

**Landlords Oppose Federal Rent Curbs**

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — Landlords urged Congress Tuesday to let federal rent controls die June 30—or at least confine them to "critical defense housing areas."

The latter proposal would strip rent ceilings from Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, and a number of other major communities where they have been in effect for about 10 years.

Spokesmen for the landlords said in testimony before the House control is "morally wrong, economically unjustified" and creates "artificial housing shortages."

**Unemployment Hits New Postwar Low**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Non-farm employment went up 280,000 between March and April, largely as a result of seasonal construction work, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports.

Total unemployment was 1,600,000 in early April, a postwar low for that time of year.

The number of employes in industries not connected with farming was 46,200,000 higher than a year earlier. Over the year ending last month, the number of production workers in manufacturing plants declined by 410,000 to 12,700,000.

**'Priceless Documents' Found at Pole**

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(Written for United Press)

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — (U.P.) — Four sealed metal boxes left in the arctic wastes by members of Admiral Robert E. Peary's polar expedition 43 years ago may contain "priceless historical documents" which should be removed to a museum, Lt. Col. William P. Benedict said Monday.

Benedict, of Paradise, Calif., and Lt. Col. Joseph O. Fletcher, of Shawnee, Okla., spotted Peary's cache while making a low-level flight over the ice shelf bordering Ellesmere Island north of Greenland on May 4, the day before they made their historic landing at the North Pole.



**A SIGN OF THE TIME** — Crew members of a U. S. Air Force C-47 that made history's first successful landing at the geographic North Pole, examine a signpost built by Adm. Peary's party in 1909. A few feet away was a cache of supplies left by the early explorers. Lt. Col. Joseph O. Fletcher is at left and Pilot Lt. Col. William P. Benedict is at right.

possible," he said. "The containers are badly weathered now and definitely won't last another 50 years."

He said he had no idea what the boxes contained, but pointed out that Peary states in his book "The North Pole" that documents concerning his 1909 expedition were left in the polar regions.

"If those documents are in the boxes, they should be removed as soon as possible because of their historical significance," Benedict said.

Members of his crew were mystified by the appearance of a weatherbeaten signpost located a few feet from the metal boxes.

The top of the sign, bearing the legend "C. Columbia, June 8, 1909" had fallen to one side and

it appeared that someone years later had wrapped a piece of wire around it to keep it from falling down altogether. However, there were no signs of anyone having been there or of anything missing from the cache. Benedict said the group decided the appearance of the sign was deceiving.

HE POINTED out that the date on the sign did not coincide with that given in Peary's book—June 6, 1906, indicating that Peary was confused by the continuous daylight in these latitudes during the spring and summer.

Benedict said his navigator was astounded to learn that Peary had accurately computed the distance from the cache to the pole—413 miles.

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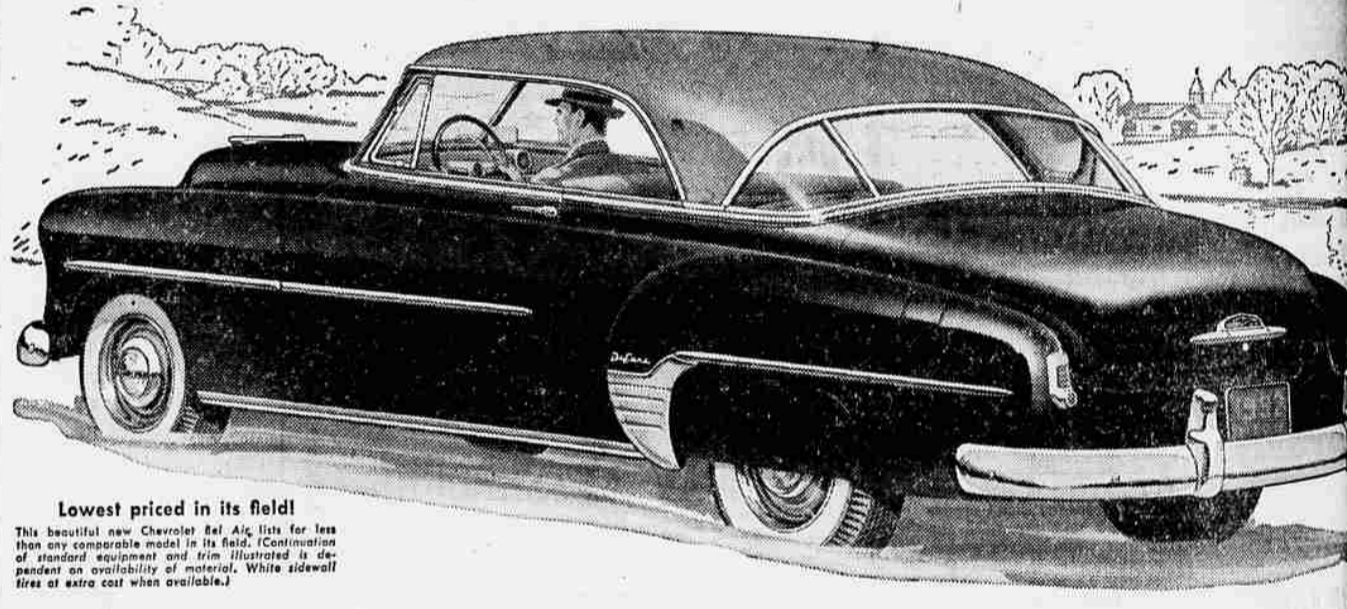
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