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GOP Attack on Inflation

The House GOP answer to President Truman's program on inflation control is contained in a measure approved yesterday by that body. Rejected were the president's recommendation for a new excess profits tax, authority for price and wage controls, rationing and allocation of scarce commodities, authority for regulating commodity exchanges and strengthening of rent controls. The republican attack on inflation is confined to tightening of credit.

The bill restores to the federal reserve board power to impose regulations on use of installment credit; gives it power to increase reserve requirements of member banks, lifting the percentage from 6 to 7 per cent on time deposits and the ratios on demand deposits as follows: New York City and Chicago banks from 20 to 29 per cent; reserve city banks from 20 to 23 per cent; country banks 14 to 17 per cent. The president had asked for increases of 4 per cent on time deposits and 10 per cent on demand deposits.

Another provision of the bill raises the reserve ratio for federal reserve banks by requiring them to hold gold certificates of 40 per cent against deposits against 35 per cent at present. This was vigorously opposed by the treasury as threatening the ability of these banks to support the government bond market.

The republican theory is that inflation can be stopped by restricting credits. If requirements for installment buying are renewed then fewer people may buy (or be able to buy) autos, radios, electric appliances. Reduced effective demand should result in lower prices. If banks are required to keep higher reserves against deposits they can lend less money to finance inventories, farm equipment and improvement, business expansion, municipal public works. Again smaller demand, relatively greater supply—lower prices. The theory is good, but it calls for delicate surgery. Using a meat axe on the credit structure can play havoc.

This may be said in its behalf that the plan is far simpler than another OPA with rationing and price controls. Its effect is more subtle, far less controversial. Credit is the bloodstream of business. An adroit tightening of the valve may reduce the flow which shows now in the florida face of business. The trick will be to do it without letting some vital organ die. In 1920-21 similar orders or advice from federal reserve banks touched off a recession that proved short-lived for business, long-lived for farming.

If the bill finally becomes law we can only wait and see what effect if any it will have on the present business boom.

A Storm Shelter?

Is it communist strategy to make the new Progressive party a storm shelter for itself in event the CP is outlawed? The thought suggests itself when one reads how the rules have been rigged apparently in the interest of the cohesive communist element.

The majority of the delegates at the party convention in Philadelphia were not communists; but the latter ran the show as far as the platform and party organization was concerned. The platform followed in nearly every detail the declaration drawn up for the CP itself.

It is in the rules for the party organization that the fine Russian hand may be detected. Larger representation on the national committee is given to the industrial states which definitely favor the communists because they are stronger there. The committee can do business without a quorum. It can appoint an additional 40 members. This makes it very easy for the militant minority to dominate the party committee.

Since the CP abandoned the Popular Front idea several years ago and threw out Earl Browder in the process, it may hardly be accused of reverting to it now, though in its own convention it virtually endorsed the Wallace-Taylor ticket. What it may be planning is a False Front policy, with the nice word "progressive" as the mask. That is a reasonable inference in the rigging of the party machinery.

Altering the New Look

Via INS rather than Vogue we get the latest fashion note from Paris. Gone, or on the way out, are the willowy curves that denoted the erstwhile "new look" of a restored femininity. Slim like a pencil—or an exclamation point—is the new silhouette. Dresses still come below the knee but no longer do they carry the yardage of the current style.

Silly women, says the mere male of these devotees of fashion who bow at the dictates of the Parisian designers. For all of his scoffing he usually follows the "new look" whatever it may be, with another look—and that is what makes feminine hearts give a satisfying flutter.

We think of the Willamette valley as one devoted to diversified farming with grain-raising giving place to orchard, berry, seed, mint, hop and other specialty crops and hay. Actually the valley still produces a great deal of grain. Visible proof may be seen in the tall new elevator of the Farmers union warehouse at Mt. Angel with capacity of 80,000 bushels and the large new elevator of the Elliott Feed & Seed Co. at Perrydale in Polk county with a capacity of over 100,000 bushels.

Wheat, oats and barley are principal grain crops. Since they are handled chiefly in bulk and no longer in sacks, elevators rather than warehouses are needed for economical handling and storage of the grain. Considerable wheat and corn are imported for feed purposes and they come in bulk too. The elevators here handle the grains "coming and going."

Veteran Count Sforza, foreign minister for Italy, says his country is ready to surrender national sovereignty to bring about European union. Considering Italy's economic and political sickness a surrender of sovereignty would mean giving up home medication and calling in a doctor. Maybe when other countries get as sick as Italy the "cure" of European union will be effected. After union however "minorities" would probably start their wailings. Men aren't very successful either at governing themselves or governing other people.

Editor Charley Stanton of the Roseburg News-Review has just visited the new plants of Portland newspapers. He says the guide showing a party through the Journal plant explained that linotype metal is composed of "lead, tin and alimony."

The northwest isn't alone in reporting a decline in tourist travel. The national park service reports a general slump in June. Eastern resorts are doing smaller business than last year. Too much money goes for grocery bills this year.

Marion county young democrats observed "one minute of silence" for the 80th congress. Now if they will just prolong the silence a few more months republicans should be happy.

Smuggling of cattle into this country from Canada is reported. Must be a little harder though than the running of rum in the days of prohibition. The "market" though must be fully as profitable.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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provided for one international regime to control the fluvial Danube (from Uin to Braila, Romania, near the river's delta) and another commission for the maritime Danube from Braila to the sea. The fluvial regime was stifled by Austria-Hungary; Romania made efficient service by the maritime commission impossible.

During the World war I post-war period two more international commissions were set up: the C. I. D. for the fluvial Danube and the C. E. D. for the maritime section which can be navigated by sea-going vessels. The C. E. D. maintained the navigability, organized pilot and rescue services and was somewhat successful although again Romania was always at loggerheads with other members. The C. I. D. had a great deal of difficulty with disagreements over tributaries and canals, customs, formalities and currencies for dues.

The fragmentation of central Europe, the number of states jealous of their national sovereignty and the many frontiers with their various customs and other trade barriers all added to the confusion. The world economic depression and the poverty of the riparian states limited physical improvement of the river. Yugoslavia and Romania's periodically blooded the C. I. D.'s balances in their respective currencies, and the mess continued until the more efficient nazis took over in 1940.

Yet despite the disagreements, the Danube supplied enough cheap transportation to limit rail development in the Balkans and to keep the basin dependent upon the steamers and barges that carried chemicals, textiles, metals and machinery to the east and raw materials and food to the west. For the three capitals that bridge its banks—Budapest, Vienna and Belgrade—and for the countries it serves, the Danube via the Black sea is an outlet to world markets. The Ludwig canal in Bavaria affords a connection with the Main and the Rhine.

The convention proposed by Russia would establish a commission with one member from each of the Danubian states; naval vessels would be barred from use of the river; it would be open on equal terms for merchant shipping of all countries. The United States, which now controls the upper 350 miles of the river, with the rest under Russia's domination, objects to some of the conditions in this Russian draft and has prepared an even which calls for free navigation of the river with no strings attached. Vishinsky merely smiles and says he has the votes to put over his plan whether the west likes it or not.

"This ancient route has been the commercial avenue between east and west for centuries. An open river is an invitation to commerce. The pressures for trading surely will open gates in the iron curtain, as the Danube bursts the bonds of the mountains at the famous Iron gate. The Danube can become at the will of the masters of nations, once more an artery of commerce, and as such an artery renewing life for an old, yet still vital continent."

Wheat Prices Close Lower

CHICAGO, Aug. 5 (AP)—Wheat closed lower again today after making an effort to halt its slow retreat. During most of the session the bread cereal showed little change from yesterday. But in the final half hour selling expanded and prices slipped.

As a result of the late decline, new seasonal lows were registered by May and July wheat. Trading in the latter contract has only recently started.

Other sections of the grain market showed no noticeable trend. September corn weakened, setting a new seasonal low, but all other deliveries scored minor gains.

Wheat ended 1/4-1 1/2 lower, September \$2.21 1/2-3/4, corn was 1 cent lower to 3/4 higher, September



Experience Didn't Teach Him Anything!

Police Nab Burglar at Scene of Crime; Admits Salem Thefts

A burglar who was caught in the act early Thursday morning at Sublimity later admitted more than a dozen other burglaries, and a large quantity of loot was recovered and identified, according to Marion County Sheriff Denver Young.

Glenn Edward DeHart, Silverton Hills, waived preliminary examination in district court and was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling. Dorothy Carney, 225 Hollywood ave., who was apprehended in a car waiting for DeHart, pleaded innocent to the same charge and preliminary hearing was set for August 19. They are held in the county jail in lieu of \$2,000 bail each.

Deputy Finds Thief

When the burglar alarm at Ditter's General store in Sublimity was touched off at 12:40 a. m. and sounded at the Gene Ditter home, he called the sheriff's office and went into action himself. Deputy Sheriff William DeVall called out of bed, drove to Sublimity in time to find DeHart in the store. Ditter and his son had found the woman in a car outside the store and had kept her under watch as well as keeping the burglar inside the store. The quick action was lauded by Sheriff Young as enabling authorities to catch DeHart.

Thursday afternoon, after appearing in court, DeHart went with Young and DeVall to the house on Hollywood avenue, where he identified a quantity of loot, including three boxes of canned goods, cigarettes and candy, several items of clothing, three radios and a rifle. There were also a ham, a side of bacon and seven pounds of butter.

Salem Burglaries

Young said two radios and the rifle had been taken in burglaries of three Salem residences. Also identified was a diamond engagement and wedding ring set stolen earlier this summer from the Rambo residence, 40 Evergreen ave., where he had also obtained the .32 calibre revolver he was

\$1.61 1/4-3/4, oats were 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, September 72-72 1/2, rye was unchanged to 1/4 higher, December \$1.67, and soybeans were 1/2 to 3 cents higher, November \$2.67 1/2.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



... And let me remind you that I hated Russia even in the days when we were getting along fine with them...

Civil Service Exams Set for Clerical Posts

The first statewide examinations for civil service clerical positions in state departments will be conducted in late September, with applications to be filed by September 4, officials announced Thursday.

The examinations, which will supersede all present eligibility lists for such positions, will be both for promotion purposes among present employees and to establish new lists of applicants. To date, examinations have been given only for positions in welfare, health and unemployment compensation offices and the crippled children's division of University of Oregon Medical school. The new eligibility lists, however, will be used to fill vacancies in all state agencies.

Officials said that promotion lists, from present employees, must be used, except for lower brackets of jobs, until exhausted. However, turnover in the jobs is considered fairly rapid.

The examinations will be given throughout the state, and applications may be secured from the state civil service commission office at 444 Center st. or in Portland or at state employment service offices.

Requirements Listed
Requirements include residence in Oregon and U. S. citizenship. War veterans will be granted five points preference and disabled veterans an additional five points. Proof of such status must accompany the application.

Positions for which examinations will be given, and monthly pay including the temporary \$20 monthly cost-of-living increase, are: Clerk I, \$150-\$185; clerk II, \$175-\$215; clerk III, \$200-\$245; clerk-typist I, \$150-\$185; clerk-typist II, \$175-\$215; clerk-stenographer I, \$200-\$245; clerk-stenographer II, \$185-\$225; clerk-stenographer III, \$200-\$245; administrative secretary, \$220-\$280.

Phone Firm to Issue Bonds

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. Thursday received permission from Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg to issue \$75,000,000 worth of 35-year bonds.

The money will be used for additions and improvements to the company's system.

The California public utilities commission already has approved the bond sale, which must be completed by October 31. Flagg and the California commission will issue further orders fixing the price at which the bonds may be sold.

A hen eats about 40 cents worth of feed per month.

New Premier



SEOUL, Korea, Aug. 5.—Lee Bum Suk (above), director of the South Korean military government youth movement, is now the first prime minister of the new Korean republic. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Lions Hear Capt. Lansing Of State Police

Fewer laws, more specialized training for law enforcement officials and improvements in the penal system were advocated by Capt. Walter Lansing of the Oregon state police in a talk before Salem Lions club Thursday noon in the Marion hotel.

Lansing asserted that the multiplicity of laws confuses the average citizen and breeds disrespect for peace officers. "Every legislature enacts hundreds of new laws, but did you ever hear of a lawmaking body weeding out and simplifying the laws already on the statute books?" he asked.

He criticized the Oregon system of classifying as crimes the minor "misdemeanors" such as traffic violations, which in several states are now treated separately under the defined category of "offenses."

Lansing maintained that police officers should be required to have a specialized, professional-type training so they could better handle their duties in thorough knowledge of all laws. He said that prosecutors and judges have professional background, but they do not enter the violation picture, usually, until an offender has first had contact with law enforcement in the person of a police officer.

A better-informed public, Lansing stated, is needed to bring about improvement in law enforcement and, especially, in the penal system of institutions where law violators "should be" rehabilitated as good citizens.



BEAR SLAYERS—Robert Bippberger (left) of Minneapolis and his cousin, Jay Bippberger of St. Paul, pose with a 300-pound black bear which Robert killed with a single arrow loosed from 200 feet near Tofte, Minn.

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