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Anti-Inflation Comes Up Before Senators

Committee Reports Big Increase In Food Prices

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The unprecedented anti-inflation bill came up in the senate today, with a committee report that food prices had risen at the rate of 40 per cent since last spring.

The report further urged the president to authorize presidential control of the cost of living.

Other findings by the senate committee:

Prices received by farmers had risen 45 per cent from April, 1939, to August, 1942, while the prices paid by the farmers had increased 10 per cent in the same period.

The 1939 hourly wage rates in manufacturing industries had increased about 30 per cent and the aggregate of wages and salaries paid out had risen 72 per cent from January 1, 1941 to May, 1942.

Labor costs had increased at an average rate of 1.1 per cent a month.

Labor costs will unquestionably increase still further, apart from increases in wages as a consequence of the loss of labor and inevitable transportation and other delays.

Control of wages and salaries must proceed simultaneously with control of food cost.

Senator Thomas (D., Okla.) said the agricultural subcommittee would submit the following amendment to the bill to the full committee tomorrow:

"Any prices and comparable prices for any agricultural commodities shall be determined as provided by existing law, but shall include all farm labor, estimated that rule, if applied, would make the ceiling on farm products approximately 112 per cent of parity, as shown in the index figures for the year 1909-1914."

President Roosevelt is on record as "unfavorably opposed" to any such change in the present method of determining parity.

Oregon Forests Are Closed to Hunters

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 21.—All of Oregon's forests will be closed tomorrow to hunting and public activities because of fire conditions.

The closure order was announced yesterday following a report of U.S. forest officials and Oregon state game commission.

John Lindh, assistant regional director, who made the announcement, indicated, however, that if conditions changed, forest would be re-opened and hunters would go ahead on Oct. 1.

The deer season was to have opened Saturday.

In issuing the order, said Lindh, "it was deemed best to close the order immediately."

The order also stated that the order would be lifted if conditions improved and the order would be lifted.

The game commission, at a meeting Saturday, had not yet decided on hunting seasons.

Members of the commission said they agreed with forest officials that in many sections of the state, the order would be lifted if conditions improved and the order would be lifted.

Thousands of Pounds of Scrap Metal Rusting at Old Mines, Forest Worker Says

Submission of a plan whereby he believes more than 350,000 pounds of scrap iron and steel may be obtained from old mine areas around Eugene was described Monday morning by Harry C. Collins, Willamette national forest service employee.

Mr. Collins, whose work has taken him to virtually unknown sections of the county, knows of many deserted mine sites in the county where varieties of unused iron and steel is to be had in abundance. One of these is the Mayflower mine, at the head of the Steamboat river, where material which would be valuable to the scrap drive includes a rock crusher, mine rails, part of a sawmill, a big donkey engine, mining cars, and from six to eight miles of tram cable which is "lying on the ground rusting."

He says that also there is at least two miles of one-inch to two-and-one-half inch pipe.

At Lucky Boy mine, on the McKenzie, Mr. Collins says, are to be found two or three boilers, old mine rails, and "all kinds of mining scrap."

To make this material available for use in war manufacture, the forest service employee suggests that forest supervisors call in all forest rangers, get a detail of all the old mines in their respective districts which are idle, and get a check on the material. He considers the use of government trucks and cars as the best means of transportation to a service center.

The two mines which Mr. Collins mentioned, he says, are but a few of those which can furnish scrap in great abundance. He also suggests that citizens be encouraged to turn in their old cars, and believes that the government may be able to formulate a plan whereby owners could be paid a war bond for turning in all autos made before 1930.

Legion Asks Draft Of 18-Year-Olds

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Roane Waring of Memphis, was elected national commander of the American Legion today by an unanimous vote after delegates from every state had stormed on to the stage with their banners in his behalf.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The American Legion asked congress today to lower the draft age to 18 years and to conscript manpower for war production.

By an overwhelming standing vote the Legionnaires at the closing session of their three-day streamlined convention, passed the resolution offered by the national defense committee, headed by Warren H. Atherton, Stockton, Calif.

In conjunction with the request that the draft age be lowered, the Legion urged congress to pass legislation calling for compulsory military training after the war in which every youth would be required to have at least one year of training before he reaches the age of 22.

A demand also was voiced for a navy large enough to meet any contingency that might arise in a world war.

Supplementing its appeal for a national service act conscripting manpower for war production, the Legion reiterated a demand for its long postponed universal service act, calling for the drafting of all resources of the nation, including capital, labor, industry, and agriculture as well as the fighting manpower.

Story of Nebraska Scrap Drive Shows Real Effort

By The Associated Press
Today it becomes your turn to go on with this story written by men, women and children of Nebraska.

They did it with sweat and energy, with their hearts in it.

The Nebraskaans gathered scrap for the nation's steel mills whose war production has fallen for lack of it. They did it with such unselfish devotion that newspapermen who worked with them choke with emotion when they try to tell it.

American newspapers, inspired by what happened in Nebraska and at the request of War Production Board Chief Donald M. Nelson, who is worried by the dangerously low rate of scrap recovery, today undertook a nationwide drive to speed collection.

Newspapers throughout the country have pledged their help in rousing their communities to a national, co-operative effort in digging through homes, plants and farms for the old metal so vital to the production of tanks, guns, planes and ships.

This intensified drive began in some sections at dawn today but officially starts Sept. 28 and continues till Oct. 17.

If you think your help is unneeded, listen:
America's steel mills can turn out 90 million tons of steel. This year they will have turned out only 85 million tons. The reason: lack of scrap to produce at capacity.

Arrests Made After Riot at Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Police today jailed "several" townspeople and a number of delegates to a convention of the Jehovah's Witnesses religious sect after an outbreak of violence yesterday at the convention hall.

Nearly 1,500 townspeople attempted to break up the convention, which had attracted 400 delegates from Oregon and California.

N. J. Knorr, Witness leader at Cleveland, O. State officers said a group of 20 Klamath Falls residents attempted to cut the telephone wire carrying the address.

Police Chief Earl Heuvel said pleas for purchase of war bonds, directed toward the convention hall from a booth established opposite the main entrance, precipitated the disorders.

The Witnesses, gathered to discuss peace, protested and a member of the swelling crowd pitched a rock through a window. In the ensuing hostilities, numerous other windows were broken and Heuvel said Witnesses emerged with clubs made from dismantled packing cases.

An ammonia bomb was hurled into the hall, and the crowd outside began overturning delegates' automobiles. Literature of the sect was burned in street bonfires.

City police, aided by state patrolmen, restored order before anyone was seriously injured, and the convention concluded without incident. A number of persons were treated for bruises and other minor hurts.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Seven persons were in hospitals here today, two with gunshot wounds, following a fight between members of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect and war emergency pipeline workers yesterday.

Authorities said all would recover.

Sheriff Gus Caple said the altercation arose over use of a trailer camp restroom. Several families of pipeline workers lived at the camp where the sect members went for a statewide rally.

The Lane county area was surprised with a "raid" last week—Jack Frost and his commandos appearing just before dawn to inflict considerable "casualties" in the tomato, bean, and squash gardens. It is no longer a military secret, however, since it happened last Friday morning.

The mercury in Eugene slid down to 36.4 degrees, but went lower in some parts of the county. As result, tomato growers are now advertising crops at low prices in order to get rid of them before spoiling; and the general public is aware winter is on its way.

Saturday brought another cool morning, the thermometer dropping to 39 degrees. The maximum that day was 86.1 degrees.

Enrollment at City Schools Totals 4,263

Students Trek Back To Full Day Of Classes After Vacations

Enrollment at Eugene city schools was "normal" Monday as a total of 4,236 students trekked back to the 11 education institutions as the fall term opened.

High school enrollment was only about a score less than 1941, with a total registration of 1,203, including 996 at Eugene high and 209 at University high.

Junior high enrollment was similar with a total of 1,013 in class this year as compared with 1,035 last year. Wilson junior high listed 693 students and Roosevelt 320.

Registration at the six grade schools was as follows: Condon, 216, an increase of 16 over last year; Edison, 207, increase of 21 over last year; Lincoln, 360, decrease of 25; Washington, 146, decrease of four; Whiteaker, 190, decrease of 30; Frances Willard, 314, decrease of 13.

Total grade enrollment was 1,433, just above the 1941 total of 1,418.

A slight increase in total enrollment figures was expected during the week. It may also be necessary to make some changes this week from overcrowded schools to less populated institutions, according to Dr. J. F. Cramer, city school superintendent.

First grade enrollment for the opening day was 243 only, 4 less than the figure in 1941.

The grand total included a registration of 582 at the vocational school and 30 at the Eugene nursery school.

A considerable number of senior high school students and some junior high students were not yet back in classes, as harvest jobs kept them engaged. Dr. Cramer said plans had been made to assimilate them as soon as they returned.

No penalties will be incurred by students who delay return to school because of participating in harvest work.

Youth Killed in Auto Crash Near Oakridge

A 19-year-old Los Angeles aircraft factory worker was killed and his parents of Sumner, Wash., injured in an auto accident on the Willamette highway about five miles east of Oakridge early Sunday morning.

Killed almost instantly was Edgar Lee Stanton. The county coroner said his neck was broken when the car, driven by his father, William M. Stanton, sideswiped a vehicle driven by Edward Adams, Eugene, and went off the road, striking a tree.

The elder Stanton and his wife, also a passenger in the car, were at the Sacred Heart hospital as the result of their injuries. His condition was reported to be "critical." Adams, and his wife, who was riding with him, were unhurt.

Dr. George Varney, Westfir, gave emergency treatment to the accident victims. He reported that the youth died a few minutes after he arrived at the scene.

The Stanton boy was born in Sunnyside, Idaho, June 24, 1923. The body is at the Poole funeral home.

Bruckart Explains Forest Closures

Starting immediately forests of the state of Oregon will operate under "probably the most inclusive closure orders for a good many years," Forest Supervisor J. R. Bruckart of the Willamette national forest service said Monday.

All forests in the state are closed except under permits, which cannot be issued to anyone except those having "legitimate business" such as logging or mining. Automatically eliminated from entrance into these regions are vacationers, fishermen, hunters and berry-pickers.

Exceptions are travel on highways and to designated forest camps, and at resorts and summer home areas. The Clear Lake road, from the McKenzie through to the South Santiam highway, is open. Not open to travel, however, is the six-mile section between Hospital camp and Lookout point on the old Willamette road.

SAVE CARTRIDGES
PORTLAND, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Oregon hunters can aid the war effort by saving their cartridges. The state guard asked that the shells be turned over to them for reloading. Those that cannot be used again will be contributed to the scrap metal drive.

Artillery Battle Between Soviets, Germans, Rages in Stalingrad Area

Nazi Battleship Tirpitz Said On High Seas

Big German Warship May Be In Arctic; Attacks Rumored

LONDON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The German super-battleship Tirpitz was reported today to have left her refuge in the Norwegian port of Trondheim and to be patrolling Arctic sea lanes under the cover of Nazi warplanes in search of allied convoys.

The report was the first intimation of activity by the great warship since last July 9, when the Russians announced that one of their submarines had scored two torpedo hits on her in Arctic waters, thus felling a Nazi attempt to smash a big allied convoy.

The Tirpitz was said to have holed up on Trondheim fjord after this attack, hiding there during the long summer days when her movements could easily have been checked by aircraft had she ventured forth.

May Slip Through
With the longer nights of autumn, however, the battleship would have a better chance of slipping undetected along the Norwegian coast and thence into the Arctic shipping lanes leading to Russia.

Observers here said that the Germans obviously were calling upon every means at their disposal in an attempt to smash allied convoys taking vital war materials to embattled Russia.

Only yesterday the German high command reported that Nazi planes and submarines had sunk 38 merchantmen in a six-day running battle with a 45-ship convoy in the Arctic.

While the German claims were characterized here as exaggerated, unofficial sources believed that losses on the Russian supply route undoubtedly have been heavy.

The reported reappearance of the Tirpitz followed by only 24 hours a statement by First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander which was interpreted by unofficial naval experts as indicating that Britain's newest 35,000-ton battleships, the Anson and the Howe, now are ready for action.

OPA Wants Costs of 'Services' Filed

Merchants of Lane who are performing "consumer service" must immediately make a statement of September 1, 1942, and file it with the local war price and ration board, Acting Executive Secretary Harry Hearne advised Monday.

A large number of these merchants have not filed this statement, and they should use general maximum price regulation No. 185 as their guide in making their report.

Mr. Hearne said. Consumer services come under the cost-of-living commodities list, for which merchants may not charge more for a service than they did in March, 1942, it is pointed out. Merchants may charge less, but may not charge more without OPA order even though costs may have changed since then, he said.

The office is open from 10 to 4 Mondays through Fridays, from 9 to 12 on Saturday mornings.

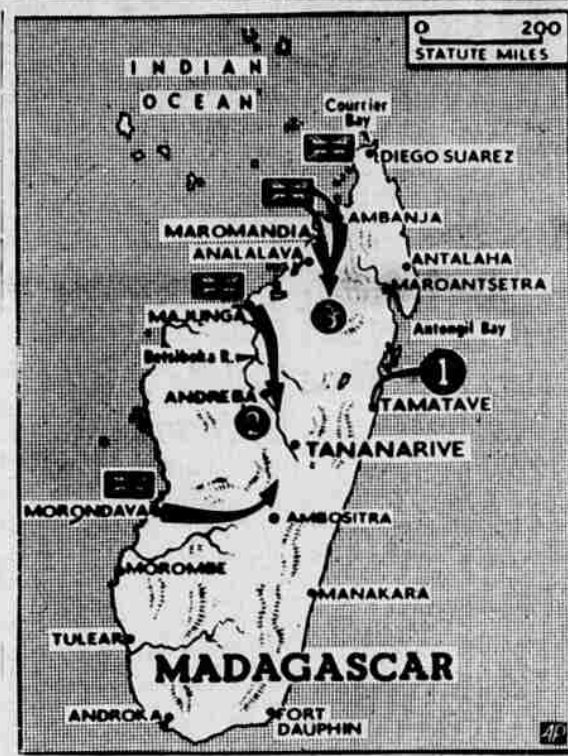
Canadian Ship Sunk; More Than 100 Lost

OTTAWA, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The Canadian destroyer Ottawa has been torpedoed and sunk with her commander, four other officers, and 197 men missing and believed killed, Navy Minister Angus Macdonald announced today.

The Ottawa was commanded by Lieut. Commander Clark Anderson Rutherford.

Her loss was the third announced within a week. The sinking of the patrol ship Racoon with the loss of all 38 hands was disclosed by the navy minister on Sept. 14 and the corvette Charlotteville four days later.

The 1,375-ton Ottawa carried a normal complement of 145.



BRITISH NEAR MADAGASCAR CAPITOL—British troops were reported within 30 miles of Madagascar's capitol after a strong force landed and occupied the port of Tamatave (1), on the east coast of the island. Other British forces had pressed south of Androka (2) and Maromandia (3) from west coast ports (indicated by flags) previously occupied. The drive on Tananarive from Maromandia is indicated by arrow.

Crowd Expected To Hear General

A capacity crowd is expected for the annual meeting of the Eugene chamber of commerce, which will be held Monday evening starting at 6:30 in the Blue room of the Osburn hotel, it was stated this morning by Loy W. Rowling, chamber president, who has directed arrangements and talks, which will deal mainly with problems involving military forces stationed at Camp Adair.

Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley, commander of the 98th division, will be the chief speaker. He and a complement of officers from the cantonment will discuss Eugene's relationship, both in business and in entertainment, to the men of the post. Col. A. Orville Waller will be toastmaster. Mr. Rowling will give a report of the year's business of the chamber, paying particular attention to defense activities such as the Lane county war industries pool.

Among those attending from Adair will be Maj. Ralph E. Riddan, director of military intelligence and internal security; Col. R. E. M. Des Isles, construction officer who had charge of building at Camp Adair; Lt. George H. Godfrey, post public relations officer and assistant military intelligence officer.

Invited as special guests are Col. R. M. Lyon, retired head of the University of Oregon military department, and Mrs. Lyon; and the following faculty members now on the military faculty at the University: Col. Charles L. Sampson, head of the department, and Mrs. Sampson; Major and Mrs. W. E. Read, Major Harvey Blythe, Lt. R. G. Davis.

Five Killed When Army Bomber Burns

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Lives of five army airmen were snuffed out last night when a heavy bomber caught fire in mid-air, then glided to a crash landing on the Gowen air base runway.

Five others were injured, one critically.

Captain E. L. Davis, public relations officer, said the ship burst into flames while approaching the field at an altitude of 800 feet. It struck the runway, lost momentum gradually, then nosed against a parked bomber and was destroyed.

At least one of the victims was a member of the ground crew caught in the flaming wreckage.

The grounded bomber received only minor damage due to efficient work by emergency squads, Davis reported.

KILLED WHILE HUNTING

LA GRANDE, Sept. 21.—(AP)—A bullet accidentally fired from the gun of a hunting companion killed Hugh C. Bowman, 44, Milton hardware merchant, Coroner Lot Snodgrass said today.

'Yard-by-Yard' Gains Made by Nazi Infantry

Furious Bombardment Said Greatest Of Entire World Conflict

MOSCOW, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Front reports today said the Red army was fighting back with railroad artillery and armored trains against an unprecedented Nazi cannon and air bombardment of battered Stalingrad.

The Soviet dispatches said the railroad guns were making a thundering reply to the long-range cannon with which the Germans were blasting the city.

Despite repeated attacks by Luftwaffe squadrons, the reports said, Soviet armored trains were laying down a withering fire in support of the defenders of Stalingrad, concentrating particularly on points hastily fortified by the Germans.

Biggest Bombardment
The bombardment by the Germans and the counterbombardment by the big Russian guns was described as the greatest of the Russo German war.

Attacking by the thousand under cover of the pulverizing bombardment, the Nazis were reported to be pressing the Stalingrad defenders back, yard by yard, often over ruins and streets slippery with the blood of dying defenders and attackers.

Nazi casualties were said to be mounting, especially in the rubble-heaped northwestern sector of Stalingrad where a battle was in progress for every house and every heap of broken brick and mortar which could be transformed into a pillbox.

Front-line dispatches to the communist organ Pravda said the battle grew more tense every hour, and that the Germans were throwing in reinforcements and driving ahead "at some points." Presumably, these enemy gains were on the northwestern outskirts. The defenders were heavily outnumbered.

Two Regiments Killed
The Soviet noon communiqué admitted no German advance, and reported the killing of two enemy regiments (perhaps 10,000 men). Huge clouds of smoke enveloped Stalingrad's outskirts and the fires of burning buildings were visible at night miles away. The earth trembled, as if by earthquake. No one sound really was audible. The roar of cannon, the crack of rifles, the firing of machine guns and the bursting of bombs were submerged in the noise of them all, a deafening, terrifying sound that never ceased.

Bombs fell in a steady rain and huge gaps were visible in the skyline gradually merged. German long-range artillery and bombers were giving Stalingrad the heaviest punishment a Russian city had ever taken in this war, and that included Sevastopol, where nothing remained but ruins.

Artillery Range To Be Near Adair

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The war department notified Senator McNary (R., Ore.), today it was taking 20,500 acres of land adjacent to the north boundary of Camp Adair near Corvallis, Ore., for an artillery range.

The department said that while Governor Charles M. Sprague had objected to such use of the land because of its high agricultural value, the army had been unable to find a suitable range elsewhere and the governor had not objected further.

Careful appraisal of the value of the land had been made, the department told McNary, adding it was trying wherever possible to reach settlement with the owners without having to condemn the land. It said the appraisers were fully qualified to fix true values and that in no case was an appraisal by the owner accepted.

It said the use of the government intended to make of the land was not taken into consideration in making the appraisals which were based upon actual value.

Limit Set On Tax By Senate Group

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The senate finance committee amended the new revenue bill today to place a limitation on the amount of federal income and victory taxes which could be collected from any individual at 90 percent of his net taxable income.

Committee attaches said this would affect only persons with taxable incomes of approximately \$1,000,000 annually, since the combined rate of both taxes would not exceed 90 per cent for those in lower brackets.

Because approximately 43,000,000 persons will be required to file federal tax returns under the new bill, the committee acted at the treasury's suggestion to eliminate a provision requiring taxpayers to have their returns notarized.

Lightning Forest Fire Brought Under Control

A small lightning fire near Horsepasture mountain, discovered Sunday by a lookout in the district attained "rather dangerous" proportions before being brought under control, announces J. R. Bruckart, forest supervisor, Willamette national forest service.

The fire is located near the east fork of the south fork of the McKenzie. Control of the blaze was difficult due to the fact that it was between six and eight miles from the road. Mr. Bruckart said,