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Household Goods Given Huge Price Boost, With More Bad News Slated

\$150 Million A Year Added To Cost Tags

Requirement Imposed by Congress Observed in Order, OPA Explains

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. — With a curt warning against trying to guess what it will do about price controls on major foods and feeds, the decontrol board promised today to announce its verdict Tuesday.

Since June 30 there have been no price ceilings on milk, butter, meats, grains and a long list of foodstuffs for a trial period that ends next Tuesday, August 20.

Unless the panel steps in the old price lids will apply again Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. — OPA hung a price-hike of "well over \$150,000,000 a year" on radios, stoves, washers and many another household item today — and ground out still more bad news for consumers.

On top of price boosts ranging from 3 to 12 per cent on 20 groups of mainly home essentials, the agency announced:

1. An immediate increase of one to two cents for draught and bottled beer served in bars, restaurants and hotels.
2. New price ceilings for used

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As a thriller, the "ghost rockets" over Sweden surpass our Jap balloons. We could never quite convince ourselves that paper balloons, drifting in the air currents, could amount to much.

Rockets, in these days, are another matter.

The latest on the rockets is an eyewitness account, published in a Stockholm newspaper. The eyewitness is described as a "trained observer of meteorological and astronomical phenomena" who was gazing at clouds through field glasses when suddenly a "nightmarish, torpedo-like object, with a tapered tail that spewed glowing blue and green smoke and a series of fireballs" streaked across his vision and exploded in a blinding flash.

He says in his published account: "I was completely dazed and had visions of doomsday." (He thinks the things are set up to explode and destroy themselves so they can't be found and checked on. The Jap balloons were supposed to have been equipped with some such device.

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Housing Need Surveyors for Roseburg Sought in Plan to Allocate Building Materials

A committee of young men to survey housing needs in Roseburg is sought by Charles Bayles, Eugene, locality expeditor for the National Housing Administration, who was a Roseburg visitor yesterday.

Bayles has organized housing committees in several Southern Oregon cities representative of veterans' and service organizations, which survey the housing needs and allocate building materials for their communities.

The committees are given official recognition by the mayor and federal government agencies, he said, and have the power to recommend approval or disapproval of applications to the Civilian Production Administration for new construction projects.

If such a committee is organized in Roseburg, it could bid for the 150 trailers now surplus at Klamath Falls and available to any one of several communities or government agencies.

Other steps the committee could take to alleviate the housing shortage, would be to recom-

Sugar Black Market Charged: Allotment Boost Plea Refused

PORTLAND, Aug. 16. — Eight warrents will be served today on eight Oregonians charged with black market dealings in sugar and building materials, OPA officials and the U. S. district attorney said last night.

Although the violators were unnamed, five were said to be Portlanders. One will be charged with selling 975 pounds of sugar in violation of OPA regulations and another with accepting 2,000 pounds without surrendering ration stamps.

One of the out-of-town offenders will be accused of selling for \$120 four kegs of nails which should have sold legally for \$28.28. Illegal dealing in cement will make up another charge, they said.

Meanwhile the Portland district OPA office lost its appeal for additional allotments of canning sugar, it reported today.

The regional office turned down the request and pointed out that while there may be a surplus of sugar here, as held in the request, there are deficit areas elsewhere and the sugar must be allotted evenly throughout the country.

Ceilings Off Halibut, Suspension of Other Fish Control Remains

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. — OPA—Suspension of price controls on fresh and frozen fish and seafood will be continued indefinitely, OPA announced today.

The agency also removed ceilings for the first time on halibut, one of the few kinds of fish which were not decontrolled earlier.

OPA's previous order suspending ceilings on most kinds of fish had been scheduled to expire Saturday.

The agency said the Agriculture Department now is considering whether to put fish on its September 1 list of scarce foods. If the department does not certify that fish and seafood are scarce, they will remain ceiling-free under terms of the new price control law.

OPA said that uncertainty which would result from reinstatement of controls Saturday "for what might be a temporary period until September 1, would disrupt production and distribution of these varieties of fish."

Removal of ceilings on halibut, OPA said, "will have a negligible effect on the price level of fish generally."

State Senator Moser of Josephine County Dies

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Aug. 16. — Dr. W. A. Moser, 78, Democratic senator from Josephine County for four years, died yesterday at his home after an illness of several weeks.

Dr. Moser, who practiced medicine here for 22 years, is survived by his widow, Hazel J., and two sons, George M., Ashland, and Dr. C. J., Grants Pass.

Prices, Meats Bring Kicks to Justice Dept.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. — The Justice Department disclosed today that it is studying complaints of price fixing and artificial shortages in meat.

An official fully acquainted with the study said that since OPA price controls on meat lapsed July 6 the department has received numerous reports of various illegal trade tactics from many sections of the country.

Some of the complaints have come from within the meat industry itself. This official told a reporter, emphasizing that many meat handlers have no part in the purportedly illicit operations. The department's investigation is being made to determine whether anti-trust prosecutions should be undertaken.

Other Peeves Pour In

In addition to reports of artificially created shortages and price-fixing agreements, the official said other complaints being received include:

1. Attempts to coerce retail meat dealers into making "tie-in purchases." Some dealers have said they are being forced to buy unwanted products in order to get fresh meat.
2. The assertedly large sale entry of some meat wholesalers and packers into the retail business. The anti-trust division is studying to what extent this threatens the survival of independent meat retailers.
3. Withholding of hides from

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Denied Lower Berth on Train, Ball Player Quits

CLEVELAND, Aug. 16. — Irked because he was assigned an upper berth instead of a lower, Pitcher Frank Biscan of the St. Louis Browns stalked off the train and remained behind when the team left for Cleveland to play the Indians. Secretary Charles DeWitt of the Browns reported today.

"He's paid to play baseball," DeWitt said. "He wasn't here for the game yesterday and so far as I'm concerned he's off the payroll."

DeWitt said Biscan's status as a player was up to the Browns' manager, Luke Sewell.

Radio Aids Dog Catcher To Round Up Culprits

DUNCAN, Okla., Aug. 16. — Calling all dog catchers — "Desperate liver colored hound with one droopy ear wanted for digging up bone from petunia bed just seen going around corner Elm and Spruce in high gear."

"That's the call you may hear if you tune in on short-wave in Duncan these days."

Hoping to outsmart canine culprits digging in lawns and doing other things annoying to citizens, the city fathers equipped Dog Catcher Ned Lawson's truck with a two-way radio.

Complaints are relayed through the police dispatcher.

U. S.-South Africa Air Service Permit Granted

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. — The civil aeronautics board today authorized Pan-American Airways to establish commercial air service between the United States and South Africa.

The board issued a certificate for a period of seven years authorizing service between New York City and the coastal points of Johannesburg and Cape Town.

Intermediate points on the route will be the Azores, Dakar, Monrovia, Accra and Leopoldville.

Bullet on Car Tracks Shoots Girl Pedestrian

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16. — Mary Dymek, 16, was shot last night by a street car.

The girl was walking near an intersection with three friends when a trolley passed. They heard a shot, Mary screamed and slumped to the sidewalk.

Detective Henry Demory said the girl was wounded in the right foot. Investigating, he found .22-caliber bullets lying on the car tracks.



WISCONSIN VICTOR — Nomination of Joseph R. McCarthy, above, for United States senator, by Wisconsin Republicans at last Tuesday's primary, spelled the end of the LaFollette dynasty after 41 years' service in the Senate. Loser in the primary was Sen. Robert M. LaFollette, who succeeded his late father in the Senate 21 years ago. McCarthy, at the age of 30, was the youngest man ever to be elected to a circuit judgeship in Wisconsin. Now 37, he is a veteran of 3 years in the Marines. Entering high school when 21, he finished the 4-year course in one year and later was graduated from a law school.

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Pine Timber Sold To Plywood Firm

Sale of more than 12 million feet of high-grade sugar pine on the Umpqua National Forest to the Harbor Plywood Corporation of Hiram was announced yesterday by M. M. Nelson, forest supervisor.

Harbor Plywood also purchased an additional 300,000 feet of Ponderosa pine, Nelson said.

The two timber sales are on the South Umpqua River at the mouth of Quartz Creek. Selective cutting of the trees will be supervised by Ranger John Montgomery.

Harbor Plywood was successful bidder in the two sales, with \$148,200 offered for the sugar pine and \$1,665 for the Ponderosa pine, Nelson said. There was one other bidder.

The sales will require the construction of a high-standard road by the plywood corporation, which will also make accessible other stands of sugar pine to be logged over the same route.

Sugar pine trees in the South Umpqua District are of exceptional high quality, Nelson said.

Wildlife Service Funds Of \$55,290 Given Oregon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. — The Fish and Wildlife service has made \$2,260,000 available to the states for the restoration and development of their wildlife resources.

In order to obtain the federal grants, the states must contribute 25 percent of the cost of projects. All projects must be adopted by the fish and wildlife service.

The service will use \$200,000 of this year's appropriation to administer the program. Another \$40,000 will be used for wildlife restoration projects in territories and possessions.

Apportionment of the remaining \$2,260,000 included: California \$1,033,132; Idaho \$48,611; Oregon \$55,290; Washington \$64,941.

Throne Taken to Save His Life, Pu-Yi Testifies

TOKYO, Aug. 16. — Henry Pu-Yi today defended his acceptance of the puppet throne of Manchuria by attacking allied inaction in the face of Japanese conquest.

Pu-Yi was testifying at the trial of Japan's war leaders — some of whom gave him orders when he was the puppet emperor.

Recounting the 14-year-old intrigue that led him to the false throne of his forefather's country, the last of the Manchurian emperors interjected:

"At that time (1932 and 1933) the democratic nations were not trying to resist Japanese militarists. I alone as an individual would hardly be able to resist them."

Animatedly he said he accepted the Manchurian crown through fear for his life.

Treaty Delay Evokes Blast At Russians

PARIS, Aug. 16. — The Russian delegation tossed the makings of a new fight between western and eastern powers into the peace conference today and the New Zealand delegate, W. J. Jordan, in an outburst of temper, denounced the Russians for "this blasted old rot."

"Let's do something," Jordan shouted in exasperation at long speeches and delays after listening to an argument by Soviet Delegate Vishinsky. "Here we sit listening to 'quack, quack, quack, hour after hour. We are sick of it.'"

Vishinsky insisted in an organizational meeting of the political and territorial commission on Romania that only nations actually at war with the former enemy states should vote in the commissions drafting recommendations for the five peace treaties. The vote of France thus would be eliminated from the commission on Romania.

In a meeting of the commission on Finland, Soviet Delegate N. V. Novikov raised the same point, which would eliminate the votes of the United States and France. Presumably the Russians planned to raise the same questions in the commissions for Italy, Bulgaria and Hungary.

"Harsh Words" Ignored

Despite Jordan's hot retort, Vishinsky insisted upon his point. Vishinsky said he would ignore "the harsh words" of the "temerarious" delegate from New Zealand, but insisted "we shall never submit to angry words."

Jordan was so perturbed that his voice broke as he cried the words "this blasted old rot," after Vishinsky's speech.

"Let's get on with the blasted conference," he cried. "Let's do something. Get a president in the chair and let's get on with it."

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Jail Term Meted Man for Riding Sore-Back Horse

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16. — Carroll Pitts, 54, who rode a horse here from Klamath Falls, Ore., was sentenced to 10 days in jail today on a charge of cruelty to animals.

Pitts was convicted two weeks ago on testimony that he disregarded humane society officers' orders not to saddle or ride the horse until saddle sores were healed.

Justice William E. Fox suspended all but 10 days of a 180-day sentence and placed Pitts on a year's probation.

Equipment Lack Bans Vets Hospital Canteen

PORTLAND, Aug. 16. — Canteen service in three quarters huts will be provided for 500 patients at the veterans' hospital here, Dr. Paul I. Carter reports.

Included will be a retail store, fountain and lunch counter and barber and beauty shop.

He said that at the Roseburg hospital lack of equipment was holding up immediate start of a similar canteen.

Impending Total Civil War Threatens to Erase Century Or More of China Progress

By GLENN BABB
AP Foreign News Analyst

The news from China leaves little doubt that that tragic country is on the verge of total civil war, with the prospect of years or decades of misery still more abysmal than that she has been enduring for two decades. The American "peace-makers," General George C. Marshall and Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart, have proclaimed their despair over the chances of success of their efforts; how much longer these will continue is a question.

Chiang Kai-Shek celebrated V-J Day by proclaiming his readiness to end his one-party government without delay and open the national assembly November 12. He promised other concessions and reforms but none gained a favorable response from the Communists who declare they have had little reason, through years of negotiations, to put faith in Chiang's promises.

Reds Hold Manchuria

The fighting, which still is not called civil war because peace negotiations continue fitfully and a truce is supposed to be in effect, has spread over most of the country north of the Yangtze river. The Communists hold nearly all Manchuria, nullifying the nationalists' hopes that when Japan was evicted that would become the industrial backbone of the nation and its main hope for economic

Flash Floods Sweep St. Louis; 2 Drown. Hundreds Homeless

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 16. — Two youths were reported drowned and hundreds of persons were driven from their homes by high water today as this metropolitan area of a million and a half inhabitants experienced its third consecutive day of rain and electrical storms of unprecedented intensity.

Rain totaling 8.98 inches fell in St. Louis from 7 P. M. yesterday until 10 A. M. today, smashing all records in the 109-year history of the local Weather Bureau and no immediate relief was promised.

The torrential downpour came after a 4.61 rainfall in the preceding 24 hours and ran the total precipitation for August to date to more than 15 inches, a record for the period.

U. S. Coast Guard boats and private small water craft were pressed into service to remove scores of families marooned by the flash floods which isolated several communities on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River.

St. Louis city officials expected the loss from floods and lightning which unroofed several homes and buildings, and disrupted utility services would exceed \$1,000,000.

Casualties Heavy In India Rioting

CALCUTTA, Aug. 16. — Fifteen persons were killed and 250 injured today in riots between Moslems and Hindus during a Moslem league "direct action day" protest to the British plan for Indian independence.

(Reuters reports from Calcutta said the death toll had risen to 56 by early evening and that 750 persons were injured.)

The Moslem league, second largest political party in India, called a nationwide strike for today to start its "direct action" program.

Shops and markets closed. Some buses and cars attempted to operate were stopped by Moslem volunteers, who squatted at street junctions halting traffic. Police vans were not molested. Some stores were looted.

The Moslem league, which claims to speak for India's 90,000,000 Moslems, recently rejected the British independence plan after first indicating acceptance. The Moslems have insisted on Pakistan, or partition of India's predominantly Moslem areas from the rest of the subcontinent.

Coos Bay Planermen's Pickets Withdrawn

COOS BAY, Ore., Aug. 16. — Planermen at a North Bend mill were back on the job today after the sawmill will resume operations Monday following withdrawal of a picket line yesterday.

The Irwin and Lyons plant was tied up Wednesday by AFL members of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, objecting to lumber from the mill being loaded on the S. S. Joseph Augustine Chevalier. The ship was forced to leave Coos Bay with only 250,000 of an intended cargo of a million and a half board feet of lumber to escape involvement in an AFL-CIO jurisdictional dispute which has frozen the port since June 30.

Death Decried For 18 Jews in Haifa Bombing

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. — Eighteen defiant and singing young Jews were sentenced to death today for bombing the Haifa railroad shops in a night attack. Four Jewish women were given life terms.

The sentences were passed soon after the outlawed Irgun Zvai Leumi had exhorted the Jews to a general revolt and the Vaad Leumi, the national council for Palestine Jews, asked the Jews in this stricken land to begin a non-cooperation strike Sunday.

The country still was tense over the issue of British deportation of illegal Jewish immigrants to Cyprus. Two small ships were reported to have brought 200 to 300 illegal immigrants to the coast before dawn without being spotted. The immigrants were said to have been dispersed among Palestine settlers. Those reports could not be confirmed.

The 22 Jews were tried in absentia after they were ousted from the courtroom for singing and causing other disturbances during proceedings.

Deadly Battle Staged

All were captured at a road block which troops established a

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Realty Salesman Killed By Wife in Family Row

PORTLAND, Aug. 16. — Lester Luckey, 51, real estate salesman, died today of a gunshot wound and his wife was booked at police station on a charge of murder.

Detectives Bard Purcell and Mike O'Leary, called to the Luckey home by Mrs. Luckey, said they found him on the floor. They said he pointed to his wife and said, "She shot me," then added, "Don't blame her. It's not her fault."

Purcell said Mrs. Luckey told them her husband threw a bottle and a piece of pipe at her and she went upstairs got a .22 calibre rifle, and shot him.

The detectives said she told them of numerous quarrels in recent months.

German Reds Planning to Slay Capitalist System

BERLIN, Aug. 16. — Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of U. S. occupation forces in Germany, said in his monthly report today that the ultimate objective of the German Communist party is "to destroy the capitalist system and establish a socialist state with a classless society."

McNarney attributed the same objective to the Russian-sponsored Socialist unity party, which was formed in the Soviet occupation zone by a merger of the Communists and Social Democrats. He added that the Communist program "contains a threat to resort to revolutionary means if the capitalist class forsakes the ground of democracy."

Fire at Tacoma Sweeps Four Business Houses

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 16. — Four downtown business houses were destroyed or badly damaged this morning by fire which started in the second floor laboratory of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association.

The laboratory, a printing shop and soft drink store were destroyed, and a furniture company and hardware store were heavily damaged by smoke and water.

Fire department officials said losses probably would amount to \$175,000 or more. Cause of the fire was unknown.

Grain Rancher Killed as Truck Rolls Into Ditch

THE DALLES, Ore., Aug. 16. — John Cecil Fields, 51, Wasco, died en route to a hospital last night from injuries received as his grain truck hit a soft highway shoulder and rolled into the ditch two miles south of Biggs in Sherman County.

He was a resident of Sherman County for 48 years.

John Fulton, riding in the truck with him, was reported unhurt.

'Sea-Monster' Proves to Be Cow Enjoying Swim

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich., Aug. 16. — Wide-eyed fishermen scrambled ashore at nearby Swan Lake at dusk last evening to report sighting of a "horned sea-monster with a long tail."

The "sea-monster" proved to be a black cow, which had leisurely swam a half mile into the lake, returned to shore and wandered back home to Carl Ferris' farm.

1,750 Disputes Not Settled, Unions Claim

Nearly 8,000 Employees In Five Organizations Vote for Work Stoppage

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16. — A representative of the National Mediation Board today looked into a long list of disputes over which the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen has threatened to strike against the Pacific lines of the Southern Pacific Railroad Wednesday.

The union has announced that unless some 1,750 disputes over working conditions are settled by the deadline for the walkout, the company's 9,000 miles of western tracks will be strikebound. The deadline is 6 P. M. next Wednesday.

W. F. Mitchell, sent by the Mediation Board from Washington, began his investigation last night.

A spokesman for the company said Mitchell's entry into the case would not automatically invoke the provision of the National Railway Disputes act to postpone the strike for a 30-day "cooling off" period.

Mitchell will report his findings to the board, which in turn will determine whether to present the case to the President, the company spokesman said. The threatened walkout would be delayed at least for 30 days if President Truman should then decide to invoke the mediation clause.

Vote Authorizes Strike

Deputy President B. W. Fern of the Brotherhood said 98 per cent of about 8,000 trainmen, yardmen, helpers, switchtenders and diesel car stewards had voted to authorize the strike.

The lines which would be affected extend from San Francisco to Ogden, Utah, and from Portland, Ore., to El Paso, Tex.

Fern issued a statement saying a Brotherhood committee had sought adjustment of some 2,500 grievances involving working agreements since Oct. 31, 1945.

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Lewis' Union Wins in Steel Firm's Appeal

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. — The U. S. court of appeals for the District of Columbia today refused to take an action which would have set aside the agreement between the government and John L. Lewis covering unionized supervisory workers at four mines.

Loser in the court's stand was the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation. The court refused the corporation's request for a preliminary injunction against the agreement.

The court said the company had failed to show it would suffer "irreparable injury" as a result of the agreement, signed July 17th between Admiral Moreell, coal mines administrator, and Lewis' supervisory workers union.

Hearing on Sustained Yield Unit Plan Slated

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 16. — A hearing on a proposed quarter-mile acre sustained yield forest unit, the first of its kind in the United States — will be held Sept. 18 at Shelton, Wash., Regional Forester H. J. Andrews said today.

The proposed unit covers 158,760 acres of timberland owned by the Simpson Logging Company of Shelton and 111,466 acres of intermingled national forest lands. It is located in four counties in Washington.

The estimated annual cut, Andrews said, would be 100,000 board feet for 10 years, then a reduction to sustained yield capacity, probably about 90,000,000 board feet.

The contract for the unit, if approved, would run for 100 years.

Ruling for German-Jap Wife to Be Appealed

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 16. — The federal court decision which permitted Helene Bouiss, German-Japanese wife of a Portland veteran to enter this country, will be appealed by immigration officials, Leo Levenson, her attorney, said today.

A writ of habeas corpus by Federal Judge McCormick, Los Angeles, permitted Mrs. Bouiss, bride of John Bouiss, to enter the country after she was detained by immigration authorities at Seattle.

Bouiss married the daughter of German and Japanese parents while in Japan with the army.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Although Russia may never produce a weapon equal to the atomic bomb, she could about demolish the world's shock absorbers with a vernacular equivalent of "We ain't mad at nobody."