

# Price Controls Lifted by OPA From 100 Items

## New List Includes Matches, Milking Machines, Dairy Equipment

Washington, Nov. 1 (AP)—Price controls were lifted from nearly 100 more items today as OPA took on the appearance of a skeleton left over from Halloween.

The new list included paper and wood matches, milking machines and other dairy equipment, some lighting fixtures, a few lumber items, and a long list of industrial products.

It was issued as the price agency took sweeping action toward decontrolling itself along with the national economy. Notice was served on approximately 10,000 OPA field workers—roughly one-third of the remaining staff—that their jobs will fold up in 30 days.

Even more immediately, OPA ordered its last local price boards, 1642 of them, locked up for good on Monday.

### Supply Balances Demand

Today's decontrol announcement said the latest list of articles was freed "because their supply is in approximate balance with demand, or because they are unimportant in business or living costs."

Farm dairy machinery freed from controls included churns, ice refrigerated milk coolers, and cream and milk separators.

Other machinery items released included certain gasoline and diesel engines and some pumps.

The lighting equipment on the list included incandescent fixtures for industrial and commercial use except fluorescent fixtures.

Among lumber items decontrolled are redwood lumber used for cigar boxes, walnut lumber and walnut gunstock blanks.

### Metal Products Listed

Metal products on the list were fluid milk shipping containers and wire reinforcing for use in concrete. School and passenger bus bodies and parts also went on the free list.

Agency officials said the twin moves will save \$10,000,000 in salaries, rentals and other expenses that otherwise would have run on until OPA itself died by law next June 30.

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# OPA Office Here Quits Monday

After an existence of four years and nine months, Salem's OPA office will pass out of existence November 4. Closure of the office now located in the school office building follows a directive received late Thursday by Dr. Robert A. Lantz, chairman of the local board. Seven clerks are involved.

OPA was established early in January of 1942, a few weeks following the attack on Pearl Harbor and tires were the first articles handled by the board which consisted of John Heltzel, chairman, Dean Goodman and Mrs. William Burghardt. The organization was gradually expanded until 11 full time clerks were employed in addition to several score volunteers. The boards had no central office at first but conducted the business at their homes. Later offices were established in the Ladd & Bush building. From that place headquarters were moved successively to the council chamber of the city hall, the Nelson building, the Argo hotel building and finally the second floor of the school office building on North High street.

Discontinuance of local OPA had been anticipated, George King, district director states and a check was made of the clerks to determine their availability for other government positions.

# Vandalism Rampant In Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Nov. 1 (AP)—Despite city sponsored parties which drew 250,000 youngsters to 52 playgrounds weary police wrote off Halloween today as the most violent in years. Assistant Chief Joe Reed called it "the worst since post-war World War I."

Most of the damage occurred in residential Los Angeles and its suburbs. Scores of homes, school and store windows were broken; two attempts to set houses afire were quelled without serious damage; dozens of cars and houses were splashed with red paint.

One householder who opened his door to a "trick or treat" party reported a stink bomb was tossed into his living room. Police reported few arrests for vandalism but many for burglary and theft.

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# Conferences on Coal Mine Wage Open at Capital

Washington, Nov. 1—John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers put their demand for a new contract and higher pay before government officials in person today as some soft coal diggers in West Virginia laid down their tools in emphasis.

Four thousand miners at Williamson, W. Va., stayed home while negotiations between the government and the UMW representatives were starting here.

Owners of the mines, meantime, joined in a statement complaining that the government decision to confer with Lewis was politically inspired and that any concessions would be "a public disgrace."

### Lewis Absent

Lewis, president of the union, absented himself from the start of the conferences which he demanded with the coal mines administration. The UMW chief remained in his office while subordinates headed by John J. O'Leary, UMW vice president, met with navy captain N. H. Collison, the coal mines administrator.

Absent also was Secretary of the Interior, J. A. Krug with whom Lewis made the current agreement last May 29 to end a 59-day strike. Lewis now asks reopening of that contract.

Neither side would comment on the process of the morning sessions as they recessed until 2:30 p. m.

J. J. Ardigo of the Williamson Coal Mine Operators Association said at Williamson, W. Va., that 15 of the 42 mines in that area were forced to close down because of the failure of 4000 miners to show up.

In line with Lewis' contention that the government has breached the agreement under which the government is running the federally seized mines, Ardigo quoted miners as saying the stoppage was a matter of "no contract, no work."

### Operators Protest

As the meeting opened the bituminous coal operators' negotiating committee issued a statement saying the government in the view of the committee has decided to reopen its contract with Lewis and that the decision had been made by "politically minded men."

Lewis has demanded such reopening but so far the government has not directly agreed to go that far.

The private operators have had no authority except as managers for the government in operation of the mines since the government seized them last May 22 and then made an agreement with Lewis to end a two-months strike.

The operators' statement said that Secretary of Interior Krug, now on tour in the west, had held that the government contract could not be reopened but that Krug had been overruled.

# 3 Japanese War Criminals to Hang

Yokohama, Nov. 1 (AP)—Three Japanese today were sentenced to be hanged and four others were sentenced to 15 years to life imprisonment at the conclusion of a 14-week war crimes trial.

Ordered hanged were Lt. Masao Nichizawa and Takeichi Chisawa, successive commanders of Tokyo POW camp No. 1, charged with atrocities ranging to responsibility for the deaths of numerous prisoners, and Pvt. Ie Hiroshi Kawamura, beating and torturing prisoners.

# Most of County to Vote on Proposed PUD Next Tuesday

Voters in 55½ precincts of Marion county, including the 13 incorporated towns exclusive of Salem, will vote next Tuesday on the question of whether they wish to become incorporated into a people's utility district.

The 33 precincts in Salem are specifically left out of the voting in the measure appearing on the ballot. Also the precinct of Breitenbush and half of Mehama precinct are not included in the described boundary lines of the territory in which the vote on the question will be had. But in every other voting place in the county a special ballot is provided to pass on the question and also to elect a board of directors for the district in event the measure carries. Listed as candidates for the directorate are Ernest Dozier, Eugene Finley, Ronald E. Jones, Peter P. Kirk and Ira Loran.

The ballot title simply pro-

# Trial of 27 Jap War Leaders Nears Climax

Tokyo, Nov. 1 (AP)—The trial of 27 leading Japanese accused of war crimes approached its climax today as the prosecution outlined the plan that touched off the Pacific war.

This phase of the trial marked the introduction of prosecution evidence designed to show that Japanese militarists regarded diplomatic "conversations" as a smokescreen for a conquest they hoped would yield them a substantial part of the Far East.

### Tojo Heads List

It was expected that the prosecution would furnish its strongest evidence against Hideki Tojo, the militarist who became premier two months before Pearl Harbor and who was Japan's wartime leader until the invasion of Saipan in July, 1944.

The prosecution will introduce records of heretofore secret cabinet and privy council meetings and captured Japanese army and navy documents, Higgins promised. He said the evidence would show:

### Evidence Stated

1. President Roosevelt sent a triple priority telegram to Emperor Hirohito through Ambassador Joseph Grew in Tokyo in which the president made a personal appeal to avert war. This telegram was delivered to Grew 10½ hours late because of "deliberate orders" given Japanese postal authorities to delay all such messages.

2. Shigenori Tojo, former foreign minister and a defendant, lied to Grew about the time he gave the president's message to the emperor.

### Planned Campaign

3. Tojo and some other defendants took part Nov. 5, 1941 at an imperial conference where it was decided that Japan would advance southward even if it meant war with the United States, Britain and The Netherlands.

4. On Sept. 6, Tojo called a conference at which it was decided to proceed with military preparations at the same time it was decided to continue conversations in Washington. However, if they did not end "satisfactorily" for Japan by the middle of October, Japan would attack.

# Ike Warns U. S. To Keep Lead

Easton, Pa., Nov. 1 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said today that failure of the United States to remain a "leader within the community of nations... will be the prelude to another world conflict."

In a speech prepared for delivery at the annual founder's day exercises of Lafayette College, Eisenhower, who received the honorary degree of doctor of laws, said:

"This time, however, I firmly believe the American people will not relax in their leadership or abandon in disarmed and isolationist lethargy, their responsibility to maintain the ideals and the peace for which 300,000 of their sons perished in battle."

The army chief of staff added "It is the principal duty of your generation to see that we do not—for if the fearful tragedy of global war should again engulf us, you will pay the principal portion of the price."

The wartime commander of allied expeditionary forces said "The United States must not shirk its responsibilities, however onerous they may be."



Gobs Gather Garbage During Strike (AP)—These sailors making garbage collections in the French quarter of New Orleans are part of 300 who volunteered for that kind of duty during a strike of regular collectors.

# Protection Needed for Records Worth Millions

County Recorder Herman Lanke has compiled some figures that may be of interest to the voter who has to decide at the polls next Tuesday whether or not he wishes to cast his ballot for a new courthouse for Marion county, or just let things go as they look on the block bounded by High, Church, State and Court streets in the heart of downtown Salem.

Mr. Lanke went over the records for the three months from July 1, 1946, to September 30, 1946, and ascertained that during that period there were recorded in his office in the aforesaid courthouse real property mortgages aggregating \$3,425,957.50, that there were filed chattel mortgages of a value of \$1,777,716.50 and there were also recorded chattel mortgages amounting to \$184,749.44. These make a grand total of \$5,388,423.00. That total covers but three months of the current year. Mr. Lanke says that the other three quarters of the year would run along about at the same average or for the 12 months of the year there will be approximately \$21,500,000 worth of mortgages either recorded or filed in his office.

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# Strong Quake Aleutian Isles

Washington, Nov. 1 (AP)—A "very strong" earthquake, apparently in the Aleutian islands off Alaska, was reported today by Georgetown university.

Father Edward R. Powers, seismologist, said the disturbance began at 6:25:06 a.m. (EST), reached a maximum intensity at 6:58 a.m., and still was being recorded at 7 a.m. He calculated it occurred 4-300 miles northwest of Washington and said this placed it in the Aleutians.

In New York, the earthquake was recorded on the Fordham university seismograph at 6:25:05 a.m. (EST). Dr. William Lynch of the university said the quake was "violent" and was probably in the Aleutians.

Howard Coombs, operator of the University of Washington seismograph, said the quake registered in Seattle at 3:19 a.m. Pacific Standard Time and lasted for about an hour and a half. He estimated it 2200 miles distant but instruments at the university are not equipped to determine the intensity.

Honolulu, T. H., Nov. 1 (AP)—Beach residents of the Hawaiian islands evacuated their homes and fled to the island hills early today when Pacific fleet headquarters warned that a tidal wave might strike the islands, but they returned several hours later when the wave failed to appear.

# Houdini's Ghost Fails to Appear

Detroit, Nov. 1 (AP)—The ghost of Harry Houdini shunned a Halloween seance last night, disappointing 13 magicians who met at midnight in a candle-lit room in an effort to contact the magician's spirit on the 20th anniversary of his death here.

Promptly as the clock struck 12 and while sounds of Halloween celebrations echoed through the downtown area, the ceremony started. The participants included professional magicians and amateurs—ranging from business men to a police sergeant.

Quietly they seated themselves in a circle, leaving a 14th chair vacant.

Magician Bob Underwriter was philosophical about the result. "We didn't fail, we just haven't succeeded," he said.

The Weather (Released by the United States Weather Bureau) Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Saturday with freezing temperatures tonight. Conditions should be very favorable Saturday for all farm work. Max yesterday 48. Min. today 39. Mean temperature yesterday 44, which was 6 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11.30 a.m. today .56. Total precipitation for the month .19, which is .11 inch above normal. Willamette river height .2 ft.

# Hunt Bombers In Baltimore

Baltimore, Nov. 1 (AP)—A steady procession of detectives and uniformed policemen patrolled the Baltimore waterfront today in an intensive search for the perpetrators of a rooming house in which four merchant seamen lost their lives and five others were injured.

Police Commissioner Hamilton R. Atkinson, assuming personal direction of a round-up of every waterfront character "with whom we have ever had any trouble," described the blast as "one of the worst crimes in the history of the city." Three of the victims were Cubans, the other a Honduran.

Throughout the night detectives trooped into eastern district police station with a constant stream of suspects, most of whom were questioned and released.

Amid denunciations of the bombing by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, who described it as "mass murder," and other officials and labor leaders, the federal bureau of investigation was called upon to study two warning notes which police said were delivered before the bombing.

Jesse Rodriguez, proprietor of the rooming-house, said one of the notes was thrown through a window of the house last week attached to a monkey wrench. Police quoted it as follows: "Stop rooming finks (labor spies) in your house, which is owned by Bethlehem Steel. This is your final warning."

# Chileans Welcome Naval Flotilla

Valparaiso, Chile, Nov. 1 (AP)—Chileans welcomed a U. S. naval flotilla led by the Battleship Wisconsin in Valparaiso harbor today for the presidential inauguration of Gabriel Gonzalez Videla Sunday. The ships exchanged salutes with harbor forts. Chilean naval planes flew overhead.

Street crowds cheered Adm. William D. Leahy, President Truman's personal representative, and the other U. S. envoys to the inauguration as the party drove from the docks to the station, where they took a special train for Santiago.

Crewmen of an Argentine flotilla which arrived here earlier stood at attention as the American ships entered the harbor.

# Portland Grocers Cut Milk Prices

Portland, Nov. 1 (AP)—The Portland Independent Retail Grocers' association was pledged today to cut the price of milk to 17 cents a quart.

Secretary H. E. Carlson said his organization covered more than half the independent grocery stores in the city. The decision was reached in a meeting last night, he said.

He said the association would ask the state director of agriculture for an early hearing on producer cost and distribution cost in order that new price schedules can be established.

# Airport Repair Shop

Portland, Nov. 1 (AP)—Verne Deaumont filed application with the civilian production administration yesterday to construct a \$4250 plane repair shop at the Salem airport. Mrs. Evelyn Shova, broker for a \$2000 beauty shop, filed for a \$2000 beauty shop, broker for a \$2000 beauty shop.

# U. S. Not Ready to Pay Half of Administrative Costs of U. N. As Proposed in Budgeting Plans

## Vandenberg Attacks Financial Set-up As General Assembly Split Up 51 Nation Committees to Debate 50 Items on Agenda

Lake Success, N. Y., Nov. 1 (AP)—Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.) today sharply attacked the proposed United Nations budgetary plans with the flat assertion that the United States was not ready to pay 50 percent of the administrative costs as suggested.

Vandenberg, a United States delegate to the UN, leveled his broadside at the whole financial setup as the general assembly split up into 51-nation committees to begin the task of debating more than 50 items on a crowded agenda.

Coupling his stand with a strong appeal for economy, Vandenberg told the financial committee that the United States felt that the capacity-to-pay yardstick advanced by the UN as a sole basis for assessments to be "inadequate and unreliable."

"The United States is unable to accept the flattering concept that its economic system is so good that it gives five percent of the people of the world control of 50 percent of the earning capacity of the world," he said. "If our economic system is that good we might suggest that the other United Nations adopt it."

Vandenberg said that his government was ready to pay 25 percent, which he wanted established as a permanent ceiling on the total to be assessed against any one government. However, the senator said his government was ready to urge congress to approve 33 percent for 1947 on a strictly temporary basis.

### U. N. Budgets Received

After the meeting, Vandenberg told newsmen that any nation paying one-half "would soon want half the authority." He stressed that he was discussing only the administrative budget and that the United States was willing to pay more of operational expenses covering such agencies as the international relief organization.

The committee received tentative budgets for \$19,627,064 for 1946 and \$23,790,008 for 1947.

So far the United Nations has been paying bills from a \$25,000,000 working capital advanced by the 51 nations. The assessment basis for the regular contributions will be decided at the current assembly session.

### Too Much of a Burden

"Peace is worth whatever it may cost," he said, "but the U. N. will regress when any peace-loving nations can no longer afford to belong. It also will regress if it concentrates too much of a burden on one or two members."

Vandenberg said he could not accept any plan to "manipulate" assessments so that the burden falls on a few, declaring that it would not be long before the few would be insisting on special rights.

"Equality of nations could not survive a fiscal system giving 50 percent of the budget to one nation out of 51," Vandenberg declared.

### Veto Power Issue

Meanwhile, the United States delegation was reported considering its approach to the question of the big power veto in assembly committee. While no definite decision was made on the exact stand to be taken, it was previously understood that the United States opposed any charter amendment but instead hoped to get private agreements among the major powers to limit use of the special voting right.

The United States delegation also was preparing an amendment on broad lines to a system of international inspections and safeguards which would supplement the Soviet arms proposals.

# Garbage Strike in New Orleans Ends

New Orleans, Nov. 1 (AP)—For the first time in eight days garbage is being collected in New Orleans today by a regular city-employed crew.

Garbage collectors, on strike since October 24, agreed last night to return to work and await arbitration of grievances.

Their action came a few hours after volunteers, including 400 navy and marine personnel, had completed a second city-wide cleanup as a elvie undertaking.

Street crowds cheered Adm. William D. Leahy, President Truman's personal representative, and the other U. S. envoys to the inauguration as the party drove from the docks to the station, where they took a special train for Santiago.

Crewmen of an Argentine flotilla which arrived here earlier stood at attention as the American ships entered the harbor.

The McKenzie and West Diamond Lake highways were closed today by a severe snowstorm which made hazardous all mountain travel as well as in parts of eastern Oregon, the state highway commission reported.

The storm, unusual for so early in the season, was expected to blow itself out tomorrow. The road report, issued at 9 a. m., today: Government Camp—24 degrees, snowing, 6 inches new snow, total snow 18 inches. Packed snow from Twin Bridges on Mt. Hood highway to Bear Springs on Wapinitia highway. Packed snow on Mt. Hood highway from junction of Wapinitia to Hood River Meadows. Packed snow and spots of snow on Mt. Hood highway from Parkdale to Hood River Meadows. Santiam Junction—23 degrees, snowing and blowing hard, 8 inches new snow. Total snow 20 inches at summit and 16 inches at junction. Packed snow and ice on road through-out section. Roads exceedingly slick. Chains absolutely necessary. Unable to sand because of continuance of storm. Odell Lake—Snowing hard and blowing on Willamette highway, 12 inches new snow. Chains required. All equipment operating, but shortage of manpower makes it impossible to get road sanded. McKenzie highway—Temporarily closed by snow at summit. Astoria—Two-way traffic is restored a half mile north of Cloverdale on Coast highway where there was washout.

# Asks Both N. Y. And S. F. for UN

Lake Success, N. Y., Nov. 1 (AP)—The United States today asked the United Nations to broaden its considerations of a site for permanent headquarters to include the Flushing meadows area of New York City and the San Francisco bay area.

Intervening in the controversial site question for the first time, Warren R. Austin, chief of the United States delegation to the U. N. assembly, issued a formal statement saying he favored inclusion of the two new areas in the site discussions, which now are limited to the areas of Westchester county, N. Y., and Fairfield county, Conn.

Austin said: "In response to what we find to be the desire of other member nations, the United States will take active part in assisting the United Nations to reach a final decision on its permanent home at this session of the assembly."

"The agenda before the assembly now provides only for action on the recommendations of the headquarters commission, which suggests five sites in Westchester county and was authorized to survey only that county and Fairfield county (Conn.)."

"The United States will move to have the agenda broadened to consideration of sites which may be available without cost or at reasonable cost to all parts of the New York area, including Westchester, and in the San Francisco bay area."

# UN Break With Spain Forecast

Lake Success, N. Y., Nov. 1 (AP)—Action by the United Nations resulting in a possible concerted break in diplomatic relations with Franco Spain was predicted today by many UN delegates.

The type of action to be taken remained undecided, but it was apparent from yesterday's general debate in the United Nations assembly that the new international organization can no longer ignore that issue.

Andrej V. Vishinsky, Soviet vice foreign minister, expressed the sentiments of many delegations when he declared that "it is now time for action, not words" on the "accursed Spanish question."

The way for assembly action was expected to be paved Monday when the UN security council meets to take up the Franco case again. At that time the council will decide whether to drop the Spanish issue from its agenda in order to permit assembly discussion and action.

It was recalled that Soviet delegate Andrej Gromyko vetoed every attempt of the majority of the council members last June to send the Spanish case to the assembly for action.

But Russia is now behind the move to place the case before the assembly, thus removing any likelihood that the Soviet Union will block the proposal to drop the issue from the council agenda.

# Kodiak Fishing Companies Win

Fairbanks, Alaska, Nov. 1 (AP)—District Judge Harry E. Pratt yesterday handed down an order deciding the Karluk reservation fishing controversy in favor of seven complaining Kodiak fishing companies.

The order permanently enjoined Frank Hynes of Alaska fish and wildlife service from excluding non-Karluk fishermen from waters off Karluk reservation, Karluk islands and held that the interior department order creating the Karluk reservation was invalid as applied to ocean waters and restrictions on native inhabitants.

Judge Pratt, ruling against the interior department after a three-day hearing, made permanent a temporary injunction handed down in favor of the companies last summer.