

Survey Shows Rents Rise Only Slightly as Controls End; Fairly General Boost Seen in Salem

Lifting of rent controls in more than 500 areas across the nation did not result in wholesale rent increases. This finding was made by the Associated Press after a survey of key spots to learn just how landlords reacted once the ceilings were taken off.

Lifting of controls, put into effect during wartime, began last April 1.

If all key decontrolled areas were taken as a whole, however, the survey indicated, their aggregate rent bill went up a little. Landlord reaction to decontrol was spotty. One major factor in the overall rent picture was the amount of vacancies available.

Some landlords raised rents but had to cut them again when their tenants moved out. Also, some landlords still are bound by leases issued in the period before decontrol.

Even a Few Cuts

In seven of the more than 30 areas surveyed, no more than a scattering of rent increases were reported. There were even a few cuts, mostly in higher rental units.

In five other key areas rent increases were reported as fairly general. They ranged up to 25 per cent, with a few isolated higher boosts. Enid, Okla., reported some few boosts as high as 200 per cent.

Increases were scattered rather than general in most other places. In low priced units.

The survey indicated that rent increases were fairly general, at least in low priced units, at Dunsmuir, Calif.; Salem, Ore.; Eugene, Ore.; Amarillo, Tex.; Salt Lake City, and Washburn, Ind.

There were no reports of a trend toward increases in Boise and Nampa, Ida.; Newport Beach, Calif.; Daytona Beach, Fla.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Gulfport, Miss.; and Hobbs, N.M.

The Associated Press survey showed conditions in key centers. Among them were:

Salt Lake City—Rent boosts generally have been 10 per cent or less. The city-county rental housing center has received only 18 complaints which it regards as legitimate protests.

Medford, Ore.—Property owners' representatives say rentals in only 10 to 15 per cent of the city's units have been raised. A union-veteran committee questionnaire asking evidences of rent increases got 30 responses of increases ranging from 6 to 100 per cent. County veterans service officer says no concrete evidence of inequitable increases but there has been "some grumbling." Heavy volume of new houses being built.

Yakima, Wash.—The Yakima fair rents committee reported 11 written tenant complaints on boosts ranging from 20 to 30 per cent. One landlord estimated rents on half the houses and apartments were unchanged and that 200 additional units had come on the market. There were some reports of boosts as high as 75 to 100 per cent.

Public Address System Slated for First Aid Car

A public address system is slated for installation in the Salem first aid car today. It has been donated by the Salem local of the Teamsters union.

Members of the first aid squad expect it to be particularly useful in controlling crowds at accidents and for issuing orders at major fires.

The first aid ambulance was made possible by funds provided by the Salem Trades and Labor council.

CLASSES IN CHURCH

Turner — The second grade is holding class in the basement of the Christian church. Mrs. Albert Jensen is the teacher.

GP's Sweetie Seeks Proxy Wedding to Save Ocean Trips

A young Everett, Wash., girl wants to come to Salem to marry an Oregon soldier who won't be here. He's in Japan.

But she claims the bride-in-Salem and groom-in-Japan wedding would save her a round-trip across the Pacific ocean.

Sounds confusing? It is. Ask District Attorney E. O. Stadter, jr., or County Clerk Harlan Judd of Marion county.

Stadter Monday received a letter from the girl, Enid C. Thompson, asking if she could come to Oregon on a weekend for a marriage by proxy. Washington, she said, doesn't recognize such marriages.

Round Trip Assured — Miss Thompson explained that if she goes to Japan to marry her soldier, she will be returned to the United States immediately after the wedding to be placed on a waiting list for government housing in Japan.

But if she crosses the ocean as a married woman, the housing in Japan is guaranteed. She won't

have to come back. Stadter Monday referred the letter to Judd, who re-referred it to Stadter.

Requires Examination — Monday night Stadter said he doubted that the marriage could be performed because state law requires that medical examination certificates be obtained for both bride and groom within 10 days after application for the license is filed. It would be difficult to get the paper to Japan and back in 10 days.

But Stadter added, "We're going to do everything possible. After all, it's a long way across the Pacific and back."

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Russian Army About Same Size as 1941

By J. M. Roberts, Jr. AP Foreign Affairs Analyst WASHINGTON, Oct. 17—(AP)—General Omar Bradley, estimating Russian military strength for the senate appropriations committee, indicates that the Soviet army is about the same size, numerically, as in 1941 when Europe already was at war.

That the red army is more modernly equipped can hardly be doubted. The red air force, which had few medium bombers and a relative handful of what were then called long range bombers, undoubtedly is vastly superior now.

Bradley estimates that Russia now has 175 combat divisions, could put 300 into the field within 60 days, and could have 500 in a matter of months. He credits the Russian air force with 16,000 planes.

According to figures given the United States by Stalin in July 1941, he had 180 divisions when the Germans attacked in June of that year, but only 160 were near enough to help withstand the Germans. The Russians mobilized 260 divisions within six weeks, but 80 of them were still in green for use. Stalin estimated that by the spring of 1942 he would be able to use 350 divisions.

Nominations For Chamber Posts Revealed

Preparing for its annual election, Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday announced a committee's slate of nominations for filling 14 directors' posts.

Three men were nominated for each of the board vacancies which are filled annually. The board in turn will elect officers. Nominations will be also called for at a membership luncheon next Monday, announced Chamber President Roy Harland.

The committee's nominees: Post 1—Gene Malecki, Russell Pratt and L. R. Tweedie; 2—Henry Kropp, Harold Robertson and Harold Walling; 3—George Rhoten, Bruce Spaulding, E. O. Stadter; 4—Robert Paulus, O. E. Snider, Charles Strickfaden; 5—Coburn Grabenhorst, Alfred W. Loucks, Kenneth M. Potts; 6—Clair Brown, Claude Miller and St. Elmo Massengale; 7—Robert L. Jones, Kenneth C. Perry, E. E. Withrow; 8—Homer Goulet, Jr.; Tom McNeill and G. Carroll Meeks; 9—Mrs. W. L. Allen, Mrs. Harry Scott and Mrs. B. O. Schucking; 10—Mrs. Agnes Booth, Robert Fenix and Connell C. Ward; 11—F. B. Keeler, Leo Page, Arthur W. Smith; 12—Floyd Bowers, Elmer Church and Paul Lippold; 13—T. M. Medford, William Phillips, Jr., Floyd Shepard; 14—G. F. Chambers, Earl Moorty, Louis Neuman.

In one field, particularly the production and development of long range bombers—she is believed to have learned a lesson from the past war and will not again be caught short. She had been building prototypes of the American B-29, now somewhat prematurely called a medium bomber by U. S. airmen who have a few B-36's. Now that Russia has to prepare for delivery of the atom bomb, she can be expected to redouble her activities in this field.

News that Russia's army is as large as it was during the actual war in Europe could have little meaning. For one thing, the Russians were just at a standstill in 1941, despite warnings that Hitler might turn on them. Stalin told Harry Hopkins six weeks after the attack, as quoted in Robert Sherwood's book, that he had not believed Germany would invade Russia.

But it could have great meaning, too. As long as the west can't know, it must go ahead with great expenditure for preparedness which are a drain on economic development. And that in itself could be a major part of the Kremlin's idea, too.

Deadlock on Farm Support Bill Reached

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17—(AP)—Senate conferees broke off negotiations with house members tonight for a compromise on farm price support legislation.

Whether further attempts will be made to reconcile the dispute before congress adjourns was left up in the air.

The senate members of the conference committee voted 5 to 2 at a night session of the group to report back to the senate that they were unable to reach an agreement with the house.

But the house members refused to vote a disagreement, and Rep. Pace (D-Ga) told reporters he hoped the senators would reconsider tomorrow and agree to a resumption of negotiations.

Senator Elmer Thomas (D-Okla), chairman of the senate agriculture committee, said he felt the matter was closed until next January when congress meets for its next session.

Should he be right and no new farm legislation be passed before adjournment of this session, the Aiken law enacted last year would go into effect next January 1.

It provides for sliding scale of price supports ranging from 60 to 90 per cent of parity.

American Flag Presented to New Vet Group

Presentation of an American flag highlighted meeting of the newly-formed Salem chapter, Order of Purple Heart, Monday night.

Dr. Alfred Schilt, Portland, national executive committee member from the department of Oregon, presented the colors in behalf of Louis Gevurtz, president of Gevurtz Bros. stores in Salem and Portland, who donated them.

Other guests were Department Commander Lester Hawkins, Department Adjutant E. G. Johnson, and Carl Carlson, commander of the Portland chapter.

Hawkins urged all wounded servicemen to contact local officers of the chapter for details on membership. William Erling is commander and Arthur Rine, adjutant.

Plans for Saturday's Purple Heart day here also were completed. Gold Star mothers and wives of chapter members will assist in the citywide sale of the organization's official flower, the viola.

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Mark Warnow, Conductor, Dies

NEW YORK, Oct. 17—(AP)—Mark Warnow, 47, long-time orchestra conductor of the Lucky Strike Hit Parade radio show, died of a heart attack today.

He complained of feeling exhausted last night after returning from Richmond, Va., where NBC's 493rd Hit Parade broadcast originated Saturday night.

Attack Feared In Chungking, New Capital

By Spencer Moss CHUNGKING, China, Oct. 17—(AP)—Quick communist conquest of Canton and a broad expanse of south China led some quarters in Chungking today to predict that the reds would move against this refugee nationalist capital.

Although Chungking has been the capital only two days, the question of how long it can remain so is already a common topic of discussion.

(Pro-communist newspapers in Hong Kong reported communist occupation of Amoy and Swatow, largest southeastern mainland ports held by the nationalists. Possession of these two cities would give the reds virtually the entire China coast from Canton north.)

Two Major Drives

There is some speculation that the reds might mount two major drives at once — against Chungking and against Kunning, the next likely refuge, 400 miles by air to the southwest.

These would be difficult enterprises across rugged country, but not considered beyond the communist capabilities. Having cleaned up northwest China much easier than expected, they can divert as many men as needed for a southward drive in that direction.

Space, Time Running Out — The nationalists, borrowing from their wartime glossary, talk of "trading space for time," but sober men in their councils realize that both space and time are rapidly running out.

The nationalists now control five western or southwestern provinces, Sichuan, Szechuan, Kweichow, Kwangsi and Yunnan, plus a foothold in southern Shensi and a few bits and pieces elsewhere.

Egg Workers Delay Strike For 24 Hours

PORTLAND, Oct. 17—(AP)—A strike of poultry workers against Oregon Egg and Poultry Dealers association plants was postponed today for another 24 hours.

Federal conciliation service mediator George Walker said the AFL union representatives had agreed to continue wage contract negotiations tomorrow. Plants in western Oregon towns and at Redmond were involved. Oregon turkey growers operations are also involved.

A new wage proposal from the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Dealers association and the Brentwood Egg company was to be voted on tonight by union members. The proposal had averted a work stoppage today.

Negotiations underway between wholesale grocery workers and their employers faced a Wednesday morning strike deadline. Federal mediator Leo Kotin said talks started six weeks ago were continuing.

Meanwhile, the Doernbecher Manufacturing company plant remained idle as a dispute that has shut down the furniture factory since Oct. 11. A contract was signed Oct. 3 but only a fourth of the 550 workers were rehired the next week.

Two Men Hurt In 99-E Crash

Marvin St. Clair, Salem route 1, was at Salem General hospital early Tuesday morning following an auto crash near Hubbard on highway 99E. Extent of his injuries was not determined immediately. Kenneth Griffin, address not listed, also was hospitalized in the same crash.

Protests to Yugoslavs LONDON, Oct. 17—(AP)—Albania has protested to Yugoslavia what she called "rude provocations" on her border, a broadcast by the Albanian telegraph agency from Tirana said tonight.

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Californian Blasts 'Scholastic Yardstick' Type of Teaching

By John H. White Staff Writer, The Statesman An astounding blast at the educational system that measures students by "how high they can jump on a scholastic yardstick" was delivered Monday night at the conference dinner of the Oregon School Administrator's gathering here.

Guest Speaker Willard Goslin, a fiery superintendent of schools from Pasadena, Calif., told a crowd that overflowed the Marion hotel's Mirror room:

"There's too little respect for personality and too much emphasis on reading about democracy without learning how to take an active part in it in today's educational system."

Mixes in Humor — Turning his speech, "You Can't Grow Zineac by Stomping on Them," Goslin mixed humor with fire in emphasizing his points. "Education must develop a sense of responsibility," he said.

"Every student we turn out who can't assert himself and take a responsible place in democracy is endangering that democracy because someone else must do the job for him," he continued.

Teachers 'Lazy' — "And teachers have been among the laziest groups in taking an active part, especially a political part, in helping to maintain and better our democratic government," he added.

Goslin especially deplored the failure of youth to assume responsibility in such matters as voting and marriage, a failure he blamed on the schools, as well as the home.

"Proper educational training could cut our divorce rate in half in 20 years," he said.

"We are using a 100-year-old educational system that actually benefits only a small percentage of students," he claimed.

"Everyone who is affected by a democracy's decision, should help share in that decision. It's up to the schools to mould character that can offer an honest contribution." (Story and picture also on page 7.)

ADMIT LOSS OF AMOY

TAIPEH, Formosa, Tuesday, Oct. 18—(AP)—A spokesman for the nationalists' southwest military headquarters today officially reported the loss of Amoy to the Chinese communists yesterday.

GUEST AT SWEGLE

SWEGLE—A recent guest Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wigle was Mrs. George Fruit of Halsey, a former neighbor of the Wigles.

GO DEER HUNTING

Turner — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Van Ottingham left Saturday to hunt deer near John Day.

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