be eliminated."

Senators Voice Views

Senator Bridges, in today's debate, took the stand that OPA is legally dead. He said therefore the committee can not even hear testimony by Price Administrator Porter on a \$100,000,000 OPA appropriation bill.

Senator O'Daniel, who filibustered to delay passage of the original extension bill, said he

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GI's Wife, Three of Their Quadruplets Reach U. S.

NEW YORK, July 5.—(AP)—Norah Carpenter and her three surviving quadruplet children arrived from London by plane today for a reunion with the babies' father, former Staff Sgt. William Thompson of Pittsburgh—but Thompson wasn't at the airport to meet them.

Present instead, was his attorney, Sam R. Keller, of McKeesport, Pa., and a cousin.

Keller said the mother and father would be married "as soon as possible" but that their reunion would not take place in public.

Thompson, who served in England during the war, had not seen the mother or babies in 15 months. He was divorced by his first wife after the birth of the children in March, 1944.

Many German POWs Prefer to Stay in U. S.

FORT LEWIS, July 5.—(AP)—Homeward bound, 332 German prisoners of war, last of a contingent once numbering 10,000 here, carried with them today thoughts of the American way of life.

Maj. Frank Jacoba, commanding officer of the camp, said many have asked permission to remain in this country. This can be done only after they return to Germany, by seeking legal entry through immigration channels.

Upwards of 30 per cent of the "P. W.s" voluntarily registered for such study courses as English, geography, history, science and mathematics while held here.

Nazi Gauleiter Freed of Prisoner-Killing Charge

HANNOVER, Germany, July 5.—(AP)—A British military court today acquitted Hartmann Lauterbacher, former gauleiter (district chief) of Hannover, accused of ordering the killing of inmates at the Hameln prison. The court held evidence against him was insufficient.

Building Permit Asked

Application by the Canvonville Bible Academy for a \$10,000 classroom and laundry building was among eight applications for \$150,434 worth of new building received by the CPA construction review committee in Portland this week.

Levity Fact Rent

Thousands of folks would like to contact a butcher in possession of a beefsteak. Equally as many would like to meet a landlord possessing a heart.