

Danger Seen In Uncontrolled Food Prices

Washington, Aug. 21 (AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson predicted today that if the June 15-July 15 rate of increase continued, foods over which the OPA has no control would cost housewives 30 per cent more a year from now.

Uncontrolled food price rose 2.5 per cent between mid-June and mid-July, Henderson reported, on top of a 4.8 per cent increase in the month previous. This compared with an increase of only three-tenths of 1 per cent in the June 15-July 15 period for food prices under OPA control. These had declined 1 per cent in the previous month.

"The price increases in uncontrolled food are drawing a dangerous pattern," the price administrator said, stating that his figures were obtained from the bureau of labor statistics. "If the June 15-July 15 rate of increase were projected over a year, and this is anything but a fanciful projection, we would be paying an average 30 per cent more for many important food-stuffs 12 months hence.

"The effect of increases of this magnitude on the average family budget would be most destructive. Inflation would have a large foot in the kitchen, even if OPA continued to succeed in holding the line of prices it has set for the things it is empowered to control."

The price control law gives the OPA no control over direct farm foods, as distinguished from processed foods, or over farm products which have not reached the price levels at which congress has decreed controls may be applied.

"Important gains" were reported by Henderson in the battle to hold down rents. Of the 21 cities for which rent indexes are compiled, 13 were under OPA control, and the 21 showed an overall decline of .7 per cent took place in the period. In Baltimore, where rents were ordered cut back to April 1, 1941 levels, the average decline was about 7 per cent.

Chromite Depot For Del Norte

Sacramento, Aug. 21 (AP)—Immediate establishment of a chromite stockpile and purchasing depot at Gasquet in Del Norte county has been recommended by the state bureau of war minerals production, and prompt action is expected.

Bruce McDonnell, state bureau chief, said he had received a telegram yesterday from John E. Norton, consulting engineer for the Metals Reserve Corporation, indicating that action would be taken.

McDonnell said that with a stockpile and purchasing depot at Gasquet, the Del Norte and Siskiyou chrome production could be rapidly expanded. He said 13,920 tons of good grade ore were easily available for production and from 3,500 to 5,000 tons, much of it now in dumps, could be purchased immediately.

Mott to Speak at Baseball Benefit

Congressman James W. Mott, who has been touring his district while the house of representatives is in recess, will make a brief address during tonight's labor-sponsored baseball program at Geo. E. Waters park. The entertainment part of the affair will take place immediately after the ball game which starts at 8:15. Several musical numbers by the municipal band, vocalists from Camp Adair and by Miss Dorothy Reidel, state-house employe, will be included in the program. The committee in charge of arrangements, all from the local trades and labor council, includes Herbert Barker, Charles Crary, Art Peters, William Barnwell, Charles Vitone, Joe Prange, W. L. Duncan and Ivan G. Martin.

Fifth Aluminum Plant in Operation

Portland, Aug. 21 (AP)—A fifth aluminum reduction plant was operating in the Pacific northwest today following energization of lines to the Olin Corporation plant, the Bonneville administration announced.

The new plant, which will begin actual metal production within 10 days, will bring the northwest's ultimate aluminum output to over \$100,000,000 annually.



Commandos Return Home From Raid on Dieppe—Tough British Commandos, Just Back from their smashing attack on the German-occupied French coast at Dieppe, through a pier in England after returning from the raid. This picture sent by cable from London to New York. (Associated Press Photo.)

Dimout Order Well Observed

With one or two exceptions Salem business concerns made full compliance with the dimout regulations which went into effect last night. Two medium sized electrical signs were left burning on State street after sundown, but in each instance it was an oversight on the part of the owners. So far the peace officers had learned there had been no intent to evade the regulations which were issued by the war department.

Where operators of service stations keep their establishments open after dark, the wattage of the lamps in the reflectors have been reduced to the required dimness. However, light permitted is sufficiently bright to permit business without much delay.

Western International league ball games at Geo. E. Waters park and softball contests at Sweetland field will be started early enough to permit their conclusion before lights are necessary.

School Remodeling Nears Completion

While considerable work remains to be done, Superintendent Frank B. Bennett hopes that the new administration quarters of the school district will be in readiness for the first meeting of the board in September. The lower floor of the west end of the old high school building has been undertaken on force account.

At present the administrative offices are housed in three separate buildings—the frame dwelling on High street, a one-story shop building nearby and a portion of the old high school building. Under the new arrangement the department, including storage space for all necessary supplies, will be conveniently grouped. Public entrance to the new quarters will be from High street, while the service door will be from the arway to the south of the building.

annually, the administration said. The Olin plant at capacity, it was announced, will require 40,000 kilowatts of power, bringing the total for the five plants to 800,000 kilowatts.

Senators Split Today on the Significance of the Nomination of John J. Bennett, Jr., for Governor of New York over Senator James M. Mead, who had the support of President Roosevelt.

Most legislators begged to be excused from commenting on the victory scored yesterday by James A. Farley, democratic state chairman, who had backed Bennett. But among those willing to talk on or off the record were some who believed the state convention result increased Farley's political stature in the 1944 presidential picture and others who thought it would boomerang later against the former democratic national chairman.

Farley managed President Roosevelt's 1932 and 1936 campaigns, but balked at the third term and let his own name go before the national convention for the nomination.

When asked at his press conference today what effect Bennett's nomination would have on the conduct of the war effort, President Roosevelt, apparently prepared for the question, read an excerpt from an article this morning by Mark Sullivan, newspaper columnist.

The article referred to a press conference held by Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, in which a reporter sought comment on the commando raid on France.

"The question was asked in a manner which suggested that the questioner really did not have much hope of an answer," the president quoted Sullivan. "By thus setting his expectations below his hopes, he escaped disappointment. Mr. Patterson said merely that he had no worth-while comment."

Smiling, Mr. Roosevelt continued to read:

"If Mr. Patterson has no copy-right on those four short words 'no worth-while comment' they could be advantageously used by some other Washington officials who face press conferences."

Roosevelt Silent On Farley's Victory

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Senators Norris (Ind., Neb.), long a supporter of the president, said he thought the New York convention fight would have a "bad effect on the country" because it would be taken as a "very severe slap at the president."

"It means the democratic party will be badly split up," he added. "As for 1944 the New York delegation might be for Farley for the democratic nomination for president or be Farley-controlled, but that does not mean he would control the rest of the state delegations."

All Crops Thriving

Grand Island—All crops are thriving and harvest of beans, corn, peaches and various other kinds of fruit and vegetables, flax and grain is in progress here. The flax is a hard nut to crack, one farmer expressed it

thus, because of the second growth and tangled fiber in some fields. At the George Asher farm, about one-half acre of sweet peppers are like a flower garden with the blossoms among the verdant green plants.

Income payments to individuals in the state of New York during 1941 totaled \$13,854 million, greatly in excess of any other state, the department of commerce reports.

Holman Returning From Alaska

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Anniversary Of Assault On Leningrad

By Eddy Gilmore
Moscow, Aug. 21 (AP)—Adolf Hitler launched his unsuccessful assault upon Leningrad a year ago today, besieging the former capital with 300,000 soldiers.

After 12 months, the city's defenders fight on.

The soviet information bureau announced at noon that more than 1,000 Germans had been wiped out in 48 hours of local fighting on the Leningrad front and that Russian troops captured an important strategic position in a limited offensive.

"We destroyed 10 machine-guns, three mortars and two ammunition dumps and seven enemy artillery batteries were silenced," the bureau said in summing up the latest developments of the struggle joined when the Germans struck August 21, 1941.

Civilians called into action by Marshal Klementi Voroshilov from the population of 3,000,000 helped red army divisions to stem the onslaughts.

"Stand firm to the end" was his order, and they did even more.

The communist party newspaper Pravda said the nazi command aligned 52 infantry divisions, four motorized divisions and four tank divisions against Russia's second city—previously known as St. Petersburg and Petrograd.

The Germans hauled up 6,000 big guns, 19,000 machineguns, 4,500 mortars and 1,000 tanks and supported these ground weapons with 1,000 planes, expecting to smash into Leningrad immediately.

Major Battle Front Remains in Russia

(This daily feature, conducted by DeWitt MacKenzie, Wide World war analyst, is written in his absence today, by Glen Babb.)

Winston Churchill's dramatic travels and the magnificent adventure of Dieppe have relegated the war in Russia to smaller headlines this week but has done nothing to alter the fact that the one major front remains along the Don and in the Caucasus foothills. There is the one place that the fortunes of all the United Nations are in the balance, where tremendous decisions affecting not merely the duration of the war, the cost of victory but the question of victory itself are in the making.

Comparatively the other fights are training bouts—preliminaries. There is nothing preliminary or tentative about the battle of the Don bend. It is make or break for keeps for the two greatest armies in the world.

Today's News Best
Today's Moscow communique is one of the best for many days. It recites the usual list of battlefields where thousands of men are dying without any of the all too frequent admissions of retreat. But it would be a mistake to draw too much encouragement from a single half day's record. Only last night the Russians had to report a damaging series of setbacks: partial survival of a German force that had crossed the Don above Stalingrad; south of Krasnodar "our troops were forced to withdraw to new positions in one sector;" "the Germans advanced somewhat southeast of Pyatigorsk." Only in the Kotelnikovsky sector, where the southern claw of a nazi pincer is reaching for Stalingrad, did the stubborn defense continue wholly successful.

Stalingrad has become the symbol of victory in this campaign. There is no blinking the fact that this great industrial city and communications center, whose sentimental value to the Russians is almost as important as its strategic importance, is in

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serious peril. The tremendous battle for its possession, already nearly a month old, goes forward in an obscurity little relieved by the communiques—either Russian or German—but the broad outlines of the struggle have been made manifest.

Stalingrad's Hour
From the northwest Marshal Fedor von Bock, having conquered most of the Don bend, is engaged in a titanic effort to force a crossing of the river only 40 miles from the city. From the southwest another powerful armored and infantry force is attacking from the Kotelnikovsky area. The Russian admission that not all the enemy who crossed the Don have been wiped out is ominous.

Stalingrad's hour comes just as her sister city of the north completes the first year of one of the great sieges of history. It was a year ago today that Hitler's guns took Leningrad under bombardment and the siege lines were drawn about the former capital of the czars.

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