

Sugar Supply Under Federal Control; Reason: Politics

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK. —(AP)—Sugar is the hoarder's delight. The supply in the United States is controlled by the government, for political reasons. That means that sometimes there isn't much of a reserve stock in the supply pipelines. The hoarder can clean off the shelf fast.

Even when the hoarder's fears and imagination aren't working overtime, a fierce battle is usually raging between the various interested parties—producers, refiners, importers and consumers—trying to get the government to change the quota on the amount of the sweetstuff that can be brought into the country, and, consequently, what the price will be.

The government tries to please all the voters—those in the western beet-growing states and the southern cane growing states. It also tries to please the big industrial users and the pleasure Cubans. It's a politician's holiday.

In wartime, the world usually doesn't produce enough sugar. In peacetime, it frequently grows too much. That's why pressure is put on the politician.

When the hoarder steps in—as he just has with both feet—the tightly regulated sugar supply line from the grower to the grocer, dries up, seemingly almost overnight. Yesterday's surplus becomes today's shortage and tomorrow's hardening hoard on the pantry shelf.

Everyone—most of all the majority of Americans who don't too—pays more (refined sugar has already gone from 7.70 to 8.10 cents a pound at the refinery door, and raw sugar from 5.45 to 6.15 cents). The home canner, who needs more sugar just now, can't find it and food is wasted.

Situation Draws Comment

Here is what the various interested parties—and remember each has his own axe to grind—say about the present sugar situation: U. S. government officials: "The world produced about one million more tons of sugar than could be sold (before the Korean war) and there is no excuse for hoarding."

Big sugar users in the food and beverage industries: Washington set the sugar import quota too low this year (to keep up the price for the domestic cane and sugar beet growers) and reserves were below normal for even the seasonal increase in demand this summer, let alone for a run on the store."

Sugar refiners: "Orders from wholesalers and big consumers seeking to build up inventories are pouring in at twice the rate of our capacity, although we're working around the clock."

Sugar distributors: "Retailers should sell no more than one pound of sugar at a time to a customer. If she wants to, the housewife could hoard a total of up to two million tons of sugar, creating a real, instead of the present artificial shortage."

Grocers: "Our shelves are cleaned out by panic buyers and some suppliers are holding up re-orders to see how high the price will go."

The individual hoarder: "I want mine first."

What is the sugar supply situation? World production this year is estimated by Lamborn & Co. sugar brokers, at a record 38 million tons, compared with a prewar record of 36 million tons.

Production in the areas the United States draws from—Cuba, Hawaii, Philippine islands, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and the domestic cane and beet fields—is estimated by B. W. Dyer & Co. sugar brokers, at 11,381,000 tons. Last year these areas produced 827,000 tons. Last year the United States consumed around 7,500,000 tons.

Orders To Shoot Issued In Alaska Security Move

ANCHORAGE, Alaska. —(AP)—Security guards at Fort Richardson have orders to shoot if necessary to halt trespassers found wandering in restricted areas, post commander Brig. Gen. Donald R. Hutchinson said today.

Hutchinson reported several instances recently where unidentified persons have been seen fleeing into the woods near aircraft dispersal units when challenged by guards.

Three persons, arrested as unauthorized visitors at the fort, were fined a total of \$225. Two of them were women.

The round-the-clock check on security caught one guard red-faced. An OSI agent casually asked the guard what time it was and, when the guard glanced away to see a nearby clock, the agent planted a wooden "bomb." Not until the agent exposed the guard's laxity some time later, was the guard even aware of what happened.

Meanwhile, military leaders said that next to the security problem, their biggest fear is of the effect the strike of the AFL plumbers union will have on the region's military construction.

They described as a "misstatement" a union contention that no military work has been delayed by the strike. The union went out on strike Wednesday to enforce a wage demand of \$3.50 an hour, 50 cents more than at present, plus other contract conditions.

Civil War Rips Belgium In Revolt Against King

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les of Charleroi and Mons.

Troops began protection of vital communications installations to relieve police for service in the streets.

There were unconfirmed reports Belgium was calling back occupation troops from Germany as civil strife ripped the country.

Gendarmes guarded coal mines and steel mills.

Leopold, exiled in 1945, for what many Belgians considered a too friendly attitude toward the German invaders, was called back to his throne last week by the ruling Social Christian (Catholic) party. The socialists, liberals and communists violently opposed his return.

The split is also along racial lines; the French speaking south is mostly anti-Leopold, the Flemish north for him.

Anti-Leopoldists were active even in the king's Flemish stronghold. The city of Ghent in that area was crippled by a strike of 50 percent of the workers. Gas and electric workers in Ostend walked out and transportation workers are expected to join them later in the day. All movie theaters were closed.

The great Flemish port of Antwerp was paralyzed by a strike of 12,000 dockers and 2,500 technical and administrative personnel.

Both sides—for the king and against him—seemed to be digging in for a fight to the finish.

Man Sentenced To Die For Killing Legislator

CLEARWATER, Fla. —(AP)—A rocking chair and a newspaper on a shady porch.

That's all an old man has to look forward to, says Charlie Gifford, and even those simple things don't matter anymore.

Gifford was sentenced to death yesterday for murder. He heard circuit judge John U. Bird pronounce the sentence, then said in a soft, tired voice, "That's all right with me."

Gifford's age has been given from 60 to 72. He was convicted last week for slaying state Rep. Charles J. Schuh Jr.

The state contended Gifford shot Schuh because of a long resentment that Schuh had represented Mrs. Gifford in an attempt to have him declared legally insane in 1947. At his murder trial, Gifford pleaded insanity.



NO SNOW NEEDED — German ski ace Erich Windisch takes off from straw-covered ski jump in tournament at Munich's Theresienwiese Park. In background is monument, "Bavaria."

Two-Stage Rocket Launched Over Atlantic Ocean

LONG RANGE PROVING GROUND, COCOA, Fla., July 29 —(AP)—A 14-ton two-stage rocket thundered eastward over the Atlantic today at a speed of 2,727 miles an hour for the first missile and around 3,600 miles an hour for the second.

Excellent conditions permitted observers to watch twin vapor trails after the two rockets separated about nine miles up and 22 miles east of the concrete launching pad.

The missile was made up of a captured German V-2 weighing 14 tons with a 700-pound rocket known as the "Wac corporal" mounted atop it. The two missiles were 60 feet high from base to top.

The V-2 thundered aloft at 6:44 a. m. and in a matter of seconds attained its 2,727-mile speed. It reached an altitude of nine miles in 63 seconds. The "Wac corporal" separated from it and roared eastward at a speed in excess of 5,000 feet a second, or some 3,600 miles an hour.

Col. Harold R. Turner, safety officer, gave details of the V-2's performance, but withheld detailed information on the smaller American-made rocket.

After separating, the V-2 climbed up to a height of 30 miles which it reached 85 seconds after leaving the ground. Thirty seconds later Col. Turner pressed a button which destroyed the German rocket, and its "flak" hit the sea about 50 miles offshore.

In an identical launching from the same site Monday, the V-2 reached a maximum speed of 2,700 miles an hour in a little more than a minute. The performance of the "Wac Corporal" was a secret. Unofficial estimates of its speed were as high as 5,000 miles an hour.

Mary Ann Williams, Yoncalla Resident, Dies

Mary Ann Williams, 86, died at her home in Yoncalla Friday, July 28, after a long illness. She was born in Green River, Ill., April 14, 1864. She had resided in Yoncalla the last 61 years. Her husband, George Arthur Willis, died Aug. 7, 1928. She was a member of the Assembly of God church and Oakland chapter of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are four sons, Lloyd of Portland, Harley of Yoncalla, George of Astoria and Vern of Milwaukee; a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Hanan, Yoncalla; two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Williams, Yoncalla, Mrs. Ella Johnson of California; a brother, Frank Wilson, Yoncalla; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday, July 31, at 2 p. m. in the Methodist church in Yoncalla. Rev. James Smith will officiate. Interment will be in the Yoncalla cemetery. Stearns mortuary, Oakland, is in charge.

H. V. Boyd, Resident Of Roseburg, Passes Away

Harlow Verne Boyd, 73, resident of Roseburg for the past 37 years, died at the Roseburg sanitarium Friday, July 28, following a prolonged period of illness. He was born April 11, 1877, at Alexandria, Minn., and came to Roseburg from that city in 1913. Mr. Boyd was never married.

Private funeral services will be held Monday at 11 a. m. with Dr. Morris Roach of the First Presbyterian church officiating. Following the services, his body will be taken to Eugene for cremation. Funeral arrangements are in care of the Long & Orr Mortuary.

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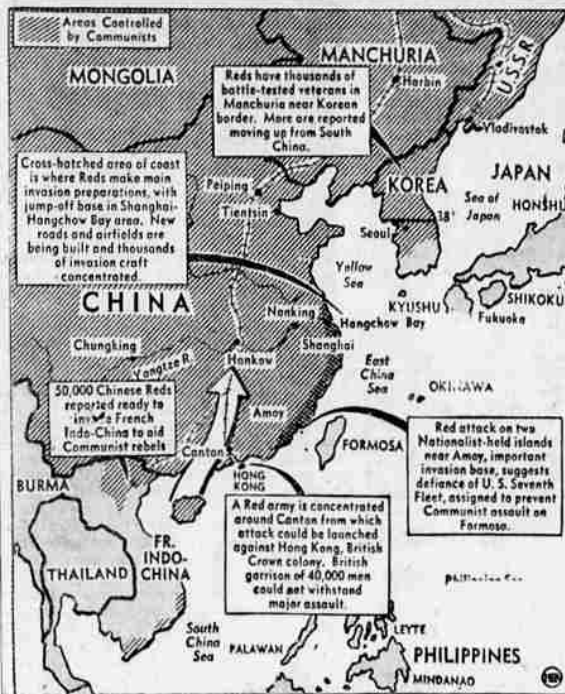
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WILL CHINESE REDS STRIKE?—The next few weeks will be critical ones for United Nations forces in Korea. If Chinese Communists do not strike and there is no Communist aggression elsewhere, U. S. leaders expect the Korean front to be stabilized by mid-August. Chinese Reds, who can muster 1,500,000 battle-seasoned troops, pose the sharpest problem. Map shows where and how they might intervene to complicate the Korean picture. There has been a steady northward movement of troops (white arrow). Four Red armies are converging on the invasion coast north and south of Amoy. After Reds shelled two Nationalist-held islands off Amoy, Nationalist government on Formosa ordered its navy and air force to go into action if Communists invaded the islands.

Girl, 8, Confesses Drowning Her Baby Half-Brother

MILWAUKEE. —(AP)—An eight-year old girl quietly told police yesterday that she killed her ten-month old half-brother almost two years ago by holding his head in a tub of water.

"I was jealous," the little girl replied matter of factly when asked if she was sorry.

The youngster was taken to police by her mother who said she coaxed the admission from her daughter.

Police said the girl also confessed that she tried to injure another brother and a one-half year old boy cousin recently.

"I hate them. My mother paid too much attention to them," she told acting Det. Capt. Charles Nowakowski.

The drowning, Sept. 26, was classified as accidental after the girl said her half-brother had fallen into a tub of water in the yard. Nowakowski said he was not convinced of the accuracy of the girl's statements. He said there were some discrepancies.

The girl's mother told police she had long suspected her daughter in the boy's death because she never showed any remorse. On Wednesday, she caught the child stepping on another half-brother, 11 months old, the mother said. But instead of punishing her, the mother offered her money to talk and, after persuasion, the girl told of previous attempts to harm the second half-brother and later admitted the drowning of her half-brother.

GRAIN ELEVATOR BURNS

PENDLETON.—(AP)—A grain elevator, northwest of Pendleton, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon at a loss of \$20,000. Cause of the fire was unknown.

The 18,000-bushel elevator had only 3,500 bushels in it, valued and insured at \$7,000. The building, owned by Olney Simpson and sons, was partly covered by insurance.

SUGAR BUY PLANNED?

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Reported circulated in usually well-informed private sugar circles today that the United States is planning to buy up a large share of Cuban sugar reserves.

Purpose of the plan, it was said, would be to hold the sugar and filter it into the United States market as needed.



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Revocation Of Contract For Land Sale Asked In Suit

A. E. Butler has filed suit in circuit court, asking that a verbal and memorandum contract for the \$70,000 sale of a ranch be rescinded. Henry Gardner is named as defendant. The complaint alleges that the contract had been made under "false" representations.

The plaintiff also asks that a primary lien be placed on the property to assure recovery of a \$5,000 down payment allegedly made by him.

The complaint contends that a certain 80-acre tract containing timber was understood to be included in the contract and was later found to belong to the Ada Denn ranch near Camas Valley. Also, it was added in the complaint, certain goods and machinery specified in the agreement to be included were found to be non-existent, after the original payment of \$5,000.

Other Actions Filed

William L. Hansen and Thelma H. Hansen have filed a suit for recovery of \$5,482.33 allegedly due on a promissory note signed by Alton C. and Esther H. Elwood. Plaintiffs ask for closure of a mortgage which the defendant had signed to assure payment.

Also named as defendants are Gregory F. Burback and R. W. Rickman, who claim a prior lien against the other defendants. The plaintiffs ask that their claim be declared superior.

Douglas Creditors association has filed a suit against Leslie Ralston for \$590.44 for alleged unpaid accounts and \$1325.62 allegedly still to be paid for expenses which were to be shared for erection of a building to be commonly used with the plaintiff's claim.

A suit was filed against Peggy Collins by George W. Vaughn for recovery of \$1,500, allegedly unpaid on a promissory note. Plaintiffs ask for foreclosure of a mortgage signed by the defendant and sale of the property.

Former Jockey Dies In Gas Chamber For Murder

FLORENCE, Ariz. —(AP)—Angel B. (Rocky) Serna, 27, ex-jockey, died in the state prison gas chamber here this morning for the murder of Mrs. Katherine Gohn, 64, near Apache Junction, Ariz., Dec. 29, 1947.

The night of Dec. 29, 1947 Serna entered the isolated cabin of Mrs. Gohn, robbed her, beat her and then shot her.

Wife Catches Husband As He Falls Three Stories

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Mrs. Rosvizi was sweeping a concrete courtyard beneath a window of her home yesterday when she heard her 12-year-old daughter scream.

She looked up to see her husband, Alfredo, hanging from a third floor window by his finger nails.

He became dizzy while sitting in the window to cool off—and as his wife gasped, he dropped.

She raced to the spot and reached it just as his body hit a clothes line and flipped off.

She caught him in her arms and they both tumbled to the pavement—unharmed.

Lazzeri, 42, weighs 125 pounds. His wife, 38, weighs 115.

Moving Family Meets With Traffic Tragedy

VANCOUVER, Wash. —(AP)—Walter Flagg, 39, was killed and his wife and step-son were injured yesterday when a skidding truck trailer hit their car seven miles east of Washougal.

Flagg was moving his family from Yakima, Wash., to Stockton, Calif.

Slippery pavement caused the trailer of a truck driven by Lowell Bolwell, Portland, to jackknife across the Evergreen highway into the front of Flagg's car.

Mrs. Flagg was treated at a hospital here for a shoulder injury and shock. Her son, Gene Sigward, suffered cuts and bruises.

Jehovah's Witnesses' Convention Draws 65,000

NEW YORK.—(AP)—About 65,000 men and women who preach from the Bible on the street corners of the world gathered here today.

They assembled for the international convention of Jehovah's Witnesses which opens tomorrow in Yankee stadium for one week.

Because of their beliefs, Witnesses have frequently come into conflict with government. They object to bearing arms, and some who arrived from Europe for the convention here were told to leave when the sessions close. However, the U. S. government has declared their ministers exempt from military service.

Locals

Leaves On 1:15 — Mrs. Lillie Farmer is leaving today for Portland, where she will board the train for Washington, D. C., for an extended visit with her son and daughter-in-law and small granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wimer, and daughter, Joan.

Mrs. Farmer also plans to visit in New York City and Baltimore, Md.

BROTHER ILL

City police put out a call on the radio last night for Pete Hamilton, but were unable to locate him. The police had information that Hamilton's brother is seriously ill in a Eugene hospital.

Actress Bette Davis Honeymoons With No. 4

JUAREZ, Mexico. —(AP)—Film star Bette Davis and her new husband, Actor Gary Merrill, were honeymooning today after being married yesterday in a civil ceremony here.

The marriage was Miss Davis' fourth. She obtained a Mexican divorce here July 3 from artist William Grant Sherry. She retained custody of their three-year-old daughter.

Merrill was divorced two days ago in Los Angeles by his stage actress wife, Barbara, and also was granted a divorce in Juarez first civil court yesterday. The California divorce does not become final for a year.

Miss Davis gave her age as 41, Merrill as 38.

CITY COURT CASES

Jack Francis Phillips, 21, Roseburg, was fined \$10 on a charge of disorderly conduct, and \$5 each on charges of driving with a defective muffler and having no operator's license. Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle reported. Phillips pleaded guilty.

Breck Sturgill, Roseburg, charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, forfeited \$30 bail by his failure to appear in court in answer to the charge, charged with vagrancy, was committed to the city jail for 10 days in lieu of a \$20 fine.

STRAY HORSE IMPOUNDED

City police this morning took into custody a stray sorrel horse which was munching in gardens on East Sixth street. Chief of Police Calvin Baird said the horse is now being held at the city dog pound and the owner may claim it by producing the proper identification. Notices concerning the horse have been posted.

GRASS FIRE SQUELCHED

The ninth grass fire in succession since July 25 was put out by the Roseburg rural fire department Friday. The department made the call at 5:07 p. m. to Alameda Ave. Numerous other grass fires have occurred during July, but none has been serious.



I Can't Tell One Diamond From Another!

This young man is so right! After being shown a group of diamonds all the same size, but differing considerably in price, he has found that he simply cannot tell the most expensive from the least expensive.

This is absolutely true. With his naked eye, not even a gem expert could separate the finest stones from a group of, let us say, quarter carat diamonds ranging in price from \$150.00 to 225.00. While there are no differences in the appearance of these diamonds to the naked eye, with the aid of the Diamondscope and color grading instruments, differences become apparent. It is these minor variations of quality not easily observed, which account for the differences in price.

Because a layman cannot judge these values for himself, he must rely entirely upon the advice of his jeweler.

It is for this reason that the American Gem Society recommends choosing jewelers before choosing gems.

Jewelers are becoming divided somewhat by two specialties: that of general merchandising of jewelry, and that of actual jewelry specialization in engraving, stone setting, jewelry making and gemology.

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