

G.O.P. HOUSING BILL SENT TO PRESIDENT



"BLUE WIDOWS"—Two self-made widows meet in the County Jail in Chicago, Ill., and discover they have much in common. They are 18-year-old Jacqueline Wiser (left), guilty of manslaughter for stabbing of her husband, Cyril, 24, and Veronica Elliott, 48-year-old Gold Star mother sentenced to 14 years for murdering her husband, Cecil, 56. Both lament the passing of their husbands, claim they are still in love with them, and will never marry any other men. (NEA Telephoto)

Communist States' Effort To Control Danube's Traffic Draws Warning From U. S.

(By the Associated Press)

The United States warned the Danubian conference in Belgrade today that the river will remain cut in two for traffic if the Communist states of Eastern Europe deny Austria a seat on the waterway's control board.

Drunken Driver Draws Jail Term, \$100 Fine

Antone Rasmussen, arrested by State Police on a charge of drunk driving, entered a plea of guilty in Justice Court Friday and was sentenced by Justice of Peace Thomas C. Hartfield to 30 days in the county jail, fined \$100, and his driver's license was suspended for one year.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SECRECY still prevails as to what is going on in the Berlin "talks." IT HAS TO. More about that later.

This is the big point: It looks as this is written like the Russians might be in a compromising mood, which would mean, if true, that they aren't ready YET to crowd the Berlin issue to a shooting finish.

THEY'VE offered a compromise on MONEY.

They propose that if we'll agree to their money as the ONLY LEGAL TENDER FOR TAXES they'll let us circulate our money in our parts of Germany. You can see what that could lead to. If you were a German and could pay your taxes ONLY with Russian money you might easily come to the conclusion that Russian money is the BEST money. (If you don't pay your taxes in legal money, you know, you go to jail.)

The Russians are gunning for control of Germany and if they can get priority for their money through all of Germany they'll have made progress toward their objective.

FROM what leaks out, it seems to be expected by those in the know that the Berlin blockade will be lifted WHEN THE FOUR

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Telephone Company's New Building Nears Completion; Dial System Likely in 1951

Roseburg's new \$400,000 telephone building at Mosher, Jackson and Main streets is nearing completion and soon will be ready for occupancy, according to R. J. Henwood, local manager for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Removal of the company's business office to the new building has been held up. Henwood said, until the concrete sidewalks can be poured. This work has been delayed pending shipment of granite facing which is to be added at waistcoat height below the exterior finish of ceramic tile.

Although Coaxial cable facilities already are in service in the building, and the company's offices will be relocated there as soon as possible, Henwood said the scheduled installation of a complete new dial system may be deferred until some time in 1951.

Laying Additional Lines

He pointed out, however, that more manual equipment is being added in the old office, and outside plant work is underway to provide facilities for completing held orders in the Roseburg area. Cable construction work now is in progress south to Dillard, and some exchange lines are being made available in the long distance lead north to Win-

The Weather

Fair and warmer today and Sunday.

Sunset today 8:28 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 6:11 a.m.

Established 1873

Key Witness In Spy Probe Seen on Hand

Alexander Koral Labeled 'Mystery Man' Who Will 'Crack Case Wide Open'

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Rep. Richard M. Nixon (R-Calif.) said today that a three-man subcommittee of the House Un-American Activities Committee questioned Alexander Koral here last night as part of its probe of alleged Communist spy rings operating in this country.

Nixon made his statement as the subcommittee reconvened its session in the Federal Building.

"Is Koral the mystery witness who is to crack open the spy case?" Nixon was asked by reporters.

Nixon declined comment but another member of the committee, Rep. F. Edward Hebert (D-La.) said: "We have no mystery witnesses. All witnesses are important."

Koral was identified by members of the committee only as a "New Yorker." Nixon said Koral would testify Monday at a public hearing before the full House committee in Washington.

The "mystery witness" reference appeared in a statement issued in Washington yesterday by Rep. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.), acting chairman of the full committee. He said then that a secret witness had been uncovered who would "crack the whole Soviet spy case wide open."

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Orville Miller, Lumber Industry Leader, Dies

PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Orville R. Miller, Portland lumberman who headed the West Coast Lumbermen's Association during two wartime years, died in a hospital today after a brief illness. He was 55.

An officer of several lumber firms, Miller helped form the Willamette Valley Wood Chemical Company which operated the Springfield alcohol-fermentation plant. While president of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, he was active in developing the "tree farm" program for sustained yield.

Miller was president of the Deep River Lumber Company, president of the Wauna Lumber Company, secretary of the Mount Jefferson Lumber Corporation, and director of the First National Bank.

The widow, a son and two grandchildren survive.

Lion Slays Leopard In Fight After Truck Upset

LYNCHBURG, Va., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Leo the Lion retained his title as king of beasts in an impromptu bout just north of here yesterday.

But the title defense cost the King Brothers Circus one full-grown leopard valued at about \$450, a gaily painted circus truck and the services of one of its truck drivers.

The large, compartmented truck housing the two circus beasts overturned on a steep incline when brakes apparently failed. As wreckers attempted to right the truck, the door between Leo's cage and that of the leopard swung open.

Leo pounced on his smaller adversary and won with a sharp clamp of his teeth on the leopard's windpipe.

When last seen, the truck driver was hitchhiking northward.

Lineman Dies After Fall Into Freight Train

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Paul Hofer, 41-year-old Union Pacific lineman, was fatally injured yesterday when a pole to which he was strapped fell between the cars of a freight train.

A guy wire parted, and let the pole topple just as a freight train went by.

The accident occurred near Mitchell Point tunnel, six miles west of here. Hofer died in a hospital.

Ship Lines Sue Union On Slow-Down Charge

PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—(AP)—A Federal Court suit here today accused CIO longshoremen at Coos Bay of slow-down tactics in July and asked \$45,000 damages.

BOYCOTT SPREADS

Eugene, K-Falls Women Join In War on Prices

PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Housewives were organizing against rising meat prices in three Oregon cities today—Portland, Eugene and Klamath Falls.

Groups in each city planned chain telephone calls to spread the boycott until prices fall.

At Portland the aim of a group organized as Consumers Crusade was a 33 per cent reduction in beef prices. They pledged to buy no meat at more than 60 cents a pound.

At Eugene, 100 housewives organized for a similar campaign, and also protested increased milk prices. They asked the resignation of E. L. Peterson, state agriculture director, accusing him of failing to hold down the milk price. They also objected to his policy of establishing secret hearings on possible milk law violations.

Klamath Falls women notified the Portland group they would start a meat boycott.

Amidst all this came an incongruous note from Ontario, Ore., where meat was selling at such prices as "ground beef 35 cents a pound; sliced bacon, 50 cents a pound."

This resulted from price-cutting at a new grocery. A chain store also cut prices to meet the competition. Other stores in Ontario, however, held to the levels of other cities.

Commies To Back Wallace In Election

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—(AP)—There'll be no Communist candidate for president this fall.

Instead, the Communist party will support the Third Party candidacy of Henry A. Wallace and his Progressive Party. Support of the new political group will be given without the Communists seeking any "special interests" in it, leaders said.

The plans were disclosed yesterday when the Communist party adopted a platform at the final session of its 14th annual convention.

Besides passing the platform, the Communists re-elected William Z. Foster, as national chairman. They also returned to high party posts 11 other party officials who were indicted recently by a Federal grand jury with Foster on charges of advocating the violent overthrow of the U. S. government.

The platform:

1. Denounced both Democrats and Republicans for what was described as their "bi-partisan war program" and "runaway inflation."
2. Called upon Americans "to help explode the myth that Communists are foreign agents or advocates of force and violence."
3. Called on all Americans "who hate Fascism to defend the rights of Communists."
4. Pleaded for a "return to the peace policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt, based upon friendship and cooperation with our great wartime ally, the Soviet Union."

Chinese Dollar Sags To Surprising Low

SHANGHAI, Aug. 7.—(AP)—China's wild money market broke loose again today with the Chinese dollar plunging to a new low on the Peiping black market of 10,500,000 to \$1 U. S. It was 10,000,000 to \$1 in Shanghai.

The sudden drop came as a surprise. Lately the money had been stable at around 8,000,000 to \$1.

Prices continued to climb—both legally and illegally. Gasoline went up 60 percent to 3,500,000 Chinese dollars a gallon. Railroad fares were increased 200 percent.

Comic Books Condemned By Bellingham Censors

BELLINGHAM, Aug. 7.—(AP)—After weeks of studying some 253 separate comic books available for purchase in the city, Bellingham's Board of Censors yesterday condemned approximately 20 per cent of the publications.

The study was called for by Mayor Don Satterlee, and an official report will be distributed to interested civic groups.

No plan for further action was announced by the board.

County Receives Funds For Predator Control

The Douglas County has been notified of available matching funds for predator control from the Oregon State Game Commission in the sum of \$450, representing half of the amount authorized from this department, and \$1650 from the Oregon State Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year July 1, 1948, to June 30, 1949. The county has set up a fund of \$6000 for predator control this year.

Troops Quell Violence In Post-Election

BENTON, Tenn., Aug. 7.—(AP)—National Guardsmen patrolled three towns today as Post-King voters awaited official tabulation of voting that apparently ended the reign of another long-enthroned political organization in Southeast Tennessee.

Troopers were ordered into the county by Governor Jim McCondy yesterday. Violence, beginning Thursday on county general election day, previously had left two reported dead and five wounded.

Col. Dwight D. McReynolds, commander of the 278th Infantry Battalion of the Tennessee National Guard, reported at midnight that the arrival of guardsmen and a detachment of 30 highway patrolmen apparently had halted the strife.

Jeeps equipped with public address systems last night advised citizens here and in Ducktown and Copperhill to stay off the streets unless they had specific business abroad.

Eight arrests were made by the highway patrolmen last night. State Safety Commissioner Lynn Bomar said.

Demo Machine Smashed

Polk County, like neighboring McMinn County two years ago, this year has seen a bi-partisan group seek to end the lengthy control of a Democratic political organization.

Guardians were ordered into McMinn County two years ago when a group of ex-GIs stormed the county jail and recovered ballot boxes held by members of Paul Cantrell's organization.

H. E. Barclay, Copperhill chairman of the Polk County Good Government League, claimed a sweeping victory over the Burdick organization after an unofficial counting of votes yesterday. He said the GGL, which includes many ex-GIs, had swept all county offices except three justice of peace positions.

The Biggs group had controlled the county for 18 years

Retail Clerks' Strike At Vancouver Settled

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 7.—(AP)—The seven-week strike of AFL retail clerks ended today.

Some 200 clerks returned to work after agreement last night on wage increases. Frank J. Muscutt of Longview, International representative of the union, said men will receive a boost of 10 cents an hour. The increase for women clerks will be arbitrated, with 6 cents the bottom increase figure and 10 cents the top, Muscutt said.

The union originally asked a 20-cent hourly increase.

Pay before the increase ranged from \$29 a week for men beginning to a top of \$48 with department clerks up to \$49.50. The women's range was \$24 to \$34.

Still picketed are three Camas stores which were struck July 28.

Youth Falls To Death From Crater Lake Peak

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—George M. Roest, 18, son of a prominent Portland educator, fell to his death yesterday while trying to climb Applegate Peak in Crater Lake National Park.

He was the son of Dr. P. K. Roest, former political science professor at Reed College and political advisor to Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the war.

The youth was climbing the peak with James F. Dixon, 17, Superior, Wis., when he slipped over a cliff edge. Both were summer employees at Crater Lake Lodge.

Dr. Roest is teaching at Stanford University this summer. The boy's divorced mother is traveling in Europe. A brother, Arlyn Roest, is working at Oregon Caves.

Disclosure of Uranium Sent To Russia From U. S. Further Pressed by Cong. McDowell

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Rep. McDowell (R-Pa.) declared today a "highly important man" in the government "pushed" wartime shipments of atomic bomb material to Russia.

A second official, he said, okayed the shipments.

McDowell withheld both names, but he said the two men will be asked for explanations soon in special public hearings soon to follow the House Un-American Activities Committee's investigation of alleged Russian spy operations in the United States.

McDowell said that in 1943 Russia got 2,720 pounds of ur-

Meat Prices May Drop This Fall, Forecast of Packers; Consumer Resistance Tells

SEATTLE, Aug. 7.—(AP)—A drop in meat prices may be in the offing for this fall.

A survey of market sources showed today that men close to the meat situation are guessing that prices will drop of their own weight and natural production developments. Consumer resistance also is recognized as a factor.

New Leader For Canada To be Chosen

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Canada's Liberal Party selects a new leader today who will become the Dominion's next prime minister.

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King told the convention last night that he was delivering his valedictory as party leader and as prime minister. He has headed the government for a total of 21 years. He said flatly that he cannot be drafted.

The party last night wrote into its platform a proposal for North Atlantic security alliance and abolition of appeals to the Privy Council.

The security-agreement plank followed the same line as current government policy, but was regarded by observers as tending to sharpen government action, which so far has been awaiting a move by the United States. Abolition of Privy Council appeals would make the Canadian Supreme Court the final court of appeal instead of Britain's Privy Council.

Most likely choice for the prime minister post appear to be Louis Stephen St. Laurent, French Canadian minister of external affairs, in Canada the prime ministership goes automatically to the leader of the party with the most seats in the House of Commons, in this case the Liberals.

Four Women Perish In Truck-Auto Collision

SPOKANE, Aug. 7.—(AP)—A collision between a heavy freight truck and an automobile carried four women to death on the outskirts of Spokane yesterday afternoon.

Killed in the crash were Mrs. George Tidland, driver of the car, Mrs. Edna Lilly and Mrs. Nell McFarland, all of Greenacres, Wash., and Mrs. Clara Belle Chapman, in Castfield, Ia.

The driver of the truck, Marshall M. Caveny of Missoula, Mont., was slightly injured.

Caveny told state patrolmen and sheriff's deputies the collision occurred when the tidland car suddenly entered an intersection.

Two Firms Cut Price Of Vegetable Shortening

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Aug. 7.—(AP)—A two cents per pound price cut for Sperry, a vegetable shortening, was announced today by Lever Brothers Company.

A similar price drop was made July 17.

Money for Turkey Show Received by County

Douglas County will receive \$2400 for the Northwestern Turkey Show and an additional \$2,088.89 for its county fair fund from the State of Oregon, as ordered to an announcement at Salem.

Secretary of State Newbury Friday distributed \$75,200 to the counties as revenues from horse and dog racing for the period from Nov. 4, 1947, to date.

Douglas County will receive the County Fair appropriation, even though it will not have an all-county fair this year.

Adjournment By Nightfall Congress Aim

Democrats Plan Final Battle in Behalf Of Truman Inflation Cure

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Congress drove for adjournment today by sending a GOP housing bill to President Truman, and reaching informal agreement on a bank credit control anti-inflation measure.

Republican leaders expected to wind up action and end the special session by nightfall.

But first the Senate had to plough through debate on President Truman's request for price control and rationing authority.

Senator Barkley (D-Ky.) offered it as an amendment to the "mild" Republican anti-inflation measure. Democratic senators, in a morning session, organized to make a fight for it.

Democrats Back Bill

House approval sent the housing bill to Mr. Truman. It was brought there under procedure permitting no amendments. Some Democrats shouted "gag" rule, but the bill got heavy Democratic support on the grounds it was better than no legislation.

The measure provide limited federal aid for low-cost homes and large rental projects but containing no provision for housing or slum clearance provisions sought by the president.

The vote passing it was 352 to 9.

Rep. Monroney (D-Okla.) told the House the bill would do "some good" and provided more housing, but it will not "reach down to the level where the needs are greatest."

Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich.) of the House Banking Committee said of the bill:

"It will encourage now an accelerated production of low-cost homes. It will encourage now, an expanded production of rental housing units. It will immediately liberalize home financing for veterans."

Last Battle Planned

Senator Barkley said a caucus of Democratic senators decided to push the Truman anti-inflation plan as a substitute for the mild GOP measure limited to consumer credit controls and higher federal bank reserves.

"We had a show of hands," Barkley said after a one-hour closed conference of the Democrats. "The group was almost unanimous in favor of the amendment."

The Senate was working under an agreement to begin voting at 4 p. m. today and Barkley said he would demand a rollcall vote.

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Housing Bill Provisions Set Forth

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Here are major provisions of the GOP housing bill passed by Congress:

1. Low and middle-income families would be allowed 95 percent insured mortgages on houses costing \$6,000 or less.
2. Construction loans would be provided for builders of low-cost homes, with 80 percent insured mortgage for builders of 25 or more units priced under \$7,500 each.
3. Owner-occupied houses would be eligible for more liberal loans such as a 90 percent insured mortgage for single-family units costing up to \$6,300 instead of the present \$5,400.
4. Large-scale rental projects would be allowed 90 percent insured mortgages. The \$1,350 cost limitation per room would be removed and a family unit maximum of \$8,100 substituted.
5. A minimum return of 2 3/4 percent a year on investment plus two percent for amortization would be guaranteed by the government to those making investments in construction of rental property for lower and middle income groups.
6. Federal housing manufacturers would be allowed more liberal loans.
7. An additional \$35,000,000 would be provided for insuring loans for home modernization and improvement.
8. A new division in the housing and home finance agency would be set up to work toward the standardization of building codes and measurements.

Railroad Engineer Faces Death For Collision

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Aug. 7.—(AP)—A Skopje Court today sentenced railroad engineer Pete Koshinovski to death for a collision last month which killed 23 persons.

Koshinovski, 34, was found asleep on the job. A switchman was convicted of allowing the sleeping engineer "to proceed through the station and to collide with another train." He was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Mate Spurns Leftover Food, Wife Gets Divorce

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Mrs. Sarah J. Munro wanted a divorce because her husband refused to eat leftover food.

And she got it.

Advisory Master William R. J. Burton in New Jersey Chancery Court agreed with Mrs. Munro's argument: Throwing away uneaten but prepared food "can become very expensive today with the price of food as it is."

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The Liberty Bell should not echo from a spy ring, nor should atomic bomb elements be within reach of subversive elements.