

Hearing Due On Price Boost Compromise

By Roger D. Greene
WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—(AP)—The senate by a 60-37 vote today ordered public hearings on a proposed compromise governing price boosts under the new price controls.

The action came after the committee rejected President Truman's request for outright repeal of a provision which Mr. Truman has denounced as "the terrible Capehart amendment... an economic booby trap."

Chairman Maybank (D-SC) said a subcommittee headed by Senator Robert M. La Follette (D-Wa) will start hearings Thursday, under orders to complete them within a week.

Other subcommittees will hold separate hearings on Mr. Truman's demand for repeal of two other features of the controversial law.

But Maybank said the full committee "definitely" will not consider junking any of the measures of its own initiative.

"They will be reported to the senate," he said, "for whatever action the senate may take."

Senator Moody (D-Mich) told newsmen the proposed compromise is regarded by price control officials "only as something that's better than the Capehart amendment."

"It will not stop all price rises," Moody said, "but I am told it can work."

Maybank agreed that the compromise, worked out by Price Director Michael V. Disalle's agency, would tend to keep prices down.

"That's the only reason I approve of it," he said.

One of Disalle's aides said the compromise would clarify the language of the law and give Disalle's agency more discretion in judgment for itself whether petitions for higher prices are justified.

A coalition composed largely of republicans and southern democrats teamed up to defeat the repeal move, 8 to 5.

The Capehart amendment, sponsored by Senator Capehart (R-Ind) among others, allows sellers to pass on to consumers almost all cost increases that have arisen between the outbreak of the Korean war in late June, 1950, and last July 26. Mr. Truman has denounced it as inflationary; its backers call it a fair arrangement.

Sculptor Stirs Rome Ruckus

ROME, Italy—(AP)—Robert Cook, young American sculptor, is going to stir up a row among Americans who decide whether his statues are "works of real talent" or just "old potato peelings."

There was a disagreement on the subject among Rome critics last fall when the 30-year-old Fulbright scholar from Milton, Mass., showed his bronzes here. They included a number of sports statues. The art critic of "Lavoro Illustrato" said the exhibit showed "real talent." The critic of "Il Mondo," however, said the statues reminded him of cast off potato peelings and described Cook as "typical of the new Bohemia that is characterized by the automobile, the whisky and the radio."

Frederick Wright of the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston decided that Cook is "a sculptor of brilliance and verve, whose flair for gesture is controlled by an abstract discipline."

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Truman Praises Odd Fellows Lodge

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—(AP)—President Truman received 33

members of the independent order of odd fellows today and told them their fraternal organization is making "a contribution to the peace of the world."

The visitors belong to the international council of odd fellows, which is holding its triennial meeting in Baltimore. They met the president in the white house rose garden.

Entire Korean Front Seethes With Activity

By John Randolph
U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS, Tuesday, Sept. 11—(AP)—The whole Korean war front seethes with activity Monday. Reds in the central sector tried out giant 132-millimeter rockets of the same size as the "Katushas" used by Russia in World War II.

The reds east of Kumhwa used their new weapon in sparing quantity. Allied authorities reported no Eighth army installations were hit.

On the western end of the front, red units seemed to be receding lightly from their ominous advance of several days ago. In the east the reds met and grappled with every advancing United Nations force.

Gen. James A. Van Fleet, Eighth army commander, estimated 25,000 reds were killed or wounded recently in the bloody eastern hill battles.

80 Jets Attack
In the air, 80 Russian-built MIG jets attacked a flight of 30 allied fighters Monday, over northwest Korea but failed to damage the American F-86 Sabre jets.

The swift Sabres, effectively shielding slower UN fighter-bombers, fought off the MIGs and damaged two of them.

It was one of the greatest jet fights in history.

At one time more than 110 jets were swirling from 34,000 feet down to tree-top levels. Their speed was so great that targets were little more than fleeting

images in the sights of the pilots' roaring wing guns. Evidence Cited
Army sources told AP Photographer Robert Schutz they had reasonable but not absolute evidence that Russian pilots have taken part in the jet war over north Korea.

The sources quoted a "quite reliable eyewitness" as saying he was present when a fatally wounded Caucasian pilot was found in the wreckage of a crashed MIG. The pilot was said to be wearing a Chinese officer's uniform.

The eyewitness was not identified.

The Fifth air force reported heavy traffic by enemy vehicles rolling southward from the Manchurian border on down to western and central fronts. In 24 hours ending late Monday the air force claimed 500 red trucks and other vehicles destroyed or damaged out of a total estimated at more than 1,700.

Burma Murder Rate Large

RANGOON—(AP)—A murder is committed every 70 minutes in postwar Burma, according to statisticians available here.

These statistics were gathered shortly before the country became independent. Since then figures are withheld for security reasons, but competent sources assess the murder rate today is higher. Pre-war, the incidence of murder in this country was the second highest in the world.

Most killings here are done by "dacoits" or bandits, a traditionally Burmese type of criminal. In the days of British rule they roamed the countryside in bands ranging from three to 10, armed chiefly with long flat knives—the notorious Burmese dah. Today they use smuggled firearms.

Tax Bill Cut In Favor of Farm Co-ops

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—(AP)—The senate finance committee trimmed its big tax raising bill again today, this time in favor of farm co-operatives.

The committee then turned to other final chores on the measure, now estimated to raise \$5,965,000,000 as compared with \$7,200,000,000 in the house-approved bill.

A plan discarded today by the committee would have required the co-ops to make the actual payments on allocated earnings within two years, and would have limited allocations to one-half the annual income.

The rejected plan also would have kept full tax exemption for farm co-ops with less than \$100,000 in assets and for those having individuals as at least 95 per cent of their members.

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It didn't get through with the bill, however, and will meet again tomorrow.

The new plan on co-ops would make unallocated earnings of all farm co-ops taxable and raise less than the \$30,000,000 estimated under a previous plan.

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