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Soviets Gain Ground on Northwest Sector

Inflation Compromise Gains Senate Support

Modification Of Ceilings Aim of Bill

Tydings, Reed Sign Proposal; Brown Sees Sure Veto

By RICHARD L. TURNER
WASHINGTON, Sept. 24—(AP) A revived compromise proposal covering the hot issue of farm price ceilings attracted support among senators Thursday night, and administration leaders believed there was a possibility of perfecting an anti-inflation bill acceptable both to President Roosevelt and to a majority of the senate.

They were, however, by no means certain. Thirteen members of the agriculture committee had rejected the compromise earlier in the day. In addition, the parliamentary situation was such that the senate had first to vote upon the farm bloc's proposal. This calls for an increase in parity prices by the inclusion of farm labor costs. The president then would be forbidden to set price ceilings below these parity figures.

Conceding this amendment would be adopted, the administration leaders claimed they then would be able to command enough votes to substitute the compromise for it, the end result being that the farm bloc amendment would be eliminated from the bill.

The compromise, bearing the names of Senators Tydings (D-Md) and Reed (R-Kan), would recognize farm costs as a factor in fixing ceiling prices. It contains a direction to the president to modify any established price ceilings if they "appear" to fall to reflect the increased cost of farm labor.

Allied Troops Contact Japs In Guinea

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Friday, Sept. 25—(AP)—Allied patrols have made contact with the enemy in the Owen Stanley mountains of New Guinea, a communique reported Friday, but the "general situation" in that area is unchanged.

The report of renewed activity in the mountain jungles through which Japanese have advanced upon Port Moresby was the first in more than a week. There was no indication whether it presaged a large scale resumption of the enemy push southward against the big allied base.

While the land fighting was reactivated, General MacArthur's air forces continued to press their relentless attacks on Japanese centers behind the front in New Guinea and on outlying islands.

Bombers probably sank a medium Japanese merchantman at Rabaul, New Britain, the high command said, while other allied planes bombed and strafed Buna and Kokoda on New Guinea, as well as Buka at the northern tip of the Solomon islands.

Striking also toward the west for the first time in recent days, the allies sailed Dill in Portuguese Timor. There, the war report said, another Japanese cargo ship was bombed by a reconnaissance unit "with unknown results."

House Checks Housing

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24—(AP) A measure authorizing expenditure of an additional \$600,000,000 to provide housing for approximately 200,000 war workers was passed Thursday by the house and sent to the White House.

Arguments On Parity In Nutshell

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24—(AP) The nub of the farm price controversy is the farm bloc's insistence that the costs of all farm labor be included in the parity formula for determining the "fair price" of agricultural products.

Here is the gist of the arguments pro and con:

The farm bloc: Because of low prices, the farmer cannot compete with industry for hired workers. Farm workers, in large numbers, are being lured to the city by high wages in munitions factories and other industries. This threatens a disastrous drop in agricultural production which will not only ruin many farmers but will deal a severe blow to the United Nations war effort.

Administration supporters: Parity as now calculated brings farmers into a fair relationship with other groups because it includes the labor cost incorporated in the price of things the farmer buys. To change the formula now would add \$3,000,000,000 to \$3,500,000,000 to the cost of living and destroy all possibility of averting a ruinous inflation which would greatly hamper the war effort.

Scrap Pickup Today in City

Residential Drive for Metals Next Week; Rural Plan Set

Salem's downtown salvage depots were filling steadily Thursday as G. W. Paulus, county salvage chairman, announced that the business district drive for war-needed scrap metals had been continued over into today and County Agent Robert E. Rieder disclosed plans for a county-wide collection program.

Paulus said the slow-to-start business district drive had picked up markedly Thursday morning. He urged all business house proprietors and building owners to make thorough cleanups of their premises in search of metallic materials for the war stock piles so badly needed.

City trucks are to start picking up the scrap donations at the 68 downtown salvage depots this afternoon.

The capital's residential scrap metal drive will start next Monday, with pickups from curbsides to be made on specified days in each of four zones.

Rieder, offering use of his telephone number, 4811, to persons reporting in on availability of large amounts of scrap, said the rural drive would get under way on October 12.

Every tenth farmer in the county is to be asked to remind the other nine in his group that scrap metals are needed and to urge them to haul their collections from their farms to salvage depots in nearby communities where possible. Use of WPA trucks is being sought for collections where the farmers are unable to make delivery.

Among scrap donations noted in downtown Salem Thursday was a World War No. 1 shell of approximately 100 lbs.

US-Argentine Ties Weaken

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 24—(AP) Socialist Deputy Nicolas Repetto told the chamber of deputies Thursday night that because of her neutrality Argentina was "at the point of breaking relations with the United States."

He explained this by saying "we can be neutral, but we cannot under pretext of that neutrality serve the interests of totalitarianism."

Repetto's remarks supported the opposition's demand that President Ramon S. Castillo's state of siege, which bans public comment on international relations, be lifted.

City Employee Pay Problem To Be Solved

Mayor Appoints 12 To Recommend Increase Plan

Assurance that the matter of requested pay increases for city employees "will reach an intelligent solution in the spirit of sound municipal government" was given Thursday by Mayor W. W. Chadwick in a statement issued in connection with his appointment of a committee of 12 to work out the problem.

Named on the committee, which Chadwick instructed to convene in a special meeting to propose "ways and means to satisfactorily solve the problem of wage adjustments for the personnel of our city firemen and policemen" and to present a report and recommendation for consideration of the city council at that body's next meeting are:

Alderman L. F. LeGarde, chairman; Aldermen David O'Hara and Ross Goodman; George Arbuckle, Carl Hogg and W. L. Phillips, representing business interests of the city; Chief Frank Mintz and Officers Charles E. Dalton and Stanley E. Friese of the police department; Chief Harry Hutton and Robert Mills and Walter Eberhard of the fire department.

"This committee shall have my full cooperation and assistance as well as the advice and counsel of the city attorney in assisting them in working out this entire problem," Chadwick's statement declares.

"Pending the results of this procedure and the action of the common council in session on their report, I ask all who will be affected in the service in the city of Salem to remain at their posts, and I assure them that this matter will reach an intelligent solution in the spirit of sound municipal government," the statement concludes.

That a committee report at the next regular council meeting would be too late to make use of in the November general election ballot to secure an expression from the city's voters on whatever measure may be proposed was apparent Thursday. Last day such a bill could be placed on the ballot will be October 3, by a provision of the city charter requiring council action on an ordinance related to such a proposal not less than 30 days prior to the vote.

However, the city council, which recessed last Monday night so that it might meet on short call should the anticipa-

Civilian Meat Drops 21 per Cent for Fall

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24—(AP) The government told civilian consumers Thursday they would have to get along with about 21 per cent less meat during the next three months, although slaughtering of livestock was expected to reach record levels.

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said civilian meat consumption during the October-December period would be restricted to 79 per cent of the amount available in the same period last year.

This restriction is designed, the secretary said, to conserve supplies for the armed forces, for lend-lease orders and to hold over some meat for civilian use when slaughtering drops to a seasonal low level next year.

The October-December limitation will be followed, Wickard said, by consumer rationing allowances, Sept. 24—(AP)—An explosion in a house in Athens injured an unannounced number of Italian occupation troops and caused the Italian command in Athens to order the execution of three persons, a dispatch from Athens reported Thursday night.

Stalingrad—City of Steel Men



Geographical details of the Stalingrad area are shown in this map, depicting the scene of a tremendous battle which today enters its second month. The arrows show how the German armies are trying to pierce through and isolate sections of the city; the planes represent naval craft which pound the city and its lines of supply (line of tanks) incessantly. The Volga river courses through the east side, below the bluffs on which Stalingrad is built.—Associated Press Telemat.

WPB Offers Scrap Prizes

States and Counties To Get Awards; Army Contributes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24—(AP) The war production board Thursday added new zest to the newspaper-directed scrap drive by offering awards of plaques and pennants to states and counties piling up the biggest heaps of food for the blast furnaces.

As the big nation-wide drive caught on rapidly with the public, WPB announced that the three states collecting the most scrap per capita would get honorary plaques from Chairman Donald M. Nelson. Each county producing 100 pounds or more per capita will receive a salvage victory pennant.

WPB's conservation division, in announcing rules of the contest, emphasized that only scrap metal or rubber which had been weighed and delivered to victory stockpiles, official salvage depots, or scrap dealers' yards, would be used in computing the totals.

Only scrap collected during the three-week newspaper drive will be included in the final tabulation of the contest. The state salvage chairman will have final judgment in all matters concerning the competition figures.

WPB said it had been suggested that each state chairman appoint a committee of three leading citizens to assist in judging the contest.

Plaques for first, second and third state prizes will be suitable for installation in state capitols. The pennants for counties may be flown from county courthouse or from staffs on an near large county victory stockpiles.

Not only the civilian public, but the army as well, has joined the scrap drive. Secretary Stimson said Thursday that at Fort Knox, Ky., they're digging up copper, nickel, lead and steel beneath the firing range targets.

Hamilton county, Ohio, which embraces Cincinnati, in nine months collected 380 pounds of scrap metal per capita, a total of 236,885,341 pounds. Harold W. Nichols, committee chairman, attributed this vast total to "tremendous publicity" in the newspapers.

In Nebraska, 104 pounds per capita was collected in three weeks.

Blast Hurts Axis Troops in Athens

BERLIN (From German broadcast), Sept. 24—(AP)—An explosion in a house in Athens injured an unannounced number of Italian occupation troops and caused the Italian command in Athens to order the execution of three persons, a dispatch from Athens reported Thursday night.

Stalingrad War Ruins Depicted

MOSCOW, Friday, Sept. 25—(AP) "The sky flames above your head and the earth quivers under your feet in Stalingrad," Konstantin Simenov, Russian author and newspaperman, wrote Friday in describing his visit to the besieged Volga river city.

"There is wreckage everywhere, and everywhere the choking smell of smoke and high explosives," he said. "On the river beach are the corpses of women and children killed by German bombs. The Stalingrad water front is a great patch of ruins."

"By night fresh soviet troops cross the river on barges and boats. The wounded are removed the same way. "The medical service is working" (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Two Vessels In Atlantic Sub Victims

By The Associated Press
Five seamen, crew members aboard an American merchantman and a Panamanian cargo carrier, perished in new submarine encounters which sank both ships, the navy revealed Thursday, but 98 others were rescued and landed safely at United Nations ports.

Latest victims of enemy U-boats in the western Atlantic raised to 475 the Associated Press tally of announced sinkings in that area since America's entry into the war.

Forty eight survivors of the Panamanian vessel were landed at an east coast port. One seaman was killed in the attack which occurred in the North Atlantic last July.

The United States ship was torpedoed in mid-Atlantic last month, with the loss of four crew members. Fifty others were picked up by a friendly rescue craft almost immediately after abandoning their stricken ship.

Destruction of the 8244-ton Swedish motor freighter Lina by enemy submarine action boosted that neutral nation's merchant marine losses in a three-year period ending Friday to at least 154 ships, totaling 418,266 tons, the American Swedish News exchange announced.

At least 283 persons were killed in the sinkings, a report received from the London bureau of the Aene said.

Sweden's shipping losses were estimated at about \$75,000,000.

Disclosure of the Lina's torpedoing was made by the Swedish legation in London, in a report to its foreign office in Stockholm. Neither date nor location of the attack was revealed in the dispatch.

3-Train Wreck Toll Climbing

20 May Be Dead in Maryland; Sleeper Car Struck; Burned

DICKERSON, Md., Sept. 24—(AP) Tolling rescue crews Thursday night had removed 11 bodies from the twisted wreckage of two passenger trains and a fast freight in which 20 persons were believed to have died.

State police and railroad officials said 11 persons were known to be dead—nine of them having perished in a flaming Pullman car. Nine still were unaccounted for and feared dead, they said.

In the eerie light of spotlights and carbide lamps, wrecking crews attacked the Pullman, pulling it away bit by bit until the twisted hulk bore no resemblance at all to a railroad car. Rescue workers planned to work all night.

The entire area was encircled by rifle-bearing Maryland State guardsmen who challenged anyone approaching the wreckage. No one without credentials was allowed on the scene.

The bodies which had been taken from the wreckage were so badly burned immediate identification was impossible.

The sleeper car carried most of the victims when a flat struck swiftly Thursday morning in a deep gully along the Baltimore and Ohio railroad tracks. One passenger expressed displeasure to another, and tossed the Pullman into a freight car along the adjoining track.

Wreckage of all three trains jammed into a small mountain of crumpled steel in the narrow pass, and fire from spilled fuel oil (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Kaiser Halts NY Employing

NEW YORK, Sept. 24—(AP) Michael Miller, head of the Vancouver shipyard of the Henry J. Kaiser interests, said Thursday that with 4000 New York workmen set to leave for the west coast yards "we now have more than enough men for the immediate needs of the yards."

Recruiting of workers was halted Thursday night for at least a week to permit the Kaiser offices to catch up on the men already "screened" by the US employment service. In a week an announcement will be made as to when workmen will be registered again.

Miller said that the first train of employees would leave for Portland Friday from Hoboken. Another train will leave Sunday, a third Monday, and a fourth on Tuesday, while a fifth train will go out later, he added.

Germany's Best Held Off From Volga Victory

Willkie Finds Disappointment Over Lack of Second Front; Ships Aid With Big Guns

By FRED VANDERSCHMIDT
Associated Press War Editor

A rising hope for the survival of Stalingrad took on greater substance Friday as the Russians officially reported their relief soldiers had beaten down the best assaults the Germans could muster in the city itself and had regained ground on the northwest sector.

Stalingrad went into its second month of ordeal by siege Friday with the Germans apparently no nearer victory than when they broke into the city proper last week.

Ships of the Volga river flotilla poured shells into the German masses striving to advance on the city's streets and the fire, the Russians announced, destroyed eight German guns "and a large group of enemy troops."

US Destroyer Disappears

250 Believed Lost From Jarvis and Transport Little

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24—(AP) The 1500-ton destroyer Jarvis, with possibly 172 men aboard, had vanished in the southwest Pacific and is assumed to have been sunk by Japanese submarines or aircraft, the navy announced Thursday, and the speedy auxiliary transport Little also has been lost.

The casualty list of both vessels was believed to total about 250, since, in addition to the men who disappeared with the Jarvis, the navy said that approximately half of those on the Little died. The Jarvis' normal complement was 172 and the Little, a converted destroyer, usually carried 150 to 200 crew members and troops.

Both ships had been engaged (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Children Set For War Work Says Hershey

CLEVELAND, Sept. 24—(AP) School children, housewives and older people will be required to aid in essential war activities before the war is won, Maj. Gen. Lewis F. Hershey declared Thursday night.

The national selective service director, speaking in public hall, said "we will find in the future school children doing some sort of war work three or four hours a day and going to school at the same time."

"We can not think that the present untapped labor sources will remain untapped. If we wait too late in making replacement plans we will suffer in the future."

Gen. Hershey warned industrialists to start planning now for their men-power needs of next spring and summer, looking toward greater use of female labor and members of minority groups.

He criticized absence from work, "slowdowns, and other methods by which production is lessened."

Earlier in the day he pronounced unsatisfactory the rate of voluntary switchovers from non-essential to war industries.

Finland Denies Peace Reports

HELSINKI, Finland, Sept. 24—(AP)—The Finnish information bureau Thursday night issued an official communique branding as "false and foundationless" foreign reports the Finnish legation in Washington had intimated Finland was ready for a separate peace with the soviet union.

The communique explained the Finnish legation last week held a press conference to correct what it called the erroneous and misleading information about conditions in Finland, chiefly the food situation, which it said had been appearing lately in American newspapers.

Wednesday's Weather

Wednesday's max. temp. 59, min. 44. River Thursday 4 ft. By army request weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.