

# OPA REVIVAL BILL NEARING SENATE VOTE

## Roseburg News-Review

### The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.

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## Federal Budget Balance This Year Not Probable

### Roseburg Rent Boosts Evoke 60 Complaints

Hikes in State Range Up To 200 Perct., With Many Notices of Eviction

The Roseburg rent control office has received 60 complaints of 20 per cent increases in rent. The Portland OPA office reported yesterday. Three hundred seventy-one complaints from cities throughout Oregon, reporting increases as high as 200 per cent, were filed.

The local rent control office was closed yesterday, but persons with complaints to make were invited to write their grievances on a tablet of paper hanging in the hallway and to slip the notes under the office door.

Klamath Falls reported 63 increases of 20 per cent or less; one of 20 to 50 per cent; 16 effective August 1, no amount stated; one from \$30 a month to \$9 a day; one from \$35 a month to \$12 a day; 14 eviction notices.

In the Portland-Vancouver area there were 35 less than 20 per cent; 135 from 20 to 50 per cent; 21 more than 50 per cent; 31 eviction notices.

Eugene: 16 of 20 per cent, two of 20 to 50 per cent, one more than 50 per cent.

Astoria: Four of 50 per cent; four of more than 200 per cent.

Pendleton: Seven between 20 and 50 per cent; one more than 50 per cent; eight eviction notices.

Medford: Three less than 20 per cent; six 20 to 50 per cent; one more than 50 per cent; three eviction notices.

The Corvallis OPA office reported no complaints of rent increase.

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN the Minnesota primary election Monday, Governor Edward J. Thye decisively defeated Incumbent Henrik Shipstead for the Republican nomination for senator.

Thye was backed by Harold Stassen (who hopes to get the Republican nomination for President in 1948) and Thye's victory in a sharply fought campaign is supposed to be a feather in Stassen's cap.

There are other angles.

Thye appears to be quite a man in his own right. He has a warm, sincere personality that seems to inspire confidence. Two years ago, he was elected governor of Minnesota by the largest vote ever given to a candidate for that office.

BESIDES, Shipstead has been

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### PROPELLER REVERSAL CAUSED CRASH

## Howard Hughes Whispers Message for Army as He Weakens From Injuries

LOS ANGELES, July 12.—(AP)—His battle for life suddenly weakening, Howard Hughes, 41, beckoned his doctor to his bedside last night and whispered a halting story of the cause of his fiery crash Sunday in an experimental plane.

"I want you to give this message to the Army. The accident was caused by the rear half of the right propeller," the millionaire maker of planes and movies told Dr. Verne R. Mason.

"I don't want this to happen to anybody else."

Explaining carefully that the rear set of propeller blades on the right engine of his twin-engine plane had suddenly reversed pitch during the first test hop, Hughes said:

"It felt as if some giant had the right wing of the airplane in his hand and was pushing it back and down."

"Tell the Army to look in the wreckage, find the rear half of the right propeller, and find out what went wrong."

## Economists, Opposing View Of Truman, Believe Instead Expenses May Climb Higher

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—Government economists all but gave up today their hopes for a balanced federal budget this fiscal year.

Despite President Truman's announcement yesterday that "government expenditures will be reduced," some officials close to fiscal matters said they fail to see how two to three billion dollars can be lopped off.

That is the probable difference, they predict privately, between federal income and outgo in the new fiscal year only 12 days old.

Mr. Truman named the Army and Navy, along with veterans' programs, as about to undergo a "review" to find ways of cutting expenses without "endangering national security or causing unjustified hardship."

Such cuts—as well as any possible in public works and the civilian agencies—were urged by Reconstruction Director John R. Steelman yesterday as a way to lessen the inflationary effects of public spending.

Both Steelman and the chief executive termed quick passage of a "workable" OPA bill the only guarantee against inflation, but they said stabilization would be aided "powerfully" by reducing the outflow of public funds, keeping taxes high and controlling credit expansion.

"All these measures are necessary but they are no substitute for specific price control until full production is attained," said Mr. Truman's statement, endorsing the Steelman report covering

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## Aleman Leading in Count for President in Mexico's Election

Miguel Aleman

MEXICO CITY, July 12.—(AP)—Miguel Aleman, former interior minister, leads Ezequiel Padilla 123,798 to 84,441 in Mexico's presidential elections including complete and official returns from 11 of 148 congressional districts and incomplete figures from a twelfth. They are those of the federal district (Mexico City).

PRI, the administration party supporting Aleman, won 11 of the congressional seats in the federal district, and both senate posts.

Padilla's Mexican Democratic party (PDM) failed to win. Aleman's supporters claim his election.

## Worker Injured When Oxygen Tank Explodes

Eddie Frenette, body repair man employed with the Stephens Auto Co., suffered minor injuries Wednesday when an oxygen tank, used in welding, exploded.

Frenette suffered a puncture wound of the upper arm and numerous cuts on the face and body, but was not seriously hurt.

## Berry Prices Fixed

SALEM, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—Carters will pay growers 20 cents a pound for youngberries, loganberries and boysenberries, the Oregon Cane Fruits Control Board announced today.

The price for blackberries will be decided in about two weeks.

## U. S. Makes Good On Relief Pledge

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—President Truman said today the nation, through the determined efforts of everyone, has made good on its first famine relief promise.

Reporting on the fiscal year which ended June 30, he said that in the case of food grains—the major relief commodity—exports exceeded the country's commitments.

The President cautioned, however, that continued cooperation will be necessary if the country is to do its full share to relieve the hunger he said still exists in the world.

Mr. Truman's statement was issued in connection with a report by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson which said foreign food shipments during the past 12 months totaled more than 16,500,000 long tons—or about 16 2/3 per cent of the nation's supply.

Looking to the future, Anderson asserted that while "the worst of the immediate dangers of famine have been forestalled, serious food needs abroad will continue for some time."

He added that overseas needs in the year ahead cannot be determined until this year's harvests are completed. But the United States nevertheless has made plans to export up to 250,000,000 bushels of wheat, he said, and tentative plans are being made for shipments of other major commodities.

## Camp Adair Buildings to Furnish Housing Material

PORTLAND, July 12.—(AP)—Eighteen hundred buildings will be razed or moved from the Camp Adair site near Corvallis in the program to get materials for housing, announced Washington yesterday.

The War Assets Administration Office here said that about 100 small outbuildings suitable for moving intact would be sold by it, and the other 1700 would be in the hands of the National Public Housing Authority.

No information was immediately available on when dismantling operations would start.

## Wheat in Northwest Available to Bakers

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—Wheat held by the government in the Pacific Northwest will be turned over to mills producing flour for use in that area, the Agriculture Department has informed Senator Cordon of Oregon.

Cordon had asked the department's aid in getting wheat for mills at Eugene, where he was advised bakeries were closing because of the lack of flour. Under the government's program, he said wheat could be allotted to the Eugene mills if the bakers would request flour from them.

## Scientists En Route To Alaska to Chart War on Mosquitoes

SEATTLE, July 12.—(AP)—Those fabled Alaskan mosquitoes, who started all those wartime gags about being refueled in lieu of B-17s, and especially the choosy ones who turned over the GI's dogtag to determine his blood type first, had better look out.

The Department of Agriculture is going after 'em.

Charles Wilson and A. W. Lindquist of Washington, D. C., stopped over here today en route to Alaska to map a war against the pests. They had been connected with the successful insect control program of the Army during the war, and the oft-bitten Army called their attention to the Alaska variety, considered one of the territory's worst retarding factors.

The present program was made possible by a congressional appropriation and will be the first scientific approach to control those hairy-chested northern man-eaters.

## Picketing Again Slated in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—Pickets were scheduled to turn up today before stores and apartments where prices and rents have been boosted, as part of the Americans Veterans Committee attempt to start a "buyers' strike."

Bob Canon, AVC chairman, said the pickets—25 of whom paraded Portland's big downtown market yesterday—would appear at other locations before tonight's "buyers strike rally."

While leaflets were passed out to passersby announcing the rally, a sharp drop in butter sales was reported by several retailers. The price of butter, which had jumped as high as 90 cents in some instances, fell back to from 75 to 85 cents.

H. E. Carlson, manager of the Independent Retail Grocers and Meat Dealers Association, reported slacker sales of butter and high-priced meat cuts, but said "there's absolutely no buyers' strike."

Meanwhile Mayor Riley said he needed more time to consider the appeal for a fair-rents committee here. The Oregon Apartment House Association, which with the Portland Realty Board, proposed the committee, disclosed it had recommended a 15 per cent rental boost be provided in any federal rent law.

## Two Trustees Flee From Oregon Penitentiary

SALEM, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—Two trustees escaped the state penitentiary last night, disappearing in a prison truck which they were to take to the prison flax plant.

Deputy Warden Gene Halley said the pair wore prison overalls and numbered jumpers, and were not dangerous.

He identified them as Lewis J. Newman, 21, Brownsville, Ore., serving 40 months for burglary; and Harley Mark, 22, Vancouver, Wash., serving four years for negligent homicide and a statutory offense.

## Forecaster Gets Taste Of Lightning Prophecy

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 12.—(AP)—Sgt. Robert J. Doverspoke of Kittingham, Pa., weather forecaster of the Fourth Ferrying Group here, officially predicted: "Considerable thunderstorm activity Thursday afternoon with accompanying lightning."

The prognostication materialized more forcibly than the sergeant expected. During an afternoon thundershower, lightning struck the weather office. Doverspoke said he was "tapped on the neck" by the bolt, but was not hurt enough to require hospitalization.

## Growers Seek Market For Damaged Cherries

HOOD RIVER, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—Hood River valley cherry growers, faced by a \$750,000 rain-damage loss, said today they needed a market for cut fruit.

The Hood River Distillery plant, which has bought 600 tons of the damaged crop, reported it could absorb no more. Fifty per cent of the harvest, growers estimated, was harmed by heavy rains.

## Low-Buzzing Planes Take Toll of Poultry Flocks

OREGON CITY, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—Clackamas County poultrymen have complained of turkey and chicken losses—in one case as high as 2,000 birds—as a result of low-flying planes frightening the birds, and appealed to the Civil Aeronautics Administration for stiffer anti-buzzing rules.

## Security Said Endangered at A-Bomb Plant

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—A report that Oak Ridge security officers think "the peace and security of the United States is definitely in danger" threw a roadblock against the administration's atomic control legislation today.

House Republicans showed a disposition to sidetrack all A-bills until world conditions become more settled.

Representative Elston (R., Ohio) put it this way:

"Before we talk about entering into international agreements concerning atomic energy, we should reach other agreements concerning the future of world peace. We shouldn't put the cart before the horse."

He was commenting on a report read to the House yesterday by Representative J. Parnell Thomas (R., N. J.), ranking minority member of the committee on un-American activities.

## Activities Frowned On

The report, by Ernie Adamson, chief investigator for the committee, said he and Chairman Wood (D., Ga.) had been investigating "subversive activities" at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic

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## Cattle Soars to New High Price in Chicago

CHICAGO, July 12.—(AP)—Cattle swept to a new record price of \$23.25 a hundred pounds on the hoof today, and hog pushed to within 25 cents of the modern record as supplies of both were markedly lower than in recent sessions.

A short load of choice 1,148-pound steers brought the record return, up 25 cents from yesterday and Wednesday when the record of \$23.00 was established. Good and choice hogs weighing 250 pounds or less brought the market top of \$18.25, a quarter under the modern record value of \$18.50 set July 1. All hogs today were 50 to 75 cents a hundred pounds higher than yesterday.

Other markets showed similar strength in hog prices.

## Cordon, Morse Split on Taft Amendment Vote

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—The roll call by which the Senate yesterday defeated on a 40-40 tie vote an amendment by Senator Taft to knock out of the OPA revival bill provisions Taft said "nullify" directions for manufacturers' price increases showed

Sen. Cordon (R.-Ore.) voting for it, and Sens. Magnuson and Mitchell (D.-Wash.) and Morse (R.-Ore.) voting against it.

## Brandy, Alcohol in Toll Of Distillery Blaze

STOCKTON, Calif., July 12.—(AP)—Thousands of gallons of brandy and alcohol went up in flames when fire started by an explosion burned the northeast section of the Schenley-Coronet brandy distillery south of here yesterday, causing damage unofficially estimated at \$1,500,000.

Two men were injured.

## Salem GI Among Those Killed in Plane Crash

BOSTON, July 12.—(AP)—The disclosed names of 11 of 25 men killed when a flying fortress, converted into a passenger carrier, crashed into Mt. Tom in Holyoke included: Pfc. Rex A. Tansey, Route 6, Salem, Ore.

## Noted Writer Dies

AMHERST, Mass., July 12.—(AP)—Ray Stannard Baker, 76, biographer of Woodrow Wilson, died today at his home.

## Boosting of Maximum Draft Age From 29 to 34 Years in Next Call Urged by Army

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—The Army has recommended to President Truman that the top draft age be boosted from 29 to 34 years when induction calls are resumed in September.

Few, if any, men over 26 have been drafted since V-J Day last August.

The War Department recommendation was disclosed today by an official familiar with it after the American Council on Education heard an assertion last night that Selective Service expects to "scrape the bottom of the manpower barrel as it's never been scraped before" by next March.

The declaration came from Col. George A. Irwin, chief of the demobilization division of Selective Service, who mentioned only incidentally in the course of his informal address that the Army does not want any men over 35.

Heretofore the Army has been reluctant to take men over 25, although while the stop-gap draft extension law was in effect from

## Rep. May Asked to Testify in Probe of Munitions Deal With Garsson-Promoted Empire

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—The Senate War Investigating Committee today formally invited Rep. A. J. May (D.-Ky.) to testify in public on his activities in connection with a chain of Illinois munitions makers.

The committee said the explanation May gave in an executive session June 4 did not furnish the "full and accurate facts."

Chairman Mead read the letter of invitation as the committee resumed its inquiry into the affairs of the combine promoted by Henry Garsson, one time internal revenue agent.

Senator Ferguson termed the letter to the chairman of the House committee "only the first step" toward getting May's testimony on the record.

He added that the second step—presumably if May declined to appear—"should be a subpoena."

Garsson said he was "tarin' to go" to present his case.

"I am ready to say a lot of things," he told reporters prior to taking the stand in the investigation which Mead said had developed testimony beyond the ken of "the most imaginative writer of fiction."

## Ex-Clerk Testifies

Garsson waited much of yesterday afternoon while the committee questioned Albert W. Jacobson, who rose from a \$1,620 a year War Department job as clerk to consultant in the legal branch of the chemical warfare service at \$9,975 a year.

Jacobson told the committee his duties included review of millions of dollars of advance payments to Garsson's munitions combine.

He also testified that Chairman May of the House military committee had recommended that he

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## City Manager System Preparedness Studied

City Attorney Ira B. Riddle began a study this week of city ordinances and the city charter, following his return from Grants Pass, where he conferred with W. T. Miller, city attorney there, regarding the city manager form of government.

Grants Pass is to pass under a city manager system with some features that Roseburg may be able to adopt, if local voters approve a like change, Riddle said.

The city council is expected to appoint a committee of attorneys to work with Riddle in drafting the necessary changes in Roseburg's municipal framework before referring the city manager proposal to the citizens for a vote.

## Instructor and Student Killed in Plane Crash

MONMOUTH, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—An instructor and his student pilot were killed here yesterday when their plane crashed soon after takeoff from the airport north of here.

Coroner C. W. Henkle said the instructor, Floyd H. King, about 40, Monmouth, and his student, Melvin E. Landers, 35, Independence, were killed outright.

## Manse Permit Denied Roseburg Presbyterians

Application by the First Presbyterian Church of Roseburg for permission to construct a manse at an estimated cost of \$10,500 has been denied by the Civilian Production Administration.

## Douglas Fir Region's Output Shows Decline

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—Weekly average lumber production in the West Coast's Douglas fir region in June was 85.3 per cent of the 1942-1945 average, the West Coast Lumbermen's Association reported today.

The 124,196,000 board feet averaged weekly was up 1.3 per cent from the May figure. Orders averaged 114,192,000 board feet and shipments 122,541,000. For the previous month comparable figures were: Production, 121,628,000; orders, 119,476,000; shipments, 121,327,000.

For the first half of this year cumulative production was 3,055,162,000 board feet compared with 3,621,892,000 a year ago and 4,121,469,000 two years ago.

The industry's unfilled order file stood at 559,227,000 board feet at the end of June. Gross stocks were 378,664,000 board feet.

## More Flour for Salem

SALEM, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—The federal government will supply Salem 4,000 additional bags of flour a month this summer to take care of the bread needs of harvest workers, the Marion County AAA Committee was advised today.

## House Action On Revisions Next Question

G. O. P. Solons Will Try For O.K. on Deletion of Major Price Controls

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—A power drive to clinch price control exemptions for meat, milk and sundry other items gathered steam today as the Senate nudged an OPA revival bill toward passage.

Republicans got behind the new campaign after barely failing to win from the measure provisions which Senator Taft said could prevent manufacturers from getting needed price increases.

The G.O.P. objective was to compel the House to vote specifically on the various decontrols already ordered by the Senate. Administration leaders were worried over the outcome. They conceded privately that the House might go along and that President Truman again might feel compelled to toss out a veto.

## Taft Outlines Strategy

This is the strategy, as outlined by Taft to a reporter:

Once the Senate passes its measure to bring OPA back to life in slimmer form, the bill will have to go to a conference committee so differences with the House can be straightened out.

(So far the House has passed only a bill to continue OPA until July 20 in its pre-death form.)

However, instructions are being drafted—and the Senate will be asked to approve them—telling the Senate conferees to stand pat on amendments outlawing any future price controls.

Meat, poultry, milk, petroleum, cottonseed, soy beans and their products.

Senate insistence almost certainly would compel the House conferees to lay these decontrols before the full chamber for test ballots. Taft said these votes probably would nail down the exemption.

The Senate still had to take care of a few other proposed amendments before getting around to a vote of its own on final passage of the new OPA bill.

## Taft's Effort Fails

One of the biggest barriers to a final vote disappeared late last night when the Senate refused by a 40-40 tie to delete from the revival bill sections which Taft said would permit OPA to refuse to raise any price ceilings it saw fit.

That action left unscathed a compromise plan, drafted by Barkley, which would allow manufacturers, producers and processors the average prices of their various industries for 1940, plus the average cost increases in the industries since that time.

But the formula permitted some exemptions—targets of

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## Freight Train Rips Tunnel at Dorris

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—(AP)—A number of timbers were ripped from inside a Southern Pacific Railroad tunnel near Dorris, Calif., today when a load of pontoons on a northbound freight train shifted and struck the sides.

Southern Pacific officials said it would take about 36 hours to clear the line. No one was injured.

Five passenger trains between Portland and San Francisco will be rerouted over the Siskiyou line, which runs between Eugene, Ore., and Black Butte, Calif., through Medford and Ashland. Delays probably will be about 12 hours.

The tunnel in which the accident occurred is 22 miles south of Klamath Falls, Ore.

## Approval Given Bill to Continue Wool Buying

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—The Senate Agriculture Committee approved today a bill to permit the Commodity Credit Corporation to continue its purchase of domestic wool.

The legislation is sponsored by a Senate special wool committee headed by Senator O'Mahoney to maintain incomes of domestic wool producers.

Chairman Thomas said the agriculture committee deleted reference in the bill to "support payments" by the Commodity Credit Corporation as a means, in addition to government purchase and loans, of assuring wool growers a return equal to 90 per cent of parity price until Dec. 31, 1950.

The bill also would authorize the Commodity Credit Corporation to sell the domestic wool it purchases at a loss, if necessary, to bring it into competition with imported wool.

## Lowty Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Every U. S. citizen has a stake in the welfare of his government, but most of them are more concerned right now in having steaks in their tummies.