

DECONTROLS SPREAD, 10,000 TO LOSE JOBS

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The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and
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Armaments Slash Plan in Making at U.N.

**Proposed International
Inspection Aims to Halt
Secret Arms Production**

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Nov. 1.—(AP)—A determined effort to head off an atomic armaments race and slash military establishments the world over appeared to be in the making today as United Nations delegates turned from oratory to committee discussion of the issues before them.

The temporary end of the formal assembly sessions—now in recess for at least a week—found Russia and the United States competing for leadership in the disarmament undertaking.

American officials described the United States proposals for safeguarding arms control by an international inspection system as a revolutionary idea that, if adopted, would result not only in a constant watch over atomic resources of all nations but also put an end to secret weapons of all kinds.

While the Soviet Union, which took the initiative in demanding an arms cut, has consistently opposed inspection proposals as applied to atomic energy alone, there was some hope evident among the diplomats gathered

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TUESDAY morning, in Moscow, Stalin asserted that Russia hasn't "yet" an atom bomb and added that in his opinion strict international control of atomic energy is necessary.

Tuesday afternoon, in New York, Molotov threw into the United Nations Assembly a demand for general reduction of armaments INCLUDING stoppage of manufacture of atom bombs by us and destruction of those we already have.

HE said plenty more, in tones at times harsh and rough, but these were the key points of his address.

WHAT does it all mean? If we knew that, the rest would be easy. Russia is the great mystery—and probably proposes to remain so. At least as long as possible.

When you have everybody else more than a little scared of you and can manage to keep your real objectives and intentions a COMPLETE mystery, you are in a truly splendid bargaining position.

If you play your cards right, in such a situation, you can GET A LOT without having to fight. Russia is certainly shrewd enough to know that.

IT is still possible that we may be able to come to some sort of an ultimate agreement with

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500 School Pupils Frolic in Weird Neewollah Pageantry; Winners of Prizes Announced

Douglas County youngsters, more than 500 strong, representing eight schools of Roseburg and vicinity, turned out in their respective grade school groups last night for one of the most successful "kids' night" programs in this city.

Participants of the Neewollah parade, to be an annual event sponsored by the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce every October 31, wore costumes and make-ups depicting everything from devils, black cats, walking jack-o'-lanterns, and a scarecrow, to Gravel Gertie and Lena the Hyena.

Largest turnout from an individual grade school was Wilbur, which won the Teamsters Union silver cup award for a 100 per cent representation of 38 costumed entries.

Forming at the courthouse following a prolonged and difficult judging of regalia and makeup of the youngsters, the parade, led by a color guard of the Oregon State Guard, made their way through the downtown business section and to the armory where every entry enjoyed an ice cream feed. The Roseburg high school

Longshoremen's \$6,200,000 Suit Against Employers Is Barrier to Maritime Peace

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Withdrawal of the CIO Longshoremen's \$6,200,000 "nuisance suit" was demanded by the Pacific Coast Waterfront Employers' Association today as a condition to negotiations for ending the maritime strike.

"We have no time for nuisance suits," said a WEA spokesman.

Deportations Stir Palestine Jews

HAIFA, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Despite defiant screams and intermittent violence, 1,200 Jewish refugees were transferred today from the crowded almost-flooding immigrant ship San Dimitrios to two British vessels for deportation to Cyprus.

The transfer followed by only a short time a general strike and mass meeting at which the deportation of the refugees was protested by Haifa's Jews. Two thousand Jews, leaving the mass meeting, marched on British street barricades but dispersed before any violence occurred.

The marching Jews, facing signs in Hebrew and English reading "disperse or we fire," broke up and went away singing Jewish anthems and carrying black mourning flags.

Speakers told the mass meeting that "Palestine will never be quiet while our ships and our brethren are deported." They mentioned the fact that tomorrow is the anniversary of the 1917 Balfour declaration, which Arabs will protest with their traditional all-day general strikes.

Three Lumber Firms of Willamette Area Merge

ALBANY, Ore., Nov. 1.—(AP)—The merger of three firms to form a new lumber company capitalized at \$1,800,000 became known here yesterday.

The company, the Willamette National Lumber Co., was formed from the Corvallis Lumber Co., the Lumber Management Corp., Portland, and the Willamette National Lumber Co., Salem. Directors of the last firm, all Portlanders, will head the new company.

It is now constructing a \$400,000 mill at Foster, expected to have a capacity of 160,000 board feet a day. Timber holdings cover 2,000,000 acres, officials said.

Seance Fails to Contact Harry Houdini's Ghost

DETROIT, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The ghost of Harry Houdini shunned a Halloween seance last night, disappointing 13 magicians who met at midnight in a candle-lit room in an effort to contact the magician's spirit on the 20th anniversary of his death here.

Magician Bob Underwiter was philosophical about the result. "We didn't fail, we just haven't succeeded," he said.

Writers Predict GOP House, Tie in Senate

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—(AP)—A Newsweek magazine poll of 50 Washington correspondents, the result of which was disclosed today, brought a prediction from a majority of the political writers that the Republican party would gain control of the house in the Nov. 5 congressional elections.

The writers forecast a tossup with the Democratic party in the senate, predicting each party would have 48 senate seats.

band and Knights of Pythias Girls Drum and Bugle Corps did not enter the march because of prevailing weather conditions before-hand.

Major Features Noted

School spirit seemed to hold preference over "spook-aires" during the parade as each group, led by sign boards of their respective schools, kept up a steady chant signifying their particular school. Features of the parade, gaining considerable comment among the spectators lining the route of march, were four ghost pallbearers toting a coffin; the originality of the youngster c. 4 in a scarecrow costume complete with straw in his hat and arms stretched on a cross board; the reality of the little boy whose

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'Politics' Cry Hits Parley On Coal Mines

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The government sat down to talk over new wage demands with John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers today as the private owners of the coal mines contended any new concessions to Lewis would be "a public disgrace."

Lewis sent a delegation headed by John O'Leary, vice president of the AFL Mine Workers' Union, to represent him in a conference with Federal Coal Mines Administrator N. H. Collinson. Lewis himself was absent when the meeting opened.

The session was called in answer to Lewis' demand for a reopening of a government mine contract to discuss new working conditions and wages.

As the meeting opened, the bituminous coal operators' negotiating committee issued a statement saying the government, in the view of the committee, had decided to reopen its contract with Lewis and that the decision had been made by "politically-minded men."

Lewis has demanded the government has not far the government has not directly agreed to go that far.

The private operators have had no authority except as managers for the government in operation of the mines since the government seized them last May 22 and then made an agreement with Lewis to end a two-months strike.

Krug Overruled, Charge

The operators' statement said that Secretary of Interior Krug, now on tour in the West, had held that the government contract would not be reopened but that Krug had been overruled.

The mine owners asserted that the decision had been dictated, without consulting them, by "a few powerful politicians and another government official whose intimate relationship with the president of the United Mine Workers has been well known in coal circles for years."

There was no identification of the politicians and the government official to whom the operators referred.

The statement asserted that miners now are "making more money in wages than any other body of workers, skilled or semi-skilled, in the whole nation."

There was nothing immediate from Lewis.

Lewis' main objective is to scrap not later than November 20 the agreement he signed with Krug last May 29 to end the 59-day spring strike. Then, unless the government agrees to a new contract on wages, hours and other matters, Lewis claims the present pact will be "void"—and a void contract almost inevitably means the diggers will lay down their tools.

Wealthy Family Scion Held in Wife Slaying

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Nov. 1.—(AP)—The 10-year marriage of the scion of a wealthy colonial family and a pretty janitor's daughter was ended yesterday with the wife dead of a gunshot wound in the heart and her husband charged with homicide.

Assistant District Attorney Frederick E. Weeks, Jr., said Mrs. Marie Shannon Purdy, 37, was shot Wednesday night in her bedroom before her six-year-old son on the climax of an argument with her husband, Charles, 42, over drinking. At his arraignment in city court Purdy was ordered held for hearing Nov. 7.

A four-year-old daughter was asleep in another room at the time of the tragedy.

Independent Grocers Pledge Milk Price Cut

PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The Portland Independent Retail Grocers' Association was pledged today to cut the price of milk to 17 cents a quart.

Secretary H. E. Carlson said his organization covered more than half the independent grocery stores in the city.

He said the association would ask the state director of agriculture for an early hearing on producer cost and distribution cost in order that new price schedules can be established.

Self-Defense Plea Frees Woman of Murder Charge

OREGON CITY, Ore., Nov. 1.—(AP)—A grand jury exonerated Mrs. Carme E. Wilde, 30, yesterday of a second-degree murder charge.

She was accused in the rifle-shooting of Philip Wilde, her former brother-in-law, at Oak Grove, Oct. 14. Mrs. Wilde admitted the shooting, and pleaded self-defense.

K.O. FOR JACK FROST Heat-Ray Machine Devised to Prevent Fruit Crop Losses

EAST LANSING, Mich., Nov. 1.—(AP)—Scientists at Michigan State College believe they have dealt a blow to Jack Frost, whose unpredictable actions annually damage millions of dollars worth of the nation's fruit.

A "frost fighter" which sends out infra-red heat rays generated by an oil burning heater and capable of keeping plants eight degrees warmer than ordinary outside temperatures has been developed at the college.

The machine, consisting of an oil burner with a heater tube and a series of special aluminum reflectors to direct the heat down against the crop to be protected, raised the temperature from 29 degrees to 37 degrees in tests and was effective over a square acre of area.

Although actual production costs of the "frost fighter" have not been determined, engineers estimated it would be built for around \$100. During test runs, the machine operated at a cost of only 75 cents per hour.

The scientists said the heater could be used on berry, mint, flower and truck garden crops as well as in apple, orange, lemon and grapefruit orchards.

War Vets Receive Cash Gifts From Elks Lodge

EVERETT, Wash., Nov. 1.—(AP)—Two hundred and two Everett war veterans are \$250 richer today because the Elks lodge did not forget them while entertaining other service men during the war.

The sum represents each veteran's share of a \$52,269 melon built up during the war years as lodge members matched sums spent on local veterans entertainments.

Widows of five members who died during the war were also given cash gifts following a memorial service.

Sally Rand, Fan Dancer, Stumbles Against Law

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Sally Rand, who fanned herself to fame, was booked in Lincoln Heights jail today on charges of appearing in an indecent show. Sadly she complained: "It cost me a lot of money to prove that what I do is art."

Sgt. W. H. Madden of the police vice squad last night remarked "we've had quite a few beefs" and was flanked by three officers and a policeman as the blond fan-dancer and bubble dancer was picked up after finishing her act at a Broadway theater.

Burglar Alarm Only Brings More Victims

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1.—(AP)—When a dapper young gunman stepped into her real estate office and robbed her of \$12, Clerk Norma Masek stepped on the burglar alarm, which rings in a nearby grocery.

In charged Clyde S. Billingsly. The robber promptly covered him, relieved him of \$50. Then to the rescue came Paul Lumary. He had only a dollar, so the gun-toter told him to keep it. Jack Mirth, third to answer the signal, was broke.

The youth, apparently deciding business was getting no better, locked the three gals in a back room and departed.

Halloween Vandalism Mocks Special Police Vigilance in Larger Cities of West Coast

(By the Associated Press)

Pacific Northwest residents heaved a sigh of relief today—Halloween was over.

By far the majority of cities reported one of the quietest observances on record. Portland, however, where police thought they had things under control, had an epidemic of dismantled trolley wires, fires on porches, broken windows, deflated tires and ropes stretched across streets with garbage cans and gates on either end.

One Portland home owner returned home to find his house an unusual shade of purple.

The King (Seattle) county sheriff's office also reported a wave of vandalism including smashed windows, bonfires and torn fences but Seattle police termed the evening "the quietest Halloween in years" with a wave of false fire alarms the major item.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Despite city-sponsored parties which drew 250,000 youngsters to 52 playgrounds, weary police wrote off Halloween today as the most violent in years.

Search on For Bomb Slayings Of Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Nov. 1.—(AP)—A steady procession of detectives and uniformed policemen patrolled the Baltimore waterfront today in an intensive search for the perpetrators of the incendiary bombing of a rooming house in which four merchant seamen lost their lives and five others were injured.

Police Commissioner Hamilton R. Atkinson, assuming personal direction of a round-up of "every waterfront character" with whom we have ever had any trouble," described the blast as "one of the worst crimes in the history of the city." Three of the victims were Cubans, the other a Honduran.

Amid denunciations of the bombing by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, who described it as "mass murder," and other officials and labor leaders, the FBI was called upon to study two warning notes which police said were delivered before the bombing.

Threat Note Received

Jesse Rodriguez, proprietor of the rooming-house, said one of the notes was thrown through a window of the house last week attached to a monkey wrench. Police quoted it as follows:

"Stop rooming flunks (labor spies) in your house, which is owned by Bethlehem Steel. This is your final warning."

Rodriguez told police he started operating the rooming house when he retired after working 15 years in a Bethlehem plant here. He said the building was not owned by Bethlehem.

Battalion Chief Thomas Heagerty of the Fire Department said yesterday's blast was caused by a home-made incendiary bomb.

CPA Power Challenged By Grants Pass Firms

PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Attorneys for a Grants Pass firm planned to challenge in federal court today the right of the Civilian Production Administration to investigate delivery of building materials.

In line with a complaint filed yesterday, attorneys prepared to ask that the CPA be enjoined from executing subpoenas against the Cook Lumber yard, Cook Lumber Products Company, and Ready Mix Cement Service.

The CPA had ordered the Grants Pass firm, doing business under the three names, to testify regarding delivery of construction materials to builders, and open its books.

The Cook firm supplies the Grants Pass region, where some builders have declared defiance of CPA building regulations.

Chinese Regulars, Reds Battle in Several Areas

PEIPING, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Chinese government armies, increasing the tempo and range of their civil war, rushed vanguards to within 33 miles of Daien today, encircled 100,000 fiercely fighting Communists in Chefoo, and engaged their countrymen in half a dozen other sectors.

The pro-government newspaper Jih Pao said vanguards reached Pailantien, only 33 miles north of Daien on the border between Manchuria and Kwantung peninsula. Their objective is to cut off the Liaoting peninsula from Communists from the Manchurian mainland.



HOAX ENDED—Charles James Edwards fooled them all until his fraud was discovered and he was arrested at Los Angeles, Calif., on suspicion of forgery.

Investigators said he stole his own criminal record, and, with forged documents, entered the California State Bar and practiced in federal courts. He associated with prominent persons, applied for positions in U. S. and county district attorney's offices.

Elliott Roosevelt Beats School Ban

BRONXVILLE, N. Y., Nov. 1.—(AP)—Elliott Roosevelt and his wife, Faye Emerson of the movies, who were barred from making speeches at East Chester town schools in Western County because officials said their talks would be political in nature, have been holding court among the youngsters outside the schools.

The son of the late president and his wife placed flowers yesterday at the East Chester honor roll, near the East Chester High School, and at the Tuckahoe honor roll near two other schools.

About 400 milling, cheering students took time out from their lunch hour to view the couple.

The board of education had denied permission to Elliott and Faye to speak at assemblies in the schools.

After appearing at the honor rolls the couple spoke at the Bronxville Women's Club before the East Chester Women's Democratic Club.

Joseph V. Venuti, Bronxville Democratic chairman, said the ceremonies at the honor rolls were non-political and were sponsored by war veterans.

Elliott told the Democratic clubwomen that although the school boards felt he had a "strong opinion" on the matter, he had noticed that Governor Dewey was shaking hands with pupils in schools throughout the state.

1,200 May Lose Jobs In Fund Freeze Order

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1.—(AP)—Portland district army engineers may lay off 1,200 of 1,587 civilian employees as a result of the presidential building moratorium and fund freeze orders of August and September, Col. Theron D. Weaver, North Pacific division engineer, said last night.

The moratorium halted preliminary excavation plans for the proposed McNary dam on the Columbia River at Unmatta, Ore., postponed start of construction on the Detroit dam and delayed contract award on the Dorena dam in the Willamette valley.

Mass Brings Bloodshed In Church of England

LONDON, Nov. 1.—(AP)—A Church of England mass was interrupted today by a skirmish which brought a bloodied head to one adherent of the National Union of Protestants, an organization opposing masses in the national church.

Union members shouted "no popery" and threw leaflets as Bishop J. C. Wand was reading mass at St. Columba's. Besides the man who suffered a slight head wound, another was dragged from the church by a clergyman.

Martha Raye Files Suit For Divorce From No. 4

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Wide-mouthed Martha Raye and her fourth husband, ex-night club comic Nick Condos, are principals in Hollywood's newest marital crackup.

Miss Raye filed suit for divorce yesterday, but specified that she wanted no alimony, only custody of their daughter, Melody, 2, and her share of community property. She and Condos, now her manager, were wed in 1944. Her other mates were Makeup Man Buddy Westmore, Composer Dave Rose and Maj. Neal Lang.

Lid Taken Off Almost 100 More Items

**OPA Ends Local Price
Boards, Field Agents to
Follow in Thirty Days**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Price controls were lifted from nearly 100 more items today as OPA took on the appearance of a skeleton left over from Hal-loween.

The new list included paper and wood matches, milking machines and other dairy equipment, some lighting, fixtures, a few lumber items, and a long list of industrial products.

It was issued as the price agency took sweeping action toward decontrol of items along with the national economy. Notice was served on approximately 10,000 OPA field workers—roughly one-third of the remaining staff—that their jobs will fold up in 30 days.

Even more immediately, OPA ordered its last local price boards, 1,642 of them, locked up for good on Monday.

Today's decontrol announcement said the latest list of articles was freed "because their supply is in approximate balance with demand, or because they are unimportant in business or living costs."

Farm dairy machinery freed from controls included churns, ice-refrigerated milk coolers, and cream and milk separators.

Other machinery items released included certain gasoline and diesel engines and some pumps.

The lighting equipment on the list included incandescent fixtures for industrial and commercial use except fluorescent fixtures.

Among lumber items decontrolled were redwood lumber used for cigar boxes, walnut lumber and walnut gunstock blanks.

Metal products on the list were fluid milk shipping containers and the steel forcing for use in concrete. School and passenger bus bodies and parts also went on the free list.

Huge Sum Saved

Agency officials said the twin moves will save \$10,000,000 in salaries, rentals and other expenses that otherwise would have run on until OPA itself died by law next June 30.

OPA Chief Paul Porter, in announcing the retrenchment program on the heels of scores of decontrol actions, declared that "the government is handing most of the price control job back to American citizens."

"If citizens work as their neighbors worked on local boards," he added, "we can prevent disastrous inflation during this period when production of goods is steadily increasing to supply unfulfilled demands."

The Bureau of Labor statistics reported: meanwhile that wholesale food prices dropped an average of 3.2 per cent in the week ended last Saturday compared with the previous week—chiefly because of buyer resistance to high prices of meat, butter and lard.

However, the food index was still 49.8 per cent higher than on June 30, when OPA controls were temporarily suspended, and 60.3 per cent above the corresponding week last year.

Cement Prices Up

The producers' price of Portland cement, except white cement, climbed 20 cents a barrel in Washington and Oregon today, the OPA announced.

Resellers are permitted to increase their prices if their costs are affected by the action.

Latest additions to the decontrol list are a number of textile items classified as notions, including collars, cuffs and neckbands for men's shirts; trouser and coat pockets; button hole banding and button hole tabs; knitted cuffs, waistbands and collars.

These were added after OPA last night took ceiling tags off hats, millinery handbags, neckties and about three dozen other

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Bank Bandit Loses Nerve After Obtaining \$80

PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—(AP)—A holdup man attempted robbery of the First National Bank yesterday, but lost his nerve after getting \$80.

He walked beside Mrs. Violet Snyder as she made out a deposit slip in the bank lobby, showed her a gun and took \$80 from her. Then he directed her to approach a teller, tell him a gunman was behind her and to hand over all his cash.

Instead he walked to a door. When she told bank attendants what was happening, he fled.

Milk Price Boosted

GRANTS PASS, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The retail price of milk in Josephine County was boosted from 18 to 20 cents a quart, following a meeting of dairy producers.

The new price is effective today.

A very large party seems assured of a house this winter. The name is G. O. P.

By L. F. Reizenstein