

WASHINGTON WEEK NOTES

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The house has passed on economic control bill. Although it was amended on the floor it is still a "blank check" placed in the hands of the President. Originally the President asked broad powers to control the industries and credit of the country but said nothing about curbing rising retail prices. In other words, he asked for powers to do things he did not actually need to do but avoided the question of controlling prices and wages. The senate will quite likely approve a bill similar to the one passed by the house. The final version will empower the president to control prices and wages and begin rationing.

Since the end of World War 2 the president and the left-wingers in congress have fought long and hard, first to keep the war time controls, then to put them back on. They fought against the removal of OPA. They succeeded in passing the obnoxious Housing Act of 1946 which is better known as the Wilson Wyatt housing expediter law. The utter failure of that control law brought its repeal in the first month of the 80th congress to the relief of everyone.

But the president still demanded economic control powers. His request was refused by the 80th congress. He called a special session of Congress July 26, 1948, and again demanded control power which was refused.

Re-elected, and again in control of congress, the president renewed his request for economic dictatorship. Although the Spence bill embodying his demands has been pending since this congress convened January 3, 1949, the president has not had a rubber stamp majority. The Spence bill was not considered until the outbreak of war in Korea. Immediately a revised and much more sweeping control bill was taken up and will become law.

Most of those of us who normally oppose economic controls over our free country felt compelled to vote for the bill—not because of the war in Korea but because there seems to be a genuine possibility of much more serious conflict in the near future. It seems to be a principle accepted by nearly everyone that we cannot fight a major conflict without rigidly controlling our free economy. So we are going back to the OPA days. I don't like it and I don't think anyone else will, but the people have repeatedly voted into office the administration which has blundered us into the present war situation.

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Sunday:	Max.	Min.	Rain
August 14	69	56
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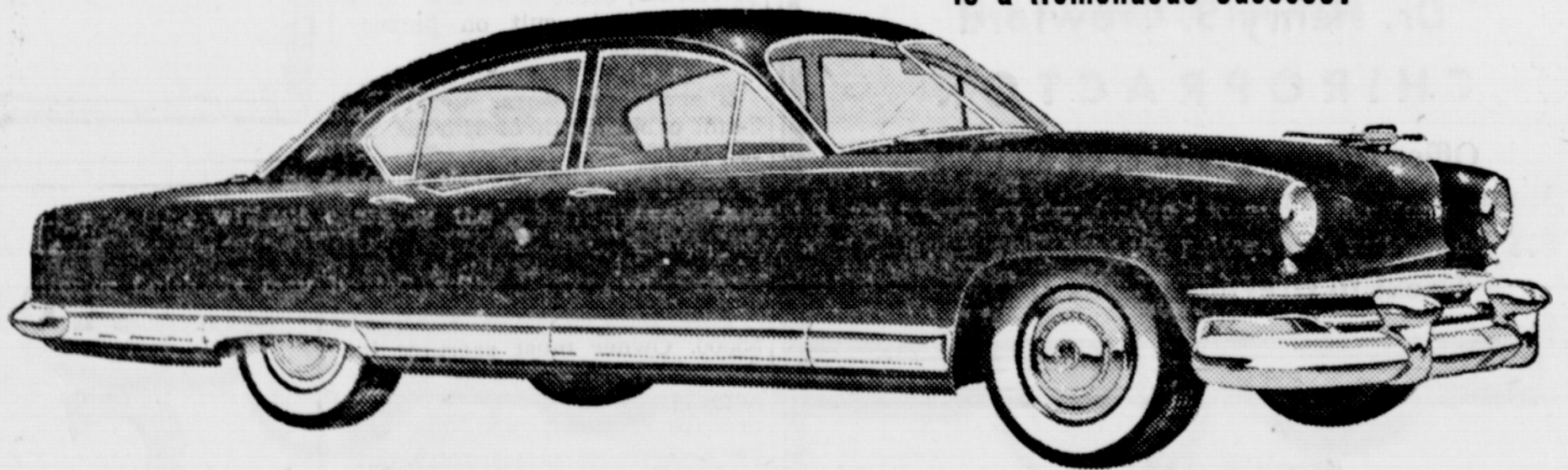
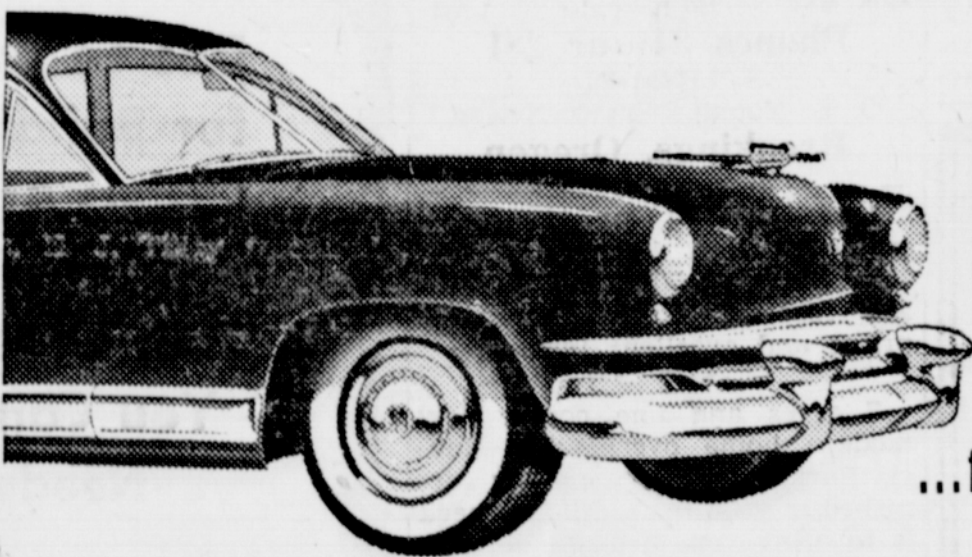
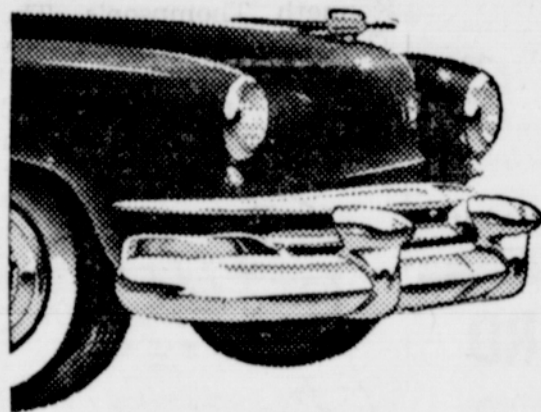
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