

President Asks That Residential Property Be Under Price Control

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—President Truman today asked that residential property be placed under price control and directed reinstatement of the priority system on building materials.

His actions contemplated special preference to veterans in need of housing.

At the same time, Mr. Truman announced appointment of Wilson W. Wyatt, former mayor of Louisville, to be special housing expediter under the office of war mobilization and reconversion.

When the housing matter came up at his weekly news conference, Mr. Truman said in response to questions that the administration planned to invoke price ceilings on old and new housing under the still operative war powers act, pending enactment of specific legislation on the subject.

After the conference, however, the White House issued a statement asserting the president's explanation was made under misapprehension.

Price Ceilings
Legislation is necessary to fix price ceilings, the White House statement said.

"Legislation is not necessary for the establishment of priorities on building materials," it added, and the priorities are being set up under the war powers act without legislation.

The president had been asked whether legislation would be necessary on price ceilings. He replied no, because this is under the war powers act.

"The president in answering the question was under the impression that the question referred to priorities rather than price ceilings," the White House stated.

The president's action was taken in approving a recommendation by Reconversion Director John W. Snyder.

The three-point program calls for:

1. Speedy release of government-owned surplus housing units and building materials for use in housing veterans and their families.

2. A regulation, now being prepared for release before the middle of the month, establishing priorities on building materials.

The president said this regulation would establish priorities for multiple dwelling housing units costing \$10,000 or less per unit. He said this would mean "about 50 per cent of all building materials will be channeled into this type of building," with the balance available for commercial, industrial, higher-priced dwelling and for other construction, public or private. He said he was acting under the second war power act.

3. Ceiling prices on old and new housing, a field in which he said sharp prices had brought a threat of inflation which has been the most menacing in our economy.

Trailer Truck Hangs Above Railroad Track

MEDFORD, Dec. 12 (AP)—A large freight trailer truck hung for several hours above a railroad track yesterday after it sideswiped an army truck and careened off the highway overhead crossing north of here.

John Lozier, Eugene, the driver, suffered a sprained wrist, but the driver of the Camp White army vehicle escaped injury.

Etta Mathers Home After 18 Months Duty In Waves



ETTA D. MATHERS

Etta D. Mathers, Klamath Falls girl, is home after 18 months' duty in the Waves.

Miss Mathers left here in 1940 to do commercial art work in Portland, later spent some time in San Francisco as bookkeeper for Roos brothers.

She spent most of her time as a Wave in Washington D. C. where she worked in the naval communications annex. She performed numerous clerical duties, operated special equipment, and for a time operated teletype machines.

Miss Mathers graduated from Klamath Union high school in 1927, and attended Southern Oregon College of Education. She taught art in the Pelican and Roosevelt schools.

The Klamath girl plans a designing career, and will go soon to San Francisco or Los Angeles. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Mathers of 827 Rose street.

Portland Reports Rainy November

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—November, 1945, approached Portland's all-time record for rain, the weather bureau said today, reporting at least .10 of an inch of rain fell in 24 days. The record is .25.

A total of 10.47 inches of rainfall for the month was 4.37 above normal. Only nine Novembers in the last 75 years have been wetter.

The sun sulked nearly all month. No clear days were reported, 28 cloudy and two partly cloudy. Only darker Novembers were in 1915 and 1927.

Murderer Sentenced To Thirty Years

SEATTLE, Dec. 12 (AP)—Charles Ray Foss, 27, Knoxville, Tenn., who pleaded guilty to second degree murder in stabbing his 19-year-old bride of four months, Wilma, to death here early last July 5, was sentenced to 30 years in the state penitentiary today.

Ross wept before sentence was imposed by Superior Judge Donald A. MacDonald and said "I would give anything if I could take her place." The two had worked at the Bremerton navy yard. The prosecutor's office asked a life sentence.

Officers Seek Murder Auto

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 12 (AP)—Search for the car in which authorities believe the body of Clarence Campbell, 28, Seattle carpenter, was carried from the unknown spot where he was murdered, to the roadside where he was found in the fashionable Seater tract, was still in progress last night.

Friends said Campbell, whose father lives in Seattle, had intended to go south by steamer for the Christmas holidays.

About a week ago Campbell withdrew \$1600 from his bank and he had an additional \$700 from his work at Noonah, which presumably was all on his person when he was slain.

His throat was slashed and all identification had been removed from his clothing, but friends identified his body at the morgue.

APPOINTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Dillard B. Lasseter of Atlanta, Ga., today was appointed administrator of the farm security administration by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson.

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Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcomed.

GIVE THEM A CHANCE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—Much is being written, and much is being said over the air, in support of our pending trials of the so-called war criminals in Germany. Thousands will be indicted and tried for their lives in Germany for crimes which, since the beginning of civilized warfare, have not been recognized as crimes.

Governor Landon calls the Morgenthau-Rosenman plan of compelling 75,000,000 Germans to live on a much lesser area than formerly, and reducing them to strictly an agricultural state, as ghastly. I agree with Governor Landon. It is both inhuman and ghastly. At the end of the third Punic war between Rome and Carthage, all the men of Carthage were killed and their women and children sold into slavery. Carthage was blotted from the face of the earth to the point where the Romans plowed furrows through the center of the city. That was done in pagan times, under a pagan philosophy. It was as ghastly and as blood-thirsty as the crucifixion of Christ or the depopulation of whole nations by Ghengis Khan, Tamerlane and Attila. Morgenthau and Rosenman propose a worse fate for the German people.

We, however, are living under a supposedly Christian dispensation under which the pagan war philosophy does not prevail. The nations of Europe did not try to execute Napoleon, though he had violated his parole and escaped from Elba. He tried to conquer Europe and had it in constant war and turmoil for some 20 years. Emperor Napoleon, III, of France, who was the aggressor and started the Franco-Prussian war against Germany, was neither tried nor executed.

Abraham Lincoln, when a representative in congress, declared that our war of aggression against Mexico was the most unjustified war in history. Why should we, therefore, revert to a non-Christian philosophy that recognizes nothing but the law of the tooth and claw rather than live up to the principles of international law which have prevailed for some 1800 years? How any lawyer or judge could honestly sanction these proceedings is beyond my ken to understand.

Some argue that it is necessary to adopt the Morgenthau-Rosen-

man plan of punishment of the German people in order to prevent them from starting another war. The answer to that is that at the end of World War I Germany was completely disarmed and wholly impotent. It was due to the avarice, greed and corruption of England and France that Germany was permitted to re-arm under Hitler. England and France certainly could have stopped Germany from re-arming when she first commenced to re-arm, if they had wanted to. Each was jockeying for an improved economic and political position for itself and actually helped Hitler to re-arm. It is not necessary, therefore, to impose upon Germany a Carthaginian peace to keep her from re-arming.

The English government is using Sikhs and Japanese soldiers (imagine) to shoot down the Indonesian patriots, who are doing the same, precisely, as we did from July 4, 1776, until the surrender at Yorktown; that is, they are merely fighting for their freedom. We loaned the British \$4,000,000,000 during and after World War I, which they repudiated. With this credit rating on the part of England, we are proceeding to loan her \$4,400,000,000 more. In heavens name, where do we go from here?

It must be remembered that Germans nearly all fought in the American Civil war to destroy slavery. The people in this country who are German or of German descent are the most solid citizens we have. If you don't believe this, just look around. Most of the people in Germany are likewise good. They should be given a chance.

Yours very truly,
J. H. CARNAHAN.

Rescue Unit To Be Set Up At Medford

MEDFORD, Dec. 12 (AP)—An army air corps rescue and search unit to be stationed at Medford air base will consist of 10 officers and 34 enlisted men. It was announced today.

The unit will be in operation here by the weekend. Major Frank Raso will be in charge.

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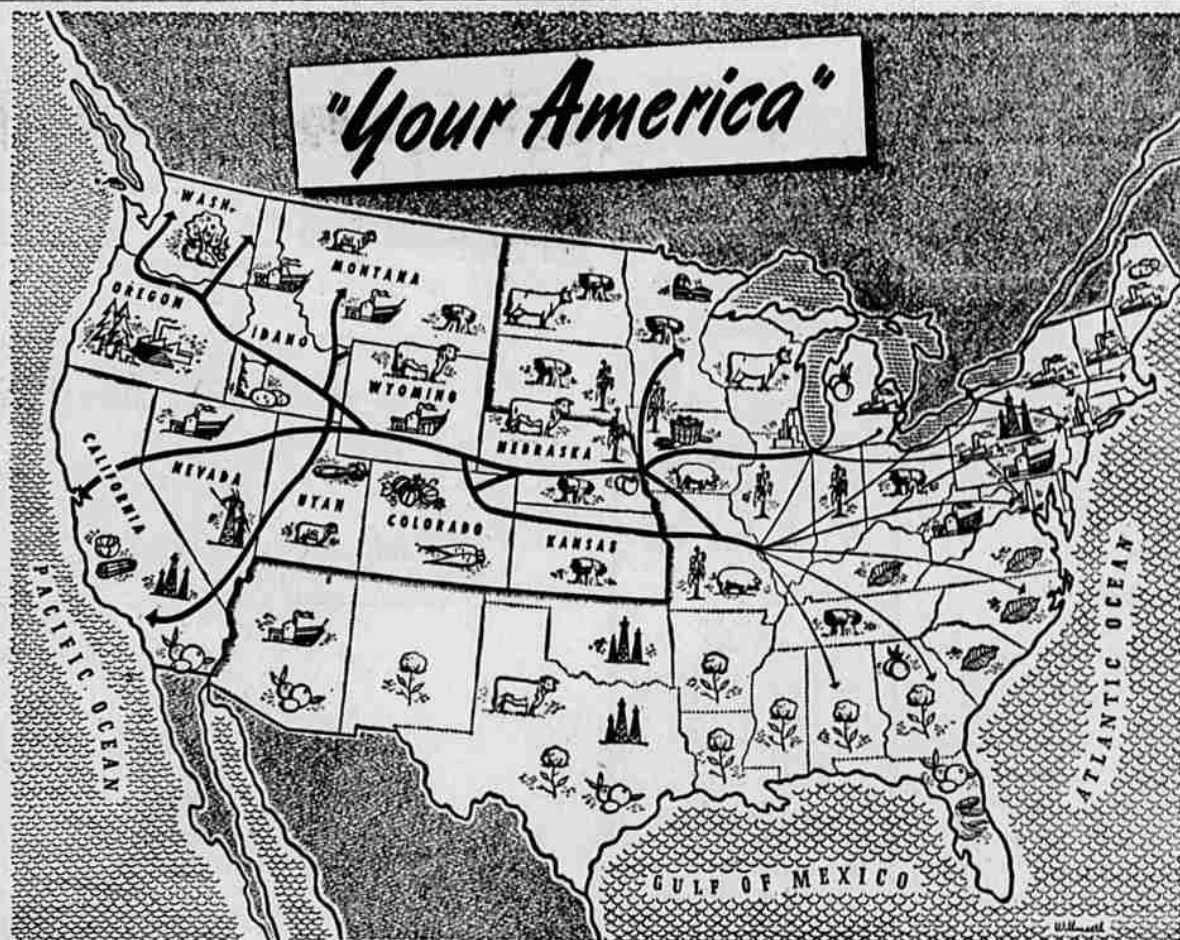
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