

Milk Meetings May Result In Price Hike

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—(AP)—The government is scheduling a series of meetings which may result eventually in higher milk prices.

These increases—possibly months away—would be two cents a quart during the spring and summer and three cents a quart during winter months.

The first of the hearings will open at New York today. The second will be held for the Boston milk market next month.

Similar sessions are planned in most large cities where dairymen's prices are regulated by the agriculture department under federal milk marketing orders.

Today's gathering comes a week after it becomes known that Secretary of Agriculture Anderson is urging an immediate hike of six cents a pound in OPA butter price ceilings in an effort to encourage greater production.

The milk price hearings will be conducted by the department on what it describes as dairy industry proposals to raise producer prices of fluid milk when the government's \$525,000,000 a year dairy production subsidy program is ended.

To Discard Subsidy

Stabilization Director John C. Collet, to whom Anderson carried his butter fight, announced in November that the dairy subsidy program would be discarded by June 30.

Dairymen want their prices increased by the amount they would lose through termination of the subsidy program which was begun during the war to spur greater production of milk without increasing retail prices.

The agriculture department has authority to fix dairymen's prices in large-city milk marketing areas operating under a federal milk order, provided such prices are approved by two-thirds of the dairymen supplying the market.

Any increase, however, may be many months away because since Collet's announcement there have been reports that President Tru-

man may ask congress to continue the entire food subsidy program another year. If such an extension should be granted, the price rise would be delayed.

Jap Aerial—

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thought the situation demanded," Kimmel responded.

"It put you on a training basis rather than an alert," Richardson said.

Fleet On Alert

"No," Kimmel insisted. "The fleet was on the alert at that time."

Richardson showed Kimmel a navy dispatch dated April 1, 1941, in which the chief of naval operations warned that "Past experience shows that Axis powers often begin activities in a particular field on Saturday and Sunday or on national holidays of the country concerned."

Kimmel pointed out that the dispatch was addressed to commanders of the various naval districts, not to fleet commanders. He said he never saw the dispatch before Pearl Harbor. But, he added:

"I didn't feel then that an attack on Saturday or Sunday was more likely and today I think it was no more than a coincidence that the attack came on a Sunday."

Richardson Warned

Richardson reminded Kimmel that he had warned his own fleet units of the possibility of a surprise attack on the fleet in Pearl Harbor or a submarine attack in fleet-operating areas.

"We were covering all the possibilities we could foresee," Kimmel explained. "When you make plans, you plan for everything possible, not just the probabilities."

Kimmel testified yesterday that he never recalled an attack on Pearl Harbor higher than a "possibility."

The committee sought also to evaluate a war warning sent to Kimmel 10 days before the attack.

Petroleum technologists foresee a rapid and tremendous increase in the use of natural gas as a raw material for the manufacture of chemicals and plastics.

Trailer Case—

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adequate sites had been investigated and found unavailable.

Hedding testified that the city has not granted exclusive use of the park to the VFW and county court.

Howard Brownell and Dorilla Somers, attorneys for the plaintiffs, put on the stand John Sullivan, park superintendent from 1932 to 1940, who said his crews cleaned up the park several times, laid out a ball ground and installed a table, chairs and swings, as well as steps and a walk.

As an indication of housing needs at the University of Oregon, J. Orville Lindstrom, business manager, said it was necessary to inform 700 prospective students it would be unwise to come here unless they had arrangements for housing. He said the university could have an enrollment of 5000, which is about 1600 above the present figure, if housing were available. Students spend a minimum of \$500 a year each in Eugene, he estimated. The 1600 additional students, if here, thus would spend about \$800,000 a year in Eugene, it was estimated.

Mrs. Alice Macduff, university hearing secretary, told the court that many rooms in private homes, formerly available, are no longer open to students because of the tight situation, and that 400 veterans alone wanted to come here this winter but could not because there was no housing.

W. J. Cloyes, city-county sanitarian, testified that the overcrowded condition is a menace to public health, for one reason because crowded houses overload sewer facilities. He said trailers must comply with city, state and federal health regulations and that, in his opinion, the park trailer project, instead of being a health menace, would be of benefit to the park because as a result sewer, water and lights are to be brought in there.

City Engineer W. C. Clubb testified that he never has seen a ball ground or playground at the park.

Police Chief L. L. Pittenger said overcrowding has forced many people to sleep in cars parked in parks and that such conditions are conducive of lawlessness. He asserted there never has been any intent by police to limit Sladden park use but that two men were detained at one time to keep anyone from pulling up surveyors' stakes there, after the stakes had been pulled up twice.

Mike Moriarty, veterans' employment service officer, said it is planned to put playground facilities at the east end of the park, but he pointed out that few of the World War II veterans have children over three years of age.

Karl L. Wagner, manager of the trailer project, also said it is planned to put in playground equipment and that it would be available to children of the general public.

Following the last witness for the plaintiffs, Mrs. Minnie Forcier, the defense introduced evidence designed to show that there is an acute housing shortage, producing unsanitary or unhealthy conditions in many cases, fostering lawlessness, and that for these reasons the trailer project, by helping to relieve the condition, will be of benefit to the entire community.

Mrs. Forcier testified in part that the noise of bringing trailers into the park kept her awake last Sunday night.

First defense witness was Mrs. June Fendall, USO director, who said the USO has always tried to find rooms in homes for service people but that many, including women, have had to sleep in cars, and that bad overcrowding exists now.

William M. Tugman testified as to extensive flood damage to homes, with 90 per cent of the Glenwood houses estimated destroyed or damaged. He said the effect of crowding on health and sanitation is very bad, that the situation affects almost everyone in Eugene and that it is not only

critical but almost explosive. A picture was introduced showing a crowd waiting for papers at The Register-Guard office, so they could rush out to rent any housing advertised.

Fred Lamb, park superintendent, said that in the past five years he has not seen a ball ground there, but that a few times he has seen four or five children playing in the park.

Fred M. Branne, chamber of commerce manager, who has worked with all groups seeking to improve housing conditions, testified that he believes, in the sense of multiple use of housing, there is now about a 150 per cent occupancy in Eugene. In other words, housing is not only full to normal capacity, but 50 per cent over that, he explained. He reported that Frank Kinney, former president of the Realty board, estimated there is a need for 1000 family units in Eugene. He asserted the trailer project would be of distinct public benefit.

Gibson Will—

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likely bid. Evidently he found support, because Thursday morning he said "consider me in."

Gibson found support along Willamette street. James A. Rodman Sr., county GOP chairman, came out early and said Gibson would have his vote. (But the pussywills are not far enough along to announce any of his own political plans concerning running again for the legislature, the realtor indicated. He calls the present stage of political gestation "too uncertain.")

Colleagues Support

It is also known in Lane county that there is formidable strength for Gibson in the halls of the senate. One of the bulls of that body has expressed to Eugene politicians a belief that the Junction City man is "one of the most valuable members."

Next republican question for Eugene politicians is: Who will run for the state senate seat to replace 81-year-old H. C. Wheeler?

The Pleasant Hill farmer has been attending the legislature in Salem for 22 years and it is considered certain he will not be out for another term.

Besides Rodman, Representative Truman Chase seems to be the most likely person the republicans could put forth for Wheeler's chair. He said Thursday he'd like to talk "with some of the boys" before saying anything, but admitted Child's filing had quickened his spring thinking.

Representative Earl Hill, Cushman's fish and highway expert, may also be a candidate. He was in Portland Thursday and could not be reached for comment. Representative John Snellstrom is satisfied where he now is.

The town is filling up with young men, too, and names like Bill East, Herman Hendershott and Hale Thompson have been talked in politics before. All three are young lawyers, just out of uniform. Another name whisked about a bit is that of another attorney, Gordon Ramstead.

Just what Charles Childs thinks about Lane county's decision to oppose him is not known, although he visited Eugene the same day his announcement came from Salem, presumably to "feel around." Efforts to reach him for comment, after Gibson's declaration of intent were unsuccessful. The former senator from Albany doesn't have a telephone.

discussions were first resumed in New York 10 days ago. After the breakdown of negotiations in New York, the President requested Fairless and Murray to come here for renewed discussions.

The secretary said the board was not bringing in a report but that doubtless the members had accumulated a lot of information on the situation.

Ross said government seizure "has not entered into the discussions" through last night's talks. He also reported that, of course, Fairless and Murray could accept or reject the presidential proposal.

Fairless has offered to pay 15 cents more an hour and Murray is adamant on nothing less than 19 1/2 cents for his 800,000 CIO-steelworkers who are due to strike next Monday.

May Compromise

The president already has urged General Motors corporation to accept a fact-finding board's proposal of 19 1/2 cents more an hour for 175,000 striking CIO-auto workers. The steel industry generally has paid somewhat less than the auto industry, according to experienced labor observers, and therefore the president might suggest 17 1/2 or 18 cents.

At the start of yesterday's talks, Ross reported, Mr. Truman called the conferees into his office and told Murray and Fairless that "It was vital to the interest of the country that they reach an agreement."

The afternoon session broke up nearly five hours later, then resumed at 8 p.m. At that time, Ross said, "Truman urged the two men 'in very vigorous terms' to come to an understanding."

Labor experts believe a settlement in the steel industry would be followed by agreements in most other wage struggles now underway in autos, meat packing, electrical manufacturing and shipbuilding.

Portland, Jan. 17—(AP)—Although the meat packing strike has tied up three large packing plants in Portland, no immediate meat shortage is expected, according to city officials and packing plant representatives who point out there are several independent packers in the area not affected by the strike.

In order to avert any shortage in the state the independents today stepped up their buying and will attempt to keep production up to a level sufficient to provide all local needs, it was understood.

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State Fails To Get Seized Stolen Liquor

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 17—(AP)—The Oregon state liquor control commission will not get 333 cases of stolen liquor seized by state police in a truck near Milwaukee.

Circuit Judge E. C. Latourette ruled the \$11,000 worth of liquor was the legal property of J. V. Nanny, San Francisco, from whose warehouse it was reported stolen. The truck's drivers and several California men were arrested in the affair.

Foresters Ask Certain Timber Be Saved

PORTLAND, Jan. 17—(AP)—Regional forest officials recommended today that eight tracts of virgin timber in Oregon and Washington be left in their natural wild state.

Foresters said the 1,000 and 2,000 acre areas contain unusually fine specimens of sugar pine, Ponderosa pine, Port Orford cedar, Douglas fir and western red cedar. Six are in Oregon and two in Washington. Location was not named until after approval by Washington, D.C., officials.

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Mac Tells—

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lined to quarters pending investigation.

Col. Wilson Gaddis, public relations officer, said no charges have been placed against the trio but their actions since General Eisenhower explained demobilization policy Tuesday are under investigation.

Patterson Tells Why Demobilization Slower

MANILA, Jan. 17—(AP)—Secretary of War Patterson said today it was necessary to slow down the October-December rate of discharge of the United States Army to have had no army at all by June 1.

Patterson at a press conference stated that nearly 3,500,000 men had been demobilized the last three months of 1945, had the rate been maintained, the American army would have been only a memory.

The secretary said the United States has definite, world wide commitments and it is necessary to maintain an army establishment and agreed entirely with General Eisenhower's demobilization policy.

He reported that the question of giving overseas veterans extra points in addition to those they had gained before the Sept. 2 freeze "is under consideration." There are no present plans for further consideration of married men or those with less than three children so far as he knows.

The secretary conferred two hours in a closed meeting with a nine-man G-I committee which bombarded him with questions on why they were in the Philippines. Patterson replied that they were supporting occupation armies in Japan and Korea and that their work was necessary. The United States has vast stores of supplies in the islands which must be serviced pending disposition by surplus property agencies, he added.

Sailor Denied Leave To See Sick Dog

BREMERTON, Jan. 17—(AP)—Signalman 2-c Harry E. Bennett, 22, of Detroit, will not get to see his 21-year-old pet Boston terrier, "Honey Girl," before he is assigned overseas.

Navy authorities yesterday turned down his request that he be given leave to see his pet who, a Detroit veterinarian says, has no more than two weeks to live.

A 13th naval district spokesman said it sometimes was even necessary to deny leave to men who wished to visit sick relatives.

Truman—

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Roseburg Drum Corps To Parade In Rally

The drum and bugle corps sponsored by the Roseburg Knights of Pythias lodge, will parade on Willamette street Friday evening at 7. Route of march will start at Fifth and Willamette and end at Eleventh and Willamette.

The parade is staged as a rally for the Eugene-Roseburg high school basketball game to be played at the armory here tomorrow night. The corps also will play between halves of the game and will be entertained at the K. of P. hall after the contest. Sunshine Girls of the K. of P. lodge here are in charge of entertainment, which is to include a reception and a luncheon.

Ellen M. Pennell Scholarships Awarded

Winter term recipients of annual Ellen M. Pennell scholarships, awarded to students in the University of Oregon school of architecture and allied arts, are: Laverne Erickson, senior in painting; Mirza Baumhover, junior in interior design; and Laurel Anderson, freshman in painting, all of Portland. Miss Baumhover also received the Pennell award during fall term this year.

These scholarships, covering regular tuition fees, are endowed from a bequest of Mrs. Ellen M. Pennell, who was a member of the University library staff for a number of years.

Campus YWCA Has Membership Drive

Margery Skordahl, Nampa, Ida., and Anne Scripser, Medford, are in charge of the YWCA membership drive in progress this week on the University of Oregon campus.

The drive opened Jan. 15, and will end Saturday. At present, 734 women students on the campus belong to the organization.

Thursday noon flying speech squadrons visited the different living organizations on the campus to tell of the drive for new members.

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Dow-Jones

Dow-Jones closing bond averages: 40 bonds 108.97, up 0.01; 10 higher grade rails 117.40, up 0.06; 10 second grade rails 102.18, up 0.07; 10 public utilities 108.81, off 0.05; 10 industrials 106.48, off 0.05.

Preliminary closing Dow-Jones stock averages: Industrials off 0.29; railroad 86.69, off 0.45; utility 40.30, up 0.02; 65 stocks 76.22, off 0.20.

Sales totaled 2,200,000 shares compared with 2,100,000 yesterday. "Big board" bond sales aggregated \$9,450,000 against \$9,220,000. Curb stock turnover totaled 970,000 shares compared with 890,000.

MEDFORD MAN INHERITS

CHICAGO, Jan. 17—(AP)—Allen B. Drury, Medford, Ore., is named an heir to the \$204,427 estate of his late father, Myron M. Drury, vice president of the Allen B. Drury soap distributing company, an inheritance tax return filed here yesterday revealed. Allen Drury, three other sons and a daughter share in the estate.

On the index basis of 100 for 1926, the so-called "normal" year, operating costs of American automobiles had declined to 50, or half, by 1939.

Stage Companies Hearing On New

SALEM, Jan. 17—(AP)—Motor Stages and Pacific ways will ask Public Commissioner George A. next Monday to hold a hearing on the new low rates ordered for the Pacific coast bus system.

The two companies will lower rates, asserting that rates vary from 1.25 to a mile.

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