

RENT CONTROLS' EXTENSION TO BE ASKED

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



SHIRLEY BISPHAM, at the left in the picture above; her mother, MRS. HENRY BISPHAM, and JUDY RILEY, daughter of Mr. and Leonard Riley, are caught by the camera as they attend the Christmas Seal stand in the postoffice.

Shirley and Judy were helping out there as their bit in a Campfire Girls' project. They both belong to the Massasoit group.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS comes from Sofia, capital of Bulgaria (Bulgaria is run by the Moscow breed of communists):

"Bulgarian communists today filed in homage before the embalmed body of their late premier, Georgi Dimitroff, which was placed on view yesterday in Sofia's Ninth of September Square... the body, like that of Nicolai Lenin in Moscow's Red Square was embalmed by a SECRET SOVIET PROCESS which the Russians said would preserve it indefinitely."

THE dispatch goes on with the grisly details:

"The Bulgarian press says the secret embalming process preserves the body's freshness, color

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Prison Sentence Handed To Three

Three persons were handed state penitentiary sentences when they appeared before Judge Carl E. Wimberly in circuit court Wednesday. One was placed on probation.

James Thomas Hogan, charged with larceny by bailment, was sentenced to two years, then placed on probation and released. He had pleaded guilty to auto theft.

Lee Russell Forsythe, 20, of Denver, was sentenced to one year on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, while Willard Lawrence Fent, 21, of Canyonville, received a three-year sentence on a charge of grand larceny of personal property.

Both men will be taken to Salem by Deputy Cecil Beaver to-day.

Beaver will continue to Portland and bring back E. Stone, wanted here for alleged defrauding of an innkeeper. He is being held on a warrant by Portland City police.

ROADS IN GOOD SHAPE

SALEM, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Road conditions over Oregon were good today except on the Warm Springs highway, where chains are needed because of packed snow.

There was packed snow in other passes but it had been sanded. Ice spots were reported on the pavement at most eastern Oregon points.

STEEL PRICES GOING UP

Industry Officials, Union Leaders Disagree On Issue; Labor Says It's 'Outraged'

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Steel prices are going up. Will that mean that the price of autos, bed springs, refrigerators and baby's safety pins are going up, too? Has inflation started on its fourth round?

There are going to be a lot of hot words exchanged over the hike in the price of this basic commodity.

Steel executives say higher prices of steel are simply the price of security. The fourth round wage-price spiral this year concentrated on pensions. At the end of the steel strike the unions won company-financed pensions. Steel companies say the cost of these funds must be added to the price of steel.

Union Officials Outraged. Union officials say they are outraged. They contend steel company profits are so high that the cost of the pensions could be absorbed by the companies without hurting them. And they cite

the President's fact-finding board's report on the steel labor controversy, which they interpret as backing them up in this. Earnings of 21 leading steel companies in the third quarter of this year totaled more than \$108.6 million, compared with \$120 million in the same three months the year before. In the second quarter of this year earnings were \$123.4. Fourth quarter earnings will be hit by the steel strike. But U.S. Steel corp. re-

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The Weather

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers today, tonight, and Friday.

Sunset today 4:38 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:39 a. m.

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Toketee Power Plant's Dedication Set Tonight

State Notables Will Be Heard On Program

Gov. McKay, Executives Of Copco, Congressman Ellsworth Will Speak

A full evening program and radio broadcast are planned for the Toketee North Umpqua dedication ceremony tonight. The affair will be held in the Hotel Umpqua, starting with a social hour at 4:30 and continuing through the evening with a dinner and program.

While some of the interest has been stilled by the announcement that the flow of power from Copco's big Toketee project has been delayed several days, because of mechanical trouble in the turbine, the dedication ceremony will go ahead as scheduled. The complete program was announced to include the social hour at 4:30; dinner at 5:45, and broadcast, starting at 7 o'clock, over an eight-station network covering Southern Oregon and Northern California, through KRNR's remote control facilities.

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Helicopter Joins Lost Girl Search

KELSO, Dec. 15.—(AP)—An Army helicopter was assigned today to the five-day old search for girl scout Ruth Aberle. She vanished into the mountain woods northeast of here Sunday from a group of teenage companions during a Christmas tree-cutting expedition.

Gov. Arthur Langley's office requested the helicopter be sent here from Fort Lewis after ground parties of up to 500 men had failed to locate any clue to the girl's fate. Searchers repeatedly have followed sets of tracks in the mud and snow that could have been made by a small person. But none has led to the 16-year-old Kelso high school student. Bloodhounds in the seven square mile zone have been virtually every yard of the sector has been tramped by dozens of men since Sunday.

At the base camp northeast of here the men under chief Coville county Deputy Sheriff Marie Bevin seemed determined to continue the hunt until the girl is found—dead or alive.

Three Accused In Raid On Alleged Gambling Den

McMINNVILLE, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A gambling raid by city, county and state police netted three Portlanders and 12 players at an elaborately equipped room north of the city.

State Police Sgt. William Roach said two men and the wife of one were free on \$500 bail each. Ten of the 12 players were later released.

Charged with operating a gambling game were George Henry Carr, 50, and his wife, Louise, 35. Charged with operating a gambling establishment was Frank Caldwell, 40, whose address was listed as Milwaukee. Bail was set by Justice of the Peace Frank Holmes. No hearing date on the charges was set immediately.

Moro Outlaws Battled By Philippine Constabulary

MANILA, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Constabulary headquarters tonight reported 15 men were killed and 64 are missing and presumed dead in an encounter today between government forces and Moro outlaws on Jolo Island in the southern Philippines.

A force of 1,000 outlaws were reported defying government forces at the foot of Mt. Luck on Jolo Island.

Fighting in the southern Philippines has been frequent since the Nov. 8 presidential election. However, the outlaws on Jolo apparently are not political dissidents.

NEW AUTO PLATES O.K.

SALEM, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Today is the first day it is legal for automobile owners to use their new license plates.

The plates must be bought by January 1. Some motorists already have their new plates on their cars, but they were not penalized.

The News-Review

Fall Fatal To Local Trucker

Max Eugene Huskey, 20, of route 4, Roseburg, died Wednesday night from injuries sustained at 3:30 that afternoon in a fall from a truck.

According to the report, Huskey, employed by the Oregon Turkey Growers, had just assisted unloading a truck onto a railroad car. He was riding on the truck returning to the turkey growers' plant, when he fell from the truck as it rounded a corner at Parrot and Lane streets. He reportedly sustained head and other injuries.

Huskey came to Roseburg two months ago. He was born Oct. 27, 1929, at Haskell, Okla. He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1948 and was discharged in 1949. He was married to Delinda Gregg, Sept. 18, 1949, at Iola, Kan.

Surviving are his widow of Roseburg; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos E. Huskey, Iola, Kan.; three brothers, Amos E. Huskey Jr., Roseburg; Bobby Earl and Curtis Eugene Huskey, both of Iola, Kan.; four sisters, Mrs. John Baker and Mrs. June Wolford, both of Iola, Kan.; Mrs. Harold Mulkey, Kansas City, Mo.; and Mrs. Charles M. Harclerode, Roseburg.

The body was removed to Long and Orr mortuary, and will be forwarded to Iola, Kan., for services and interment.

Mother Of Child Slayer Denounced By Trial Judge

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A young mother was convicted by a criminal court jury last night of murdering her six-day old daughter and sentenced to 14 years in prison.

The presiding judge at the trial of Mrs. Dorothy Skeoch, 22, blamed her parents for their daughter's act. Mrs. Skeoch had admitted fatally choking her baby daughter, Susan Elizabeth, with a plastic diaper last Aug. 19. Defense attorneys attempted to prove she was temporarily insane at the time of the slaying.

After the jury retired to deliberate, Judge Julius Miner called her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lamont of Astoria, Ore., to stand before him.

"What I am going to say is addressed primarily to you, Mrs. Lamont," Judge Miner told the couple. "I have been shocked by the testimony about your treatment of your daughter. No one is more responsible than you for the fact that she is on trial for murder."

"If I had treated a child of mine as you treated yours, I would not forgive myself for the rest of my life."

"You're cruel. You're unkind. You're miserable."

Mrs. Skeoch had testified her mother had opposed her marriage to Thomas Skeoch, 21; had refused to answer her letters, and on the day of the baby's birth, refused to talk to her on the telephone.

A hearing on a motion for a new trial was set for Jan. 12.

Excise Taxes May Be Killed, Indication

Experts Eye Possibility, Truman Says; President Silent On Fresh Levies

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 15.—(AP)—President Truman said today that treasury and congressional staff experts are making studies to determine whether war-time excise taxes can be repealed.

In a surprise vacation news conference, the president declined to say whether he will ask new taxes of Congress.

However, he said it was always his aim to balance the budget. Reminded that he had told a news conference in Washington recently that he knew of no way to wipe out a deficit other than by raising taxes, he was asked if he still felt that way.

He said the whole matter was under consideration by a Treasury committee of experts and by staff experts for the House Ways and Means committee. He said they were working harmoniously.

A recent statement by Secretary of Commerce Sawyer suggesting elimination of war-time excise taxes to aid business was called to his attention. Asked if he agreed with Sawyer's proposals, he said the question was under consideration by the experts.

The matter will be covered in the budget message, he said. Budget Director Frank Pace said last week he saw no way to balance the 1951 fiscal year budget without new taxes.

Did the president plan to ask

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Gas Blast Rips 5 Detroit Stores

DETROIT, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Wild gas exploding in flaming fury wrecked five stores and injured six persons here last night. Quick warnings before the barrage-like blasts let go, police said, saved many lives.

Four firemen and a policeman, along with a store employee, were hurt. The explosions shook northwest Detroit for three miles around a business neighborhood at Wyoming and Schoolcraft avenue. Firemen battled gas-fueled flames for more than an hour before bringing them under control.

The first explosion occurred at the Greater Wyoming market shortly after 8 p.m. Witnesses said it sent smoke and flame mushrooming from the one-story brick building.

Then other explosions ripped through four other stores in the same block. They were Tom's grill, the K-John camera shop, Ridley cleaners and the Bright-Homes paint shop.

The Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., said gas from a high pressure main got out of control as a crew of four company employees were installing a regulator on a line leading into the greater Wyoming market.

Party Leader Predicts Urge From Truman

"Exorbitant" Boosts In Decontrolled Areas Given As Reason For Decision

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A key lawmaker predicted today that President Truman will ask Congress to approve a continuation of rent controls beyond the June 30, 1950 expiration date.

The spokesman was Rep. Barratt O'Hara (D-Ill.), a member of the House Banking committee who is close to the administration.

"The final answer that rent controls must be continued," he told newsmen, "was given by the reimposition of rent ceilings at Harrodsburg, Ky., where even a landlord and a banker asked that controls be restored after there had been exorbitant rent increases—running from 10 to 300 percent."

O'Hara said "the situation in Chicago and other large cities would be terrible if controls were dropped."

He made a flat prediction that congress will continue the rent law, although some other lawmakers close to the White House have voiced doubt that congress will permit any federal rent controls after June 30.

If there is a continuation of the law's effect may be confined in new legislation to rent ceilings only for large cities.

Under the revised rent law enacted earlier this year, a legislature may decontrol a whole state and a city government can lift controls in its jurisdiction. The federal rent administrator, Tighe E. Woods, has authority too to take off rent ceilings on his own initiative and with recommendations from local rent boards.

About 2,000,000 dwelling units have been decontrolled, leaving about 12,000,000 of the approximately 40,000,000 dwellings in the country still under control. Only 4 States Kill Control.

Four states—Nebraska, Texas, Wisconsin and Alabama—have voted out federal rent controls by action of their legislatures. But Wisconsin wrote a state control law, and Alabama's decontrol law is not effective until May, 1950.

Asked how the decontrolled

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Albania Ordered To Pay For Death Of British Tars

THE HAGUE, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The international court of justice today ordered Communist Albania to pay Britain 843,957 pounds (\$2,363,101.60) for the mining of British destroyers on Corfu channel three years ago which cost the lives of 44 British sailors.

Britain had asked that amount to compensate the families of the sailors and pay for damages to the warships in the Adriatic sea incident of October, 1946.

The Soviet Union and Communist-governed Czechoslovakia cast their votes against the judgment. The other 12 judges voted to support the British claim in full.

One possibility for British collection of the damage claims lies in the existence of frozen Italian funds which had been earmarked as war reparations for Albania. Maurice Reed, attorney in the case for the United Kingdom, told reporters.

These funds are held by the bank of England. A British right to draw on these funds could be established by agreement with other countries claiming the right to draw on them.

Petitions Started For Reapportionment Vote

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Petitions for an initiative vote on reapportioning the Legislature on a population basis were circulating here today.

The state AFL and CIO organizations, the Young Democrats and some of the Young Republicans have endorsed the campaign.

Another reapportioning measure is expected to be out soon. The plan of Rep. Giles French, Moro, which has the support of the Farm Bureau federation, would change the legislative system to the Federal plan. It would give each county one senator and put the House on a population basis.

Two Families Of Farm Workers Perish In Fire

ROTAN, Tex., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Twelve or thirteen people burned to death today in a four-room rental house on a farm eight miles north of here.

All were Latin-American transient farm workers, employed on the C. A. Douthitt farm.

Two families made up the victims. It was believed four adults—the two sets of parents—and eight or nine children perished.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Another year nears its end without human ingenuity having produced a fire-proof bed for cigarette smokers.



SHERIFF'S POSSE OFFICERS FOR 1950—New officers of the Douglas county sheriff's posse took over their posts at a meeting of the volunteer law enforcement and horsemanship group Tuesday night at the county court house. Above left to right are Bruce Carter, secretary; Harry Harris, drill master; George

Miller, captain, all of Roseburg, and Henry Cook, Sutherlin, assistant drill master. Captain Miller, appointed by Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter, in turn appointed the other officers.—Photo Lab. photo.