

Department Store Price Rises Okehed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government Monday authorized retail price boosts on more than 75 per cent of all department store goods, to offset recent freight rate and parcel post increases.

But many stores may not take advantage of the authority.

The price rises, to take effect June 23, range from a cent or two on small kitchenware and dry goods items, up to a dollar or more on furniture, radio and television sets.

Also covered by the increase are clothing, shoes, mattresses, sporting goods, toys, carpets, rugs, pots and pans. The Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) is drafting further orders to cover washing machines, freezers and similar large appliances.

The regulation authorizes retail stores to pass on to customers the dollars-and-cents amounts by which freight and other transport costs have risen since May, 1951.

Officials said they expect little effect, however, because many of the articles now are selling below ceiling and are subject to strong price competition.

Rites Today For Contractor E. M. Halvorson

Services for Elling M. Halvorson, widely known contractor in Oregon and other western states, are to be held today at 3:30 p. m. in the Virgil T. Golden Chapel with interment at Belcrest Memorial Park.

Halvorson, stricken Thursday with coronary thrombosis while enroute to Fargo, N. D., was born in Norway, January 30, 1892. He came to the United States in 1910. He is remembered as one of the prime contractors in the construction of Camp Adair. He also constructed many roads and buildings in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. At the time of his death he was constructing the Teocote tunnel at Santa Barbara, Calif., the Seward-Anchorage highway in Alaska and other highways in Idaho.

A delegate to the Lutheran convention from the Central Lutheran Church in Salem, he was a long-time member of the Salem parish. He was enroute to the Lutheran convention in Fargo.

Besides the Lutheran Church, Halvorson was a member of the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He also owned the Rose Gardens motel.

Survivors include the widow, Beda of Salem; three sons, Carl M., Portland; Halvor, Spokane, Wash., and Elling Halvorson Jr., Salem; a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Hanson, Seward, Alaska, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services for Halvorson are to be held at 3:30 p. m. at the Virgil T. Golden Chapel, with burial in Belcrest Memorial Park.

Col. Gabreski, Air Ace, Back From Korea

HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP)—One of America's greatest combat pilots returned Monday from his second war.

Col. Francis S. Gabreski, 33-year-old ace of World War II and Korea, stepped from a plane from the Orient to be greeted by Maj. Gen. William Hall, commander of the Fourth Air Force.

Col. Gabreski did not wear his Distinguished Flying Cross, with 11 oak leaf clusters, or his Air Medal with seven oak leaves.

The jet ace from Oil City, Pa., said the Russian-built Communist MIG-15 jet "is a very fine plane, but what we have is a little bit better. The score speaks for itself."

He called Communist pilots "pretty fair." As to whether they are Chinese or Russian, Gabreski said "I have no idea—we never get that close. Their tactics are sound."

Gabreski was the leading ace in Europe at the time of his capture by the Germans during World War II. He had 33½ Nazi planes to his credit.

He went to Korea in June, 1950, and added 6½ Red jets to his score on 100 missions before being rotated home.

Asked if he had observed any signs of a Communist build-up in North Korea, Gabreski said cautiously: "I haven't seen any evidence of it on the other side. There may or may not be one."

He added that there was no comparison between the two wars.

"The equipment is entirely different," he explained. "Aircraft move at a faster pace. Our F-86 Sabre jet missions are different from providing escort for bombers as in World War II. I wouldn't say it's a tougher war. All wars are undesirable."

Oregon Director Of Federal Farm Program Resigns

PORTLAND (AP)—The top administrator of government farm programs in Oregon announced his resignation Monday.

E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the Production and Marketing Committee for Oregon, said he would leave office July 1 to devote more time to his wheat and livestock interests near Heppner. Miller took office in 1946. His successor has not been named.

Bent Bars, Sawed Hinges Used in Escape Try



These were almost passageways to freedom for four convicts, two of them convicted murderers, early Monday. Cut and bent bars on the cell of Albert Doolin, ringleader in the escape plot, are shown in picture at right. Acting Lt. Hoyt C. Cupp shows where the desperadoes sawed hinges of a steel door in their abortive attempt to escape. Other convicts involved in the plot were Dupree Poe, slayer of a Silverton police officer; Wayne Leroy Long, who killed a Clackamas County farmer to get his truck; and Walter J. Sampson, who held up and robbed the Star Exchange in Salem. (Statesman Photos.)



Rawls Leading Western Open

CHICAGO (AP)—Betsy Rawls, relaxed sophomore pro with the midas touch, Monday was on the money march again with a medal-winning 74—one under par—to take the qualifying round of the 23rd Women's Western Open Golf tourney.

The 24-year-old Austin, Tex., lass, already at the head of the 1952 pro class with \$9,450, posted the only sub-par round over windswept Skokie Country Club for a two-stroke margin in the battle for 32 berths in Tuesday's match play inaugural round.

Knotted at 76 were defending champion Patty Berg seeking an unprecedented fifth crown, and Louise Suggs, both pros.

A starting field of 125 matched strokes over Skokie's par of 75.

The high caliber test will pay

Cons Veterans Of Previous Escape Tries

(Story also on page one.)

Wayne Long, one of four state penitentiary prisoners who were thwarted in an escape attempt Monday, recently lost an appeal of the supreme court on his murder conviction and is waiting return to Clackamas County where a

a professional winner \$1,000 and a pro runner-up \$500.

Qualifying limit was 88. Eight pros and 24 amateurs thus advanced to match-play skirmishing.

Pat Lesser of Seattle's University qualified with an 84 and Tuesday meets pro Miss Suggs of Atlanta, who qualified with a 76.

new execution date will be set. Long scaled the wall last year in another escape attempt but was knocked out by the drop when his makeshift rope was shot in two by a guard. He gave up without a struggle.

Albert Pooling, who also attempted to escape Monday, was one of the principals in an attempt to break out on July 18, 1943, using Guard Captain Sol Worden as a hostage. His cohort, Kenneth Lloyd Hougham, young armed robber, was shot to death by Guard Bert Dunham. Doolin and Hougham both slashed Worden severely with makeshift knives during the attempt to win freedom through the truck gate in the west side of the wall.

A routine check of segregation cells Monday uncovered three knives, handmade from kitchen utensils. One of them was found in the cell of Morris Leland, convicted slayer of a young Portland girl. Leland is also awaiting execution.

Soviet Offer to Return 186 U.S. Ships Rejected

WASHINGTON (AP)—Russia Monday agreed to return 186 vessels she got from the United States during World War II and made a bid to buy 167 others, but the purchase offer was rejected.

The offer was the only new proposal injected into talks, revived after a 10-months' lapse, toward settlement of the Soviets' lend-lease account.

The Russians got from this country some 11 billion dollars worth of supplies during the war, including 670 ships. The U. S., in line with a policy of collecting only for the peacetime value of goods which were not destroyed, has offered to settle for 800 million dollars.

When the talks resumed after a break-off since last August, the Soviets renewed their best money offer so far—300 million dollars. The U. S. previously had rejected this figure, while promising to scale down its demand if the Russians would come up with what U. S. officials regard as a constructive offer.

As for the 670 ships, the Soviets said 146 had been scrapped or otherwise lost and 171 were unfit for navigation. They offered to return 186 and buy the remaining 167.

In rejecting this offer, the U. S. again insisted on return of all the ships.

Lovely Polish Countess-Spy Knifed to Death

LONDON (AP)—A lovely Polish countess who survived a fantastic career as a British spy in World War II was knifed to death early Monday in a West Side hotel.

Police claimed a quick confession from a porter employed in a Pall Mall political club. No motive for the slaying of the 37-year-old beauty was disclosed.

The dead heroine was Countess Skarbek, once a beauty contest queen in Warsaw, who fearlessly matched wits with the Gestapo in occupied Europe for five thrilling war years.

Twice captured by Nazi agents, she got away unharmed to carry on a reign of terror against the Germans as a saboteur and fighter in the French Maquis.

The countess was honored with the British George medal for valor and a membership in the Order of the British Empire. The French awarded her the Croix de Guerre.

Recently she had been employed as a stewardess on the liner Winchester Castle.



WORKING WITHIN THE WEB — Workmen climb over steel girders, part of roof skeleton of engineering building at Ford Motor Company new research center, Dearborn, Mich.

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