



DIAMONDS ON DISPLAY—Models wear (l. to r.) Boucheron's "Alfrette," his bandeau and clip, and Sterle's tiara in a show by jewel merchants at the "Tiara Ball," in Paris.

Britain Puts Restriction On Further Spending Of Fading Supply Of Precious Dollars

LONDON, July 7.—(AP)—Britain Wednesday ordered a halt to the spending of her dwindling dollars except where importers can show such spending is a matter of urgent national necessity.

Sir Stafford Cripps said a buyer's market has reduced exports to the United States and cut earnings abroad so that Britain has had to dig drastically into her reserves of gold and dollars to pay her bills. The situation likely will slash purchases of food and raw materials abroad.

This country now obtains vast quantities of wheat, cotton, tobacco and gasoline from the U. S., and other countries demanding payments in dollars or other "hard" currencies.

Cripps reported the sterling area's reserves are down to \$1,624,000,000 after dropping drastically in the last six months—but he said Britain has "not the slightest intention of devaluing the pound."

Existing contracts for dollar-area purchases will stay in force, Cripps told Commons, but the Treasury will permit further spending only "where a clear case of urgent national interest is established."

Prices Must Be Cut

Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Britain's economic chief, declared Britain must reduce the price of her products to encourage exports. He said this can be done through efficiency of production and "we have no desire to see wages

cut."

The "standstill" in dollar buying which Cripps ordered will continue at least until September. By then ERP funds for the coming year will be distributed, and a new scheme of payments among European nations will be in effect.

"We shall get out a new important program in the light of circumstances which then exist," Cripps said.

Joint Action Needed

The Chancellor said he and John W. Snyder, U. S. Secretary of the Treasury, will discuss "the whole matter" this week in conferences here, Canada, which like the U. S. is a dollar country, will be represented at the talks. Then next Wednesday the finance ministers of the British Dominions will meet with Cripps to give their views.

The sterling area consists of all British countries except Canada and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, and also Burma, Iceland and Iraq. Previously, the danger point of sterling area's reserves in gold and dollars has been considered as around \$2,000,000,000. The reserves now have sunk nearly \$400,000,000 below that.

Cripps told the Commons: "The problem of the relationship between the sterling and dollar worlds is not one to which the United Kingdom alone can find a remedy. It is a problem in which our friends and partners of the United States and the commonwealth are especially involved."



MOBILE ADVERTISER—Franz Kaminaki, holding dog, Berlin advertising man, starts to duplicate his 1928-1931 tour of Europe, paying his way with advertisements on the barrel.



WILL BE BACK IN ACT—Monte Maloya Darnell (right), sister of screen actress Linda Darnell, is comforted by her mother Mrs. Pearl Darnell, in Sonoma Valley, Calif., Community Hospital. The 20-year-old rodeo performer was injured when one of her horses shied at a flaming hoop. She will not ride for at least a month, but intends to return to the act. (AP Wirephoto.)

School Teachers Vote Ban On Reds In Profession

BOSTON, July 6.—(AP)—The National Education Association—825,000 school teachers—today took a firm stand that Communist Party members should not be allowed to teach in the nation's schools.

The 3,000 delegates adopted on a voice vote the first declaration: "Members of the Communist Party of the United States should not be employed as teachers."

There were only a few faint "nos" when President Mabel Studebaker asked who opposed. The convention's action settled a parliamentary procedure tangle which had delayed direct action on the Communist question.

The Communist-ban vote came after a spirited denunciation of Communism by John K. Norton of Columbia University's Teachers College.

Norton told the convention: "The country is looking at what we do in the next half hour."

"We know we're loyal," Norton said. "But there are a lot of people who are confused."

He blasted Communism as "an evil system" which would "regulate according to a despotic ideology every phrase of a citizen's life."

Norton said that Communism "looks upon schools and education as an essentially choice means of obtaining its evil ends."

He said this was the real issue: "Should there be freedom to destroy freedom and to use the school as a means of doing it?"

Mrs. Rose Russell, legislative agent of the CIO Teachers Union of New York who had a verbal clash with Norton at a separate meeting yesterday, said that she did not oppose firing disloyal teachers but she feared the phrasing of the report.

Mrs. Russell declared that the action against Communism "may lead to dismissals on other political grounds and that is the great danger."

Bonus Forms Sent To Iowa Veterans Living In Oregon

Iowa World War II bonus forms are now being distributed, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs was informed this week, but eligible veterans must write direct to Iowa to obtain them because "bulk distribution of forms is not being made beyond the borders of Iowa."

A letter from the Iowa bonus agency advises veterans to write the World War II service compensation board, Des Moines, for the necessary blanks, giving their full name, serial number and branch of service.

Next of kin of deceased Iowa veterans should request Form No. 2, and state their relationship to the deceased.

The Iowa bonus pays \$10 for each month of domestic service and \$12.50 for each month of foreign duty, up to \$500, to veterans who were residents of Iowa for at least six months prior to active duty in World War II, and who served a minimum of 120 days between Sept. 16, 1940 and Dec. 31, 1945.

The surviving unmarried widow, children or parents of a veteran who died of service-connected causes incurred during the war period may receive the \$500 maximum payment. If death was not due to service, the survivor is eligible to receive the amount the veteran would have been paid had he lived.

bonus law includes all time for which credit was given a veteran in computing his terminal leave, so former enlisted personnel should list in the appropriate space on the application blank the number of months and days for which they received pay under the armed forces leave act of 1946.

For assistance in writing for the application blanks or in completing them after receipt, see your county veterans' service officer, your post or chapter service officer, or contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs at 305 State Library Bldg., Salem, Oregon or 415 S. W. 11th Ave., Portland, Oregon.

EGGS UP CENT A DOZEN

PORTLAND, July 7.—(AP)—The price of eggs went up a cent a dozen on grade A and AA large today, the second jump in as many days.

Traders said a shortage of local top grades caused the boost.

Boy Confesses Killing Mother In Gun Accident

LILLOOET, B. C., July 7.—(AP)—Police Wednesday solved the case of a mystery slayer blamed for the death of an Indian woman on the reserve near here.

A police report said the 10-year-old son of Mrs. William Thom had confessed the accidental shooting of his mother on Tuesday.

The grief-stricken boy told how the shot was accidentally fired as he removed a .22 caliber rifle from a wall bracket.

Terrified, he "made up" a story of murder, investigators said, and spread the alarm over the reserve. He first reported a strange man had killed his mother.

Mrs. Thom, 45-year-old mother of 13 children, died from a head wound.

WINDFALL NECKPIECE

SAN PEDRO, Calif., July 7.—(AP)—There's a silver fox languishing in the city pound today, and unless someone claims him, Miss Regina Johnson is going to have a fur neckpiece.

Miss Johnson, a dentist's assistant, came to work yesterday and found the fox sitting in her chair. Maybe he needed some work done on his teeth. Miss Johnson didn't bother to look.

Georgia grows more nuts than any other state in the union, with Alabama second.

Imports from midwest producing areas may increase.



FIRE KILLS SEVEN—Smoke rises from the Hotel Lafayette in Aberdeen, Wash., as firemen pour water onto the building. A flash fire which whipped through the structure left seven dead, many injured. (NEA Telephoto)



SAME BOY, THREE MONTHS LATER—Gerald Sullivan, 14, appeared as in the left photo when he was found by Boston police in the streets of Boston, Mass., last March 14. At right is Gerald entering court June 23 where his mother is facing charges of neglecting him. Gerald told police he had been held captive in a small room for ten years. (AP Wirephoto.)

Big Business Gain Reported By Bank

In its June 30 report to the Comptroller of the Currency, the United States National Bank of Portland reports a figure in excess of \$132,834,000 in loans and discounts, a healthy gain over the bank call of a year ago. At the same time, the bank again leads the state in total deposits, according to an announcement by H. E. Schmeer, manager of the bank's Roseburg branch.

The new loan and discount figure of \$132,834,252 shows an increase of \$5,342,593 over the figure of a year ago, an indication that the business and industrial expansion of Oregon's economy is continuing at the pace set in the past few years, Schmeer pointed out.

Total deposits for the United States National Bank, largest financial institution in Oregon, now stand in excess of \$505,591,000 with \$13,824,475.86 reported as the deposit figure for the bank's Roseburg branch.

The United States National, with 38 branches located throughout the state, now lists total resources as well over \$541,154,000. It was 24th largest among all banks in the nation at the close of the year.

In discussing the mid-year bank call, Schmeer said, "The United States National Bank's continued healthy growth is further indication that the agricultural, business and industrial activity of Oregon is progressing at a pace that should continue for many years to come. The bank has unbounded faith in the future of this region and will continue to work with the people of Oregon in the future developments of our resources and natural wealth."

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