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OPA Chief Optimistic
As Food Prices Go UpPorter Places
Hopes on Gains
In ProductionNew Order Boosts Retail
Prices on Bread, Flour,
Cereals, Other Edibles

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—On the heels of price increases for bread, flour and other foods, OPA Administrator Porter today expressed confidence that "before too long" production gains will stabilize prices.

Taking an optimistic view even as higher ceilings went into effect on bakery products, wheat, flour, cereals, macaroni, noodles, corn meal and hominy grits, Porter said in a radio address: "I'm confident that before too long production here in this country is really going to take over and get in its own good ricks to help the government keep prices at levels everyone can afford."

"Right now when you are paying higher prices for foods—and when it looks as though clothing prices and prices for some manufactured goods may have to rise—it's hard to be sure we are reading the barometer correctly.

However, I think the signs very definitely point to a real promise of clear weather and clearer sailing ahead."

As Porter spoke, OPA had tagged for announcement soon price hikes on more market basket items—ceiling increases of perhaps eight to 10 cents a pound on

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The peace treaties for Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Finland and Hungary—as partially agreed on by the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, Russia and France—are laid before the 21-nation peace conference sitting in Paris.

They disclose Russia as the chief beneficiary. She gets about a billion dollars in reparations and unchallenged domination of eastern Europe.

If you are interested enough to follow the situation carefully, you will note that Russia gets her fingers on about everything in Europe east of the so-called Stettin-Adriatic line—which is a line drawn roughly from the city of Stettin, on the Baltic sea, in northern Germany, to the head of the Adriatic sea.

If you will hark back in your memory to the closing days of the war, you will recall that whenever our forces or the British forces approached this line from the west, they STOPPED. Sometimes mere momentum carried them over it—as when they crossed the Elbe west of Berlin. In these cases, they PULLED BACK with little delay.

These facts suggest that some sort of POLITICAL line must have been established there which our military commanders were

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'25 New York Cops' Needed
To Halt Stealing of Supplies
At Trieste, LaGuardia Asserts

NUERNBERG, Germany, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Fiorenzo H. LaGuardia, director of UNRRA, said today he needed "25 good New York cops" to halt mass stealing of UNRRA supplies at Trieste.

LaGuardia was en route from Munich to Frankfurt.

The UNRRA director said he hoped to have a reply from Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, deputy allied commander in the Mediterranean theater, regarding the Trieste thefts in time to make a report to the UNRRA commission in Geneva Monday.

In a sharply worded cable sent from Belgrade to Lee in Italy July 28, LaGuardia charged that "millions of dollars of supplies are being pilfered" in Trieste and repeated a previous demand for authority to assign armed guards to protect the shipments.

LaGuardia said the only an-

Jap Surrender Anniversary
Proclaimed U. S. Victory Day

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—President Truman today proclaimed Wednesday Aug. 14, anniversary of Japan's surrender—as Victory day and directed the flag be displayed on all government buildings. It will not be a legal federal holiday, however.

He called upon the people to observe the day as one of "solemn commemoration of the devotion of the men and women by whose sacrifices victory was achieved." He also asked that it be observed as a day "of prayer and of high resolve that the cause of justice, freedom, peace, and international good will shall be advanced with undiminished and unremitting efforts, inspired by the valor of our heroes of the armed services."

The proclamation said that the allies consummated victory on Aug. 14, 1945, by the unconditional surrender by Japan "which terminated a conflict world-wide in scope and freed the people of the world from the threat of enslavement of body and spirit."

Although victorious in arms, he said, "we must not relax our determination or diminish our efforts for the attainment of the final goal—the establishment of a just and enduring peace."

Threatener Of
Truman in Custody

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The Secret Service reported today that "an alleged self-proclaimed executioner" is being held for grand jury action on charges of threatening the life of President Truman.

This statement was in a report on the service's activities during the fiscal year which ended June 30. It did not give names, places or dates in the case.

However, the service described the arrest and confinement of the accused as the "most significant" of its activities in protecting the President.

In the same report, the secret service predicted that mail thieves would try to make capital out of the 15,000,000 checks and 12,000,000 bonds to be sent to veterans for G.I. terminal leave pay.

The service further reported "a moderate upturn in seizures of bogus bills and coins, the first increase in several years."

The face value of the bogus bills and coins seized during the year was \$74,263, against \$68,324 in 1945.

Forged checks received for investigation numbered nearly 30,000 during the year, compared with 16,500 in the previous year.

Red Soldiers Accused of
Seizing U. S. Documents

FRANKFURT, Germany, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The U. S. Army announced tonight that two of three Russian soldiers arrested recently in Berlin as spies and later released to Soviet authorities, had forged German employees of the U. S. Army to hand over secret American documents.

The announcement—issued from the office of Brig. Gen. Siebert U. S. Army intelligence chief in Europe—followed Russian charges that the three Soviet soldiers were "treated like criminals while in American custody."

India's Utility Strikers
Spurn Back-to-Job Order

BOMBAY, Aug. 3.—(AP)—India's strike-plagued postal, telegraph, and long distance telephone communications remained thoroughly crippled today, as striking postal workers, who apparently are the key to the work stoppage, refused to abide by their leaders' back-to-work orders.

Mr. Lee had received from Lee was "unsatisfactory" and that if one more conference failed to produce a satisfactory solution he would take the situation to the combined chiefs of staff.

Lt. Gen. Sir William D. Morgan, Allied Mediterranean commander, replied yesterday at Rome to LaGuardia's charges of wholesale pilfering of UNRRA supplies in Trieste, asserting they were "not founded on fact."

"Mr. LaGuardia's statement was made without (his) visiting Trieste," Morgan said.

Fred Winchester, spokesman for the Northwest Oregon Political Action committee, said Astoria's shopping district would be posted with signs urging buyers to take only essential goods.

He said articles not under price control were too costly. Merchants interviewed blamed wholesale costs, he said.

Fiery Crash of
Army Bomber
Fatal to Six

LONG BEACH, Calif., Aug. 3.—(AP)—An Army air forces B-29 medium bomber, groping for a landing in an overcast, crashed in flames three miles southeast of the Army Air Field early today, killing the five or six persons aboard. There were no survivors.

Smoldering wreckage was scattered over an area of about a quarter-mile radius. Nearby residents said there was a blinding flash and an explosion was heard.

Army spokesman said the bomber was en route to Long Beach Army Air field from Albuquerque, N. Mex. A Navy surgeon said he attempted to count the victims and that he believed there were six bodies. Identifications were withheld pending notification of relatives.

It was the second crash of a military plane, without survivors, in southern California in three days. A Navy PB4Y hit and crashed near San Diego early Thursday, killing 12 occupants, all military personnel.

Luxembourg Revolt Plot
Charged to 3 Officers

LUXEMBOURG, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Albert Winghart, Luxembourg resistance leader, and two officers of the grand duchy's midsize army were reported in custody today in connection with an alleged plot to overthrow the government.

Winghart and Lieutenants Krieps and Winter were said to have been arrested after discovery of a reputed plot by half a dozen persons to seize power "by force."

Winghart, who spent several months in a Nazi concentration camp during the German occupation of Luxembourg, is a Socialist schoolmaster. Krieps and Winter escaped from the country during the war and joined Luxembourg's 2,000-man army formed in Britain.

The three men and their small band of followers were reported as dissatisfied with the government's policy on eliminating pro-Nazis from office.

Truman Unable to Vote
Against Slaughter

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—President Truman flew today to Missouri, where he can get a first-hand view of the Kansas City Democratic congressional primary in which he is the major campaign issue.

His endorsement of Enos Axtell, opponent of Representative Roger C. Slaughter in the Fifth District, lifted an already heated intra-party fight into national prominence.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman will vote Tuesday in Independence. Their home is in the Fourth District of Jackson County, adjoining the one represented by Slaughter.

Consequently, the President will have no opportunity to vote against the man he says has opposed virtually all administration measures as a member of the House Rules Committee.

Blast, Fire Destroy
British Boat at Haifa

HAIFA, Palestine, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Rescue squads working through the night picked up 32 survivors in Haifa harbor, where the British tanker "Empire Cross" burned after an explosion last night. Casualties were believed to total 10 to 12, largely British merchant navy officers.

There was no hint from any source that the explosion was connected with Jewish activities, or with the fact that some 5,000 illegal Jewish refugees are now awaiting permission of the British government to disembark at Haifa.

Crash Kills Motorist
While Repairing Tire

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—A car which topped a hill and crashed into a parked car where a man was repairing a tire brought death to Vernell Lee Houdke, 25, Salem, yesterday.

Houdke, crushed between the rear of his car and the oncoming vehicle Thursday night, died in a hospital here. State police identified the other driver as Robert A. Johns, 19, Nehalem, and said he told them he could not see Houdke's car in time to stop.

Buyers' Strike Planned
At Astoria by C. I. O.

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—A buyers' strike was planned by CIO groups here today, with a threat to establish picket lines around any shop where prices go too high.

Fred Winchester, spokesman for the Northwest Oregon Political Action committee, said Astoria's shopping district would be posted with signs urging buyers to take only essential goods.

He said articles not under price control were too costly. Merchants interviewed blamed wholesale costs, he said.



OSTED FROM BUS BY FASTIDIOUS DRIVER—Bus driver with determined opinions on traveling gear was Charles Balga of Edgemere, Long Island, N. Y., who ordered veteran Max Elgisser, 26, and his wife, Edythe, off his bus near their home, because Mrs. Elgisser was wearing three-piece play suit with bare midriff. Elgisser, shown here with his wife and baby, claims the incensed driver chased him with a fire-axe when they didn't move fast enough. The Elgissers are suing for \$25,000.

Steel Obtained for
Oak Street Bridge

Assurance that redecking of the Oak Street bridge in Roseburg will start by September 1 came from Kern & Kibbe, Portland contractors, County Judge D. N. Busenbark announced today.

Necessary steel for the job is being procured in California, the county said. The bridge is in the hands of the engineering firm, awarded in May the \$60,000 contract for the redecking job.

Earlier it had been announced that deliveries of steel for the Roseburg bridge would not be ready until late December, from the eastern mills.

The bridge is to have new steel stringers and grid decking, widely used in bridges throughout the country in recent years. The steel replaces the present wood decking, and is expected to last the lifetime of the bridge.

The county court had not wanted to spend the money for necessary temporary repairs before the delivery of steel, Judge Busenbark said. The bridge is in "pretty bad shape" right now, and the expected tardy deliveries of steel would have necessitated extensive repairs of a temporary nature this summer, he said.

Kern & Kibbe reported that steel from California will be delivered to the bridge site for the start of work September 1.

Moley Sees No Need for
Columbia Valley Project

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Raymond Moley, one of the late President Roosevelt's original "brain trust" group, said here yesterday he could see no necessity for the Columbia Valley Authority.

"What the people need," he said in an interview, "is cheaper power and I know that is what Roosevelt was talking about when he was here about 14 years ago. Although I'm not too familiar with the details of the CVA bill, I can see no necessity of setting up a government empire—a state within a state—out here."

He added he thought an organization selling power from the dams was "a sufficient organization of government."

Russia, U. S. Win Vote on
Chairmanship Question

PARIS, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Leaders of the Paris peace conference voted 12 to 8 today to rotate the conference chairmanship, as urged by the large nations, and then turned to the question of whether a two-thirds vote or a simple majority would decide all issues.

The vote on the chairmanship was the first outright test in the dispute between large and small nations, and was a victory for the United States and Soviet Russia. The chairmanship will rotate among the United States, China, France, Great Britain and Russia in that French alphabetical order.

Enlistment Rate Doooms
Draft, Senator Asserts

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.) asserted today that estimated Army enlistments of 40,000 during July have "sounded the death knell of the draft."

Johnson, a member of the Senate Military Committee, told a reporter he is satisfied that the Army will not take advantage of the requisition it has made for 25,000 selectees from the nation's draft boards in September. There has been a holiday on draft calls in July and August.

Johnson said the Navy had stopped taking draftees in May. Noting that Army volunteers totaled 62,000 in June, he declared:

"With enlistments continuing at the rate they have in June and July, there will be no need to draft another man."

He said that War Department reports show 29,798 enlistments in the first three weeks in July, upon which he based his estimate of 40,000 for the month.

Air Line to Hawaii Opens
Northwest Trade Channel

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Hawaii—if shipments can be made directly there by plane—will buy tremendous quantities of Northwest perishable produce, a group of businessmen said today.

The men, back from the first commercial pay-load cargo flight to Honolulu, said the Hawaiian market for berries, fruit, vegetables and flowers was "beyond our expectations."

Frank Clark, Portland Chamber of Commerce, said florists promised to buy all the roses that could be shipped by air. Niel O'Brien, Columbia Pacific Distributing Company, said he brought back orders for everything from cantaloupes to radios and electric toasters.

Greece Demands Slices
Of Bulgaria, Albania

PARIS, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Greek demands for sections of Bulgarian and Albanian territory were presented to the peace conference today by Premier Tsaldaris, chief of the Greek delegation.

Tsaldaris also called upon the conference to ratify the decision of the council of foreign ministers restoring the formerly Italian-owned Dodecanese Islands to Greece.

Tsaldaris also made it plain that Greece would expect reparations for the "material damage" inflicted upon the country by her invaders.

"What we ask of you is dictated solely by a sense of justice," he said.

'Dead Crabs' Explained

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Reports of "dead crabs" on Oregon beaches were found today resulting from growth, not a mysterious disease.

Master Fish Warden Arnie J. Suomela said an investigation showed the "dead crabs" were only shells cast off by the growing shellfish.

November Elections Now Main
Concern of Solons; All Seats
In House Virtually at StakeSession's Final Legislation Includes
Freezing of Social Security Tax at
One Perct., Broadening of Program

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Lawmakers shifted from the legislation to the political battlefields today as the 79th Congress went home expecting that it won't be back until after the November election, if ever.

The vast majority of its members, however, hoped individually to be on hand when the 80th Congress is called to order in January. For most of them the opportunity to get back home and hoe political gardens was what they had been waiting for for months.

Every House seat technically is at stake in November, although some of the contests already have been decided in Democratic primaries in the South. Thirty-six Senate seats are to be filled, and there, too, some Southern Democrats have cleared their voting hurdle.

War Profits Fraud
Probe Will Go On

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The Senate War Investigating Committee began a breather today along with the rest of congress but posted notice that its ferreting for wartime frauds will go on.

Its formal warning that it is bent upon exposure of fraud in wartime spending in general and "dishonesty on the part of public officials" in particular climaxed a month of investigation into the complicated operations of a munitions combine.

While congress expects to take the rest of the year off, the probing committee decided upon a month-long recess of public hearings "except for an emergency."

From sources close to the committee, it was learned that this phrase was inserted to cover the possibility that Representative A. J. May (D., Ky.) would volunteer to appear before the committee to tell, under oath, of his intervention on behalf of the combine.

May, whose counsel pleaded illness on his behalf, has been absent from Capitol Hill since his collapse on the eve of a scheduled appearance before the committee. He has denied profiting personally through that intervention.

One Killed, 79 Injured
In Collision of Trains

BAYONNE, N. J., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Two Central Railroad of New Jersey trains, carrying capacity commuter crowds augmented by weekenders bound for the Jersey shore, collided last night before a horrified throng at the West 8th Street station here, killing one person and injuring at least 79 passengers.

The accident, in which the Freehold express telescoped into the rear of the Barnegat express, occurred at the height of the commuter rush.

The dead man was Robert Hendrich of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., fireman of the Freehold train, who was buried under tons of coal when his locomotive and tender overturned.

Thirty-nine of the injured were in Bayonne Hospital, two of them in critical condition.

Silver Creek Land Swap
Bill Vetoes by Truman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—A bill which would have let the government consolidate land holdings in Oregon's Silver Creek recreation project was vetoed yesterday by President Truman.

The President said a provision which would have allowed the Secretary of the Interior to judge land titles would conflict with established practice of having the Attorney-General examine such titles.

Under the bill, the Secretary of the Interior could trade lands in the project in order to obtain adjacent terrain.

Missing Navy Landing
Craft Safe at Jamaica

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Three Navy landing craft were safe in the harbor of Kingston, Jamaica, today—their temporary disappearance explained at least in part by communications troubles. Navy spokesman said.

The three vessels left Panama July 24 bound for New Orleans.

When they had not been heard from yesterday an intensive air and sea search began.

Last night naval district headquarters received a message saying the vessels and all on board were safe.

Chilean Quake Kills Two,
Deals Extensive Damage

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The ministry of the interior said today that two persons were killed and several injured yesterday when a severe earthquake rocked the city of Copiapo, 400 miles north of here, causing extensive property damage and destroying many of the older buildings in the area.

A child was killed in a public school and a woman died in a hospital when the walls of both buildings collapsed.

The Senate bowed out with a thumping 60 to 2 vote approving a resolution authorizing the president to deposit with the United Nations this country's agreement to abide by decisions of the world court in matters pertaining to treaty interpretations, international law, breaches of international obligations, and reparations.

The court's jurisdiction would not be accepted, however, in matters which the United States considers strictly its own domestic business. Chairman Connally of the Foreign Relations Committee listed immigration and operation of the Panama Canal in this category.

Neither could the court act in matters which had been or are submitted to other tribunals by agreement.

The scattering lawmakers of the Senate and House left other major legislation on the White House doorstep, including a \$2-636,289,000 appropriation bill carrying funds for enlisted men's furlough pay.

Social Security Broadened

Also approved in the last-minute rush was a measure boosting old age benefit and other payments and freezing the social se-

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City Orderly After
Flight of Sheriff

ATHEENS, Tenn., Aug. 3.—(AP)—A three-man citizens' committee named by politically minded veterans who reinforced their ballots with bullets kept law and order in embattled McMinn County today.

Athens—scene of a violent six-hour battle between veterans and deputies over the counting of ballots in Thursday's Democratic primary—was quiet as the committee took over.

Two ex-GIs were in charge of the jail, battered and bullet spattered from scores of rounds of ammunition. Other veterans patrolled the county.

Athens itself was still under City Police Chief Bob Walker, who said he would cooperate with the veterans.

The committee was named at a mass meeting yesterday to preserve order following the mysterious disappearance of McMinn County Sheriff Pat Mansfield.

Mansfield, a leader in the long-dominant county political group which the veterans claim, they ousted with a slate of ex-GI candidates, left town after servicemen routed him and 34 special deputies from the county jail shortly after 3 A. M. yesterday.

Oregon Animal Husbandry
Dept. Has New Chief

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Director of Agriculture E. L. Peterson announced here today the appointment of M. E. K. Knickerbocker of Deschutes County as chief of the department's division of animal industry.

Knickerbocker succeeds Dr. W. H. Lytle, who is retiring because of ill health. Lytle will remain with the department as a special consultant.

Explosion at A-Bomb
Project Injures Three

LOS ALAMOS, N. M., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Three men were injured, one critically, yesterday in a pre-mature explosion of pyrotechnic chemicals at the Los Alamos atomic bomb project, the Army announced today.

The accident occurred when a smoke smudge pot which the men were preparing to study local air currents exploded prematurely—first accident of this kind in the project's history.

Lovity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Latest picture of Mahatma Gandhi shows him wearing (in addition to his customary sheet and breech-clout) a very broad grin. He's probably mentally congratulating on the fact that, unlike Americans, he's not forced to worry over shortages of shirts and undies.