

VETO OF RAGGED OPA EXTENDER FORECAST

The Weather

Occasional thunderstorms to-
night; partly cloudy Friday.

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Federal Spending Slashes Urged
By Steelman, Reconversion HeadCut Army, Navy
Items Deepest,
Congress ToldRevival of Price Controls,
Retention of High Taxes
Needed, Report Declares

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(AP)—Reconversion Director John R. Steelman today demanded new slashes in federal spending and pointed at the Army and Navy as the places to cut deepest.

Economy may be achieved there, Steelman told President Truman and Congress, without hampering operations aimed at fulfilling world obligations, furthering American interests and keeping global peace.

While the revival of price control, the No. 1 essential in warding off "costly and irrevivable" inflation, the reconversion boss said this action should be coupled with lower government costs, continued high taxes and credit controls, and, if possible, a federal budget surplus.

Less spending by the civilian agencies and postponement of public works would help to halt the flow of government dollars into private hands, Steelman said in his first quarterly report as director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

Military Item Biggest
The armed forces, he said, represented 45 per cent of all proposed outlays in a 1947 budget which was intended to total \$35,800,000,000 but which has risen an esti-Buyers' Strike Launched by
CIO in Philadelphia With
Attendant Picketing, Parade

PHILADELPHIA, July 11.—(AP)—The executive board of the CIO-Philadelphia Industrial Union Council, representing 75 local unions, urged its 175,000 members today "to buy only absolute necessities."

Additionally, the group publicly urged the national CIO to initiate a buyers' strike until prices return to former OPA ceilings.

The onslaught on the OPA by special interests has assumed such proportions that we are on the verge of inflation," the board said. "Every increase in prices means a cut in take-home pay. Further inflation will make meaningless the recent wage gains that workers have obtained through collective bargaining. The only resource left to organized labor is further recourse to collective bargaining."

CIO pickets marched today in front of the huge Reading terminal market in what they said was a demonstration to focus public attention on the drive against higher prices.

Even as the pickets circled before the doors, customers were lining up inside before counters which displayed steaks and cuts of beef at 69 cents a pound, butter at 85 cents a pound and eggs 69 cents a dozen.

Butter Ranges Up to \$1.16
Student veterans and teenagers paraded in central Phila-

The public now pays \$7.80 for 46 quarts and the producers get only \$4.60, a 90-cent raise to the public and only 50 cents for the producers, Nichols protested, since dairies increased payments Monday to \$1.15 per pound for butterfat.

The federal subsidy for July would have been 16.9 cents a pound on butterfat in addition to 7.5 cents on dairy feed grains, he said.

"We're asking for a raise from the dairies just on what the government has cut off, and which we are entitled to," Nichols declared. "We are not asking for the subsidy on feed grains until we know what action Congress will take this week."

The milk producers met this morning at the Chamber of Commerce to discuss further action in the price situation, Nichols said.

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GI Prisoners

DACHAU, Germany, July 11.—(AP)—Seventy-three Waffen SS veterans, including three generals, were found guilty by an American military court today of the slaughter of 900 American war prisoners and Belgian civilians in the Battle of the Bulge.

The defendants included Gen. Josef (Sepp) Dietrich, commander of the 6th panzer army and survivor of Hitler's original beer hall putsch in nearby Munich; Lt. Gen. Hermann Priess, commander of the 1st SS panzer corps; Brig. Gen. Fritz Kraemer, chief of staff of the 6th panzer army.

The burden of prosecution evidence was directed against Col. Joachim Peiper, daredevil commander of "Task Force Peiper" whose men participated in the massacre of unarmed American prisoners at Malmédy.

Spectators were generally surprised that all 73 defendants had been convicted as a unit. It was the largest mass conviction yet handed down by American justice against accused German war criminals.

Peiper, like his fellow prisoners, took the court's announcement stoically. An American lieutenant colonel, Hal D. McCown, flew the Atlantic to testify in his defense, telling how a number of American captives were released by Peiper when the Germans were thrown back in the Ardennes counter-offensive.

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WAR OVER, DRAFT DODGERS COME OUT TO FACE MUSIC—Four husky Gabriel brothers, who barricaded themselves in a tiny room of their parents' farm at Ontarioville, Ill., evading the draft for four years, have given themselves up to the FBI, ending what was termed "one of the most aggravated cases of evasion of the war." Appearing relieved that their self-confinement is over, they are (left to right) Albert, 40; Frank, 29; Ernest, 23, and Henry, 26. Youngest brother, a cripple, might not have been accepted for military service, FBI said. On moonless nights, the brothers left the house and ran up and down a nearby cowpath for fresh air and exercise. Their parents always told searching officers they did not know the whereabouts of their sons.

Wildlife Safety
Measure Approved

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(AP)—A bill to protect wildlife in the future construction of power and flood control dams was approved unanimously yesterday by the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee.

The author, Rep. Robertson (D-Va.), predicted that it would be passed soon by the Senate.

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Dismissal of OPA
Actions in Roseburg
Will Be Appealed

PORTLAND, July 11.—(AP)—The Oregon district OPA will appeal the dismissal of two damage suits in Circuit Court at Roseburg, Cecilia P. Gallagher, OPA food enforcement attorney, said yesterday.

She said that although the amounts involved were small, treble damages in one case amounting to 15 cents and 39 cents in another, the OPA intended to protect the public from overcharges which "percentage-wise seriously threatened the consumer's pocketbook."

The OPA sought \$50 damages from Palmer's Grocery and from Incho's Drive-In Market, that sum being a standard amount when treble damages are less.

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly, who ordered the dismissals, said the law permits no appeal in Circuit Court when less than \$150 is involved. Miss Gallagher said she anticipated no difficulty in making the appeal.

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Bumper Harvest
In U. S. Assured

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(AP)—This country is well on the way today toward its sixth consecutive bumper harvest.

In fact, the Agriculture Department in its latest monthly crop report said the current outlook for total farm production has seldom been surpassed.

The report issued yesterday said conditions prevailing July 1 indicated a record corn crop, near-record crops of wheat, oats, potatoes and rice, and large crops of vegetables and most fruits.

The outlook on grains was particularly gratifying to food officials, because supplies have been largely depleted in meeting foreign relief demands and in feeding a near-record livestock population.

If the grain crops turn out as now indicated, the nation will be in a position to carry out its commitment to send 250,000 bushels of wheat to shortage areas during the next 12 months and still maintain production of livestock products—meats, milk, eggs and poultry—at levels near those of the past year.

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Rent Control
May Be Bill's
Lone SurvivorBarkley Still Hopes for
Acceptable Bill Despite
Reverses Met in Senate

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(AP)—Undaunted by open talk of another veto, Democratic Leader Barkley pressed the Senate today for final action on a new OPA bill even if it means working into the night again.

Cheerful despite rapid setbacks in the form of hands-off amendments, covering meats, milk, butter, salad oils and gasoline, the Kentuckian told reporters he still is hopeful of getting a price control revival measure that the President could sign.

"We got a better bill than either the Senate or House passed last time from a conference," Barkley said. "Maybe we can still improve on that this time."

But another administrative lieutenant who may not be identified further said President Truman would balk again unless some way is found to overturn Senate actions barring future price ceilings on many items important in the cost of living.

Only Rent Control May Live
Across the capitol, Rep. Wollcott of Michigan, senior Republican on the House Banking Committee, told reporters "it appears that only rent control will remain" when Congress and the President meet.

The New York port of embarkation said this week that more than 12,000 brides in the European and Mediterranean Theatres had been certified and were awaiting passage to the U. S. Approximately 40,000 brides already have been brought to this country. The list will be increased with new marriages and with certification of girls already married to soldiers who delayed bringing them here because of the housing shortage.

Western Indians in
Prosperous Condition

PORTLAND, July 11.—(AP)—The Western Indian is prospering, Morgan Pryse, director of the U. S. Indian Service for the four northwest states and California, reported today.

Private said funds have accumulated rapidly for Indians on reservations from sales of timber, rental of farm land and cattle raising.

The Klamath Indians received \$1,000,000 for pine cutting last year and the Indians of 24 other tribes received another \$1,500,000 for pine resources. Unatillas collected extensive rentals from wheat lands in Oregon and Idaho and even the Plutes and Wascoes in Nevada, among the poorest of tribes, have incomes from cattle raising, he said.

U. S. Population Upped to
140 Million in Six Years

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(AP)—The population of the United States was 140,386,509 on Jan. 1, 1946, an increase of 6.6 per cent since the 1940 census, the Census Bureau estimated today.

It reported that the nation's birth rate, which soared in the early years of the war, has declined somewhat since 1943 but has not yet dropped to its prewar level.

The increase in population in the six years since the last census was estimated at 8,700,000, only slightly less than the 8,900,000 gain recorded in the entire ten-year census period preceding April, 1940.

The figures include members of the armed forces overseas.

One Prisoner Killed,
Three Missing in Break

HOUSTON, Tex., July 11.—(AP)—One prisoner was killed, another was captured and three others were still missing after a break at Harlem Prison Farm No. 2 near Sugar Land, Tex., yesterday afternoon.

An official of the prison farm said that Walter Elliott, one of the five men who escaped, was slain.

It was reported that one of the prisoners commandeered an automobile.

Lovity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

Russia has not yet perfected the process of splitting the atom, but at the international conference table she has proved unexcelled in the practice of splitting hairs.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AFTER a four-day Fourth of July celebration violent deaths throughout the country appear to be far under what had been expected—even less, the National Safety Council says, than that for an ORDINARY four-day weekend period.

The figures still bolster the hope that the "what the hell" attitude that follows great wars may be passing.

HOW many of us, do you reckon, gave any serious thought over this four-day holiday, to the ORIGIN of the Fourth of July? Too few, probably.

It was one of the significant events of world history. Out of it came a way of life that has brought to the average run of common, ordinary people more of the satisfactions of living than such people ever had before.

(NO ONE, of course, expects Americans to sit around all through a holiday with their chins in their hands and a far-away look in their eyes meditating on great abstract principles. We aren't built that way. Still, a

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Roseburg Building Permits
Drop Heavily as Shortage of
Essential Materials Mounts

An increasing scarcity of materials, attributed by local lumber dealers and building supply men to "black market operations" resulting from OPA ceilings, and to strikes in basic industries, has resulted in a sharp decline in the amount of new building in the Roseburg area.

Building permits issued by Glenn H. Taylor, city building inspector, show a noticeable drop in June to \$25,705 from the May high of \$145,450. Other totals in a six months' tabulation issued by Taylor show January with \$47,525; February, \$129,741; March, \$78,575; April, \$86,485.

Biggest month for the erection of new dwellings, private garages and sheds was April, with permits issued during the month totalling \$11,050. January started the year with a low of \$16,450, increasing in February to \$33,200, and in March to \$41,600. Permits dropped in May to \$48,600, and last month to \$15,700.

February was the big month for new mercantile structures, with a high \$95,160. May, with \$80,000, ranked second for mercantile construction. Other

months were January, \$15,000; March, \$21,150; April, \$12,935, and June, \$1,500.

Permits for \$16,850 showed May as the high month for alterations and repairs. Other totals were January, \$15,575; February, \$1,381; March, \$15,925; April, \$2,500, and June, \$5,505.

Action of the Civilian Production Administration in placing cement on the building priority list will cut out small sales in which persons buy from one to 20 sacks, dealers believe. They cited the example of many builders who are delayed in the erection of homes for lack of cement as well as nails, plumbing, and lumber.

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Surf Undertow Drowns
Girl at Cannon Beach

CANNON BEACH, Ore., July 11.—(AP)—Alberta Sherman, 19, Seattle, drowned in the surf undertow here late Tuesday despite rescue efforts of Romona Carlson, a vacation companion.

Miss Sherman's parents live at Kirkland, Wash.

A series of three articles by At-

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