

PRICE CURBS CLAMP DOWN AS OPA REVIVES

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

What a contrast there is in the situation in defeated Japan and that in occupied Central Europe. A good measure is the yardstick of news. Little space is required in daily papers to report the day-to-day matters of news from Japan, while Europe's troubles and those of the occupying nations takes many a column. Lack of news from Tokyo is a sign of the smoothness with which rebuilding society there proceeds.

There are many reasons for this difference. In the first place Japan is a unit and the occupying authority is a unit—General MacArthur and the American army. Central Europe is not a unit, Germany and Austria are divided into occupation zones and four-power commissions try to run the capitals. Then it must be admitted that the Japanese are cooperating. They have taken their defeat with remarkable good grace and willingness to adapt their political and economic structure to American demands appears sincere, though of course the governing element finds it hard to make concessions.

The emancipated people in Japan seem to be rising to use and enjoy their new privilege. They, including women, took part in the voting. Their newspapers have become freer in expressing opinions. Schools are trying to get away from teaching the virtues of war and its sacrifice and away from emperor worship. The economic readjustment will be slower and the task of rebuilding homes in the bombed cities seems staggering, but the Japanese people endure their present destitution.

Concrete Block Plant to Start At West Salem

WEST SALEM, July 25.—Production of Pumulite concrete blocks is expected to start by September 1 at the Pumulite Concrete Block Co. plant now going into construction at the west end of Edgewater street here.

The property where grading is already under way, preparatory to the construction, is owned by Walter Gerth. It measures 180 by 300, has rail facilities and faces the Salem-Dallas road.

In addition, the blocks are fire-proof and water-repellent, and will hold nails.

7790 Jammed Waters Park For Benefit

The Portland vs. Salem Tommy Edwards educational fund benefit game at Waters park Monday night, July 25, played before an actual crowd of 7790, according to a final tabulation announced yesterday by park officials. Every ticket taken in at the park that night was counted to reach the record-smashing total. Previous high was 5800 unpaid and 4863 paid. A total of 8082 tickets were sold for the game and the gross income for the fund, before government taxes were deducted, was \$6695.50. The 7790 will go down as the largest crowd ever to witness a single sports event in Salem's history.

Upwards of \$5000 was banked in the educational fund for the four-year-old son of the late Frisco Edwards, Salem Senator manager who died of a heart attack in May.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



What's gotten into people lately—they're so irritable.

May Debut at Probe Cancelled by Heart Attack

Garsson, Officials To Resign

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(Friday)—Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky), due to face the senate Mead committee this morning for questioning about his connections with a Midwest munitions combine, is under medical care for a heart attack and his appearance has been postponed.

Meanwhile reports that May's condition was such that he might not live through the next few days were prevalent.

A telegram signed in the name of Joseph Freeman, an attorney for the combine, and addressed to newspapers, said:

"Have just been informed of the statement attributed to me that Mr. May would not survive the night. My only knowledge of

CHICAGO, July 25.—(P)—Dr. Henry M. Garsson, promoter of a munition combine under investigation by a senate committee, announced tonight that he and all other present officers and directors of Batavia Metal Products, Inc., and subsidiaries had tendered their resignations.

The Batavia company has been identified as one of the principal firms in the combine.

Mr. May's illness was an announcement heard on the radio that he was stricken with a heart attack.

The first announcement of May's condition came late yesterday from Senator Mead (D-NY) of the senate war investigating committee. It came just after the committee had held a closed hearing at which the senators sought more information on a story that May appealed to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on behalf of a munition maker's son who was facing courtmartial for disobedience.

Later, May's lawyer, Warren Magree, said: "I was told that the doctor had absolutely forbidden Mr. May to get out of bed." Magee said, "and that it would be impossible for him to testify tomorrow."

"His information," Magee said, "is that he is suffering from a serious chronic heart condition aggravated by strain and over-exertion."

Simultaneously with the disclosure of May's collapse, the Mead committee gave permission for newspapers and wire services to buy a transcript of this afternoon's testimony by the army witness.

The first of those witnesses was Maj. Gen. Alden H. Waitt, chief of the chemical warfare service, who had been identified by the committee as the bearer of the first of the letters which May addressed to General Eisenhower, in reference to Capt. Joseph H. Garsson, son of Murray Garsson of the munitions combine.

At one point in the discussion of travel practices by high army officers, Sen. Connally (D-Tex.) commented that "it is a scandal in the army. . . I think it is an absolute shame and an outrage and a graft on the government."

Report on Trial The report on young Garsson's trial repeated previous information from the army that he refused to place his chemical mortar company in an assigned position, contending that the position was tactically unsound; that he was relieved of command; that other officers agreed with his estimate of the position, and that his successor was not required to go into the designated spot.

Young Garsson was convicted and sentenced to dismissal on Aug. 7, 1945, with a recommendation that the sentence be suspended.

The final action reported was that of Eisenhower's European headquarters in suspending the sentence.

The Weather

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	82	67	.00
Portland	88	67	.00
San Francisco	69	59	.15
Chicago	76	60	.00
New York	81	61	.00

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight with little change in temperature. Highest today 90 degrees.

World Radio Signals Cut Off as Sun Spots Scramble Airwaves

NEW YORK, July 25.—(AP)—International radio communications were disrupted for several hours today with sun spots scrambling the airwaves.

Dr. Athelton F. Spilhaus, professor of meteorology at New York university, explained that sun spot activity runs in cycles with short period variations. He said the present activity was not a major cycle of unusual intensity and should last no longer than 24 hours.

Transmission from Bikini was blocked out more than five hours due to atmospheric conditions. The radio control office of the communications department in

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Youngsters Show How to Enjoy Hot Summer Weather



Salem completes a solid week of broiling (above 90) summer weather today. Among advocates of the "do something about it" doctrine are these young residents: Lynn Asher, route 3, box 368, and Barbara Baker, route 2, box 136A, Salem, who very evidently



find ice cream cones good, and Louis Berry and Jim Anson, the boys in a boat, Bob Brooks and Dick Fleming, who swim in background and foreground, respectively. (Statesman photo by Bill Scott)

Partly Cloudy With Continued Heat Forecast

An official forecast of "partly cloudy" is on the Salem weather books for today for the first time in more than a week—but the weatherman at McNary field station adds that he expects "little change in temperature."

Salem had a sweltering afternoon yesterday for the eighth consecutive day, with a high mark of 92 degrees attained at about 5 p.m. The temperature here was in the 90's from 2:30 until almost 6 p.m.

Summertime weather continued throughout the state, with reports crediting Ontario with a 104-degree temperature, Arlington 102 and Medford 99. Eugene had 95 as its high yesterday, weather statistics showed.

State Fair to Feature Large Floral Exhibit

Plans were announced Thursday for the largest floral exhibit in the history of the Oregon state fair when it opens Labor day.

Workers are now altering the interior of the old 4H exhibit building so that it will provide the most suitable exhibition space possible for floral exhibitors. The building is adjacent to the agricultural building on the fair's main midway.

Mrs. Verl Goode of Stayton and W. C. Franklin have been named as joint heads of the floral department. Competition will be in three divisions, growers, amateurs and garden clubs.

Classes in the growers competition will be in gladioli, dahlias and floral baskets and decorations. Tuberous begonias and the best display of at least ten varieties of garden flowers will be display classes for all amateur exhibitors. Garden clubs will display on the same basis as the amateur division.

A projection room for the showing of motion pictures is being completed in the rear of the floral building. Manager Leo Spitzbart has already booked a number of floral films to be shown by various garden clubs free of charge during the fair.

Our Senators

WEST SALEM, July 25.—Water Superintendent Lester Davidson today called on all West Salem residents, including water users outside city limits, to cease using water for lawns and gardens until further notice. He said the heavy consumption of water at present is greater than the West Salem water mains can handle. The eight-day hold spell accounts for the increased water use.

Results of A-Bomb Blast Still Being Determined

ABOARD U.S.S. APPALACHIAN, Bikini, Friday, July 26.—(AP)—To what extent the giant hand of the atomic bomb laid its deadly grip on 75 target ships anchored in the radioactive waters of the lagoon was still being determined today.

This much was known—ten ships, including the battleship Arkansas and aircraft carrier Saratoga were resting on the bottom, sunk by yesterday's first underwater atomic explosion.

Six more, including the battleship New York and Nagato, light carrier Independence and heavy cruiser Pensacola, were damaged.

Observer ships carrying scientists and navy men eager to assess the full damage to the guinea pig fleet re-entered the lagoon Thursday, some less than nine hours after the underwater blast was touched off.

Preliminary damage assessments showed, however, that the 15 target ships sunk or damaged were all close to the detonation center. There was no way to estimate the blast pressure on ships' hulls until official observers had free access to lagoon waters.

Method Unknown At Kwajalein, Rear Ad. Ralph A. O'Neil, member of the Joint Chiefs of staff evaluation board, pointed out that until divers complete their investigation it will be impossible to determine whether a capital ship such as the Arkansas was sunk by pressure or from the atomic blast.

How long radiation would keep inspection parties from the inner ring of the atomic death circle was not at once determined.

It was thought that three to five days might elapse before close-up target ships would "cool off" to a point where inspection parties could stay aboard.

Turkey Feathers Used in Making Women's Apparel

Oregon's turkey growers today were eyeing a new potential outlet for their waste product—feathers—in the manufacture of women's apparel.

The idea was given impetus by Mrs. Barbara Orr of Roseburg, who has used feathers in natural colors to make hats, purses, dresses and capes. One dress took 1800 hours of work to complete. Her entire output was brought to Salem recently for photographing, and a large colored photo of her turkey-feather gown is being exhibited by the Oregon Turkey Improvement association at the St. Louis meetings of the National Turkey show.

No dye is used by Mrs. Orr, and all colors are utilized—from the white fluff feathers of the White Holland turkey to the multi-colored coat of the bronze variety. The oil portrait was executed by Miss Betty Jane Holmes of Salem, from photos taken by Bishop-Moderne studios which is displaying the varied work.

Meat Price to Rise by Fall, Winter Months

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—The agriculture department estimated today that meat prices, despite larger supplies, will be 15 to 25 percent higher this fall and winter than in June.

The report said the increase might be only 15 to 20 percent if price controls on most cost-of-living items were restored and consumer prices in general rose only moderately.

It added, however, that the meat cost rise might run to 35 percent if the general cost of living climbed by 20 percent.

OPA has estimated that subsidies, ended June 30, held meat prices down by five to ten cents a pound.

The department estimated fall and winter meat supplies at 18 to 20 percent above spring and summer levels, but said high incomes will keep both demand and prices up well into 1947.

Oregon Projects in Flood Control Bill

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—More than \$9,000,000 has been appropriated for Oregon projects by the second session of the 79th congress now nearing adjournment.

Senator Cordon (R-Ore) said he considered the Willamette valley appropriations the session's most important work for Oregon. Congress authorized \$1,700,000 for the Detroit dam and \$1,000,000 for the Meridian dam in the Willamette basin, and \$450,000 for bank protection of the Willamette river and tributaries.

WU to Search For Housing

Officials of Willamette university will begin an intensive campaign Monday in search of housing facilities for more than 150 single and married veterans who will be among students enrolling at the university for the fall term in September.

A committee headed by Publicity Director Gil Lieser will carry on a door-to-door canvass of all Salem homes within the next two weeks in search of rooms and apartments needed for student veterans. Announcing the campaign for housing Lieser stated that "only with the cooperation of all Salem home owners with idle rooms will the 150 veterans without housing be able to obtain the college education guaranteed them under the GI bill."

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Civilian A-Control Wins Vote

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—House conferees gave in today and agreed to the senate plan for undiluted civilian control of atomic energy with a virtual monopoly for the government on patents and inventions in the field of the new power.

The measure now heads into a probable rousing reception in the house where a powerful group wants military representation on the proposed five-man domestic control commission, and opposes the ban on private atomic patents.

The measure is rated as "must" legislation to be cleared to the White House before the 79th congress adjourns, probably next week.

The last meeting of the house and senate agents late today brought settlement of two important points:

1. The house members agreed to accept the senate's provision on patents. This provides that inventions and discoveries in the field of atomic energy and fissionable materials shall not be patentable. To spur development, however, a patent compensation board would be authorized to make awards to inventors.

The senators took a house amendment which McMahon interpreted as allowing the armed forces—with the president's permission—to manufacture the casings or containers for atomic weapons, but not the fissionable material that goes into them. The atomic energy commission would have a monopoly on the production of fissionable material, but could arrange for the operation of facilities under management contract.

House Passes Congress Pay Increase Bill

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—The house tonight passed, 229 to 61, bill to boost salaries of congressmen, make them eligible for pensions, and overhaul the machinery by which they work.

The tradition-shattering measure, among other things, slashes the number of house committees from 48 to 19 and of senate committees from 33 to 15.

The senate passed similar legislation June 11. The two versions will be sent to a senate-house conference committee for adjustment of differences.

The senate measure would increase the yearly pay of members from \$10,000 to \$15,000, but the house voted to limit the raise to \$12,500 annually.

Under the house version, however, a \$2500 yearly, tax-free expense fund for members would be retained. Under the senate's bill this allowance would be abolished.

The senate measure also provided for a \$8000-a-year administrative assistant for each legislator, but the house refused to accept this proposal.

Bid Accepted for Soundproofing Job

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Truman Signs New Measure

President Calls Bill 'Inadequate' In Congress Note

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—President Truman signed the new price control act "with reluctance" today—and with a notice to congress that if it proved inadequate, he will call a special session to strengthen it and perhaps raise taxes.

The bill was signed into law at 4:05 p.m. (eastern standard time). At that moment the rent and price ceilings which lapsed June 30 went back into force, except on items specifically exempted.

Measure Criticized Two hours later the president sent a message to congress to place on the record a statement that the measure "falls far short" of being one which his administration could guarantee "stable prices."

Then, he declared that because of its "defects" and "the months of delay" by congress in passing it, it is all the more apparent that more extensive use of the power to allocate scarce materials may be required and that sterner fiscal and monetary measures than would otherwise be called for may prove to be necessary.

He called upon consumers and businessmen to cooperate with the government's efforts in "the battle against inflation," and delivered this closing remark:

"If it appears that all the efforts of the government and the people will not be enough under the present legislation, I shall have no alternative but to call the congress back in special session to strengthen the price control laws.

"Consideration must be given to the formulation of a more rigorous tax policy. Such a tax program would, I realize, be unpalatable at the moment when we are doing our utmost to increase production, but if it is the only alternative to the ravages of inflation, we would have no choice."

The president reiterated his opposition, however, to the congress action retained in the final act which gives the secretary of agriculture instead of the OPA the final say on agricultural prices.

Approves Decentralized Board On the provision for a decentralized board, the chief remark he had not been opposed to the creation of such an agency. He promised to appoint "men in whose judgment and fairness the congress and the people will have complete confidence."

The president declared the bill "makes the task of staving off inflation even more difficult than it has been in the past."

He said it will require "some price increases which will be no substantial expansion in production" but that it "reduces materially both the number and the size of these increases," as compared with the pre-war bill.

OPA Administrator Paul Forster issued this statement: "OPA will do its best to make this bill work, and we think it will work. Decision on specific problems will be announced as rapidly as possible."

Explosives in Oakland Fire

OAKLAND, July 25.—(AP)—Four firemen were overcome by smoke tonight fighting a six alarm fire in a hardware store containing dynamite and other explosives. Explosion of some of the ammunition handicapped firemen.

The old three story Broadway hotel above the store was threatened with complete destruction. Firemen used apparently all of the hotel's 150 guests were guided to safety by the manager, Mrs. Elaine Camis. Spectators were kept three blocks from the blaze for fear the heat might set off the dynamite.

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QUICKIES

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