

Price Increase on Many Food Items Receives Approval From OPS

RUSSIANS EXTEND BERLIN BARRICADE

New Street Blocks Erected Between East, West Zones

No-Man's Land Prepared by Reds

Berlin — (U.P.) — The Communists threw up new street barricades between the Eastern and Western sectors of Berlin Wednesday and began clearing a 375-mile-long no-man's-land between East and West Germany.

The sealing off of both East Germany and East Berlin was another step in the Communist retaliatory campaign against West Germany and the Western Big Three for concluding a separate peace and creating a European army.

Guards Ruled Off Road At the same time, Soviet border guards for the second straight day ruled American and British military police patrols off the main super-highway linking Berlin and West Germany.

It still was too early to tell whether the Russians and their East German satellite government intend to try to renew their 1948-49 blockade of Western Berlin.

Between the Eastern and Western sectors 163 of the 190 streets were blocked. The previous 160 barriers had been erected last summer.

All along the 375-mile border dividing East and West Germany, from the Baltic sea to the Czechoslovak frontier, jackbooted German "People's Police," Soviet zone workers and even Russian soldiers were busy digging trenches, setting up road-blocks and felling trees.

Paris — (U.P.) — The Western Big Three agreed on the outlines of a new note to Russia on German unification Wednesday and discussed the threat of a new Soviet blockade of Berlin.

At a meeting which lasted nearly 3 1/2 hours, with French Premier Antoine Pinay attending, the three foreign ministers reviewed the Communist threat throughout the world, from Korea and French Indo-China to Berlin.

They decided that the situation in the Allied sectors of Berlin, where the Russians are clamping down new restrictions, did not require emergency action yet.

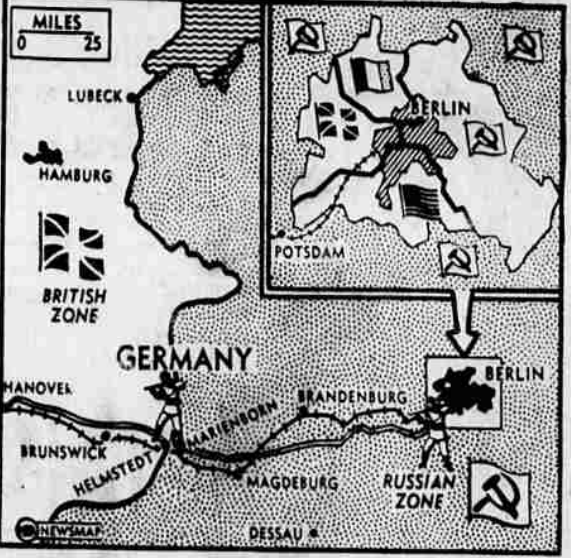
Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — An Allied tank task force and patrols jabbed aggressively at Communist outposts Wednesday to learn whether their threats of a new offensive are real or propaganda.

An 8th Army spokesman said there has been no "military evidence" of an imminent offensive such as has been threatened by Red delegates at the Panmunjom truce talks.

Infantrymen and tanks "cleaned up" a hill position only a few miles from Panmunjom where Communists might assemble a spearhead for an attack.

Washington — (U.P.) — Bernard Baruch told a Senate subcommittee Wednesday that the United States must wake up to the fact that there can be no "profits as usual, social reforms as usual and politics as usual" until we have taken the lead in the armaments race with Russia.

Baruch said such a program of stockpiling "would lift our



SOVIET SQUEEZE PLAY—Newsmap shows where Soviet forces sealed off the 110-mile highway into Berlin against Anglo-American military forces in a traffic squeeze resembling the blockade of 1948-49. The Soviet guards did not interfere with non-military Allied and German traffic traveling in both directions along the autobahn across the Russian zone. Inset shows how Berlin is divided among the Big Four.

Senate Turns Down Efforts To Reduce Foreign Aid Funds

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By a roll call vote of 41 to 33, the Senate defeated a proposal

by Sen. Herman Welker, R-Iowa, and 10 other Republicans for a \$500,000,000 cut.

Then, by 40 to 37, it rejected a move by Sen. Russell Long, D-La., to trim \$400,000,000 from the bill.

Follows Other Rejection The votes followed Tuesday's Senate action in defeating another proposal by Welker for a \$1,000,000,000 from the amount requested by President Truman for the 1953 fiscal year starting July 1.

Wednesday's administration victories came after the Democratic leadership succeeded Tuesday in delaying the crucial votes until it could round up absentee senators.

Demos Join Republicans Ten Republicans joined 31 Democrats in voting against Welker's proposed \$500,000,000 cut.

The Long proposal was defeated by a combination of 30 Democrats and 10 Republicans. Voting in favor of the proposed \$400,000,000 reduction were 27 Republicans and 10 Democrats.

Communists Renew Korean War Threat Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.) — The Communists threatened again Wednesday to hurl their 1,000,000-man army against United Nations forces in retaliation for what they called the "wanton murder" of prisoners of war.

The promised revenge specifically against units of the six nations forming the Koje Island guard—the United States, Great Britain, Canada, Greece, The Netherlands and the Republic of Korea.

Frozen Foods, Canned Goods To Be Marked Higher

'Scare Tactics' Charged to Board

Washington — (U.P.) — The Office of Price Stabilization has completed a regulation permitting retail price boosts on frozen foods and many canned goods, including meats and vegetables.

The increases will be announced Thursday and probably will go into effect next week. They are expected to add several cents to the retail prices of some average-size packages of food.

The boosts will result from an increase in the amount grocers are permitted to mark up their prices over wholesale costs.

Arnall Has Regrets Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall told the House Banking Committee Tuesday that "I regret to have to report on Thursday the public will learn that food prices are going up again."

Four food distribution groups accused the OPS Wednesday of using "scare tactics" in an effort to make the public believe that the new food regulation will mean "sharply higher prices."

A joint statement by the National Association of Retail Grocers, the Cooperative Food Distributors of America, the National Association of Food Chains and the Super Market Institute said "the truth is the adjustments being made by OPS... will have little effect on the prices the consumer pays for food."

Close Vote Predicted A leading Democratic senator forecast a "very close" vote on a Republican proposal to let wage and price controls die next month.

The senator, who declined to be quoted by name, said it was impossible to predict whether the Senate would approve or reject the proposal.

The Senate is scheduled to start debate Thursday on extension of wage, price, rent and production controls.

The government announced a boost in metals allocations for civilian manufacturers during the July-September period. Manufacturers will get 10 per cent more steel, 15 per cent more copper and 50 per cent more aluminum than is now available.

Fourth Koje Officer Relieved of Command

Koje Island, Korea — (U.P.) — A fourth high-ranking U.S. officer connected with the Koje Island prison riots was fired Wednesday and Maj. Gen. Blackshear M. Bryan said the prison situation is "in hand."

Lt. Col. Wilbur Raven, Newton, Tex., was relieved of his command of tough prison Compound 76 and the job given to Lt. Col. Walter M. Redden, Aniston, Ala.

Both Raven and Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd, then Koje commandant, were seized by Compound 76 prisoners May 7. Raven squirmed free, but the Reds held Dodd hostage for 78 hours.

Prowler Feasting On Fasting Money Sweet Home, Ore. — (U.P.) — Somewhere a prowler is feasting Wednesday on money he stole from a church fund that was raised by fasting.

Police said Wednesday that the funds were stolen from the home of Sylvian Bergevin Sunday night—probably while the family was at church.

The \$55 belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, money raised by church members by going without meals twice a week to finance care of the needy in churches throughout the country.

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RURL FYR DEPT.—Busily engaged in wetting down the lot, each other and everything but the fire are members of the Ko Keel Rurl Fyr Dept., who provided comedy relief for the joint annual convention of the Oregon State Fire Chiefs association and the Oregon Rural Fire Protection Districts association, which was held here this afternoon. The baggy-uniformed "fyrmen" are members of the Coquille Fire department, which also built the "fyrtruck."

Sen. Russell Gains Southern Support With Florida Win

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard B. Russell won important Southern support with a victory in the Florida primary as Texas Republican and Democrats, split by bitter intra-party feuds, each named two delegations to the national conventions Wednesday.

In Connecticut, Republicans boosted Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower back into a neck-and-neck race with Sen. Robert A. Taft in their contest for national convention delegates.

The general picked up 20 of Connecticut's 22 delegates in that state's convention.

Taft in Slim Lead The United Press tabulation of delegates based on formal pledges and known first-ballot preferences gave Taft 396, Eisenhower 390, Harold E. Stassen 25, Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland 24, Gov. Earl Warren of California 6 and Gen. Douglas MacArthur 2.

There are 65 contested delegates, 129 who are uncommitted or whose preference is unknown, and 19 still to be chosen. It takes 604 votes for nomination.

Russell Margin Wide Russell beat Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee by an apparent three-to-one margin in Florida. The Georgian had handed Kefauver his first defeat as a presidential candidate in Florida's "popularity contest" May 6.

The credentials committee at each national convention will have to decide which Texas delegations will be recognized.

Texas Republicans supporting Taft seized control of the GOP state convention. Eisenhower backers bolted the meeting and immediately organized a second convention a half a block away.

After the Eisenhower followers had left, the regular GOP organization elected 38 national convention delegates, at least 30 of whom support Taft. Eisenhower may get the votes of two to five of the others.

Other Delegates Elected The general's supporters elected 38 other delegates, 33 of whom were instructed to vote for Eisenhower and five for the Ohio senator.

Texas Democrats elected two 52-vote delegations, one pledged to support President Truman's stand on state's rights and tides-lands oil, and the other opposed to these policies.

Rural Fire Districts Association Elects; Convention Near End

Harold Jacobson, Portland, representing Multnomah rural fire district No. 13, this morning was elected president of the Oregon Rural Fire Protection Districts association at a meeting in the Jackson hotel.

Jackson succeeds Glenn E. Leininger, Parkrose, in the presidency.

Other officers elected by the group include Leon Judd, Suburban fire district, Klamath Falls, first vice-president; Mrs. Norma Pfeiffer, Eugene District No. 1, second vice-president, and Harold A. Rosebaugh, Salem, Salem-Liberty Heights district, secretary-treasurer.

Named to the board of directors were Leininger, W. Keith Lage, Pine Grove district, Hood River; Al E. LaBranch, Four Corners district, Salem; Clyde Williams, Suburban district, Klamath Falls, and Charles Gillespie, District No. 12, Portland.

The Oregon State Fire Chiefs' association, which is convening jointly with the rural districts association here, was scheduled to elect officers this afternoon at the closing session of its convention.

Business of the fire chiefs association this morning included a discussion of "Insurance Spec-

Germ Warfare Use Said Russian Lie

Washington — (U.P.) — President Truman has rejected as Kremlin lies the charge that the United States had used germ warfare in Korea.

"There isn't a word of truth in that," the president said. "We have never broken the Geneva Convention in our operations in Korea."

Mr. Truman made the statement in an informal talk Wednesday in the White House rose garden to a delegation from the American Action Committee Against Mass Deportations in Romania.

Prices rose 1 per cent from March to April to a figure of 179.9, only 0.2 per cent below the record high of January. It also was reported that the purchasing power of the dollar was 55.6 cents in April, a decrease of 0.9 per cent from March and a slump of 3 per cent from April, 1951.

Patriotic Program For Memorial Day Listed by Chairman

The program for the patriotic observances to be held here the morning of Friday, Memorial day, were announced today by Col. W. H. Paine, who is in charge of the program.

The traditional parade will form at the Old City park, and at 10 a.m. will move east on Main street to the Bear Creek bridge.

A brief ceremony there will include an invocation and strewing of flowers on the water in memory of those who have given their lives in service to the nation on the oceans, lakes and rivers of the world.

The parade will then move on to Hawthorne park, where it will disband. A public program will be held, and will be called to order by President Ruby Malory of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The program will include: Pledge of allegiance to the flag; reading of General Logan's first Memorial day general order; Lincoln's Gettysburg address delivered by Stephen Nye Jr., of Medford high school, a recitation of "Flanders Field" by Richard Dickenson of Medford high school; placing of a wreath in honor of the memory of departed veterans of all wars, and members of patriotic societies; an address by Dan Hull, quartet singing and group singing of America, and a benediction.

All social, fraternal and civic betterment organizations of Medford and other valley communities have been invited to take part in the parade, according to Colonel Paine. They and the general public are also invited and urged to attend the park program, he said.

Copco Tax Writeoff OK'd for Tokete Job

The California Oregon Power company has been granted a special tax allowance for construction in Douglas county, related to the defense effort, it was reported here today.

Part of the \$30,036,540 cost of a proposed construction program was approved for a tax writeoff within five years. This compares with normal depreciation over a period up to 25 years. The purpose of the fast tax writeoff is to encourage expansion or production of new plants.

It includes construction of new power-generating facilities at the Tokete project on the North Umpqua river.

The Copco writeoff was among 470 approved Monday. Total value of the projects is \$479,121,881.

310 Deaths Predicted Over Memorial Day

Chicago — (U.P.) — The National Safety Council estimated that 310 persons will be killed in traffic accidents during the Memorial day week-end.

Last year only 82 persons perished on the highways in the safest and sanest holiday in recent years.

If the weather is good this week-end the council said it expects "very heavy" travel.

"The end of the gasoline shortage, the first summer holiday of the year and the start of the vacation season are expected to jam the highways with more than 35,000,000 vehicles," the council said.

Weather

FORECAST: Variable high cloudiness tonight and Thursday. Mild temperatures. Low tonight 50. High Thursday near 80.

Highest Yesterday 71
Lowest This Morning 59

BASEBALL

NATIONAL			
New York	6	8	3
Brooklyn	2	4	1
Hearn and Westrum	Loe		
Labine 3, and Walker,			
Home runs, for New York:			
Williams, 1 on; Mueller, 1 on.			
St. Louis	2	9	2
Chicago	7	11	0
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D. Rice, Fusselman, Hatton			
and Edwards.			

Consumer Prices Near Record High

New York — (U.P.) — Consumer's prices in April reached almost to the all-time high of January, 1952, the National Industrial Conference board reported Wednesday.

Prices rose 1 per cent from March to April to a figure of 179.9, only 0.2 per cent below the record high of January.

It also was reported that the purchasing power of the dollar was 55.6 cents in April, a decrease of 0.9 per cent from March and a slump of 3 per cent from April, 1951.

The air guard was called into federal service on Feb. 1, 1951.

'Don't Sell Me Short,' Kerr Tells Oregon Demos

Portland — (U.P.) — Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma Wednesday told voters not to sell his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination short.

He said he is "hopeful" President Truman will steer administration delegates his way at the Democratic national convention and that he also is attempting to win Missouri's uninstructed delegates. The wealthy Oklahoman reminded interviewers that political favorites don't always win at the conventions.

Draft Seen Unlikely Asked about Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, reported to be President Truman's choice for the nomination, Kerr replied: "There are so many well qualified applicants for the nom-

ination that I cannot believe the Democrats will draft someone unwilling to take the job." Kerr addressed a Young Democrats group here Tuesday night and was scheduled to speak at a luncheon sponsored by the Democratic Party of Oregon Wednesday at the Columbia Athletic club.

Reporter May Win Prize In an aside on Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, whom he has called "the greatest living American Un-Known Soldier," Kerr said the first reporter who gets him to answer a question on his return to the United States will win the Pulitzer Prize.