

Potato Prices To Be Cheaper

Growers Protest New OPS Order

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The government Thursday promised housewives that white potato prices will be cheaper in grocery stores beginning Jan. 28.

At the same time, Assistant Price Chief Edward F. Phelps turned down new plans for a delay in the rollback of potato ceilings in the farm-shopper level. This is scheduled for next Saturday.

Request Postponement

The National Potato Council had requested a 30-day postponement of the price cuts averaging 5 to 10 per cent.

Within the next three or four days, the Office of Price Stabilization said, an order will be issued limiting markups of retail stores. This order will take effect January 28, giving retailers nine days to dispose of any higher priced potatoes they may have on hand. Meanwhile there were these other developments in the potato price situation:

1. Idaho potato growers led by Republican Senator Dworshak again protested a 26 per cent cut on Idaho potato prices effective Jan. 19. The delegation conferred 90 minutes with Phelps, stressing the rollback is too drastic because Idaho had a short crop of high grade potatoes in 1951. They said afterward they were "encouraged" by Phelps promise of a full review.
2. George L. Mehren, acting director of the OPS Food and Restaurant Division, arranged a conference with the Idaho delegation for Thursday.
3. The National Potato Council scheduled a three day meeting beginning tomorrow to review the potato order. The council in a telegram to Price Administrator Michael V. DiSalle, reiterated that the potato order is full of "in-equities and errors." The council membership is made up of growers, handlers and shippers.

Army Jacket Stops Bullets

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A new lightweight bullet-stopping jacket will be tested by U. S. troops in battle in Korea next month.

The Army said that about 1400 of the armored jackets will be issued to an infantry regiment for the first field tests.

The jacket, which weighs only eight pounds, is made of layers of nylon and a secret substance covered by a waterproof outer shell. It was developed by the Army Quartermaster Corps.

The Army said the jacket resists a .45-caliber pistol bullet at point blank range, stops practically all fragments from a grenade bursting at a distance of three feet and 75 per cent of the fragments from a mortar burst at 10 feet.

Because it is light and flexible, the jacket is easier to wear than the current steel armor.

Girl to Undergo Mental Exams

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Baby-sitter Delora Mae Campbell, 16, confessed slayer of six-year-old Donna Joyce Isbell, Thursday was committed to the Camarillo State Hospital for mental observation.

Superior Judge William B. McKesson issued the order after three psychiatrists reported the girl appeared to be in the early stages of mental illness.

The psychiatrists said the girl had no feeling of consciousness of guilt in the strangulation of the child and the whole case appeared to her to be a "dream."

Judge McKesson ordered the Camarillo hospital staff report to him its findings on the girl's sanity by April 16 after observing her for 90 days.

Little Donna Joyce was strangled the night of Dec. 29, 1951, with a man's stocking as she slept.

Canners Keep Busy

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. — (AP) — Oregon and Washington canned 313,278 cases of peaches in 1951, a 375 per cent gain over 1950, according to figures released Thursday by the National Canners Assn.

Snow Buries Cabin; Pair Found Alive

DUNSMUIR, Calif. — (AP) — Two men, trapped since Sunday in their snow-buried cabin, were found alive and well by a rescue party four miles south of Dunsmuir.

William Dunn, 35, had been missing since Sunday when he went to his cabin to take supplies to his caretaker, J. M. Rolfe, 65.

Thursday Dunsmuir Constable Sam Spatafora and Game Warden Don Chipman and George Bryson set out on snowshoes for the cabin. They found it buried in 10 feet of snow with only a stovepipe marking its location.

Western GOPs Adopt Program

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — A 20-point program "good for the West" and "of benefit to the nation" was adopted by Western Republicans Wednesday and recommended for inclusion in the national GOP platform.

The delegates from 11 Western states, Hawaii and Alaska, here for a regional party conference, skirted the public power issue, however, in approving the program tentatively accepted at their October meeting in Seattle.

Yielding to objections from Californians, the delegates deleted a section calling for repeal of a federal law which gives public agencies preference in the purchase of hydro-electric power from government water and power projects.

- Opponents said the proposal was contrary to Republican policy originated in Theodore Roosevelt's time.
- Recommendations approved included:
- Federal return of all claim to tidelands to the states.
 - Immediate statehood for Hawaii and statehood for Alaska under legislation providing for Alaskan control of Alaska's resources.
 - The word "immediate" was used only in connection with Hawaii.
 - Continuance of present federal laws on mining plans on publicly owned lands.
 - Advocacy of a "full and orderly program" for the development and conservation of Western water resources.
 - Opposition to the valley authority method of river basin development as promoted by the administration in the Columbia and Missouri Valleys.
 - Protection of American fisheries whether by domestic regulation or treaties, including safeguards against competition from areas with sub-standard wages.
 - Opposition to attempt of the United Nations to exercise jurisdiction over American fisheries.

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USED CAR PRICES DROP

SINGAPORE — (AP) — A drop of 30 per cent in the price of used cars in the colony has been reported by dealers here.

Since used car prices hit their peak last July and August, an increased supply of new cars has led to a steady drop in the price of second-hand vehicles. A dealer spokesman believes that second-hand prices will fall still lower as more cars arrive from Europe.

Probe Planned On Ship Loss

Search Continues For Lost Seamen

SEATTLE — (AP) — The Coast Guard Thursday planned a full-scale investigation into the loss of the freighter Pennsylvania in the North Pacific last week.

Air search for the vessel's 46 crewmen, meanwhile, was discontinued.

Rear Adm. N. H. Leslie, commander of the 13th Coast Guard District, said preliminary investigation already had begun into a previous voyage during which the 7800-ton freighter sustained a cracked hull.

Hull Cracked

The ship, enroute to Japan, returned to port and was repaired in Portland.

The States Steamship Co. freighter, commanded by Capt. George P. Plover, of Portland, was abandoned during a storm last week after a 14-foot split opened in her hull.

The Coast Guard cutters Klamath and Yocona continued a surface search in an area where the crew of a PBM Mariner sighted an overturned lifeboat Tuesday. Air search, however, was ordered terminated.

Slim Chance

The lifeboat spotted by the crew of the flying boat "Undoubtedly" was from the Pennsylvania, and there was only a "slim" chance any of the crewmen would be found alive, the Coast Guard said.

The capsized lifeboat and floating debris were the only evidence to indicate the fate of the Pennsylvania since the last message from the ship said the crew was abandoning her to the pounding seas. At the time she was reported disabled and being battered by "mountainous" waves.

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Snowbound, Ill, Mother and Child Await Medics

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho — (AP) — A medical rescue team plowed through 15-foot drifts Thursday on a mercy mission to a mother and child ill in a snowbound miner's cabin.

At the same time, Air Force planes were scheduled to fly over the rugged Sawtooth Mountains to try to establish radio contact with two airmen who parachuted into the area to try to help Mrs. Gene Jack and her child.

Nothing had been heard of the paramedics since Wednesday night when they reported they were two miles from the Jacks' cabin. But light signals were seen in the cabin by a plane which flew over the area.

Capt. Russ Uhlmann, commanding the rescue mission, said the signals might mean the medics had reached the cabin and everything was all right.

But he said that nothing definite will be known until radio contact is established with them.

The ground party — equipped with snowcasts and accompanied by an Air Force doctor and medical personnel — was hampered by fresh blizzards.

The cabin nestled in the mountainous Rocky Bar region, some 65 miles north of Mountain Home. Mrs. Jack's husband, Gene, had to snowshoe out of the area a week ago to seek help.

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