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Potato Price Rollback Due Jan. 19

Truman, Churchill Hold Long Talk on Anglo-U.S. Policies

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill laid the groundwork Saturday night for a detailed survey of Anglo-American relations, policy toward Russia, and other issues of global importance.

The two men held a 75-minute session with their top advisors aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

In his lately published Memoirs, Herbert C. Hoover writes: "The happiest period of all humanity in the Western World in ten centuries was the twenty-five years before the First World War."

Post Cards Purchase Slow But Economical

EUGENE (AP)—Ed Boehnke had it all figured out when he went to the postoffice to get 10,000 postcards.

State Sen. Walsh Refuses to Run For Re-Election

State Senator William Walsh, Coos Bay, will not be a candidate for reelection this year, he announced definitely here Saturday.

Solons Protest Decree

WASHINGTON (AP)—Price ceilings designed to roll back the prices of white potatoes from 5 to 10 per cent, effective Jan. 19, were imposed by the government Saturday.

Director Michael V. DiSalle of the Office of Price Stabilization said "the brake this regulation will apply to the accelerated rise in potato prices will save the consumer millions of dollars."

But members of Congress protested that the ceilings will disrupt normal marketing and will bring unnecessary hardship to many growers.

This was the first OPS regulation setting ceilings in the fresh vegetable field. But OPS officials said a sharp watch is being kept on the agency's price to set several other vegetables.

The potato price cuts will take effect at the shipper and wholesale levels. By that time, OPS said, an agency price is to be set for the percentage markups of retailers in setting prices for consumers.

Potato prices have more than doubled in the past year. Since September they have been going up steadily.

Last Dec. 15 the average price was 105 per cent of parity—the calculated figure said by law to be fair both to farmers and to those who buy their products.

George L. Mehren, head of the OPS food and restaurant division, said the agency's price is to reduce prices from their current levels to about that of parity.

The British Prime Minister, in a brief news conference earlier, had made these points:

1. "The prospects for World peace are solid in 1952."

2. Regarding the threat of a Russian war, "I don't think there is any greater danger now than at the time of the Berlin airlift provided we take prudent measures."

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Washington Mirror

GOP Plans Capitol Hill Site for Headquarters

WASHINGTON—Republicans have had precious little success in taking command of Congress from the Democrats during the past 20 years, but they have finally got the jump on their political adversaries in a million dollar move to raise their banners on Capitol Hill for good.

Even Harry Truman, a man of rather strong Democrat leanings, has acknowledged the merit of this Republican enterprise.

The GOP is raising money to erect a national headquarters building in the very shadow of the Capitol dome—a place for Republicans to eat, drink and hang their hats, but with a serious purpose as well, according to its prime mover Rep. James C. Auchincloss (R-N.J.).

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Portland Area Remains Under Snow Blanket

PORTLAND (AP)—The Weather Bureau cast showers for Western Oregon Sunday, but Portland remained blanketed under heavy snow.

Streets, already ice-coated, got an additional layer of snow Saturday night.

For the remainder of the week, the weather is hoped will become a mecca for out-of-town Republicans, providing not only party atmosphere but dining and overnight accommodations.

Auchincloss conceived the idea two years ago "at a time of great weakness and disunity, when we were all pretty demoralized after the Truman beating in '48. I thought," he explains, "it would help if we could just get everyone under one tent, and particularly if we could find a spot on Capitol Hill near the firing line."

Block From Capitol Before the year was out, Auchincloss had found an ideal location a block from the Capitol, bought the property and talked 100 Republicans into chipping in \$500 each to get the venture underway.

Now listed as founders of Capitol Hill Associates, Inc., this group of 100 includes such prominent GOP names as Taft, Stassen, Dulles, Saltonstall, Gabrielson, as well as that of Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.), the only founder from the Pacific Northwest.

Last January Capitol Hill Associates offered 25,000 shares at \$50 a share for sale to Republicans at the grass roots level in all states in an effort to raise \$1,250,000 to finance the new headquarters.

About 1500 shares have been sold in the past year. Auchincloss hopes to keep the stock holdings on a quota basis for each state, to prevent domination by members from any one section of the country.

Raids Dry Up Dope Supplies

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Narcotics Bureau official said Saturday that sources supplying more than 18 million dollars worth of illicit dope yearly have been dried up in the biggest crackdown ever staged.

It came in a series of raids across the nation during the past 36 hours.

N. L. Harney, assistant commissioner of the Treasury's Narcotics Bureau, estimated that the more than 500 suspected peddlers who were seized have supplied 5,000 addicts.

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Two sides went into hiding when their supplies are suddenly cut off.

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Salem War Hero Honored At Ft. Lewis

FT. LEWIS, Wash. (AP)—Lt. William B. Crary of Salem, Ore., was among three Second Division heroes who were perpetuated in memory through ceremonies commemorating the 35th birthday anniversary of Fort Lewis Saturday.

Two streets on this military reservation were renamed in honor of Lt. Crary and SFC Loren R. Kaufman of The Dalles, Ore.

The Fort Lewis main parade ground was named Watkins Field in honor of M. Spry Travis E. Watkins of Tacoma, Wash.

Lieutenant Crary won a posthumous Silver Star for Korean gallantry. Watkins and Kaufman both won the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously for conspicuous bravery in action in Korea.

Brig. Gen. John J. Burns, post commander, presented Mrs. Crary and Mrs. Watkins, widows of two of the heroes with plaques in commemoration. Crary's son, William B. Crary Jr., 4, also attended.

Salem Bank Loans, Deposits Make Gains

Salem bank loans and deposits both made general gains over 1950 year-end totals of U.S. National, First National and Willamette Valley banks showed Saturday.

Deposits totaled \$74,768,570, considerable above the \$65 million mark recorded July 1. Loans at all banks reached \$23,458,848, or about a million above the mid-year figure.

First National Bank of Portland, Salem Branch, reported the largest gain in deposits, up more than \$4 million from a year ago. Loans as of Dec. 31, 1951 were \$9,493,258, compared to \$8,966,877 for 1950.

Willamette Valley bank reported deposits of \$2,942,545, nearly \$500,000 above 1950 and loans of \$1,264,341 compared to \$1,033,608 of a year ago.

Ladd and Bush and West Salem Branches of the U. S. National Bank listed combined totals for deposits of \$47,055,351 on Dec. 31. Loan figures at year's end were \$13,514,830.

U. S. Grants India \$50 Million to Aid Farm Production

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—The United States granted India \$50 million dollars Saturday to raise agricultural production and help this often famine-threatened nation feed itself.

The American grant is by far the largest India has received from any nation to assist its development.

The gift was made from Economic Assistance allocations under the U. S. Mutual Security Act. It provides for pooling American dollars with an equal sum in Indian rupees to form a 100 million dollar India-American technical co-operation fund.

Line of Dimes



Another dime was placed on gummed tape by C. Barnett, kneeling, VFW man assisting in the Block of Dimes feature which Saturday added \$537.48 to the March of Dimes campaign.

Looking on are Jason Lee (center), co-chairman of the campaign, and William Baldwin, (left), chairman of the special feature.

Polio Campaign Dimes Stunt Collects \$537

(Picture also on page 3) Lines of dimes, and other coins, laid down along both sides of a block on Liberty Street in downtown Salem, netted \$537.48 Saturday for the March of Dimes campaign for funds to combat polio.

The double line of coins, which were laid on gummed tape, reached half the block on the east side of Liberty Street and slightly more on the west side between State and Court Streets.

The goal had been set for a full block on each sidewalk.

William Baldwin, chairman of the event, said the response was "highly satisfactory" considering the turn taken by the weather.

Half the total was donated by passersby in the first two hours to noon, before rain came.

The Block of Dimes feature will be held on the downtown block each Saturday through January.

The lines began at the south ends of the block at 10 a. m. Saturday with the snipping of a tape by Mayor Alfred W. Loucks.

Boy Scouts monitored the event while eight VFW men, wearing carpenters' aprons, laid out dimes, made change for donors.

Plans for next Saturday include signs and banners to point up the event. The lines will start from the north ends of the sidewalks and work south, Baldwin said.

Baldwin was given credit by Jason Lee, co-chairman of the March of Dimes drive, for starting the fund-raising feature.

Commies Stall Korea Parley

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—Name-calling and growing bitterness marked the deadlocked Korean armistice talks Saturday. Still unsettled were the issues of truce supervision and prisoner exchange.

But the exasperated Allied delegates agreed to new sessions Sunday at Panmunjom, at 11 a. m. 6 p. m., PST, Saturday.

U. S. Rear Adm. R. E. Libby, chief Allied delegate on the prisoner sub-committee, commented: "It is obvious they are killing time, waiting for instructions."

McGrath Orders Cleanup

By JACK ADAMS WASHINGTON (AP)—Attorney General McGrath Saturday ordered 93 special grand juries called into session throughout the nation to investigate racketeers, gamblers and organized crime syndicates.

In a dramatic move perhaps unprecedented in its scope, McGrath directed that underworld figures and racketeers be haled before the juries.

The Secret Service, Post Office Inspectors and many other federal police agencies are slated to cooperate in the crackdown, McGrath said.

The orders went out to United States attorneys, who were told to call grand juries in each of the 93 federal judicial districts, as far as possible, and report their findings about organized crime to the Justice Department.

Under Fire The move comes at a time when McGrath is under fire from critics who assert he has not been vigorous in combating corruption in government.

Only yesterday McGrath denied a flurry of reports that he was about to leave the cabinet.

Taken in conjunction with this week's massive raids on narcotics peddlers and the President's plan for an overhaul of the scandal-ridden Internal Revenue Bureau, the McGrath move Saturday was widely interpreted as an effort to spike the guns of the administration's critics.

The McGrath action is a direct follow-up to last year's Senate crime committee investigation during which the far-flung activities of the underworld were laid bare in televised hearings.

"Back to Work" The Attorney General also announced Saturday that the Justice Department's criminal division, headed by Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney, is establishing a new "rocket unit" to coordinate information on the underworld to be gathered by the 93 special grand juries and other juries.

The Attorney General indicated that perhaps not all local law enforcement officials could be expected to cooperate. He said:

"In some districts, there may be circumstances which would necessitate the careful selection of local officials to be called.

"However, I am sure that each U. S. attorney will be able to tell what officials of state police, city police, or county sheriff's offices should be invited.

McGrath said the first of the special grand juries is already in session at Atlanta, Ga.

Announcement By Ike Backers Awaited Today

WASHINGTON (AP)—Politicians speculated Saturday that Eisenhower might lose Dwight D. Eisenhower's civilian hat in the presidential ring Sunday.

At the same time, there were some signs that President Truman may be getting ready to bow out of the White House in favor of some other Democrat.

The general expectation in Washington as the political week closed was that Senator Lodge (R-Mass) will produce at a scheduled news conference Sunday some evidence that Eisenhower has no objection to the entry of his name as a Republican presidential candidate in the March 11 New Hampshire primary.

What form such possible evidence may take will have a lot to do with the reception accorded the huddled cabinet of Lodge, national manager of the GOP Eisenhower-for-President movement.

If Lodge can produce something in the nature of a document bearing Eisenhower's signature, the general supporters will feel they have got well under way their campaign to get the Republican nomination for him.

If it should turn out to be only another of the verbal assurances these same supporters have been giving that Eisenhower is a Republican and (2) a candidate for the nomination, the reaction might boomerang.

Timber Structures Building Burns

PORTLAND (AP)—Fire caused an estimated \$100,000 damage to the multi-million dollar Timber Structures Inc., plant here Friday night.

Flames confined the flames to the boat-fabricating building, which was destroyed. General Manager W. Mayer said the building was used for laminating frames for minnesuppers being built in Massachusetts.

Wholesale Price Index Drops as Year Ends

WASHINGTON (AP)—The wholesale price index dropped one-tenth of one per cent during the week ending Jan. 1, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said Saturday.

The index, 177.2 per cent of the 1926 average, was 0.4 per cent below the level a year ago but 12.9 per cent above the average for the pre-Korean period, May 24-June 25, 1950.

Portland Man Appointed to Liquor Board

Appointment of J. H. Sroufe, Portland, as a member of the State Liquor Control Commission, was announced by Governor Douglas McKay here Saturday.

He will fill the position on the Commission vacated by William A. Bingham when he became Commissioner administrator. Sroufe will serve out Bingham's unexpired term as commissioner ending Jan. 1, 1954.

Sroufe who is associated with the Jagger-Sroufe Company is president of the Portland City Planning Commission. He previously was manager of the Grand Central Market and has been a resident of Portland for 40 years. He has been engaged in public relations work for the A. G. Rushlight Company.

Russia to Enter Olympic Games

HELSINKI (AP)—Russia formally announced Saturday it would participate in the Summer Olympic Games here July 19-Aug. 3 but remained silent about the winter games at Oslo Feb. 14-25.

The summer games thus will bring the first major test in the world of sports between the Russians, who are reputed to have some first class athletes and have claimed scores of world records, and the United States, traditionally the strongest in the Olympic Games.

Volunteer Universal Military Training Program Proposed

By RUSSELL BRINES WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House Armed Services Committee Saturday proposed a quick start on Universal Military Training by taking in volunteers between 17 and 19 years old.

He outlined a plan for "partial" UMT under which 60,000 youths would be permitted to volunteer for six months' training and an additional 18 months' active duty as reservists.

The proposal, he said in a statement, will be submitted to the Armed Services Committee, due to begin hearings Jan. 15 on UMT legislation.

Congress last June approved the principle of UMT and set up a five-man commission to work out details. The commission was recommended a program that could involve 800,000 youths annually and cost an estimated four billion dollars a year, although it would start on a smaller scale.

After Congress reconvenes next Tuesday, Senate and House Armed Services Committees have 45 days in which to recommend further legislation on the subject. It promises to stir up one of the first major debates of the new session.

The Vinson proposal would allow a total of 60,000 youths to volunteer for the six months' training period, if they agreed to serve an additional 18 months on active duty. Not all that number would be taken at once. They also would be obligated for six more years in the reserves, as now required of draftees. As far as possible, volunteers could select their branch of service.

Vinson said he also would propose paying volunteers \$75 monthly as long as the training program remains voluntary. The UMT bill passed last June provides for \$30 monthly.

By starting with a ceiling of 60,000 trainees, Vinson said, the program could begin without constructing additional barracks and other military facilities.

2 RED JETS DOWNED

SEOUL (AP)—Two Communist MIG-15 jets were destroyed and six others damaged in two air battles Sunday, when U. S. Sabre jets over "MIG Alley" of North-West Korea.

First reports to the Fifth Air Force gave no details and there were no reports of any U. S. losses.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	49	32	16
Portland	48	31	16
San Francisco	51	34	trace
Chicago	34	20	48
New York	32	24	48
Willamette River 43 feet.			

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Cloudy with rain this morning and a few showers this afternoon and tonight. Cooler today with high 38 to 46; low 22 to 34. Salem temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 34.

SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal 22.48 29.68 18.28