

By Charles F. Sprague

Harry Truman has a hard time of it riding in a Roman race with his horses headed in opposite directions. The southern hoss is the old democratic dependable, but has its head to the past and its tail to the future. The northern hoss, while something of a piebald, is crazy to get the bit in its teeth and go hell-bent for progress, new deal, CIO-PAC fashion. To keep the northern hoss from bucking the rider off, Truman has fed it all the choice oats at the capitol; health, housing, social security, and now a bushel basket full of civil rights. At the last the southern hoss balked, tired of carrying most of the load and getting only the quirt for its pains.

For all their protests against cramming progress down their throats, particularly civil rights for negroes, the southern democrats in the end will stay regular as they always have except in 1928 when some of them bolted Al Smith. But they are certainly embittered at the moment.

The uprising of southern democrats has started speculation that to preserve party harmony a southerner be picked for Truman's running mate. That may not happen, but the southern demo may be able to head off the nomination of Justice William O. Douglas, reported picked by northern bosses for the vice presidency. For Douglas is an outspoken advocate of giving equality in fact as in the constitution to negroes and other minority groups. No matter how sincere Truman was, the timing of his message is suspect. The politics of the Truman message on civil rights — FEPC, anti-poll tax legislation, anti-lynching legislation — lies in its appeal to negro votes. In northern states, where negroes are allowed to vote, that vote could swing a close election, and Truman may look for political gains in that direction. But he surely didn't count on the acid criticisms emanating from southern politicians in and out of congress. Truth to tell, both parties make promises to the negroes, and neither one is much distinguished by actual performance of promises in this field.

Marshall Seeks Greater Funds, Speeded Action

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. — (AP) — Secretary of State Marshall was reported ready today to ask another billion dollars or so for foreign spending. And Marshall himself said further military aid to Turkey and Greece is being considered by the state department.

Senator George (D-Ga.) of the foreign relations committee said he had been informed that about one billion dollars would be asked for aid to China and for occupation costs in Germany, Austria, Japan and Korea.

George told reporters his information came from a source he considered reliable, but declined to give particulars.

This extra amount, on top of the \$6,800,000,000 Marshall is asking for his European recovery program, would raise foreign spending proposals to nearly \$8,000,000,000.

Marshall told a new conference the state department is considering all the facts in connection with the \$100,000,000 military aid program to Turkey.

Marshall said also that the department is trying to determine whether more money will be needed for the Greek aid program when the present \$300,000,000 appropriation expires June 30.

The secretary urged anew that congress act on the European recovery program by April 1, and Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) of the senate foreign affairs group said later that he thought this could be done.

Marshall said the pipeline of supplies to Europe would run dry if the long-range program wasn't ready when the stop-gap aid voted last year for France, Italy and Austria runs out at the end of March.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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Forecast from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Partly cloudy today and tonight with scattered early morning rain and light snow showers.

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Flu Closes Some Schools in NW

Salem and the surrounding area will see little of a snow storm forecast for today, the U. S. weather bureau at McNary field said early this morning in predicting only light early morning rains and snow showers.

The thermometer, however, is expected to sink to 23 degrees this morning and late tonight as the cold spell continues. Wednesday was comparatively warm in comparison with recent low temperatures, with a maximum of 48 and a minimum of 34.

Commodity, Stock Prices Take Sharp Drop; Voluntary Rationing Up Again; Britain Acts

Saving of Meat Due for Stress; Aims at Prices

By Morgan Reynolds
WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. — (AP) — The government prepared today to launch a sweeping food rationing campaign on a voluntary basis.

Representatives of 18 consumer, producer and distributor groups will meet tomorrow with Secretary of Agriculture Anderson to map details of the nation-wide program.

With congress apparently determined not to grant President Truman's request for further legal powers to enforce anti-inflation measures, the administration plans to seek greater public support for an intensified voluntary drive to curb the cost of living.

Charles F. Brannan, assistant secretary of agriculture, will head the new food saving campaign. Originally started by the citizens food committee last fall, it has been carried on until now under the direct leadership of the cabinet food committee.

Although no details of the new drive have been revealed, it is understood major emphasis will be placed on meat.

The self-imposed rationing program to be drawn up tomorrow will be based on the specific recommendations of the industry and public representatives. It is designed to meet the twin problem of scarce food supplies and high prices.

The agriculture department has predicted a meat shortage may arise in the next few months. And Brannan has told the senate banking committee that meat rationing "by price" is already in effect because many people cannot afford to buy.

Oiling Assured For 28.1 Miles County Road

A total of 28.1 miles of unsealed Marion county roads will be oiled during the county's summer road program beginning in July, the county court reported Wednesday.

In addition to oiling new roads, the county will process 23 other roads to prepare them for oiling next year or the year after, according to County Commissioner Roy Rice. Last year the county oiled 22 miles of new roads and resurfaced 50 additional miles of older roads.

Roads selected for this summer's oiling program were chosen from the many for which requests were submitted during a public road hearing held by the county last month. County Judge Grant Murphy said that some grading, such as grading, graveling, repairing bridges and draining, could begin as soon as weather permitted.

House Would Halt Conversion to Oil

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. — (AP) — The house took steps today to make more fuel oil available. It voted to stop conversions of government heating plants from coal to oil or gas.

The house commerce committee at the same time asked if the investment of reported \$50 million in fuel oil prices resulting from shortages.

Other speakers were Kenneth Sawyer and W. C. D. Dodson of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; Arthur Page, Charles Hart and Paul Drushella, directors; Dr. J. F. Hoesch, Scio; Harley Libby, Jack Gilmore and H. D. Bradley, interested in flax growing.

Alfred Lentscher, manager, told that 1,750,509 pounds of unprocessed flax valued at \$143,000 was still at the plant and would be cleaned up by June. Walter Shelby, said that if all goes well the plant will be out of debt by the end of the year, and "although we won't have much cash on hand we will own our own plant."

Admits Bomb



Jerusalem, Feb. 4. — Abdul Khader Bey Hussein (above), commander of the Arab forces in Jerusalem, said that his men were responsible for the bombing in Jerusalem of the publishing plant of the pro-Zionist newspaper, Palestine Post. The blast killed a printing worker, injured 21 persons and set off a \$500,000 fire. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

Assault Charge Follows Attack At Salem Home

Arraignment in Marion county district court today, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, was slated Wednesday night for Richard Eoff, 48, of 1180 Oak st., according to city police. Eoff was arrested Wednesday after police investigated the beating of a Salem housewife with a flashlight in her home Tuesday.

Victim of the attack was Mrs. Lillian Gardner of 889 Oak st., former elevator operator at the county courthouse, who was treated following the attack for six head lacerations. Three of the cuts on her forehead were three inches long and required several stitches, police said.

Eoff was arrested about 6 p.m. Wednesday at his home after a search by Detective George Edwards and Patrolmen Charles Espino and Paul Nicholson. The officers were called to Mrs. Gardner's home at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, a few minutes after the attack, by a neighbor who called the police.

After receiving treatment, Mrs. Gardner told Edwards a middle-aged man called at her home about noon and asked to inspect the property, saying that he was interested in buying it. After going to the rear of the house, the man asked to see the attic, Mrs. Gardner said. When she placed a ladder in a bedroom closet under the access hole to the attic the man suddenly pulled out his flashlight and beat her about the head, she told police.

Mrs. Gardner's screams brought a boarder, U. R. Mills, from the basement and into the bedroom to investigate. He found Mrs. Gardner lying in a pool of blood on the bedroom floor, he told police, but allowed the man to leave when the stranger said the woman had been injured in a fall from the ladder. Mills then phoned first aid men, who called the police.

With a description of the attacker from Mrs. Gardner and Mills, police set out on a house-to-house canvass of the neighborhood in search of the assailant. About 4 p.m. Wednesday Edwards called at Eoff's home and noted a similarity with the assailant's description.

Placing Eoff under arrest, Edwards brought Mrs. Gardner and Mills, who both immediately identified Eoff as the attacker. Edwards said that Eoff readily admitted being at the home after his arrest, but denied striking Mrs. Gardner. He is being held in the city jail pending action of the district court today. Bail was set at \$5,000.

Ex-Camp Land Due for Sale

Land tracts remaining from a current sale of 15,000 acres to former owners and tenants at Camp White, near Medford, will be sold to World War II veterans who apply before March 29, the state veterans affairs department announced Wednesday.

The department cautioned, however, that because of rocky condition of most of the land, shallow soil and shortage of water, it is suited generally for limited grazing purposes only, except that portions fronting on the highway which might be used for business structures.

Applications should be mailed to Earl A. Lintz, project manager, box 1547, Medford, Ore.

Profit and Wage Freeze Sought To Fight Spiral

LONDON, Feb. 4. — (AP) — Prime Minister Attlee called today for the freezing of profits and wages to combat spiraling prices.

He urged the freeze on a voluntary basis and under the honor system, but with a threat to use wartime powers of price control.

The appeal was read by Attlee in the house of commons. He asked for a general freeze on individual incomes, not only to combat increasing prices but to woo export trade.

Yesterday the chancellor of the exchequer reported that the purchasing power of the pound had declined to 38 per cent of its 1914 value.

The housewife saw evidence of economic woe in the hike last week of the controlled price of scant bacon and eggs.

It appeared likely that French devaluation of the franc was a contributing factor in today's move. Britain, desperate for dollars, must compete for export trade with markets changing slowly from the sellers' to the buyers' advantage. France is also in the export market and now possesses the advantage of the devalued franc.

1st Big Fund, \$991 Million, Passes House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. — (AP) — The first big appropriation bill of 1948 skimmied through the house today after a brief flareup over President Truman's \$700,000 emergency fund.

The \$991,518,551 bill finances a score of miscellaneous federal agencies, including the White House, for the fiscal year starting July 1. The total is \$56,280,313 below the president's budget estimates — a cut of about 6 per cent.

The vote that sent the bill to the senate was 339 to 10. All 10 negative votes came from republicans.

The skirmish over the president's emergency fund developed over an amendment by Rep. Rees (R-Kas.) to take \$200,000 off the \$700,000 recommended by the appropriations committee. The president has asked for \$1,000,000, twice what he was given for the year ending next June 30.

Rees claimed that not even by "the greatest stretch of the imagination" could many of the so-called emergency items be considered emergencies.

Strike Date Delayed

CHICAGO, Feb. 4. — (AP) — Three railroad operating unions that have threatened to strike on the nation's railroads advised President Truman's emergency fund finding board today they would agree to extend from February 26 to March 10 the time for studying the dispute.

Mrs. Rogers Files

Mrs. Joe Rogers, Independence, Wednesday filed at the statehouse for state representative from the 19th district, Polk county, at the republican primary election.

Bundist Loose



Fritz Kuhn, former head of the German-American Bund, who was reported to have escaped Tuesday from internment in Germany.

Deported Kuhn Escapes from German Prison

MUNICH, Germany, Feb. 4. — (AP) — Fritz Kuhn, deported former leader of the German-American Bund, escaped Tuesday under mysterious circumstances from the Dachau internment camp.

Police searched southern Germany for Kuhn, who was being held by Bavarian denazification authorities for possible trial as a Nazi.

No one seemed to know how he got out of the German-operated prison camp. Prison inmates were the first to report his disappearance.

Kuhn, whose voice once thundered praise of Adolf Hitler at Bund rallies in Madison Square Garden, was sentenced to jail in 1939 for grand larceny and forgery involving misappropriation of Bund funds.

In 1943 he was deprived of his citizenship. He was ordered deported to Germany in 1945 as an alien enemy "dangerous to the public peace and safety of the United States."

American military government authorities arrested him upon his arrival in Germany, but he was released in April, 1946. Last July he was jailed by the Germans and held for trial as a Nazi offender.

No trial date had been set for Kuhn despite his lengthy imprisonment.

Airlines to Accept Strike Arbitration

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 4. — (AP) — An offer to accept a neutral arbitrator was made today by National Airlines as full impact of the pilots' strike paralyzed the system.

The strike, which began at 11 p.m. yesterday, grounded National's 22 planes serving 11 states and Cuba when the line's 145 pilots walked out over two grievances.

Klan Threatens Georgia Coach; Refused Protection of Sheriff

LAKEVIEW, Ga., Feb. 4. — (AP) — Walter Bowland, athletic coach at Lakeview high school, said today he had been warned to get out of town or be tarred and feathered.

He said School Principal John B. Burks received the warning: "Get Bowland out of town or he will be tarred and feathered. Then you will be tarred and feathered."

The threats were inspired, said Bowland and Burks, by a fight at the gymnasium between Bowland and Marion Hayes, a student at the University of Chattanooga and former student at Lakeview high. Just as scared of the Ku Klux Klan as you are. You should conduct yourself in such a way that the Ku Klux Klan wouldn't appear in front of your house."

No Explanation Certain; Price Height Blamed

By the Associated Press
Commodity, stock and bond prices dropped sharply, without any new development to account for the break in the nation's markets Wednesday.

Most experts said frankly they didn't know whether it was just a temporary setback, or a prick in the postwar price balloon.

Nor could they say whether the present high cost of groceries and other items in the family budget might go down as a result. Wheat futures dropped 10 cents a bushel — as they can in one day — at Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City.

Stocks fell \$1 to \$5 a share in a 1,200,000-share turnover at New York, the widest break since last May. Railroads led a broad decline in the bond market, same as they.

Cotton broke more than \$6 a bale at one time but made some recovery. Final prices at New York ranged from \$3.55 a bale lower to 35 cents higher.

It may be the same story in most other commodities. The Associated Press commodity index reflected the sharpest break since September, 1947.

Cattle prices remained firm, however. Basic facts unchanged. Market men and economists generally noted that there has been no sudden change in two "basic facts" affecting the price structure.

That is, European requirements under the Marshall program are reckoned about the same as they have been all along. If these had been revised downward, a drop in prices undoubtedly would have followed.

Also, industrial output continues at the recent high level — a fact that ordinarily would mean steady prices.

In Washington, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson offered several possible causes for the skid in commodity prices.

Speculation. "One, he said, is that prices have been too high and perhaps a realization of this has begun to take hold of the markets."

Another is that many speculators have left the market as a result of the recent investigations and publication of traders' names.

A third is that the world supply is better than it seemed likely to be a few months ago — and the more wheat there is, the lower its price tends to be.

The belief that the break was merely a temporary trend was held by James S. Smith and Co., Chicago grain traders. The cash wheat is selling at too great a premium over the futures to expect further declines."

On the other hand, two other large Chicago trading concerns, the Uhlmann Grain company and Goodbody and Company, insisted that the downward surge was a definite "inflationary trend," the Uhlmann firm said. It expected increased sales by farmers in view of the well-known decline.

One sudden economist and vice president of a New York bank said he was convinced businessmen were becoming increasingly pessimistic of a recession. (Additional details on page 12)

Kiwanis Plans April Conclave

Approximately 500 out-of-town Kiwanians and their wives are expected to attend a western Oregon club conference in Salem on Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, Phil Schnell, Salem Kiwanis president, announced Wednesday.

The visitors will represent five divisions of the international organization's northwest district. Other divisions will hold parleys elsewhere.

In previous years, district-wide sessions were held each spring, but club officials said no city at the present time could promise enough facilities to handle so large a crowd.

Turkish Ambassador Recalled from Moscow

ANKARA, Feb. 4. — (AP) — Turkey has recalled her ambassador from Moscow, it was learned here tonight.

The sudden diplomatic move was a "fit for fat" answer to Russia's refusal to return her ambassador to Ankara, it was learned.

CADILLAC PRICE UP

DETROIT, Feb. 4. — (AP) — Showing its complete re-design 1948 model cars to Detroit area distributors and dealers today, Cadillac motor car division of General Motors announced price increases of about 9.5 per cent over comparable 1947 vehicles.