

Transit Rights in Dardanelles For Russia Favored

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The United States reportedly is ready today to advocate some special transit rights for Russia through the Dardanelles.

But this country is said to oppose outright current Soviet demands for a hand in the military control of that strategic waterway.

Diplomatic officials suggest that a possible step toward trying to work out the developing controversy may be a Turkish-called conference of the nations now parties to the Montreux treaty governing the Straits.

At the State Department officials said there is no reason to believe there has been any change in United States policy as previously announced by Secretary of State Byrnes. The principal point of this policy in relation to Russia is that the Straits should be open at all times to the transit of warships of Black Sea powers. Under the Montreux convention Turkey has the right to close the Straits in time of war or other danger.

The question of how far this government should go in backing Turkey's declared opposition to Russia's demands is known to be a matter of considerable concern to top officials here. Many are hopeful that the whole issue may be ironed out amicably in negotiations among the powers.

But some express belief privately that the Russians are dead set on obtaining military bases in the Dardanelles and may be extremely reluctant to compromise on anything else.

Fire Saves Building

Owner From Razing Job

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 16.—(AP)—An early morning fire destroyed one of the town's landmark buildings in the business section today, but owner Oscar Schultz is right pleased at the whole thing.

Part of a boisterous section of Pendleton in the '30's, the building had been used recently as a rooming house, but Schultz put a crew to work razing the property for a new business early this week—and Monday they were to tackle the building left in ashes by the fire.

Springfield Alcohol

Plant Nearly Finished

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., Aug. 16.—(AP)—The \$3,000,000 plant to manufacture ethyl alcohol from waste wood products is nearly complete and will have a trial run in October. Frank L. Couch, resident engineer for the builders, said today.

Clark Van Fleet will manage the plant, to be operated under lease by Willamette Valley Wood Chemical Company.

Cornea Transplanted in Eye of Blind Woman

SEATTLE, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Performed under the auspices of the National Eye Bank, a cornea transplant was performed here last week, it became known today. In an effort to restore the

sight of Mrs. Archie N. Gustin of Pomeroy. Almost totally blind, she received the cornea of the injured right eye of Thomas Berry, an Enumclaw rancher, in a delicate operation by Drs. John Schlach and Purman Dorman. Attendees said it would be three weeks before the success of the three-hour operation can be judged. Berry lost the vision of his eye, when a rock hit it without harming the cornea.

Truman Slays Bill to Abolish Wildlife Refuge

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—President Truman wound up the work of the 79th congress today by decreeing death for the last measure it sent him.

This bill would have abolished the Parker wildlife refuge in Massachusetts. Press Secretary Ross told reporters that Mr. Truman had decided to let the bill die by pocket veto without taking any action. The president had until midnight tonight to act on it.

Mr. Truman signed 204 bills after congress quit and pocket vetoed 16.

Prices, Meats Bring Kicks to Justice Dept.

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The market in the meat and hides inquiries, the Justice Department official said the agency is receiving "a very large number" of complaints of private price fixing agreements involving other industries producing commodities no longer controlled by price ceilings.

He declined to name these industries. Meat and livestock products were among several items which Congress, in reviving OPA last month, decreed should be left free of price control until at least August 20. Final say on restoring ceilings was left up to the new decontrol board which concluded four days of public hearings on the subject yesterday.

3 Americans, 22 Germans Nabbed as Counterfeiters

FRANKFURT, Germany, Aug. 16.—(AP)—U. S. Army criminal investigation agents announced they had arrested three American civilians and 22 Germans on suspicion of being ringleaders of a Europe-wide counterfeit ring.

The agents said the ring had been smashed and that "further arrests are possible soon."

They said the ring produced and trafficked in \$50 American bills and English £5 (\$20) notes and dealt in diamonds, jewels, gold and platinum. The bogus money has been found in London, Paris and Berlin as well as in other American-occupied cities in Germany, they said.

The names of the Americans were withheld pending the formal serving of charges.

The Oregon Poultry Improvement Association, meeting Saturday at Corvallis, elected W. J. Kirk, St. Paul, president, and David Lee, Salem, vice-president.

Household Goods Given Heavy Price Increases

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automobiles made this year or in 1945.

3. White sidewall tire ceilings 12.5 per cent higher than maximum prices on other tires.

4. Higher prices for stationery and book paper.

In addition, OPA officials said that ceiling increases for virtually all kinds of building materials will be announced soon, as required by the new price control law.

Required by Congress

In announcing the increases yesterday on a long list of consumer goods, OPA Administrator Porter stressed that they were required by new pricing standards "laid down by Congress."

He was referring to a provision of the new act which required OPA to restore dealer profit margins to the level of last March 31.

The "rice boosts covered virtually the entire field of so-called consumer durable goods, except refrigerators. Prices on those will be raised about 2.5 per cent soon.

Average Boosts Listed

Here are average retail increases which will go into effect as soon as leaders receive new shipments:

Radios and electric phonographs, 3 per cent; washing machines, 7 per cent; vacuum cleaners, 7 per cent; small electrical appliances, such as toasters, iron, space heaters, coffee makers and shavers, 4 per cent.

Household chinaware, 7 per cent; box springs, 12 per cent; electric stoves, 9 per cent; gas stoves, 5 per cent; coal, oil and wood stoves, 5 per cent; aluminum utensils, 5 per cent; metal bed springs, 4 per cent; metal cots and double-deck beds, 3 per cent; window shades, 10 per cent.

Clocks and non-jeweled watches, 6 per cent; portable typewriters, 5 per cent.

Other increases included 3.5 per cent on bicycles; 8 per cent on dry batteries, 4 per cent on metal office furniture; 6 per cent on photographic equipment, such as cameras, small projectors and light meters; and 5 per cent on outboard motors.

Dealers Must Share Hikes

On all of these items, OPA had required dealers to absorb all or part of price increases previously granted to manufacturers.

An OPA official told a reporter who inquired about the cost to the public:

"The increases amount to well over \$150,000,000 a year."

The higher ceilings on beer served at bars and restaurants match increases granted a few weeks for take-home beer. Prices go up one cent for a glass and for seven to 12-ounce bottles, and two cents on 32-ounce bottles.

OPA attributed these increases to a cut in beer production, a recent boost in brewers' ceilings, and an increase in freight rates.

The new ceilings fixed for used 1945 and 1946 automobiles, effective Aug. 21, are generally "close" to maximum prices on new cars, OPA said. Heretofore the ceiling on these used models was the price the seller paid.

Varnish Also Going Up

Prices for varnish are going up, OPA said as a result of sharply higher costs for shellac.

The agency did not estimate the amount of the expected varnish increase, but it authorized producers of bleached shellac to fix their ceilings under a new formula which takes into account higher prices for imported unbleached shellac.

OPA said the increase in varnish ceilings will vary according to the amount and cost of shellac used.

OPA said under the new law no adjustments are needed for such items as furniture, floor coverings, lamps, and some types of bedding and luggage, since the agency has required no cost absorption on these articles.

OPA said also that another provision of the new law which prohibits any reduction in dealers' peacetime profit margins on reconversion products, such as automobiles—is not applicable to the list of items given increases under the March 31 mark-up provision.

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S. P. Ry. Strike Threat

Draws U. S. Mediator

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and that 1,750 cases remained unsettled.

(By the Associated Press)

Vital industrial materials still moved across the Great Lakes today as the CIO National Maritime Union strike spread slowly.

A union spokesman said "well over 40" of the 400 American-Flag cargo ships operating on the five lakes were strike-bound on the second day of the walkout.

Whether iron ore, coal, grain and oil traffic would be halted still was an uncertainty as negotiations in Washington on the union's demand for shorter hours and wage adjustments collapsed.

CIO members and non-striking AFL seamen got into a fist fight on a picket line in Detroit last night, but the NMU claimed AFL support in some ports, especially Milwaukee, where AFL sailors were reported to have walked off a passenger ship.

On Other Labor Fronts

Scattered dispatches helped ruffle the calm which has prevailed since the first big wave of labor troubles subsided last spring.

At Philadelphia, the country's largest hat factory, the John B. Stetson Company, was spotted for picketing by 2,500 striking AP Employees. They claimed the management had declined to negotiate wage differences which caused the workers to walk out Monday.

Twenty AFL bus drivers and maintenance men struck for a 34-cent hourly wage raise in four towns near Wilkes Barre, Pa. The Peoples Railway Company offered them a 9½ cent boost.

Fourteen city buses were laid up by the dispute.

A milk drivers' strike ended in Hazleton, Pa., restoring service to 31,000 customers, but there were only 500,000 loaves of bread to divide among 4,000,000 residents of metropolitan Philadelphia as a strike of 1,883 AFL bakers in 13 plants went into its seventh day. Chicago's bread supply also was reduced by a strike in retail shops.

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Death Decreed for 18 Jews in Haifa Bombing

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few minutes after the raid at Haifa, several weeks ago. The defendants were accused of belonging to the outlawed Stern gang, violent Jewish underground group.

Fleeing in a truck, the defendants encountered the road block, smashed into a Bren gun and opened fire. Soldiers returned fire and several of the defendants' companions were killed. Others were wounded.

The workshops were bombed during a week of terror in which eight bridges were blasted, a train was wrecked and five British officers were kidnapped in Tel Aviv.

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member nations of the conference, pleaded yesterday for territorial changes and mitigated reparations and met with an immediate rebuff from Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov.

Many conference observers, meanwhile, expressed belief that Molotov would seize his first opportunity to answer at length the rebuke to Russia sounded yesterday by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, who keynoted U. S. policy for the conference in two statements:

"The United States believes in the sovereign equality of nations."

"We are opposed to making the small nations satellites of the larger states."

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Declaring that Russia has "maintained an unreasonable position" at the Paris peace conference, Sen. Tom Connally, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, boarded a liner today to sail for France to assist Secretary of State Byrnes at the conference.

The senator talked to reporters aboard the liner and ended his conference by saying: "We cannot settle international difficulties like a bunch of fussy school-boys."

Connally gave this statement to reporters in his cabin:

"We are more or less disappointed that the conference has not made more headway on the treaties themselves. . . . We have simply got to make peace. We cannot leave the international situation in mid-air."

Senator Vandenberg will fly to Paris later.

Civil War Threatens to Erase Progress of China

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during the war she endured for fourteen years—beginning with Japan's invasion of Manchuria in 1931—that its end would see China restored to a place of equality among the great powers, all restrictions on her sovereignty ended and her territorial integrity unimpaired. China's tenacious, heroic fight was made possible largely by those hopes, encouraged by the anti-Axis nations' renunciation of their special privileges concerning her.

Total civil war would make China a political, economic, ideological vacuum into which a vacuum forces contending for world leadership or domination would be certain to rush, some of them doubtless against their own desires. The bitter prospect facing China now is similar in many respects to that of the early nineteenth century. The clock may be turned back a century or more and China lose all she has striven for.

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