

HOUSE PASSES G.O.P. ANTI-INFLATION BILL

Russians Add Road Blocks In Border Zone

Barrier to Leipzig Fair Also Looms; U. S. Fights Danube Monopoly Plan

BERLIN, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The Russians relaxed today their financial blockade of Berlin for the present.

The Soviet action came on the third day after western envoys had talked in the Kremlin with Prime Minister Stalin. It indicated the Russians might be willing to compromise on the East-West currency war, which the Russians assigned as a reason for imposing a land blockade on the strife torn city.

(By the Associated Press)

Border police at Berlin said today the Russians are putting up more road blocks on the British-Soviet zone border near Luenberg.

A dispatch from Hamburg, reporting this development, said small roads crossing the border in the area are being closed. The Russians are digging ditches through the roads and felling trees across them, the police said.

The Russians said 43 trains would be made available for exhibitors and buyers from Western Germany at the Leipzig fair in their zone late this month. A U. S. transport official predicted no train would be permitted to leave the American zone for the fair unless the Berlin blockade is lifted. Train traffic to and from the Russian zone was cut off last month in retaliation for the Berlin blockade.

British authorities charged last night that the Russians constantly violated "all the agreed rules of flight" during July by not notifying the four-power Berlin air safety center of the departure of Russian planes from Berlin.

Twelve American jet fighters bound for Germany, arrived at Glasgow, Scotland, yesterday. The Navy's escort carrier Sicily is scheduled to arrive at Glasgow Saturday with 60 more jets. The Sicily will be flown to the American base at Furstenfeldbruck, near Munich.

Danube Barriers Opposed

The United States demanded today a full share for the western powers in control of the Danube River shipping. She accused Russia of trying to impose a monopoly by the Communist states of

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

EDDIE GILMORE, reporting in a dispatch from Moscow that Western diplomats (American, British and French) have interviewed Stalin, adds this personal comment:

"This reporter has learned that there have been diplomatic developments here which have definitely contributed toward EASING the tense international situation . . . The purposes of the current Moscow talks were authoritatively reported to be:

1. Easing of the Berlin situation.
 2. Establishing a basis for future four-power talks—probably on the foreign ministers level—on Germany and perhaps other outstanding world issues."
- He concludes:
- "A good authority told this reporter there appears to be a good chance of BOTH OBJECTIVES being worked out among the four great powers."

GILMORE is a good reporter—not given to peddling wild rumors. What he says must be taken with a certain amount of

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Metropolitan Opera Cancels Season Because of Inability To Meet Wage Hike Demands

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The internationally famous Metropolitan Opera has canceled plans for its 1948-49 season after failing to reach agreement with unions representing its employees.

Officials of the Met, one of America's most distinguished musical institutions, said union demands for wage increases could not be met.

Declaring it was faced with a "large deficit" for the coming season, the Opera Association said:

"To increase this deficit by meeting further demands involving still higher costs of production would, we believe, be imprudent to the point of irresponsibility."

Last year's deficit was \$220,000. Previous economic crises have been met by personal contributions by directors of the Metropolitan Opera Association and by public contributions.

Closing of the Met, on whose stage the world's most celebrated singers have performed, stunned opera lovers and artists alike.

It would mark the first time in 50 years the Met has not presented a season of opera.

The cancellation brought an

The Weather

Mostly clear today, tonight and Friday, with possible early morning fog.

Sunset today 8:30 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:08 a.m.

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Mercy Hospital's Extension Plans Completed Capacity Will Be Increased To 100 Beds

Equipment Will Meet Official Rules; Total Cost May go to \$500,000

Final blueprints for a new three-story, fire-proof, reinforced concrete extension to Mercy Hospital have been approved by the Sisters of Mercy, announced Sister Mary Kevin and Sister Mary Immaculata, speaking for Sister Mary Austin, hospital manager.

The new 44 by 158 foot structure, to cost an estimated \$500,000, will form a "T" across the south end of the present hospital building. It will be adjoined, with fire-proof iron curtains used for connecting corridors, in compliance with safety regulations, said Sister Kevin.

The blueprints, complete except for minor changes to be worked out, have been prepared by Architects Jacobberger, Stanton and Zeller, Portland. Hopes were expressed by the Sisters that ground could be broken for the new structure by November, with completion expected by the middle or latter part of next summer.

100 Beds First Goal

All surgical, obstetrical, X-ray and laboratory facilities will be housed in the new buildings. It will contain approximately 30 beds, but changes to be made in the present building by making over the surgical and obstetrical spaces into patient rooms will bring the total to about 100 beds, it was announced.

All single and double bedrooms in the new extension will be the same size, complying with required space arrangements, so that additional beds can be in-

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Four-Way Combination Proves Big Thriller

PASADENA, Calif., Aug. 5.—(AP)—A match, a home chemical set, a dog and a boy proved to be an exciting combination.

Let's start at the beginning: Darryl Nelson, 9, put a lighted match into a can he had been using for chemical experiments. The can blew up. Darryl's pants caught fire.

Mrs. Norman Nelson, the boy's mother, dashed to his aid. A neighbor's dog, excited by the blast, dashed to Mrs. Nelson and bit her on the leg.

Mother and son were given first aid treatment at emergency hospital, he for burns and she for the bite.

The dog? Not a scratch.

St. Laurent Slated To Succeed MacKenzie King

OTTAWA, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Louis Stephen St. Laurent, minister of external affairs, gained support today to his already announced position as likely successor to Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King.

Mackenzie King has announced his intention of retiring after more than 20 years in office. The dominant Liberal Party leader is meeting here to choose a successor as party leader, who would succeed to the prime ministry.

Under Canada's political system, the leader of the dominant political party automatically becomes prime minister. The Liberals now are the strongest party.

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TROOPS, TANKS, TEAR GAS CLEAR PATH TO STRIKEBOUND PLANT—Ohio National Guardsmen used tanks and bayonets to disperse pickets and spectators at the Uniflex Lens Company in Dayton and to allow a shift of workers to reach the plant. As a crowd of boisterous strikers surged toward the gate, soldiers wedged through marching side-by-side and an Army truck loaded with a tear gas detail cut into the crowd, firing gas. (NEA Telephoto)

Mother Dies After Visit With Convicted Son

DETROIT, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Robert Dwyer, 21, had just one request to make, before he was sentenced Tuesday to serve five to 15 years in prison for robbery armed.

The youth, accused of stealing his father's car and taking money from the family home, wanted to see his mother, critically ill in a Detroit hospital.

Judge George B. Murphy granted the request, and Mrs. Louise Dwyer and her son had a brief visit.

It was their last, for Mrs. Dwyer died yesterday.

License To Fly Given Legless Vet

FOREST GROVE, Aug. 5.—(AP)—In what may be a case unique to American aviation history, a private pilot's license has been granted to a 33-year-old legless veteran to fly conventional

six-engine aircraft.

Harold Seely of Forest Grove has been passed by the CAA so that he may zoom about the skies in the future at his own free will. Ed Leach, district inspector who tested the World War II veteran, told Seely he believed granting the license under such conditions was the "first" in CAA history.

Seely has been working for the license since last November under the GI Bill of Rights. Only mechanical aides are clamps to keep his shoes firmly on the rudder pedals. Over the country other legless persons are flying planes, but generally they use special equipment.

The Forest Grove man lost his legs in the battle of Germany. He was a Portland fireman before the war and now operates a gun shop in Forest Grove, driving his own car between the shop, his home and the airport.

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Portland Women Join In High Price Boycott Plan

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Two housewives here today joined others in the nation in organizing city-wide boycotts of high cost foodstuffs.

Mrs. Paul Ewing and Mrs. Drew Lawrence said they were calling women's club representatives to a Friday meeting to map the campaign.

"We're going to refuse to buy food items priced too high—one item at a time until items come down to parity level. First will be beef, then potatoes and all the rest of them," Mrs. Ewing said.

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Women Seek Ouster Of State Farm Director

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The Affiliated Milk Committee of Portland Women's Club today announced it has asked for resignation of State Director of Agriculture E. L. Peterson.

Mrs. Frederick Fritz, committee secretary, said the action stems from the director's refusal to admit reporters to a milk control board hearing here.

Truman Accuses Congress Of 'Feeble' Compromising, Says 'Spy' Inquiry Useless

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—President Truman today accused the 80th Congress of concocting "feeble compromises" on his anti-inflation program. He called on the Republican leadership to reconsider plans to quit soon.

Motorcycle Rider, 73, Fatally Hurt In Upset

BAKER, Ore., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Alfred William Killick, 73, Baker, was fatally injured 15 miles northwest of here last night when a motorcycle he was riding near Pine Creek camp overturned with him on a steep hill. Killick's grandson, Billy Lakamp, riding in the cycle's sidecar at the time of the accident, was uninjured.

Killick had been a resident of this area for about 50 years.

Infection From Bite Of Pickerel Kills Angler

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Max L. Kruse, 64, died of an infection yesterday. His widow, Aleda, said Kruse caught a pickerel at Twin Lakes, Wis., last Friday and, after he removed it from the hook, the fish apparently bit him on the left thumb. Kruse entered a hospital here later. His arm was swollen and he was suffering from tetanus infection.

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Valuation Of All Oregon Property At All-Time High

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 5.—(AP)—The assessed valuation of all property in Oregon is at an all-time record of \$1,401,429,533, State Tax Commissioner Wallace S. Wharton said today.

The total is 55 per cent more than in 1937.

Auto Testing Law To Be Sought In Legislature

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The suggestion came with a recommendation that the city motor vehicle testing station continue to check cars operated in the city.

Recruits Sign Up

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Phone Co. Gets Oregon O. K. to Issue Bonds

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 5.—(AP)—The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. was given permission by Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg to issue \$75,000,000 worth of 35-year bonds.

The money will be used for additions and improvements to the company's system.

The California Public Utilities Commission already has approved the bond sale, which must be completed by October 31. Flagg and the California Commission will issue further orders fixing the price at which the bonds may be sold.

U. S. Buys Argentine Meat for Troops Abroad

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The U. S. Army Quartermaster Market Center system today announced it had accepted bids for 3,021,000 pounds of meat and 904,725 pounds of turkey—all from Argentina.

The provisions will go to Army personnel in the European theater.

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Mayor Riley May Resign, He Hints

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Mayor Earl Riley walked out of a meeting last night and said he might quit the mayor's office before the end of his term.

The meeting was one on prevention of juvenile delinquency. Riley said many who had promised to attend had not done so.

Among the 46 present, he said, were some "who have violently opposed me."

Attendance was light, he said, because it was known he was interested.

"It has been indicated in no indefinite terms that the public has no confidence in my office," he said.

He then said he might quit his office "in a week, month or before January 1, as is quite possible."

Riley was defeated for re-election by Dorothy McClellough Le last May. His term ends Jan. 1. Before the election he was the center of a controversy on vice and police "payoffs" which followed publication of a City Club report alleging both were common.

A county grand jury investigated but returned no indictment.

Fisherman Burned, Boat Destroyed in Blast-Fire

DEPOE BAY, Ore., Aug. 5.—(AP)—A troller fisherman was burned, his 35-foot boat destroyed and a fleet of 70 other boats threatened yesterday when a gasoline stove exploded.

Gus Seiffert escaped serious injury by rolling into the hay as parts of his boat soared into the air. His clothes were afire but the Toledo hospital reported he was not critically burned.

Two adjoining fishing boats, the Miss Markee and the Frances M., were damaged about \$800 each. Firemen prevented spread of the flames to other craft. A leaky gas line was blamed for the mishap.

Child's Body Found

SEASIDE, Ore., Aug. 5.—(AP)—The body of Nancy Dickson, 4, has been recovered from New Wanna River. The child disappeared Saturday evening while playing with brothers and sister near their home.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The U. S. Army quartermaster has accepted bids for 3,021,000 pounds of beef and lamb and 904,725 pounds of turkey—a from Argentina—for the Army personnel in Europe. Thus while the troops abroad eat foreign meats, the folks at home offered Communist bait.

Tightening Of Credit Major 'Cure' Offered

Truman's Criticism Of Bill Draws Prediction That It Will Be Vetoed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The House today passed a Republican anti-inflation bill after blocking any consideration of President Truman's limited price, rationing and wage control program.

The vote was 264 to 97, or 23 more than the two-thirds necessary for passage under a suspension of the rules that limited debate to 40 minutes and barred all amendments to the GOP measure.

Just before its passage, President Truman assailed the bill as "feeble compromises" in the fight against inflation, and some Democrats predicted a prompt veto.

The bill was sent to the Senate, under a top-speed GOP time table that aims at adjourning the special session of Congress Saturday night.

It provides:

1. A return to wartime curbs on time payment buying, as the president had asked.
2. Moderate tightening of bank credit, on a smaller scale than Mr. Truman proposed.
3. A boost in federal bank gold reserves—the focal point of administration opposition.

Target Of Criticism

Rep. Monroney (D-Okla.) shouted to the House that it is a phony bill that would endanger the government program to hold up the value of its own bonds.

But Banking Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich.), author of the bill, contended this was not true. He told the House that since the banking group approved the bill yesterday some government bonds "in response" actually have increased in price.

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder and federal reserve spokesmen spoke out sharply against the gold reserve provision. Snyder said:

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Roseburg Schools To Open Sept. 7

Superintendent of Schools Paul Elliott announced today that the Roseburg schools will open Sept. 7, the day after Labor day. The high school is scheduling registration Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the previous week, and a faculty meeting on Saturday. Further arrangements and details for registration will be announced later, said Elliott.

County School Superintendent Mrs. Lulu C. Gorrell reported that since it is up to the individuals of a school to arrange their own opening dates, she does not have any accurate schedule to announce. She said, however, that many schools in the county base their opening dates upon that announced by the Roseburg schools, others have a later date for beginning.

Bill Permits VA to Buy GI Home Loan Mortgages

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—A bill prepared by Senator Morse of Oregon would permit the Veterans Administration to buy GI home loan mortgages.

The senator said legislation approved last spring to set up the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as a secondary market for these mortgages, has failed.

Terms of the measure set a service fee not to exceed one per cent. It limits the original amount of any loan guaranteed on or after Sept. 1, 1948, to \$7,500, and authorizes the VA to purchase GI home loan mortgages at par value within five years after the date of issuance.

Home-Made Cannon Deals Death to Builder

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Roland M. Vallet told police that for six months her husband had been working in their garage on something. She said he refused to tell her what it was except that it was "important."

Vallet, 61, was killed yesterday by a home-made cannon, the "something" he had been working on for so long. Police said he left a note complaining of ill health.

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