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PROCEDURE ON OPA BILL

When the OPA bill passed by the Senate comes to the House, it will NOT be brought to the floor, debated and read for amendment. The legislation will most likely come back to the House in the form of a conference report. What is likely, is that the bill, as amended by the Senate, will go to a conference of seven Senate and seven House members, and final action in the House then will come on the conference report. There is ordinarily debate of only one hour on such a report. What all of this amounts to, then, is the simple fact that the OPA bill now before Congress may be passed by the House of Representatives after only one hour's consideration.

It looks now as if the OPA bill which Congress will pass this time may be more objectionable to the President than the previous one.

Food Prices

The Republican Congressional Food Study Committee has made a partial survey of what has happened to food prices since June 30. Meat, milk and butter prices seem to be holding at the former price plus the subsidy. Fresh vegetables and fruits are generally lower priced than OPA ceilings, with price allowances for quality. Poultry prices went up about 10 cents. The price of cheese advanced 4 cents to 5 cents a pound over OPA ceiling. The subsidy for cheese was about 6 cents per pound. There was no important change in the price of packaged groceries during the week just passed.

An accurate appraisal of the price situation is very difficult, if not impossible, to obtain on a day-to-day basis, but our studies

quite definitely reveal that there has been no "run-away" tendency in food prices.

Subsidy a Deception

The people have been fooled for a long time about the real price paid for food. Consumers have been paying only part of the cost, and the Federal Government, with tax dollars, has been paying the difference. So, when the government stopped paying this difference, the price of food had to rise. In other words, we are now required to pay the entire cost for the groceries we buy. The best example is that relating to the cost of butter. OPA kept down the price of butter to all of us by paying 15 cents out of the public treasury for every pound that was produced. Now we are called upon to pay that 15 cents. And so it is with most food items. In the case of meat, OPA allowed the meat packers and producers \$30 for every 1,000 pound steer that was killed. Annual cost for this subsidy was 750 million dollars. With no subsidy payments, we will have to make up that sum if we want meat. This subsidy business has lulled the public into a false concept of the price of food. OPA has not held these prices down. It only made up the difference out of the U. S. Treasury. We cannot expect to get something for nothing.

We must bear in mind also that OPA in recent months has granted more than 500 price increases. As one commentator said, "It was not preventing price increases, it was decreeing them." OPA was getting itself into an untenable position.

Paul Revere was president of the first board of health in American history.

Associate Admits Mistake in Taking Garsson as Agent

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—Munitions Maker Allen B. Gellman told the Senate War Investigative Committee today that he had accepted Henry Garsson, his wartime associate, as a "super salesman" because "the proof of the pudding was in the eating of it."

Gellman testified that Garsson had backed up his claim of ability to obtain government munitions orders by (1) getting a big advance contract and (2) by showing him a letter from the chemical warfare service expressing hope that he (Garsson) would "share" in future business.

He denied, however, that Garsson had ever told him that he had "special influence" in Washington. Testimony has been introduced to show that Garsson obtained help from Rep. May (D-Kv.) on problems of an Illinois munitions combine.

Gellman said that he had made a "mistake" by not having Garsson more thoroughly investigated before they decided to go into the munitions business together.

Senator Ferguson pressed Gellman closely on his wartime earnings and the net worth of his holdings and those of Joseph T. Weiss. He told the committee that they were worth a half million dollars before the war began.

Restitution Pledged. Gellman, however, said he had "no idea" of their value now, contending that such a determination could be made only after the government completes renegotiation to recoup excessive profits.

He declared that the government would get back "every cent" it has coming from interests in which he and J. T. Weiss are associated.

Gellman testified he had believed Garsson was the head of a New York corporation at the time of their initial association, with a factory in Brooklyn. Testimony has been introduced previously to show that Army of-

ficers, at Garsson's invitation, inspected a plant there in late 1941, in which Garsson had no interest, as a preliminary to giving him his first war order.

Chairman Mead (D-N.Y.) said that the Army officers "might just as well have been taken out to see Brooklyn bridge and have been told that they could buy it."

The witness testified yesterday that "appearances" misled him into association with Henry and Murray Garsson, brothers.

OSC Forced to Deny Entry to Hundreds

CORVALLIS, Ore., July 17.—(AP)—Hundreds of prospective Oregon State College students are being advised that dormitory reservations are no longer available.

College officials said today that out-of-state applicants for registration are being rejected and Oregon applicants are being told that they must make their own housing arrangements.

Of the expected 6,000 fall term students, only 4,000 can be accommodated in dormitories, fraternities and sorority houses and co-operatives.

Sales of C. & C. Lands in Three Areas Reported

EUGENE, Ore., July 17.—(AP)—Oregon and California revested lands timber sales in the Eugene, Salem and Coos Bay areas totaled more than a million dollars in the 1945-46 fiscal year, District Forester Otto C. Krueger said today.

He said the annual report showed a cut of 88,890,000 board feet valued at \$347,324 in the Salem area; a cut of 89,954,000 feet valued at \$415,932 in the Eugene area; and a cut of 77,895,000 feet valued at \$383,584 in the Coos Bay area.

Donald Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Atkinson, who has been on a furlough for the past three months, left Tuesday for enlistment in the Army. He is bound for England and Germany, where he will take advantage of the G. I. Bill of Rights and go to college.

Alfred E. Smith attended school for only seven years, but had honorary degrees from six universities.

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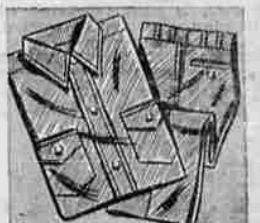
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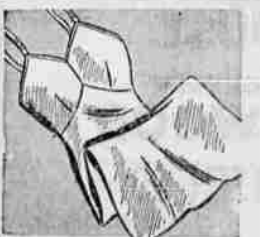


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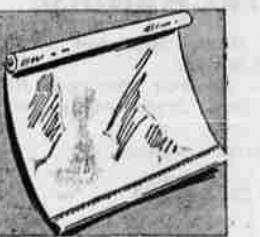


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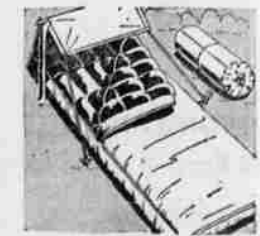
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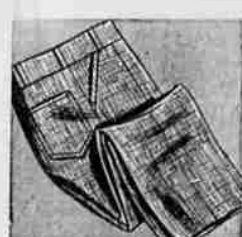
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