

### Porter Avers OPA Necessary Inflation Curb

CHICAGO, March 21—(AP)—Paul A. Porter, OPA administrator, said today OPA was planning a program of "progressive decontrol" during the next six to eight months "that will get us back to a normal economy as easily as possible."  
Porter, addressing a Chicago Association of Commerce luncheon, stated, however, that economists have estimated that a sudden end to price control would cause "all the way from a 30 per cent immediate increase in wholesale prices to as high as 60 per cent."  
He said that under OPA "there is the opportunity to maintain a stability in our economy during the next eight, 10 or 12 months or whatever time it takes to get full scale widespread production."  
Porter added that he hoped a "much expanded program on meat controls will be developed within the next week or sooner."  
"We know that certain enforcement efforts must be speeded up," he said. "We are going to do everything we can to get on top of it."

**Views Housing**  
At a news conference preceding the luncheon, Porter said that because of the housing crisis a \$1,600,000 deficiency appropriation granted OPA by Congress would be used to expand a newly established building materials division, and to employ a "substantial number" of additional investigators.  
The additional investigators, Porter stated, will concentrate chiefly on preventing the diversion of lumber from "normal outlets."  
"A lot of lumber is going into what in wartime would be described as nonessential uses," he said. "We hope to take positive and drastic measures that will channel essential building materials into essential uses."  
Porter also said he expected an announcement would be made in Washington within a day or two on OPA price policies for new automobiles. He declined to elaborate.

### Goering Ducks Accusations

NUERNBERG, Germany, March 21—(AP)—Hermann Goering swore today that he knew nothing of German concentration camp slaughters.  
"Even Hitler didn't know approximately what went on because Himmler (head of the Gestapo) always kept these things extremely secret," the leading defendant of 22 Nazis on trial for war crimes told the International Military Tribunal.  
Goering, still sharp in his seventh day on the stand, was emphatic as he sought to place the blame for camp horrors on the Gestapo chief, who committed suicide after capture.  
"You mean to say that even when the Kreisleiters were informed of the concentration camps that you, as second man of the Reich, didn't know?" asked British Prosecutor Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe. "Didn't your friend Himmler inform you?"  
Goering bristled and answered: "That is true. These things were kept from me—and I object to your designating Himmler as my friend."  
Sir David attacked Goering's claims of ignorance by introducing a secret document, an order issued to Kreisleiters of Hesse-Nassau Feb. 10, 1945, directing them to destroy at all costs "installations and records of concentration camps."  
The order also directed the shooting or hanging of German civilians who fled before Allied armies and specified that Nazi party members were "to keep back from the front up to the last minute" so they would survive to "form the foundation stone of a greater Germany."

**Home-Planning Action Begins**  
The Eugene Home Planning Institute was under way today as a result of the organization's first board meeting held last night at the Eugene Hotel. Chairman H. F. McDaniel, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided over the meeting. Other members of the board are: J. O. Olson, vice-chairman, heads the Chamber of Commerce; W. P. Prault, of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's Assn., heads the general plan. He pointed out that membership will be limited to persons actually engaged in building homes. He stated that nothing will be done in the institute and that no money will be offered for sale.

### 'Wac Corporal' Soars 43 Miles Into Space—(It's a Rocket)

PASADENA, Calif., March 21—(AP)—A new ionosphere rocket, developed by California Institute of Technology, has soared 43 1/2 miles into space in quest of weather secrets.  
The Army Ordnance Department disclosed today that the rocket, weighing 1000 pounds, 16 feet long and 12 inches in diameter, has been turned over to the Signal Corps. Its job will be to speed into the sub-stratosphere, record temperatures, and release the data by parachute.  
**Test Made**  
Army authorities disclosed that in a recent test at the White Sands Proving Grounds at Las Cruces, New Mexico, the giant man-made meteor soared to a new American altitude record, 230,000 feet. That is 43 1/2 miles.  
The test was under the direction of Lt. Col. Harold R. Turner.  
A parachute attachment brings the device back to earth. Its record height exceeds by

### Infant Changes Bottle Formula; Bubbles Result

LOS ANGELES, March 21—(AP)—Eight-month-old George Robert Logan, who guinea a bottle of shampoo, was still blowing bubbles today.  
Mrs. May Logan said she covered the baby yesterday covered from head to foot with soap suds and gurgling happily over the bubbles streaming from his nose and mouth. Her other son, William, 2, proudly held an empty shampoo bottle.  
George, treated with a stomach pump, was all right today except for an occasional bubble.

### Meridian Dam Victory Won

Inclusion of a \$4,000,000 item for beginning construction on the Meridian Dam across the Middle Fork of the Willamette River above Lowell, in the rivers and harbors bill passed by the Senate, means an initial win by the Oregon delegation for flood control money.  
"We are very much pleased about it," Sen. Wayne L. Morse has wired friends here, "but I do not want to arouse any false hopes as to final outcome. I think that in all probability recommendations will be modified to some extent in conference, but am reasonably confident that we will succeed in securing considerably more than the House allowed when it passed the bill."  
The \$60 million dollar bill now returns to the House for approval or disapproval of Senate additions totaling 74 million dollars.

**Project Called Vital**  
The Meridian allocation was recommended by the Senate after it had been left out of the original House bill. The expensive December flood in the Eugene-Springfield area resulted in the attempt to push the \$24,000,000 Meridian project at the present time. The project is vital in any control of freshets which plague this central Lane County area, say flood control exponents.  
Originally the Middle Fork dam was planned for Lookout Point, but engineers decided to shift it to the Meridian site, so called because the Willamette meridian passes through the axis of the project site 20 miles southeast of Eugene.  
The dam as planned will consist of compacted earth and gravel.

### \$46,295 Given To Red Cross

The hand of the Red Cross fund drive clock climbed higher Thursday as workers turned in enough money to bring the total to \$46,295.  
A breakdown of the divisions collected: Commercial, \$701; Industrial, \$450.32; Public Service, \$3226; Government, \$1286.35; Southern Pacific Employees, \$866; University of Oregon, \$278.99; Schools, \$1040; Men's Central, \$9068; Westside Women, \$3332; Eastside Women, \$4460; Clubs and Granges, \$202; Real Estate, \$279; County, \$8262.



### UNRRA Told India's Needs

ATLANTIC CITY, March 21—(AP)—Pierre Schneider, French Undersecretary of State, told the UNRRA council today that French purchase of wheat and barley from Russia would help relieve grain shortages elsewhere in the world.  
He declared that France had notified the combined food board of the transaction, with a request for a corresponding reduction—500,000 tons—in the board's 2,800,000 allocation to the French for the first half of this year.  
(The combined food board, composed of representatives of Canada, the United States and Britain allocates supplies available in this country and Canada.)  
India warned that five to 15 millions of her population may die in coming months.  
"We in India are faced with famine," Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai, agent general for India at Washington, told delegates from 47 nations to UNRRA's council here.  
"The angel of death is fluttering its wings within the uneasy hearing of 125,000,000 people in India," he cried.

# UNO Council Hearing Pledged to Iran; Unsettled Nation Calls Youth to Arms

## 19-Year-Olds Mustered Into Iranian Army

TEHRAN, March 21—(AP)—Iran's 19-year-olds were summoned to the colors today in the wake of reports that three Iranian army garrisons were under attack by Kurdish tribesmen in the isolated region near the border of Iraq.  
At the same time, leaders of Iran's leftist Tudeh Party were called into private session and rightist elements expressed belief the Tudeh Party might lead leftist demonstrations against the government because of its appeal to the United Nations Security Council against continued presence of Russian troops in Iraq.

Rightist Deputy Said Zia Ed-Din, described by political writers as anti-Russian, and generally known as a leading opponent of Premier Ahmed Quavam Es-Saltaneh, was taken into custody yesterday by two men in the uniform of Iranian army colonels.  
Zia Ed-Din told newsmen: "I think they are arresting me because I am not liked by the Russians." He said in an interview Tuesday that "Iran's only hope lies with the UNO."  
**Charges Not Named**  
Prince Frouz, director of propaganda and political undersecretary of state, said the deputy was "put under preventive detention pending investigation of certain charges" on orders of Premier Ahmed Quavam.

The army, in announcing the conscription of 19-year-olds, said men in the 22 to 25 year age bracket were being deferred.  
In Washington, the Iranian Embassy said the army normally consists of men 20 to 22 years old in training, with those over 22 moving into reserve classes. It said 19-year-olds normally were not given training.  
An Iranian general staff officer said heavy snows prevented reinforcement of the three garrisons besieged by Kurds in the northwest, but, he added, seven Iranian planes were trying to keep the garrisons from being cut off from divisional headquarters.  
He said 3000 tribesmen were engaged in the attacks against the garrisons at Sardasht, Baneh and Saqqiz, while "loyal" Kurds had engaged "Democrats" of self-proclaimed autonomous Azerbaijan Province, which is occupied by Russian troops.

## 'Mac' Orders Firing Squad For Homma

TOKYO, March 21—(AP)—General MacArthur today decreed a firing-squad death for Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, his victorious foe in the 1942 battle for Bataan, and disagreed sharply with two U. S. Supreme Court justice dissenters—one of whom had termed the sentence vengeance rather than justice.  
Date and details of the execution, which now could be stayed only by President Truman, will be determined in Manila.  
**Deserves Fate**  
Affirming the Manila court martial conviction of Homma, who ordered the infamous Bataan death march that cost 17,200 lives, MacArthur asserted:  
"If this defendant does not deserve his judicial fate, none in juridical history ever did."  
Before announcing his decision, MacArthur studied opinions expressed by Supreme Court Justices Murphy and Rutledge, who dissented when the court refused to intervene for Homma. Murphy had denounced Homma's trial as a descent "to the level of revengeful blood purges."  
**Japanese Appeal**  
Wataru Narahashi, chief cabinet secretary, said he and the Japanese people agreed as to the justice of MacArthur's decision.  
The supreme allied commander in the Pacific said he could find "no circumstances of extenuation."

## Realty Board Denounces OPA

Eugeneans kicked another dent into the much-attacked OPA Thursday when the Realty Board passed an official resolution asking for its complete scrapping.  
"The burning question is: shall we perpetuate OPA and destroy America or shall we perpetuate America and destroy OPA," the realtors declared.  
"We call for an end to wartime controls," the resolution began. "The whole of America should join in terminating agencies which are retarding recovery, blocking solutions to housing problems, paralyzing production, hastening inflation and leading to the speedy destruction of the system of free enterprise and imposition of regimental economy upon our people."  
**Propaganda Charged**  
Planned economy propagandists are deliberately exploiting the public's fear of inflation to entrench themselves in power and to advance their own revolution program, the document charges.  
"As an observing community group in this capital of the lumber industry," it continues, "we have seen, as a result of wartime controls in this industry alone, bureaucratic insanities which augment the black market scandalously, which drive lumber out of America and into the foreign market, which tie up and dismantle lumber machinery in certain mills. Then, in emergency, they call for the creation and installation of identical machinery elsewhere at doubled cost of production and price to consumers."  
The 14th industry is cited. OPA

## China Hears Graft Protests

CHUNGKING, March 21—(AP)—Four Chinese government officials, including two cabinet ministers, were reported unofficially today to have submitted their resignations to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.  
They included Gen. Wu Teh-Chen, secretary general of the Kuoimintang's general executive committee; Dr. Wong Weh-Hao, vice president of the executive Yuan and minister of economic affairs; Chen Chi-Lu, minister of education, and Chen Li-Fu, the Kuoimintang's minister of organization.  
The reported resignations could not be confirmed in official quarters.  
Dr. Wong today reported the economic situation to the People's Political Council amidst strong charges of corruption among government officials assigned to take over Japanese puppet property.  
There was also strong criticism leveled against the government policy of controlling all economic enterprises.  
Dr. Wong told the council the post-war work of his ministry has been "far from satisfactory" because China is encountering many difficulties. Delegates fired many questions at him concerning alleged corruption among government officials.

## 'Hold Russians To Their Word': Eric Johnston

NEW YORK, March 21—(AP)—Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce called for an international showdown on Iran, but emphasized the need for continued friendly Russian-American relations.  
Speaking last night before the Purchasing Agents' Assn., he said Iran would be the test on whether nations, like people, must keep their pledged word.  
"The Russian leaders boast that they always keep their word," Johnston said. "Here's a chance to make good their boast."

## Labor Scene Still Troubled

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Picket leaders and deputy sheriffs broke up a scuffle at the strikebound East Pittsburgh plant of the Westinghouse Electric Corp. today while in Ohio a group of workers who moved into a strike-bound steel plant said they will work, sleep and eat there until a two months old wage dispute is settled.  
The flareup at the Westinghouse plant, where a court order has outlawed mass picketing, developed when at least three supervisory employees seeking entrance were shouldered aside amid scattered boos and catcalls. Deputy sheriffs and picket leaders cleared the streets.  
An estimated 85 employees of the Crawford Steel Co. in Bucyrus, O., went into the plant early yesterday, before the CIO United Steelworkers pickets set up their lines at the usual hour of 7 a. m.  
**Slept on Decks**  
A spokesman telephoned from inside the plant that the men worked all day, had a baked ham dinner with trimmings last evening, slept on factory benches and office desks and ate a breakfast of doughnuts and coffee this morning.  
The Steelworkers Union called the plant's 180 employees out on strike in a dispute over wages, but names of a number of employees later appeared in a newspaper advertisement saying they no longer wished to be represented by the union. An independent union was organized recently at the plant.  
**Governor Should Intervene**  
In Washington, meanwhile, President Truman told a news conference he thought the governor of California should settle an AFL-CIO jurisdictional dispute which has tied up operations in 100 northern California canneries.  
Walter P. Reuther, vice president of the CIO United Auto Workers, said at Atlantic City, N. J., that local grievances which are delaying resumption of operations by the General Motors Corp. could be settled within a week. The company said it would not open its plants until all the 175,000 strikers return.

## Hoover Pledges Effort To Feed French Youth

PARIS, March 21—(AP)—Herbert Hoover told French officials today that his committee "will do everything possible" to get the necessary food for 3,000,000 undernourished French children.  
He gave the pledge to officials of the National Institute of Hygiene which he visited with Robert Prigent, minister of public health. He asked officials to give him "concrete outlines of their needs" so he could present them to the American people.

## Eugene Air Travelers Unhurt In Forced Landing Near Shasta

Bad weather encountered yesterday near Shasta Dam, in California, forced down a plane piloted by Miss Nancy Upper, 24, of Eugene, and carrying as a passenger Gordon Keith, of the Eugene Lumber Company. Although the plane was slightly damaged, Miss Upper and Keith escaped injury. The couple was en route to Los Angeles on business.  
A United Press dispatch reported Thursday that Miss Upper, who is employed locally by Pacific Airways, was forced to land on a runway along a hillside, where towers of a cableway ran during construction of the dam. Gas supply of the four-place plane was reported low at the time of the emergency landing.  
The right wingtip aileron on the plane was damaged, and re-

## Army Leaders Ask for Draft Law Extension

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower asked Congress today to extend the draft law indefinitely and to limit service liability of inductees to 18 months.  
If that is done, the chief of staff told the House Military Committee, the Army can release all fathers by the end of August or early in September regardless of how long they have been in service.  
If it is not done, he warned, the Army may fall short by 165,000 men of its estimated needed strength of 1,070,000 on July 1, 1947.

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## Reds Rebuffed In Efforts To Stay Action

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—Soviet Ambassador Andrei A. Gromyko said today that any hasty action by the United Nations Security Council on the Iranian dispute would merely complicate it.  
His comment was made shortly after a statement by President Truman that next Monday's UNO meeting will not be postponed.  
Mr. Truman told his news conference today that the United States delegation will press for

## Portlanders Visit Eugene

Eugene was host Thursday to a party of Portland businessmen on a good will tour representing the Portland Chamber of Commerce. The visitors were guests of the Active Club and Eugene Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon in the Eugene Hotel, followed by a tour to two local plants, the Eugene Plywood Corp. plant and that of the Eugene Fruit Growers Assn.  
At the luncheon speakers told the visitors about Lane County's assets, opportunities and problems. The trip was planned as a means of fostering closer relationship between Portland and this part of the state. The trip is the second of its kind, the Portland group having made a previous journey to Astoria.  
Plans for entertaining the group were made under the direction of President H. J. Cox of the Eugene chamber.

## LAGUARDIA NOMINATED

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