

Eager Customers Swamp New York Stores as Price Battle Intensifies

NEW YORK, May 31-(AP)—Big New York stores battled penny-for-penny in a price-cutting war today.

Price tags were marked down hour by hour. By late afternoon slashes on some items ranged to more than 40 per cent.

Eager customers waving money in their hands pushed their way to crowded counters to snap up merchandise at far below nationally advertised prices.

In Macy's basement, areas were roped off and patrons were herded into waiting lines to buy appliances. One-way traffic was set up to prevent further confusion.

Lewyt vacuum cleaner, down

to \$62.99 from \$89.95; Mixmaster, to \$29.64 from \$46.50; Toaster, to \$14.72 from \$23.00; Palm Beach men's suits, to \$19.38 from \$29.95; Spingeweave suits, to \$30.17 from \$49.50.

"These cuts are long overdue," one customer said. "This crowd shows that if you give the people the right price, they'll come out and buy."

Macy's started the price war Tuesday, reducing nearly 6,000 items formerly price-fixed under so-called "fair trade" laws. Its action followed a United States supreme court ruling that stores which did not sign fair trade agreements couldn't be required to maintain retail prices

set by manufacturers.

Competitors who assert that "nobody undersells us" met or undercut the new prices, and the scramble was on. As fast as prices in one store were reported to others, new cuts were put in effect.

Where will it end?

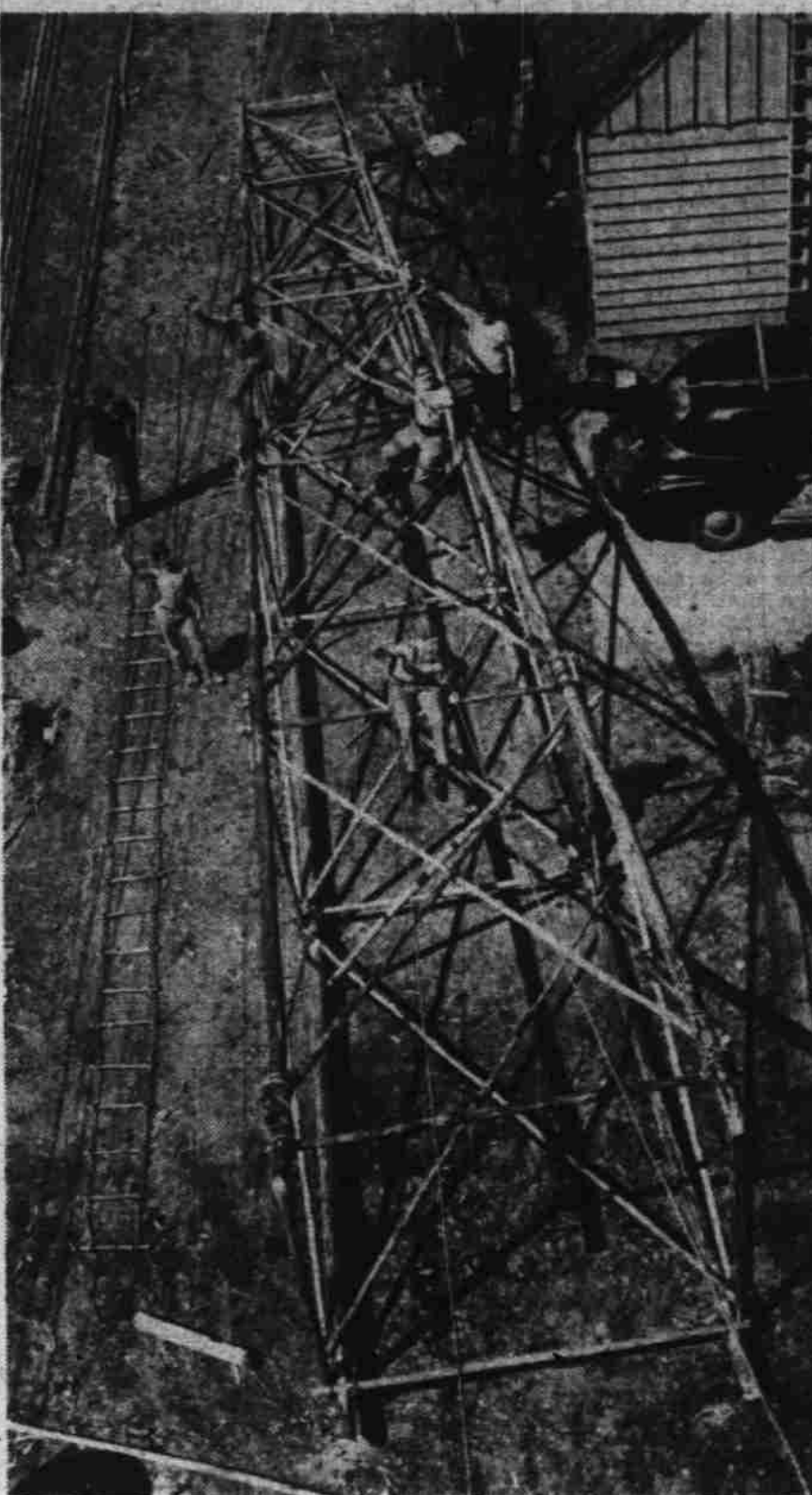
Trade sources said prices of some items already have reached perilously close to dealers' cost levels. One dealer pointed out that "if this thing gets out of hand, it's like a pit with no bottom."

Thus far, retailers elsewhere across the nation apparently regard the war as a New York phenomenon.

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Boys Make Tower for Circus



This 60-foot signal tower will be erected at the annual Boy Scout circus Saturday night at Waters field. Built by Salem Explorers post 16, the tower is so big a section of fence will have to be removed to get it into the local ball park. Here at work are Explorers Don Pearl, Bob Cowan, Charles Kloos and Lyle Shepherd; Lou Amert, post adviser, and Ed Pearl, post committee chairman. (Statesman photo.)

Scouts to Display Skills On Saturday Circus Day

Scout skills and pageantry will feature the Boy Scout circus in Salem's Waters park at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Approximately 2,000 boys will march in a downtown street parade at 2 p.m. that day, it was reported by Cascade Area council executives and leaders of the Salem Lions club, sponsor of the circus.

Cardinal Dies At Anniversary Of Priesthood

PHILADELPHIA, May 31-(AP)—Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, fifth citizen of the United States to attain the rank of cardinal of the Roman Catholic church, died today a short time after celebrating mass on his 61st anniversary in the priesthood.

The 85-year-old archbishop of Philadelphia was the senior prelate of the church in this country.

With the death of Cardinal Dougherty, the membership of the Sacred College of Cardinals fell to 50, or 20 less than the total reached in 1946.

Death came suddenly to the roly-poly, bald little man who for 33 years has been the beloved spiritual leader of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Cardinal Dougherty had celebrated mass this morning in the private chapel at his residence. He retired to his room, collapsed there and received the late rites of the church from his secretary, the Rev. Joseph McGlinn. The cardinal died at 9:15 a.m. with a doctor in attendance. Cause of death was not announced immediately.

Petitions Readied On Milk Law Repeat

PORTLAND, May 31-(AP)—Circulation of petitions to seek repeal of Oregon's milk control law will be started as soon as money can be raised by three Portland attorneys to get them printed.

Nicholas Granet, one of the three, said a ballot title to put the measure before the voters in the 1952 election had been received from the secretary of state's office. The petitions will be printed as soon as enough money is raised, he said.

Outnumbered French Block Vietnam Rebel's Offensive

HANOI, Indochina, May 31-(AP)—French troops outnumbered ten to one have blocked an offensive by 45,000 pro-communist Vietminh rebels on the river bowl front south of Hanoi, French army sources said today.

The front is stabilized, for the moment at least. But the French, with 4,000 men in the line, admitted serious losses. A single commando unit of 80 men lost 50.

The Vietminh struck Monday night from the foothills west of the Duy river against a 20-mile sector extending from Ninhbinh, 55 miles south of Hanoi, up to Phylly, only 35 miles south of this provincial capital. French headquarters said they attacked "en masse and with fanatical fury."

Some witnesses said foreigners evidently were in the Vietminh ranks, because they repeatedly

heard orders given in German, English and French. Liberated war prisoners have reported previously the Vietminh tried to recruit them for an international brigade. A French spokesman said the general staff lacked enough information to say definitely whether such a brigade was in action.

The Vietminh blow was the heaviest since the Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh directed his crippled divisions by radio April 6 to break off frontal warfare and revert to guerrilla tactics.

Ho's main attacks in the early spring had been directed at the north front of the rice bowl, the rich Red river delta lands between Hanoi and the French-held port of Haiphong.

The rice is ripening now and it looks as if the Vietminh wanted to seize the harvest.

Construction Worker Dies After Fall from New Bridge

Reds, Weather Drive Back U.N. Attacks

TOKYO, Friday, June 1 (AP)—Fiercely fighting communists, aided by some of the worst weather of the Korean war, today beat back United Nations forces aimed at the sensitive red assembly centers in North Korea.

Stiffened red resistance was felt all along the line. At some points the communists counter-attacked and forced U.N. troops into limited withdrawals.

Artillery fire defending the major red bases at Chorwon and Kumhwa, 17 and 20 miles north of parallel 38, was described in field dispatches as one of the heaviest barrages of the war.

Heavy Enemy Fire

An Eighth army staff officer said a tank-infantry force slogged through knee-deep mud to reach Yangju on the eastern end of the Hwachon reservoir. But the force pulled back to its own lines after coming under heavy enemy fire in the town. Allied forces took Hwachon town Sunday and won control over the dam Wednesday.

Detailed reports from the raging central front fighting were hampered by poor communications with frontline correspondents and censors were reported hacking heavily on all dispatches.

East and south of the Hwachon reservoir fighting, the communists threw several heavy attacks against South Korean forces. The reds stabbed to the road running from Hyon, south of the 38th parallel, to Inje, 4 1/2 miles north of the border.

Establish Defense

The Eighth army communique said "friendly forces withdrew approximately 1500 yards to establish a new defensive line."

All efforts to advance northeast out of Inje were stalled.

Skies were clearing by mid-day and supply and fighter planes went back to work.

B-29's and their covering U. S. Saboteurs' chariot Russian-made MIG-15 jets out of the sky and damaged two others in a fight over northwest Korea Thursday and today.

The Far East air force said all allied planes returned to their bases safely. The red radio at Pyongyang claimed four U. S. planes were shot down by anti-aircraft fire Wednesday at Hamhung on the northeast coast.

Workers Call Off Anti-Smuck Strike

DETROIT, May 31-(AP)—Chrysler's Dodge workers today called off their "we-don't-want-smucks" strike—for two weeks at least.

Company and union representatives agreed to try to reach an agreement by June 14.

Sporadic walkouts stemmed from demands by 123 men working in pits along the final assembly line for coveralls to protect them from grime.

The company offered smocks, such as used by paint department workers, but the pitmen demanded coveralls. The company offered to lengthen the smocks and put sleeves in them, but the workmen refused and the entire plant was virtually shut down.

Mishaps Hurt Two Other City Workers

A fall from the new Marion-Polk bridge was fatal Thursday for Neils Pederson, 55-year-old Salem carpenter.

Pederson, a worker on the project, fell about 45 feet to the pavement from the bridge approach being constructed on Marion street when he apparently slipped or lost his balance, Leston D. Howell, Marion county coroner said.

The injured man was taken to Salem Memorial hospital by City Ambulance service following the 2:30 p.m. mishap. He died about two hours later.

Falls also hospitalized two other Salem workers Thursday. Atlas Wintersteen, 65, 1395 N. Liberty st., suffered a broken leg and bruises when a ladder slipped from under him as he painted a dormer on a one-story house in the 1000 block of N. 14th st. He was confined at Salem General hospital.

Frank Bartel, 56, Salem route 5, was reported in "fair" condition at Salem Memorial hospital following a tumble while doing construction work at Oregon Pulp and Paper plant Thursday morning. Bartel suffered four broken ribs in the ten-foot fall.

Pederson had been a carpenter in the Salem area for about seven years, residing at 4135 Center street. He came to Salem from Spokane where he had lived for another seven years. He was born in McIntosh, Minnesota, March 28, 1896, and lived in Canada for several years.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Elsie Pederson of Salem; five daughters, Mrs. Walter Means, Mrs. Minard Allen, Gloria, Shirley and Carol Pederson, all of Salem; four sons, Everett, Melvin and Kenneth Pederson of Salem and Laurence Pederson of Enumclaw, Wash.; sisters, Mrs. Ida Bruning, Grand Forks, N. D., Mrs. Benny Hoff, Minneapolis, Minn.; brothers, Arthur Pederson, Minneapolis, and Ole Pederson, Saskatchewan, Canada; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Howell-Edwards company.

Clark Gable's Fourth Wife Seeks Divorce

SANTA MONICA, Calif., May 31-(AP)—Clark Gable's wife sued for divorce today, signaling the crackup of a marriage he hoped would make him forget Carole Lombard.

The former Lady Sylvia Ashley, widow of Douglas Fairbanks, sr., in effect blamed the handsome Gable for the parting. She said she tried for a reconciliation, but without success.

Her complaint was simple, charging mental cruelty but making no specific allegations. They separated last Saturday, the day she returned from the Bahamas to find no husband waiting. The marriage lasted less than 18 months.

Grieved for Carol

The reticent Gable has never talked much about his personal life, but close friends say he has grieved deeply since Miss Lombard, his third wife, died in a plane crash early in the war.

He shunned romance through a brilliant war career and for four years afterward, until he met the attractive Briton.

Through her attorney, Jerry Giesler, Mrs. Gable issued a statement saying:

"I am taking this step with the deepest reluctance and under severe pressure, and only after it became evident that all of my efforts for a reconciliation were fruitless."

To Join Expedition

Giesler said that doctors have advised her she needs a complete rest, and that she will leave tomorrow on an expedition to the south seas with Mr. and Mrs. George Vanderbilt.

Vanderbilt, son of the late Alfred G. Vanderbilt, is making the scientific cruise for two museums. The expedition is expected to require six months, but Giesler said Mrs. Gable will be back in about four weeks.

Her complaint made no financial demands, but said there is community property. It reserved the right to ask later for support and attorney's fees.

Silent on Suit

At Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio, where Gable is working on a picture, a spokesman said:

"Mr. Gable has nothing to say. If there is anything to say, let her say it."

Mrs. Gable, 40, and the actor, 50, were married Dec. 20, 1949, at a guest ranch near Santa Barbara, Calif.

She was known as a laughing, lovely blonde reminiscent of Gable's great love, the late actress Carole Lombard. Both Gable and Mrs. Gable have been married four times.

Costello Gains Eleven Seats in Irish Voting

DUBLIN, Ireland, Friday, June 1-(AP)—Prime Minister John A. Costello's coalition surged to an 11-seat lead over Eamon de Valera's Fianna Fail (Soldiers of Destiny) today in the election fight for control of Ireland's parliament.

The vote was 68 seats to 57, with 21 constituencies of the 146 at stake still not heard from. Costello has controlled the dail since he defeated Brooklyn-born de Valera three years ago.

Both de Valera and Costello were re-elected to their individual seats in Wednesday's balloting.

Harry Scott Seeks School Board Post

Harry Scott, Salem businessman and civic leader, was declared a candidate Thursday for re-election to the Salem district school board.

A nominating petition in his behalf was filed with the school district office. The annual election will be conducted Monday, June 18, the date set aside throughout Oregon for board elections and annual meetings of school districts.

Scott said he had not planned to seek re-election, but had agreed to at the urging of friends.

Scott, first candidate to file for the position, since May 21, 1946, when he was appointed to complete the term of Ralph Campbell, who died. Scott was elected to a regular five-year term on July of that year. He has been chairman of the school board the past two years.

Deadline for nominating will be June 8. Petitions must bear signatures of at least 60 school electors. Voting will be open to all electors from 2 to 8 p.m. June 18 at school building polling places.

Fired Liquor Investigator Denies Commission Charges

PORTLAND, May 31-(AP)—A former Oregon liquor control commission employe today denied charges on which he was fired May 4.

L. J. Brice, at a hearing before the state civil service commission, said under questioning by his attorney, George C. Reinmiller, that he was not guilty of the charges.

They included failure to report any violations of liquor laws or to observe any such violations except those of a minor nature; telling inspectors under him to avoid performing their duties as enforcement officers; failure to make special reports on the outcome of his investigations on the illegal manufacture of liquor; failure to make arrests for liquor violations purported to have occurred in his presence.

The last charge involved minors drinking in Clackamas county.

Attorney Reinmiller said that Brice, at the time he was fired,

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sorenson

The public is dinged so much about safety, safety that people get sort of caloused to admonitions to avoid accidents. Yet the dinging has to continue because of the failure of people to heed simple rules of conduct and exercise simple precautions.

This is impressed on me by the receipt on almost the same day of a report on traffic safety from Capt. Walter Lansing, and the report of the state fire marshal, Robert Taylor. The former states that the number of fatal traffic accidents in Oregon in 1950 increased 20 per cent to 427, and total accidents reached a new high at 74,106. The number of persons injured was 13,332.

Mr. Taylor gives a similar story of death and destruction by fire. In 1950 71 persons lost their lives from fires, against 52 in 1949. Losses to property from fire rose 64.66 per cent to \$11,895,986, which compares with the ten-year average of \$7,224,514.

In traffic accidents the death toll in Marion county was 20 in 1950 and 15 in 1949, an increase of one-third. The number of accidents rose from 4192 to 4747. In Polk county the fatalities were three in 1949 and eight in 1950, with 754 accidents in 1949 to 847 in 1950. There are more cars and trucks in operation and the annual mileage per car probably is increasing—and death rides along with the increase.

Five persons succumbed from burns or suffocation in Marion county in 1950, none in Polk county.

In the listing of losses from fire, electricity or defective wiring is the second worst villain, the worst being "Unknown". Overheated or defective

Soviet Invited To Conference In Washington

PARIS, May 31-(AP)—The western Big Three invited Russia today to a foreign ministers' conference in Washington July 23 to discuss tensions which are threatening world peace.

The invitation was a challenge to the soviets to end the 13 weeks of quibbling in which the big four deputy foreign ministers have been deadlocked here on what subjects their chiefs should discuss at such a meeting—a conference originally suggested by Russia.

In identical notes to the Kremlin, Britain, France and the United States asked Russia to choose one of three suggested agenda for the foreign ministers' meeting. Agreement has been reached on most of the items to be discussed, but Russia insists none of the agenda is acceptable unless the North Atlantic Pact and American bases in Europe are included.

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THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	74	58	.00
Portland	72	56	.00
San Francisco	70	50	.00
Chicago	70	50	.00
New York	68	50	.00

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fair today and tonight. Slightly warmer with high today near 75 and low tonight near 60.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Weather Year, Sept. 1	Last Year	Normal
49.76	60.26	53.73

Animal Crackers



Picnics, Programs To Mark School End

Salem's 8,000 public school students will take a last peek at their books today.

Classwork will end, and many grade schools will end it on a festive note with picnics and programs. Students will return briefly Tuesday for report cards.

Measles have ended the school year prematurely for many youngsters at Salem Heights school. About 50 were absent there Thursday due to the disease. Two primary grades had more children at home than at school. Many others have just returned following a bout with the measles.

Grant school pupils will hear School Superintendent Frank Bennett speak today at an assembly. Each room will then have its own picnic, and a ball game—girls versus boys—will top off the final day.

Games Scheduled

Washington school will have a picnic-type meal at its cafeteria for all students. Normally, students who live nearby may not eat at the cafeteria for lack of space. A softball game for the upper-grade students also is planned.

Picnics also are planned today at six suburban schools—Swegle, Middle Grove, Pringle, Liberty, Auburn and Hayesville. Parent organizations are furnishing special treats and many parents will attend the picnics at these schools. The last hour of school will be devoted to games.

Bush, Englewood and Lincoln schools also are planning picnics today.

Commencement Monday

Salem high school seniors, who ended classwork Tuesday, were back in school yesterday for last-day ceremonies—a farewell assembly and awards program in the afternoon and their class banquet in the evening. (Story on page 2.)

The senior class of about 460 will have baccalaureate exercises at 8 p.m. Sunday and commencement at 8 p.m. Monday in the school auditorium.

Promotion exercises are scheduled on Tuesday for Parrish junior high at 10:15 a.m. Leslie at 1:30 p.m. and West Salem at 2 p.m.

Passage of Draft, UMT Bill Delayed By GOP Objections

WASHINGTON, May 31-(AP)—A last-minute objection today caused an overnight delay in senate action on the draft-universal military training compromise.

Senator Russell (D-Ga.), chairman of the armed services committee had planned to push the bill through to approval late today. However, Senator Case (R-SD) objected to voting immediately on a measure of "such far-reaching scope" and Russell agreed to wait until tomorrow.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) supported Case in his objection, saying that there was no hurry since the house couldn't act on the bill until June 6 or 7.

Adm. Sherman Testifies of Winter Crises

By Don Whitehead

WASHINGTON, May 31-(AP)—Admiral Forrest Sherman testified today the joint chiefs of staff were so gravely concerned over the Korean war situation early last December that they ordered Gen. Douglas MacArthur to get his forces ready for a possible world war.

This order went out, he said, after the joint chiefs were told that MacArthur felt the United Nations should accept an armistice "on the best terms available" and the army would have to quit Korea unless the war could be carried against red China.

The chief of naval operations gave this testimony to the senate armed services and foreign relations committees in their inquiry into the MacArthur dismissal.

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MacArthur's Possessions Total 49 Ton

NEW YORK, May 31-(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur's worldly goods caught up with him today—49 tons of them, including three private automobiles.

Also aboard the naval transport C. C. Ballou, which docked at the Brooklyn army base, were 43 pieces of baggage belonging to the MacArthurs.

The Ballou, arriving from Tokyo honor guard, and four dogs of MacArthur's son, Arthur, English-born Mrs. Phyllis Gibbons, four members of MacArthur's Tokyo honor guard, and four dogs belonging to MacArthur and his staff.

Mrs. Gibbons was met at the pier by Mrs. MacArthur and 13-year-old Arthur.

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