

FRENCH STORM BIG NAZI INDUSTRIAL CITY

Action To Curb Percent Price Rises Forecast

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Plans to reverse recent price rises are expected as small but disturbing, unexpected shortages, designed as insurance to workers that living costs will not outrun pay increases.

Maxing a series of administrative moves all pointing to a decision to hold on to the principle of "little steel" wage formula after V-E day, the OPA prepared to take specific steps to hold price line.

Administrator Chester Brown called a news conference this afternoon but canceled it this further a new regulation was put into effect. Associates probably will be announced tomorrow.

Conference was arranged on notice after Sunday's statement by Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson that "disinflation" advances in costs of living, especially in textiles and shoes, "must stop." Observers predicted Bowles was ready to tighten controls over fabric and wearing apparel, and singled out by Vinson as in-

and announce more rigid standards for ruling on requests for "extraordinary" price increases not provided for in the control act and other laws. The "extraordinary" price OPA is not sole judge, but set its ceilings by agreement with other agencies, usually war administration. It was indicated that Vinson, as final economic arbiter, has given assurance will uphold a firm position on part of OPA.

IO Gets Army Sea To Recruit War Workers

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The commission today was urged by Gen. Brehon Somervell, supply chief, to help recruit 100,000 workers for war effort to turn out the fighting needed in Europe and the Pacific.

We must have these workers now," said the general. Somervell told the convention production in some items is 50 percent behind, adding, "It all depends on this: we are calling American productive power a supreme effort to meet a crisis. The doughboy has got his way ahead of schedule we have to catch up with it."

The delegates who yesterday Murray assert the CIO will continue "in the maintenance of our no-strike pledge," know that you men and women are sticking to your war jobs. They are turning to other employment in quest of greater post-war security.

Somervell said the 40 per cent in production on some scheduled items mean the difference between victory and a long drawn-out war. Some 27 per cent of shortages are in the items urgently needed right now: mortars and mortar ammunition, artillery and artillery ammunition, heavy trucks and tanks, airborne, radar, trunks, cotton field and assault wire.

Weather

A Weather Bureau Forecast: Partly cloudy extreme cold part and fog in valleys Cascades tonight and Wednesday. Not much temperature change.

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Japs Say China Split; Superforts Hit Kyushu

Nips Lose 1,000 Planes In Month; Rains Still Slow Fight On Leyte

By UNITED PRESS
Tokyo radio claimed Tuesday that Japanese forces pushing southward through Kwangsi province in China have achieved a junction with northbound Japanese troops, thus attaining the long-sought bisection of China.

"The cutting in two of China is now an accomplished fact," said a Tokyo radio broadcast recorded by United Press at San Francisco. The broadcast, based on a dispatch from a Domei news agency correspondent in south China, did not state the point at which the junction of the two forces occurred, but presumably the meeting took place west of recently-captured Liuchow.

By Associated Press
Superforts bombed the heart of Japan's aircraft industry Tuesday in the wake of a sea-borne air raid on Manila that wiped out 118 Japanese planes and added three more ships to the useless fleet of 100 bomb-wrecked craft that litter the Philippines harbor.

Japan has lost close to 1,000 planes this month in the Philippines where rain-chilled American troops slid forward over Leyte island's muddy hills again after being virtually halted for two days by the third typhoon of their brief campaign.

The war department announced "a large task force of B-29 aircraft" attacked industries on Kyushu, southernmost of Nippon's home islands.

Tokyo radio said their targets were Omura, big aircraft center twice previously hit, and Nagasaki, west coast port city. Japanese propagandist claimed between 14 and 25 Superforts were shot down in an hour-long air battle fought above low-hanging clouds. They said the giant bombers came from southwest China bases, now threatened by Japanese armies which have driven the 14th U. S. air force from all of its fields in east China.

The Chinese high command acknowledged that units of the 250,000 Japanese troops in southeast China effected a junction, thereby cutting the nation in half and preventing Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's inland armies from joining a potential American invasion force.

U. S. carrier planes attacking Manila Sunday (Philippines time) found the harbor turned into a shipping graveyard. Like tombstones, 100 half-sunken derelicts testified to the effectiveness of previous U. S. carrier attacks.

The attackers—Tokyo said there were 300 of them—were almost unopposed. They wrecked 100 Nipponese aircraft on the ground. Japanese planes did attack U. S. 6th army troops on Leyte island and struck back at Vice Adm. J. S. Housain's carrier task force. Seven Japanese were shot down over Leyte and eight over the fleet.

Leyte's newest typhoon all but drowned out ground fighting. Nevertheless, the 7th division pushed from the south toward Ormos; the 32nd reduced more enemy fortifications north of Limon and the 24th beat down violent counterattacks against its road block south of Limon.

WLB Plans Action In Bus Wage Case

Eugene employees of the Oregon Motor Stages found scant encouragement Tuesday in a United Press dispatch from Washington, D. C., which said that their case may reach the war labor board appeals committee there "in the next 24 hours."

The dispatch said WLB hinted that it may have to review the entire case before making a decision, and stated that two or three weeks will be required to dispose of the case in the appeals committee.

Meanwhile, board agents expected to get in touch with the Seattle board to determine whether a full review will be necessary.

Local employees had understood some time ago that a wage increase would be forthcoming after the regional board in Seattle set the case to Washington, D. C., for what was thought to be merely formal approval of the regional board's decision. However, the affair has been delayed now since May 15, 1944, when the men went back to work after a three-day walkout, on assurance, they thought, that the matter would be settled within two weeks.

In Tuesday's announcement, the WLB said it will try to expedite final disposition of the case, but warned that any work stoppage would halt the proceedings.

Members of the local union had no comment to make on today's disclosure, pending discussion at a general meeting.

Present at the luncheon were Max Gardner, representing the Columbia River district council; Ray McInnes, central labor council; C. P. Richard, Willamette Valley council of loggers; Bun Kelsey, Willamette Valley council of sawmill and timber workers; Janie Thompson, culinary alliance; and two representatives from the Eugene and Springfield plywood companies.



ANY HOPE LEFT? Forest "Nubbins" Hoffman, 3, of Cheyenne, Wyo., shown here with his mother, Mrs. Marshall Hoffman, has been taken to Mercy hospital, Denver, Colo., for an examination to see if there is any chance of curing the bladder ailment which is draining his life away. Nubbins had a Christmas celebration Sunday because he was not expected to live until Dec. 25. (AP Wirephoto)

Elephant Autographs Books But Refuses To Use Elevator

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Figuratively speaking, Judy, 3,000 pounds of temperamental elephant, must have been laughing in her trunk today.

Judy, imported from a Sheboygan, Wis., circus to play the part of Eddie, in the book, "Eddie, the Elegant Elephant," spent two hours yesterday autographing books in the book department of Marshall Field and company's department store.

Judy used a rubber stamp which she held in her trunk to autograph the books, and she did very well at it.

Then came closing time, and Judy balked at taking the elevator down three flights to the ground floor. It was the same elevator she had ridden up on, but Judy objected to the return trip and all the coaxing of her trainer, Capt. Henry Thompson, couldn't change her mind. She just sat down, all 3,000 pounds of her, and looked perplexed.

A hurried telephone call to the Brookfield zoo brought the suggestion that perhaps Judy would walk down if a ramp was built. So carpenters were called and hastily constructed a three-story ramp. Five hours later, Judy tested the completed ramp gingerly, gave it her official approval, and lumbered majestically out of the building.

P. S. The balance of Judy's two-day scheduled appearance at Marshall Field's was canceled.

You Can Buy Any Size Turkey You Want—If You Can Find One

Uncle Sam has first choice on wholesale dealers' turkey stocks, but growers may sell any size bird to whomever they like, so long as they stay within the ceiling price, reports from local dealers indicate.

Partly because most growers are holding their hens for breeding purposes or are waiting for the Christmas market, and partly because a large number of birds are being sold on government contract, Eugene's supply of the traditional Thanksgiving fowl is pretty short, they declare.

Some packing houses sell all their A and B birds on government contract and others turn a large percentage over for army and navy use. However, the re-

port circulated earlier that the government was taking all turkeys under 20 pounds for members of the armed forces was not verified by dealers, who had received no such notification.

Local grocers have been hard put to locate enough turkeys for Thanksgiving, and it is probable that a good many Eugeneans will eat chicken or pot roast. One dealer was trying to get a few from a grower almost 50 miles away. Many growers are selling about nine toms for every hen, holding back their better birds.

But, it's perfectly legal to buy that turkey from a farmer—if it's an impossible to find a farmer who has one to sell.

Wounded Yanks Eager To Give Blood To Pal, Says Ernie Pyle

By ERNIE PYLE (Distributed By United Press)
This little piece comes more in the blood-bank category than in the bond-buying one, yet if you'll apply it to your bond buying, it may help save a great deal of blood.

This fall I came home from France on a ship that carried 1000 of our wounded American soldiers. About a fourth of them were terribly wounded stretcher cases. The rest were up and about. These others could walk, though among the walking were many legs and arms missing, many eyes that could not see.

Well, there was one hospitalized soldier who was near death on this trip. He was wounded internally, and the army doctors were trying desperately to keep him alive until we got to America. They operated several times, and they kept pouring plasma and whole blood into him constantly, until they ran out of whole blood.

I happened to be in the head doctor's cabin at noon one day when he was talking about this boy. He said he had his other doctors at that moment going around the ship typing blood specimens from several of the ship's officers, and from un-wounded army and navy officers aboard. They were doing it almost surreptitiously, for they did not want it to get out that they needed blood.

And why didn't they want it to get out? Because if it had, there would have been a stampede to the hospital ward by the other wounded men, offering their blood to this dying comrade. Think of that—a stampede of men themselves badly wounded, wanting to give their blood!

Flood Control Bill Delayed By Senate Dispute

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Plans for quick passage of a billion dollar flood control bill ran today into an argument over the St. Lawrence seaway recommended by President Roosevelt.

Instead of acting on the bill in a matter of hours preliminary to taking up a \$500,000,000 rivers and harbors authorization, the senate faced the prospect of a controversy that might run into next week.

The plans were snagged when Sen. Aiken (R-Vt.) insisted on presenting his amendment authorizing the seaway. Even as the senate moved toward debate, Aiken kept his colleagues in doubt as to whether he would offer his amendment for the flood bill or the rivers and harbors measure.

Should Aiken hold his amendment for the latter bill, the St. Lawrence controversy would be removed from the flood control measure, but there would still remain arguments over states' rights, hydroelectric power development, and irrigation as well as several big projects.

The house-approved bills call for post-war construction of flood control, hydroelectric facilities, harbor works and related projects throughout the country—a program backed in principle by President Roosevelt to create a shift of public works and jobs.

Only recently the president renewed his long-standing request for approval of the seaway, estimated to cost from \$200,000,000 to \$400,000,000.

Sen. Aiken wrote his amendment several weeks ago, refusing to go along with Chairman Overton (D-La.), who called a senate commerce sub-committee meeting today to determine whether a treaty with Canada would be involved.

The bills are beset by several side issues. One group has brought up the issue of states' rights being affected by the federal government's broad jurisdiction over inland waterways.

Members from the Missouri valley are demanding changes to give reclamation preference over navigation and other water uses in the arid west. Present law leaves the decision to the army engineers.

California Dispute
Another controversy revolves around an amendment to exempt California great central valley from a 42-year-old reclamation law limiting to 160 acres the land of any owner which can be irrigated from federally-financed projects.

There also is a dispute over whether electricity developed should be sold at dam sites or through federally-built transmission lines.

Among major projects in the rivers and harbors bill are: The \$58,625,000 Snake river development and the \$69,470,000 Umatilla dam, Oregon and Washington. Federal control authorizations include the Willamette river basin, \$20,000,000.

Webfoots Book Extra Game; Play Astoria Marines Wednesday

The University of Oregon varsity basketball team will meet the Astoria Marine barracks quintet at McArthur court Wednesday at 8 p. m., according to an announcement made late Tuesday by Graduate Manager Anson B. Cornell.

The contest, the only appearance for Coach John Warren's Webfoots at home until next week, was an added contest to the 20-game pre-season slate. The Astoria quintet, finalists in the northwest service playoff last year, will be slightly favored over the inexperienced collegians.

Oregon plays at Klamath Falls against the Marine base there Friday and Saturday of this week.

GI's Told London Fog Lack Just Temporary

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—(AP)—From the Pentagon went this word of cheer today to GI's in London where cigaret sales have been halted at all but air force combat stations.

It's only temporary. Army officials here did not know how long the ban would be on "but obviously they won't be denied cigarettes indefinitely."

"There are sufficient cigarettes going over," authorities here asserted. "There is no question about that. What happens after they get there is another matter."

NAVAL STATION TO CLOSE

FARRAGUT, Ida., Nov. 21.—(AP)—The Farragut naval training center, second largest in the United States, will be decommissioned sometime next spring after current enrollees have completed their courses, Commodore Frank H. Kelley, commandant, said today.

Surprise Sweep Made Into Belfort As Yanks Capture Sarrebourg

LONDON, Nov. 21.—(AP)—French armor thrusting northward down the Rhine stormed Mulhouse today, and U. S. troops captured Sarrebourg, 32 miles from the Rhine, in an eastward drive collapsing the whole German stand in the Vosges mountains.

The swift-paced French perhaps had already entered Mulhouse, an industrial city of 97,000, in exploitation of their Belfort breakthrough. This push was undermining German positions for 100 miles to the north.

French troops charged into the fortress city of Belfort—bypassed in the plunge to the Rhine—and were fighting to clean it up, a front dispatch declared tonight. Heavy reinforcements were moving into it, and into the power drive along the Rhine.

The sweep into Belfort was surprising, even to the assaulting French, for it and Metz—taken by 3rd army doughboys—had been considered the two strongest fortresses in eastern France. Belfort is ringed by more than a score of satellite forts.

It appeared the Germans were giving up their last positions on French soil.

Tough Going In North
But resistance continued strong in the north, especially against the Americans and British making slow gains in the Aachen sectors of Germany in rain and mud.

Both the American 7th and 3rd armies were beating eastward toward Strasbourg and Saarbrücken.

The 44th division of the 7th army captured Sarrebourg (pop. 6,500)—70 miles northwest of Mulhouse—and mechanized patrols were stabbing onward toward Strasbourg 30 miles beyond.

Third army forces fought within 18 miles of Saarbrücken in the industrially-rich Saar basin. Still farther north, tanks of the 3rd army had driven three miles into Germany.

At the north end of the front, beyond Aachen, American and British armies had cut through fierce German opposition to within some three miles of the Roer river, the last natural defense barrier short of the Rhine near Cologne.

British troops in southeastern Holland were eliminating the Nazis from the west banks of the Meas before Venlo, a gate to the Ruhr.

Push Toward Cologne
In the battle area east and northeast of Aachen, the American 1st and 9th armies and the British 2nd army pushed their lines slowly toward Cologne—approximately 26 miles beyond the American vanguards—and the Rhine against increasingly furious German resistance marked by tank-led counterattacks which slowed but failed to stop the allied drive to crack the reich's strongest defenses.

Five fortress groups at Metz continued firing after the German commander within the enemy-held northern portion of the French fortress city ignored an ultimatum to surrender.

A two-mile advance on the American 3rd army wing east of Metz carried Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr.'s men to points eight to 12 miles below the Saar frontier. Third army troops entered the old Maginot line defenses north of Faulquemont, 20 miles southwest of Saarbrücken, and took Lelling, 9½ miles from the Saar border.

PFC Comish Badly Wounded In France

PFC Newell W. Comish, son of Dr. and Mrs. N. H. Comish, seriously was wounded Nov. 8 in France, according to a telegram received Tuesday morning from Acting Adjutant General Dunlap.

Private Comish, who went overseas early in September, was a member of the "Yankee" division, 28th Infantry, commanded in both world wars by Maj. Gen. William S. Paul, which went into action as part of General Patton's third army about Oct. 23. He had been in action in that area east of Nancy and south of Metz, according to his parents.

A graduate of Eugene high school, he was of junior standing at the University of Oregon when he went into service in April, 1943, with the large group of boys from the local campus. He took his boot training at Atlantic City, N. J., and from there went onto ASTP training at Providence college, Providence, R. I. When this program was dissolved, he went to Tennessee on maneuvers, then to Fort Jackson, S. C.

His latest letter home, dated Oct. 21, said he was living in a converted pup tent in a forest.

In accord with the government's announced new policy of keeping parents more closely informed, the message included Private Comish's new address: PFC Newell W. Comish, 1913 487th Hospitalized, Central Postal Directory, APO 640, care P.M., New York, N. Y.

Eugene Airman Missing From Base

Second Lt. Burton Witt Stuart, 21, is reported as missing since Friday from the Salinas, Calif., army air base. He left in a P-70 night fighter plane on a routine combat flight, it is reported by Col. Joseph C. Moore of the air base, and has not returned.

Lieutenant Stuart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell W. Stuart, 1258 High street, who have been notified. He entered service from Eugene in February, 1943, and was commissioned at Luke Field, Ariz., in April of this year. He was home on furlough this spring, just after he had been commissioned.

The Stuart family came to Eugene from Minnesota. Lieutenant Stuart attended high school at Rochester, Minn., and also attended the University of Minnesota, before joining his parents in Eugene, prior to enlisting.

Radio Station Approved

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Herald Publishing company, Klamath Falls, Ore., was granted permission by the federal communication commission today to construct a standard broadcast station. The station is to operate on 1450 kilocycles, with 250 watts power, day and night.