

Price Slash Conference Urged

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Investigation Isn't Enough, CIO Contends

Probe Idea Fantastic in View of Fiscal Policies, Rep. Crawford Declares

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The CIO, contending the price situation demands further action than a Justice Department investigation, renewed today a request that President Truman call an industry-government-labor conference to seek voluntary price reductions.

Ernest Rieve, chairman of the labor organization's full employment committee, said in a statement that the CIO welcomes Attorney General Clark's announcement that an investigation of high prices will be made.

"But many prices are set by large monopolies and monopolies do not necessarily fall under the criminal law and Clark's investigation," he added.

"For example, in the automobile industry, General Motors controls probably 60 per cent of the business and therefore is able to dictate prices.

"So we feel that steps should be taken at once to carry out our proposal of yesterday, that President Truman summon a conference of industrial, government, and labor representatives to seek voluntary price reductions and that Congress, immediately upon reconvening, should reestablish price and rationing controls."

Move Draws Rap
On Capitol Hill, Rep. Crawford, (R-Mich.), a leading Congressional critic of OPA, labeled as "fantastic" Clark's order for an anti-trust investigation into food, clothing, and shelter prices.

"The lawmaker said it appears to him to be aimed at bringing about a depression at home to help foreign nations buy more goods here. He added that Clark ought to turn his attention to the administration's fiscal policies which, Crawford contended, are

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Councilman Lund, Family Unreported On Airplane Journey

Fears for the safety of City Councilman Paul O. Lund and his family, who failed to return Sunday from an air trip to Montana, were expressed today by Chief of Police O. A. Kennerly, who said that a four-state search for Lund's plane is being initiated by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Lund left with his family more than a week ago in their Fairchild plane to visit Mrs. Lund's mother at Shelby, Mont. They were to return to Roseburg by Sunday night and not later than Monday.

A telegram received from the Shelby, Mont., police this morning stated there was "no trace of plane ever landing here. No other information available." Kennerly said.

Lund's plane was a Fairchild PT-23, Kennerly said, that the CAA has been asked to check auxiliary airfields along the route that Lund planned to travel, to ascertain whether or not he made a forced landing or altered his flight.

Girls Plan Bike Tour of Europe on \$2,000 Each
SEATTLE, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Two former Boeing girl employees, armed with bottles of vitamin pills and backed by their wartime earnings, were enroute today for a European visit, planning to bicycle their way about the continent.

Miss Georgia Kennedy, 28, Corvallis, Ore., and Miss Phyllis Wilbermuth, 25, Seattle, flew east yesterday to New York and will sail from there for Southampton on the Queen Elizabeth. They said they had each saved about \$2,000.

"As winter comes along, we expect to travel farther south all the time," Miss Wilbermuth said. "We'll stay until our money runs out, and we hope it will last eight months."

U. S., Britain Sign Trade Pact With Yugoslavia
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Aug. 13.—(AP)—British and American negotiators seeking to build up the economy of western Germany have signed a long-range \$100,000,000 trade agreement with Yugoslavia. It was announced.

The third agreement which the British and Americans had made in the last month with countries in the Russian sphere of influence—the others being with Czechoslovakia and Finland. The pacts are being entered into in behalf of the British and American occupation zones of Germany.

Yugoslavia's intended purchases from western Germany during the next four years include capital goods ranging from light textile works to blast furnaces.

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Levy Fact Rant
By L. F. Redmond

The British economic picture must be fully as black as painted when it can't even evoke a wisecrack from George Bernard Shaw.

Britain Now Under Law to Battle Crisis

LONDON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Government officials met with trade union leaders and industrialists today to make plans for combating British economic ailments with the newly voted and extensive controls over labor, industry and wealth.

The controls became law with King George's assent after receiving final parliamentary approval from the House of Lords this morning. The "crisis" bill empowers the labor government to muster all British resources and guide labor into essential industries in efforts to achieve economic recovery.

Anthony Eden, speaking for conservatives, declared the \$3,750,000,000 U. S. loan would be exhausted before Parliament recess ends and that the labor regime must not tell Parliament what practical steps it would take in dealing with the nation's plight. (The British have drawn another \$150,000,000 of the credit, leaving only \$850,000,000, the U. S. Treasury reported.)

Informed sources said one major topic at the government conference with labor leaders and industrialists was the precise scope of the "crisis" legislation which specifies that jobs in certain trades and industries shall be obtained only through labor exchanges.

Socialism Pace Slowed
While the government was assured of the powers it requested to cope with the economic situation, the end of the parliamentary session foundly showing signs of slowing down on the road to socialism along which it has been leading the nation.

Major steps have been taken along that road since King George opened the session last Nov. 12. Railroads, long distance motor transport, canals, electric supply and real estate development have been brought under public ownership.

The coal mines, the Bank of England, atomic research and civil aviation were nationalized during the 1945-46 session—the first after labor came to power.

Perhaps the most historic action of the session now ending was the granting of freedom to India, while among the most hotly contested steps was the adoption of legislation providing for a year's compulsory military service for young men reaching 18.

These are the major features (Continued on Page Six)

Two Women Die In Blazing Truck

ILWACO, Wash., Aug. 13.—(AP)—Two Grays Harbor women who had gone "just for the ride," were burned to death yesterday when a fish truck left the road at the Naselle junction northeast of here, crashed into a culvert and burned.

The victims were Mrs. Norma Dorland, about 24, Westport, and Betty Brown, 23, of Aberdeen.

Deputy Sheriff Peter Maloney said both women were burned beyond recognition as the flames, fed by 16,000 pounds of oil-rich tuna, swept through the truck.

The driver of the truck, Earl Torbet, 25, employed by the South Bay Trucking Company of Aberdeen, was thrown clear of the vehicle as it left the highway, plowed along a shallow ditch for 150 feet and smashed against the culvert.

He was taken to a hospital where Maloney said he did not appear to be critically injured, although unable to talk enough to provide details of the accident.

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BILL ODOM—SPEED MERCHANT—An air lines physician in Chicago examines Bill Odom, 28-year-old pilot who circled the globe in 73 hours, shortly after he landed, completing his grueling speed run and paring 113 hours off Wiley Post's solo 'round-the-world speed record.

Truman's Blessing Goes With Delegation on Departure for Pan-American Defense Meet

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—President Truman sent the United States delegation off to the Pan-American security meeting in Rio De Janeiro today with his best wishes for "a successful conference."

Crash Sinks Ship With \$3 Million Salmon Cargo

PORT ANGELES, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The richly-laden Alaska motorship Diamond Knot, bringing a \$3,000,000 salmon cargo south, collided with a coastal freighter in heavy fog early today and sank eight hours later as tugs tried to tow it to the Washington shore. The 36 crew members were rescued.

The tug Salvage Chieftain radio-telephoned shortly after the vessel went down that no casualties occurred on either the Diamond Knot or the heavy freighter Fenn Victory.

Stolen Car Linked With Traffic Case

State police suspicions about the Texas dealers' plates on an automobile driven by Lee Roy Blackburn, 26, at Reedsport this week, were borne out when word was received from McAllen, Tex., today that the automobile had been stolen, Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported.

Blackburn said he had purchased the automobile from a McAllen, Tex., automobile agency and was continuing to use the dealers' plates until he received his own license plates for the car. He was fined \$10 by Justice of the Peace Fred M. Wright for no operator's license and sentenced to 10 days in the county jail for improper use of license plates.

Blackburn allegedly posed as a prospective purchaser of the automobile and drove it out of the agency show rooms at McAllen, Sgt. Harrell said. He was stopped by state patrolmen at Logan, Utah, but was allowed to proceed on his journey. Blackburn will be held for Texas authorities.

The Weather

Clear tonight and Thursday.

Observance of V-J Day, With Emphasis on Silence Period, Urged by Mayor of Roseburg

Mayor Al Flegel today urged Roseburg residents to give cooperation in the local celebration of V-J Day. Special attention was called by the mayor to the period of silence set for 4 P.M. tomorrow, to coincide with the original announcement of the Japanese surrender.

"This day," Mayor Flegel said, "has special significance for millions of people. It is particularly sacred to those who participated in the late war and who have comrades left behind in the island cemeteries.

It is a day of special importance to relatives of veterans. More particularly, it is a day which should provoke serious consideration for all concerning the measures being promoted to insure peace throughout the world, the establishment of insurance that we need never again drop our terrible atomic bombs to kill and destroy."

Car Shortage Hits Lumber Mills in West

195 Small Plants Closed, Assn. Reports; Situation To Get Worse, Forecast

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13.—(AP)—Lumber industry spokesmen reported today the shortage of railroad cars in the Far West has forced an estimated 195 small sawmills to close in Western Oregon and Northern California, but railroad officials questioned the figure.

R. T. Titus, secretary of the Pacific Lumber Remanufacturers' Association, said the mills have a combined daily lumber output of 4,000,000 feet. He added that railroads believe the situation will become worse before it improves.

H. V. Simpson, executive vice-president of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association said Titus' figure was a "good estimate," but Frank P. Nelson, Southern Pacific traffic manager here, called it a "gross exaggeration."

Simpson said only small mills were affected and that large mills, because of greater storage space, were not yet threatened. Nelson said he is "certain there are no more than 15 or 20 mills down on our lines and they're mostly small."

Last week the Southern Pacific freight agent at Eugene said 13 (Continued on Page 6)

Paraguayan Rebels Suffer Disaster

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 13.—(AP)—An official Paraguayan source here said rebel forces were fleeing from their positions around Asuncion today after suffering a sharp defeat at the hands of Loyalist Paraguayan troops in the latest action of a five months old civil war.

This informant said the Loyalists were "tenaciously pursuing" the retreating insurgents. An earlier official announcement last night said Loyalist relief columns were pressing down from the north, where the rebel capital of Concepcion was captured on July 31—had reached a point only 12 miles from Asuncion.

The official source here said the message he received from Asuncion last night reported that insurgent forces around the threatened Loyalist capital had been "destroyed." He did not make plain, however, whether the insurgent troops mentioned constituted the entire rebel force concentrated there or a part of it.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Guillermo Enciso, Paraguayan ambassador, said he had been informed today that "the attempt by the Communist revolt" to seize Asuncion, the country's capital, "has been repulsed."

The ambassador said he received his information in a cable from President Moynig.

Leisure Globe-Circling Fliers Land in Greenland

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Two former Army pilots who are circling the globe in two light planes, with time no object, landed last night in Greenland and plan to take off today for Iceland. William Strohmeyer, flight manager, said today.

Clifford V. Evans, 26, of Washington, D. C., and George Truman, 39, of Los Angeles, messaged Strohmeyer they had landed safely at an airport about 40 miles from Juliannaehaab, a prospective purchaser of the automobile and drove it out of the agency show rooms at McAllen, Sgt. Harrell said.

Reykjavik, Iceland, the next stop, is about 730 miles from Greenland. The pilots started out Saturday from Teterboro, N. J.

Extra Fee for Chattel Mortgage Filing O.K.'d

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 13.—(AP)—County clerks may charge an extra 50 cents, beyond the 75-cent fee authorized by the last legislature, for filing migratory chattel mortgages, State Attorney General Neuner ruled today.

The opinion points to an earlier law which permits a 50-cent charge for any certification with seal, a necessary operation when filing chattel mortgages with the secretary of state.

The secretary of state's office receives 50 cents of the 75-cent fee authorized by the legislature, the remaining 25 cents also being kept by the county clerk as a payment for the certification.

Raymond P. McElroy Elected Head of Eagles
CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The Fraternal Order of Eagles today unanimously elected Raymond P. McElroy, Providence, R. I., president, succeeding J. W. Bryan, Bremerton, Wash., and then cast another unanimous ballot for a slate of nominations presented yesterday.

The new officers include inside guard, Charles Fracisco, Livermore, Calif., and outside guard, Jake Colca, Houston, Tex.

Annual Stampede at County Fairgrounds This Week Will Be Preceded by Street Parade

More than 50 contestants are expected to take part in the Trail Dust Saddle Club's 2nd Annual Stampede, at the county Fairgrounds Aug. 16 and 17, according to Bruce Spackman, trail boss.

Events in the all-ammateur show will include bronc riding, calf roping, drills and races by various riding clubs, wild cow milking, and "many other exciting contests," Spackman said.

The Stampede will open with a parade through Roseburg's downtown streets at 10:30 Saturday morning. The main show will start at 1 P. M., both Saturday and Sunday.

The Stampede "Queen's Dance" is scheduled in the Roseburg Armory at 10 o'clock Saturday night, following the usual wrestling matches, which will begin early.

Lou Franco and his Happy Valley Cowboys will furnish music for the dance. "The Trail Dust Saddle Club was organized three years ago to give the young folks who like to do so a chance to ride," said Spackman.

The older members who belong to the club get their pleasure by seeing the youngsters have their fun. From Early Day Fiesta "The Stampede replaces the old ranch or community fiesta, when a bunch of steers or broncs were corralled and each animal was ridden by one of the riders gathered to enjoy the sport.

The hat was generally passed among the spectators to give the (Continued on Page Six)

Ellsworth Gives Credit to Cordon

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 13.—(AP)—Rep. Harris Ellsworth yesterday credited Sen. Guy Cordon with increasing the McNary dam appropriation this year to \$4,500,000 from \$3,000,000 voted by the House and he said the project was assured of completion now that such a heavy investment had been made.

Ellsworth, a former Roseburg publisher, stopped here en route home from Washington, D. C. He was accompanied by his two daughters, Mary Margaret and Jane. Mrs. Ellsworth, who stopped over a few days in the middle west, was to join him in Portland today.

He expressed satisfaction with congress' achievements this session and said he felt the Republican party had fulfilled its election promises almost 100 per cent. He said it had reduced the budget, passed a new labor relations law and twice voted an income tax cut bill.

Admitting he was an eternal optimist, Ellsworth said he didn't believe there would be another depression like that of 1933-40. He foresaw a "leveling off" and a reduction of present prices, but no panic.

He believed the United States had at least 10 years of reasonably good times ahead.

Britain Seeks Changes in Terms of U. S. Loan
WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—British-American conferences will open here early next week, it was disclosed today, on possible changes in some terms of Britain's \$3,750,000,000 loan from the United States.

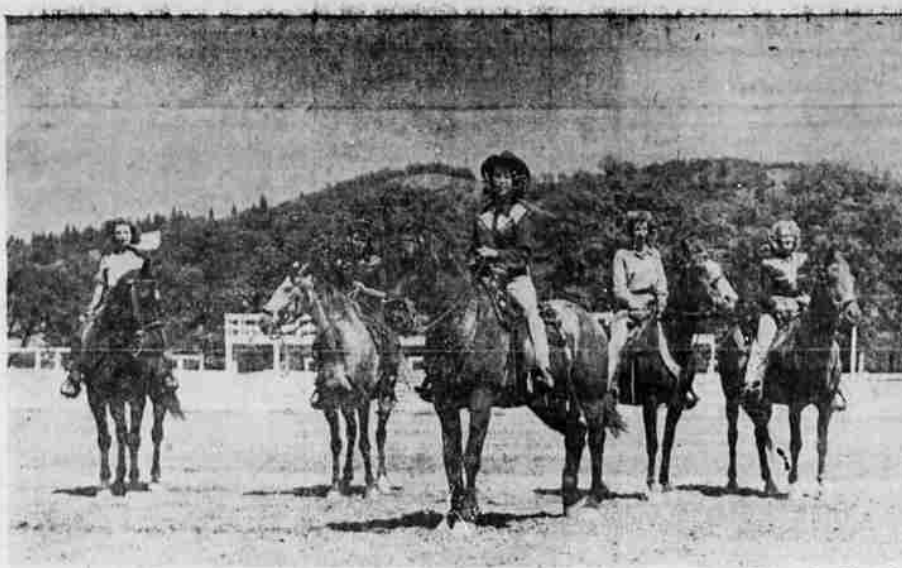
Britain has appealed for relaxation of two specific clauses, seeking to relieve the drain of her dwindling store of dollars. These clauses require Britain to convert pounds into dollars upon request in current trade transactions, and prevent Britain from reducing her imports from the United States in order to increase them from her dominions and colonies.

Today's daily treasury statement disclosed that Britain has just withdrawn another \$150,000,000 from her loan credit.

Youth Arrested After 2nd Try to Wreck Train
FREDERICK, Md., Aug. 13.—(AP)—A 12-year-old boy was held by Frederick County police today after his second attempt within six years to wreck a train.

Kenneth McGaha of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad police said spikes placed on the tracks near Reel's Mill failed to derail a freight train only because it had slowed for a curve.

The boy said he "wanted to see what would happen to the engine."



WILL RULE STAMPEDE—Pictured above is the Stampede court, which will rule over the Trail Dust Saddle Club's 2nd Annual Stampede at the county fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday. Center is Marilyn West, queen. Princesses are Jackie Carstens, Wanda Andrus, Barbara Ogle and Donna Donahue.

New Directory of Douglas County, Roseburg Planned

W. A. Allen, representative of the T. W. Salisbury Publishing Co., Eugene, is in Roseburg making preliminary arrangements for publication of a new edition of the Roseburg-Douglas County directory. It is planned, he announced, to conduct the enumeration late this year and to publish the directory in early 1948.

Preliminary investigation, he states, reveals much demand for a new directory, particularly because of the large influx of population, new business, business changes, and general expansion.

The book published in 1945-46 already is badly outdated because of the rapidly changing conditions of population and business.

New directories recently have been issued by the company for Grants Pass, Albany, Lebanon, Sweethome and McMinnville.

Pennies Man Leaves 55 Cats in 5x9 Room
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The secret of Gabriel Gabrello, 50-year-old Filipino bicycle messenger, was public knowledge today as the result of his recent death. He loved alley cats, and was keeping 55 of them in his tiny room, Public Administrator Phil C. Katz reported.

The manager of the building said Gabrello had lived there 15 years, but nobody knew he was keeping any pets.

Katz said there were 40 fat cats and 15 kittens in the five-by-nine-foot room. They were turned over to the city pound. Katz said Gabrello died almost penniless.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
IN London, Prime Minister Attlee and his cabinet decide to DEFER NATIONALIZATION of the steel industry for the present—possibly, the dispatches add, for as long as the "duration of Britain's economic crisis."

By an extremely narrow squeak, the decision wins approval of the labor party members of parliament. The vote was 81 to 77, and a socialist "informant" tells the correspondent of the AP that more than 100 laborites "abstained from voting at the party caucus."

That indicates quite a party rift. NATIONALIZATION (government ownership) of the steel industry was included in the program of the Labor party when it won overwhelming control of parliament in 1945. At the party caucus, spokesmen of the government insisted that there is no intention to abandon the 1945 promise, but added that the cabinet should be free to choose an

Hughes Probers Mull Future Steps as Order Goes Forth to Prevent Meyer Leaving U.S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Chairman Ferguson said today it will be up to his war investigating subcommittee to decide whether to probe deeper into the "side issue" feud between Howard Hughes and Senator Brewster.

But Senator Pepper declared that in his view the next step, if there is one, will have to be taken either by the full Senate or the Justice Department.

The two ranking members of the subcommittee outlined their opinions in separate interviews as the customs bureau stepped into the picture in an effort to make certain that the main Hughes inquiry can get under way again November 17.

Frank Dow, acting commissioner of customs, notified collectors at all ports yesterday to stop John W. Meyer, Hughes' freespending publicity man, if he tries to leave the country.

Meyer's unexplained absence last Saturday after an earlier committee subpoena for him expired was one of the reasons Ferguson cited for ordering a postponement in the two-week-old investigation into Hughes' \$10,000,000 worth of wartime airplane contracts.

Meyer was reported to have been in New York yesterday. "Just Begun to Fight" Ferguson told a reporter he believes the next session of Congress may consider establishing a permanent Senate-House committee to conduct investigations.

With Hughes back in Hollywood, Brewster vacationing in Maine and most subcommittee members turning their attention to other matters, there was little left here to keep the controversy alive. But Brewster said at Portland last night that "we've just begun to fight."

Both Ferguson and Pepper agreed that even if the subcommittee wanted to, it would be unable to draft any formal findings or the feud.