

Stiff Penalties For Overloaded Trucks Demanded

SALEM — (AP) — The State Highway commission is asking the legislature to provide stiff penalties for truck operators who carry overweight loads.

While it applies to trucks carrying all kinds of commodities, the legislation is aimed primarily at log trucks. The commission says the log truckers are responsible for breaking down the tolls.

The penalties would be graduated, the commission said, with a fine of \$25 for the first violation, \$50 for the second, \$75 for the third, and \$100 for the fourth. Stiffer penalties will be provided for added violations.

The commission added, however, that these penalties might be changed before the bills are introduced.

The fines would be mandatory, thus preventing a justice of the peace from failing to levy them.

The J. P. also wouldn't be allowed to reduce them after they are levied.

The bills also will provide for mandatory unloading of overweight loads.

When the bills are ready, they will be submitted to Secretary of State Newby, who will include them in the revised motor vehicle laws which he will ask the legislature to adopt.

'Potbellies' Told To Shun Eating

TOKYO — (AP) — The catchword in Brig. Gen. Bryan L. Milburn's service command here is "Potbellies stay away from the pot."

It caught on after the general ordered all fat men in his command to reduce. Particular attention was directed to army personnel holding desk jobs and those with considerable time on their hands.

Special instructions and physical exercise were ordered for those with bulging waistlines. They were told to diet and ease up on their drinking if they want to get along with the general.

Milburn said he was not running "a haven for gluttons and lounge addicts."

He called the overweight men "flabby, soft, seam-bursting and bulging at the middle."

Purpose of the order was to qualify all members of the command for combat or emergency duty.

And just to make sure the heftier ones stick with it, Milburn said he would expect his commanders to report from time to time on the progress of the weight reducing program.

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Sacrifices Seen For Business, Industry In Blueprint Of Nation's Defense Needs

By RICHARD FISKE

NEW YORK — (AP) — The defense needs of the nation finally were blueprinted for business and industry this week and the task ahead looked a lot more rugged than economists had anticipated.

The cards were dropped on the table by President Truman in his economic report. They painted a picture of sacrifices such as Americans seldom have been called upon to make.

Slimmer profits and wage restraints, more production and greater productivity, price controls and taxes-taxes-taxes were in the cards.

Means Austerity

These things spelled out austerity for everyone from the smallest of the little fellows to the largest of the big.

The men in the front office were astonished but they weren't woefully dismayed.

They were proud of the records business and industry have been hanging up. They were encouraged by the ability of American "know how" to do the job no matter how great.

They pointed to the increasing rate of American production and that industry after industry already has in the works.

For instance, the President said the country's electric generating capacity must be increased by well over 20,000,000 kilowatts during the next three years.

Industry Up to Task

And the Edison Electric Institute, trade organization of the nation's power companies, came right back with a statement that schedule installations for that period already amount to 24,000,000 kilowatts.

As the President gave his economic report, everything from prices to production was swirling upward in a spiral that flashed "inflation" as clearly as a huge neon sign.

The nation's steel mills were producing at 102.7 percent of capacity and were going ahead with expansion plans without dropping an ingot.

Engineering awards hit \$415,811,000, the fourth highest figure in history, after a holiday season slump.

More people were being employed all the time. There was more money in the pay envelope.

The workers were spending too, Department store sales, according to the federal reserve board's weekly report were 39 percent above a year ago for the country as a whole.

In some sections percentages were even higher. Boston, for instance, reported 61.7 percent over a year ago.

Manpower Supply Questioned

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They figured they'd have supplies enough on shelves to meet the demand during that time, too, although they weren't too sure about such things as appetites after the first quarter of the year.

They were worried about manpower though. They weren't alone on that score.

With the rapid expansion that

goes hand in hand with the swing from civilian to military production many a businessman and industrialist thought of the future in terms of manpower.

Prices Cause Concern

The unemployment pool is shrinking almost daily and some places are already feeling the pinch.

Retail storekeepers are talking about the possibility of housewives for part time work and a return of retired employees. Industry is talking about women in the place of men as in the war years.

Everyone was being badgered by prices. The manufacturer, the wholesaler, the retailer all were saying raw materials are costing more, although they added they'd try to hold the price line.

The housewife's food money wasn't stretching as far as it had. The Associated Press wholesale commodity price index was becoming almost habitual in breaking into new highs.

In far off Australia, where most of the wool for clothing is grown, prices reached new highs five times in one day of bidding.

Inflation Threat Grows

Controls all along the line from the raw material to the finished products won't cure the price the American fabric maker pays to the Australian grower, however.

And the end isn't yet in sight. Carpet manufacturers said floor covering prices are headed for another rise. Every time carpet wool prices go up a cent a pound the cost of making a square yard of carpet rises about three cents, one manufacturer explained.

Spokesmen for the New England

shoe industry said increased shoe prices were a likelihood.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington said it expected meat prices would go higher in the next two months.

Price talk is right down the consumer's alley because it hits him so directly. But tax talk does too and new levies may hit the consumer even harder than the President's report intimated.

Two Veteran Aircraft Carriers Back In Service

BREMERTON — (AP) — Two veteran aircraft carriers, one of them the "fightingest ship in the navy," has come out of the mothballs.

The USS Essex, credited with destroying thousands of tons of enemy shipping, 1,331 Japanese planes, 25 warships and 86 non-combatant ships during World War II and the Bon Homme Richard, were recommissioned in ceremonies at the Bremerton naval shipyard.

The Essex has been undergoing extensive modification for the last two years. Among other improvements, she sports a new flight deck built to accommodate heavier planes.

CAR BLOW KILLS BOY

GRESHAM — (AP) — An 8-year-old boy met almost instant death Sunday when he ran into the path of a car while crossing the Mt. Hood loop highway here.

The boy, Manley (Skipper) Rogers, had just stepped off a church bus, sheriff's deputies said. His sister, Shirley, 9, and another child witnessed the accident.

The boy was hurled 100 feet by the impact, deputies said. He was the foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ostby, Gresham.

Funeral Services Set For Mrs. M. E. Groves

Funeral services for Mrs. M. E. Grace Groves, who died at General hospital in McMinnville Jan. 16, will be held Jan. 18 at the First Conservative Baptist church at 1:30 p.m., Dr. Edgar B. Luther officiating.

Interment will be at the Civil Bend cemetery near Winston.

Mrs. Groves, a resident of this area for 20 years, was born in Ohio March 28, 1855. She lived at Kelly's corner near Roseburg for many years before moving to Roseburg. Her husband, C. C. Groves, died about 15 years ago.

She lived with her daughter, Olive McGhehey of Roseburg after the death of her husband. A son, Cary Groves of Willis Springs, Mo., also survives.

U.S. Quarantine Rules Ban Invasion Of Smallpox

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Government officials say international regulations should prevent any spread to this country of the smallpox which has broken out in southern England, claiming at least eight lives.

U. S. public health service officials told a reporter only 34 cases were reported in the entire United States last year—most of them in western states—and that there have been no new cases in several weeks.

Smallpox is one of the diseases over which strict quarantine is maintained at port cities, officials said. They gave this outline: Anyone entering or leaving this country by ship or airplane is required to have had smallpox vaccination within two years of his travel if he comes from or spends any time enroute in a city or town where there is any occurrence of the disease.

And even recently-vaccinated persons may be detained at a quarantine station for several days after arrival if the area from which they came happened to have had any unusual occurrence of the disease.

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