

Justices Censure King County Jail

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—The government decided today to discontinue housing of federal prisoners in the King county jail, Seattle, where the death of a youthful inmate was attributed to torture and mistreatment by a kangaroo court.

The justice department announced that the U. S. marshal has been ordered to transfer 32 federal prisoners in the jail to other institutions.

The action was taken, the department said, after "a careful inspection of the jail after the fatal beating on January 16 of John Emberg, a juvenile prisoner held in the jail" and because the jail's kangaroo court had not been abolished. The announcement added:

"Young Emberg died as a result of torturing and mistreatment by this kangaroo court, which is an organization of prisoners themselves. The sheriff had permitted this court to prescribe and enforce rules and fine and discipline the prisoners. This so-called court was in the hands of the most vicious and brutal group of prisoners in the jail."

"Not only was the administration of the institution found to be lax and almost wholly within the hands of the prisoners themselves, but also the food, sanitation and medical service did not begin to approach acceptable standards."

"The sheriff... had made little effort to put into effect any of a number of suggestions made to him in writing on Feb. 12 by the federal jail inspector."

DINNER PLANNED

Sons of Union Veterans will hold a dinner Sunday afternoon at one o'clock at the armory. Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Hamilton, Mrs. Noah Hildebrand, and Mrs. Phoebe Smith are the committee in charge. There will be a short program, and the January, February, and March birthdays of members will be observed.



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House Passes Year Extension Of Draft Law

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—The house passed unanimously and sent to the senate today legislation extending the draft law for one year beyond May 15, 1945.

The measure was discussed less than five minutes and passed without a record vote under procedure requiring unanimous consent. One objection could have blocked it, but there was none.

The legislation extends the 1940 selective service act and its implementing amendments until May 15, 1946, or until the end of the war, whichever comes first. Should the war not be over by May 15, 1946, an additional extension would have to be approved by congress. However, should it end on all fronts before then, the draft law could expire.

Great Need

Opposition to unrestricted extension of the law dissolved in the face of figures showing a need for more than 405,000 inductions between now and July 1.

Prospects thereafter, however, are for a 31 per cent drop in the draft rate—from 135,000 to 93,000 men a month.

What started out as a well-backed movement to fence in the extension act promised to turn into a stampede to rush it through without strings.

It took the house military committee little more than two hours yesterday to approve unanimously the one-year extension of the law first enacted in 1940 and due to expire May 15.

The committee session was devoted to testimony of army chiefs de fielding the present training system and cautions against legislation that might interfere with it.

Commission Eyes War Guilt Policy

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—Outspokenly displeased with the allied war crimes commission, some members of the house foreign affairs committee demanded today that congress assume direction of U. S. war guilt policies.

The allied commission "has made a most inept approach to the whole problem of accusing and punishing war criminals," Rep. Flood (D-Pa.) told a reporter after the committee spent two hours questioning Herbert A. Pell, former U. S. representative on the commission.

Pell told the committee yesterday the allied commission members still are without information from their governments whether they should treat as war crimes the Nazi persecution of Jews and other minorities in Germany.

UNDULANT FEVER AGAIN

PORTLAND, March 23.—(AP)—Another undulant fever outbreak here—18 cases in the southeast section of the city—prompted renewed investigation today by the city health bureau. The day's record, highest in several months, represented the first cases reported in weeks.



ROMANTIC ANTICS—This is Corliss Archer (Robert Quigley) and on her left is Dexter, the boy-next-door (Ludd Schmidt), who loves her deeply and despairingly. She regards him as a callow youth, but a handy one, and when he treats the little blonde to a coke (or was it a root beer), sparks fly. They star in "Kiss and Tell." Very Little Theatre production which has two nights to run at the fairgrounds theatre. Reservations may be made by calling the Williams-Street Market, phone 126. (Kennell-Ellis photos, Wiltshire engraving)

Check-Tire Week Is Bringing Results

This is national check-your-tire week and Eugene Tire Dealers association Friday reminded motorists again of their responsibility to both the war effort and civilian economy in preventing a breakdown of private transportation.

The principal threat to private transportation is failure to give proper care to tires, they point out, urging that every car owner check the condition of his tires and see that any which need recapping are given that renewed lease on life and service.

Many cars which were left in cars examined by a flying squadron of boys in the business district last Saturday have been brought to tire dealers this week, and many a "bald" tire that would otherwise have been overlooked until it blew out, has been saved by recapping for continued service.

Major McNutt, Chief of Police Bergman and others have endorsed observance of check-your-tire week in Eugene.

Income Tax Leaks To Be Investigated

By ALBRO B. GREGORY
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WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—Treasury agents were moving in on big cities from coast to coast today to crack down on "free spenders" and black market operators who help in cheating the government out of an estimated \$5,000,000,000 a year in income taxes.

Elmer L. Irey, the gang-buster boss of treasury enforcement agencies, said the drive would not be confined to winter vacation resorts but would go into every segment of business "where we might find something interesting."

Irey said that investigators will go into the produce and liquor trades, amusements and all other phases of the economy where there are signs of black market operations.

OPA to Conduct School For Eugene Retailers

A "school" for Eugene retailers, at which the OPA will explain its new order freezing certain price markups at clothing, shoe and furniture stores, will be conducted March 28 at 7:30 p. m. in the Osburn hotel, it was announced by OPA headquarters here.

The new regulation requires retailers to prepare base date pricing charts listing costs and prices for affected items which they were selling on the base date—March 19. These charts are to be filed with the OPA district office by April 20. After that date, ceiling prices for a given store will be determined from its chart under pricing rules of the new regulation, and the store will be required to display its ceiling prices. After May 4, the regulation provides, a store may not sell merchandise unless it has filed a chart and received an acknowledgment for it.

Details of the new setup will be explained at the March 28 meeting here.

Forest Labs Sought For Pacific Area

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—Construction of three forest products laboratories, one of which will be in the Pacific Northwest, was proposed in a bill introduced yesterday by Senator Brewster (R-Me.). Russell (D-Ga.) and Mike McNutt (R-Ore.) are cosponsors.

The plants would study reforestation, forest conservation, timber mechanics and physics, development of new uses for forest products and by-products, reduction of waste in timber operations.

A resolution offered by Senator Hatch (D-N.M.) asked an investigation of the effect on western agriculture of lease-lend and other congressional acts.

VOTE ON WILLIAMS

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—Washington's two democratic senators, Mitchell and Magnuson, voted today to confirm Aubrey Williams as rural electrification administrator. Senator Morse (R-Ore.) also voted for confirmation, but Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) voted against.

The first ironclad war vessel was built by Admiral Yi Sun Sin of Korea in 1594, 270 years before the Monitor and Merrimac of Civil War fame.



Failure To Keep Stockpiles For Europe Adds To Food Lack

(Ed. Note.—This is the last in a series of four articles in which Mr. Martin attempts to explain the reason for the food shortage facing the United States and its allies.)

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WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—Upon its entry into the war, the United States promised axis-dominated countries that American food would "win the war and write the peace."

Propaganda broadcasts to Europe told of plans to set aside a portion of each year's production for relief stockpiles. Yet, except for wheat, dry beans and a few other minor items, no such stockpiles were accumulated.

As a result, the full force of foreign relief demands is falling suddenly upon current production.

That production is hard pressed to supply allied and American military requirements and this country's civilian needs. That's one reason why food is tight now.

Reasons

Two developments contributed largely to abandonment of the stockpile idea: (1) reports, both official and unofficial, that European relief needs would not be so great as had been expected; (2) official fear that such stockpiles might become surpluses and unduly depress farm prices.

A warning that this country would face a situation such as exists today was made in 1943 by a special food advisory committee of the war food administration (WFA). This committee was made up of representatives of various government agencies concerned with the war food problem.

The committee declared that the United States "cannot become the food basket of the united nations." It urged that immediate action be taken by the united nations to obtain increased production of selected foods in other areas—particularly in colonial areas, neutral countries and in South America—to help meet war and foreign relief needs.

Takes Issue

The committee took issue with what it called a "general impression that this country can make up deficits" in war and relief needs. It said:

"Americans as a whole, including those in government, have never wholeheartedly convinced themselves that we are out of the surplus days of the 20's and 30's. Surplus cobwebs have got to be brushed from many an official

brain on the subject of food. We must realize that food supplies will remain low until at least two years after the end of the war."

Coordination Lacked

Evidence points also to a lack of coordination between agencies responsible for food production and those making promises to meet land lease and relief needs.

Those commitments far exceed requirements which WFA had expected, particularly in the category of meats, fats and vegetable oils and dairy products—the major scarcity items.

Because the foreign demands exceed WFA expectations, the government has set up a special committee headed by Foreign Economic Administrator Leo T. Crowley. This committee's job is to divide available supplies in a manner designed to meet essential military requirements, minimum lend-lease and foreign relief needs without cutting American civilians excessively.

Belt-Tightening

This division, President Roosevelt told a news conference, will require further civilian belt-tightening so that Americans may fulfill humanitarian obligations to the war hungry.

How long will this belt tightening last?

As far as meats are concerned, no improvement is in sight before fall or early winter. Marketing of livestock increase seasonally then. But no substantial increase in civilian rations is expected before 1946. By that time it will be possible to raise hog production above present restricted levels.

Some improvement in the beef supply could come later this year if the government offered incentives which would encourage the feeding of cattle to heavier weights.

No improvement in civilian supplies of food fats and shortening is expected before 1946. The production of lard this year is expected to drop 25 per cent below last year, and official estimates indicate farmers will plant fewer acres to peanuts and soybeans, sources of vegetable oils.

The butter supply may not improve materially until after the defeat of Japan.

Shortages may exist for another

year in the case of canned fruits and vegetables. Production of these items will be adversely affected by shortages of labor and materials.

Only in the case of cereals, including flour, are plentiful supplies now assured.

A recent agriculture department survey of farmers' planting plans emphasized that a short labor supply—officially described as the smallest in 35 years—will prevent any increase in food and livestock feed crops this year. If the weather turns unfavorable, production might drop disastrously low.

Dow-Jones

The closing Dow-Jones averages: Industrial, 155.45, up 0.38; rail, 51.75, up 0.08; utility, 27.60, off 0.06; and 65 stocks, 57.72, up 0.09.

Sales were 680,000 shares. The least since Nov. 24, 1944, and compared with 830,000 yesterday. Curb turnover was 230,000 shares against 260,000 yesterday. Bond volume was \$5,831,000 against \$6,890,000 yesterday.

Dow-Jones closing bond averages: 40 bonds 106.82, up 0.08; 10 1st grade rails 115.25, up 0.25; 10 2nd grade rails 95.54, up 0.06; 10 pub util 109.22, up 0.02; 10 indus 107.27, off 0.02.

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