

INDIANS BURN STARS AND STRIPES IN STREET

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
WHAT to do with OPA is one of the burning issues in Washington. The administration wants price control extended WITHOUT STRINGS. Bowles' assistant (a man named Zenas Potter) puts the official viewpoint in this way: "If the OPA act is extended, we can DECONTROL OURSELVES out of existence—maybe by 1947, on everything but rent."

ON the other side of the fence, there is a growing suspicion that an inside group of theorists would like to retain price control indefinitely as a tool with which to shape a planned economy in America.

THE danger at the present moment is that everybody WANTS THINGS (and apparently has the money to pay for them) at a time when there aren't things enough to go around. This danger is so real that OPA will probably be extended beyond June 30, when it is due to expire if nothing is done.

MEANWHILE Republicans in congress are talking of a DEFINITE FORMULA for ending price ceilings. They are mulling these two points: 1. Redefine OPA's powers in such a way as to prevent their use to control the nation's economy. 2. Remove ceilings in each industry as and when its production reaches 75 per cent of normal.

THE fact that Republicans in congress are considering ANY sort of definite, POSITIVE program is interesting, and perhaps significant. So far the Republican party has been PURELY NEGATIVE. It has criticized and complained, but has offered no constructive plan of its own.

IN Bombay today, there are ANTI-AMERICAN demonstrations. A mob of Indians (meaning people who live in India), including a number of persons wearing the uniform of the Royal Indian navy, tears a U. S. flag down from above one of our government offices and BURNS IT in the street.

The motives back of the flag-burning incident are unclear from the dispatches, but a spokesman for the mob said to a group of American correspondents: "This is not an anti-American demonstration. It is anti-British. But the Americans should get out of India too. What right have you here when you are not Indian?"

WHAT hits us with a jolt is the obvious fact that America's reputation is not what it ONCE WAS throughout the world. In Bombay, apparently, there are people who look upon us as UPHOLDERS OF OPPRESSION.

There was a time when America stood forth as the FOE of oppression. THESE are admittedly difficult times. The world is filled with fear and hatred. As ONE OF THE VICTORS, America is naturally under suspicion. Maintaining our historic reputation unscathed, under such conditions, is a task of staggering proportions, calling for leadership of almost superhuman excellence.

But, in incident after incident, it has seemed to this insignificant writer that our foreign policy has FAILED to dramatize to the world the genuine good will of the American people toward other peoples. If that is true, the failure is a tragedy.

SPEAKING of dramatic incidents, the dispatches picture one for us today. HIROHITO comes forth from his palace and WALKS among the people of Tokyo, pausing briefly among working men at their benches for a few brief words. Duane Hennessy, AP correspondent, comments: "It wasn't like prewar days, when every floor was cleared from upper floors of buildings so they could not look down on the descendant of the sun goddess. Hirohito is smart. He knows how to adapt himself to new ways."

Arms Believed To Be Those Of Degan Girl Discovered

CHICAGO, Feb. 19 (AP)—Coroner A. L. Brodie reported the arms of a child found today in a north side alley sewer "positively" were those of the kidnaped, slain and dismembered Suzanne Degan, 6.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19 (AP)—The arms from the body of a young girl believed to be Suzanne Degan, 6, kidnaped, killed and dismembered on January 7, were found today in a manhole three blocks from the Degan home. All other parts of the little girl's body were recovered the night of the kidnaping in four sewer catch basins within two blocks of the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E.

NEW EVIDENCE CUT OFF IN PAULEY QUIZ

Attempt To Read Wire Not Allowed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The senate naval committee cut off abruptly today an attempt by Senator Tobey (R-N.H.) to read a telegram from an airlines president which Chairman Walsh (D-Mass.) said pertained to democratic campaign fund solicitations.

The committee informally sustained Walsh's refusal to hear the telegram from W. A. Patterson, United Airlines president, to Tobey after Tobey had taken the unusual step of being sworn as a witness. Walsh said the group ought to hear direct from Patterson, who has been called as a witness.

Tobey sought to read the communication after Senator Brewster (R-Me.) had asked Edwin W. Pauley, President Truman's nominee for undersecretary of the navy, a series of questions about the ethics of soliciting corporation officials for funds.

Query: Brewster asked Pauley whether he thought it would have been proper for him or George Killian, now national democratic treasurer, to suggest to a corporation applying for a government franchise "that it contribute \$35,000 through the medium of its officers."

"No such thing occurred," replied Pauley, who formerly served as democratic national treasurer. Pauley testified, in response to questions, that Killian had told him last night that he, Pauley, had talked to Patterson on the telephone from New York during the 1944 campaign. He had no previous recollection of the conversation, Pauley said.

No Suggestion: He said he did not suggest to Patterson that contributions be made by corporation officers. At this point, Tobey demanded to be sworn as a witness and then testified he had talked recently to Patterson in Denver and the airlines president had confirmed a report that Tobey had received previously.

When he started to read the telegram which he said Patterson had sent him in further confirmation, Walsh halted him.

Wage Boosts Get Approval

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The national wage stabilization board today ordered automatic approval, for price relief purposes, of all wage increases "lawfully made" before the new wage-price policy was announced.

In a blanket authorization, designed to clear the board's dockets for an expected rush of new wage approval applications, the agency directed its 12 regional boards to clear out most of 669 cases on file prior to February 1.

The employers involved now may bypass the stabilization board and appeal directly to OPA for price increases. Wage cases included, under today's order were those which, under the wage-price policy, were "heretofore lawfully made, or made in accordance with a government recommendation."

The shipbuilding stabilization conference, reviewing wages for that industry since early December, recommended the increases for approximately 450,000 workers. Management dissented, but CIO-Marine and Shipbuilding Workers and AFL-Metal Trades department members approved the amount.

Almost simultaneously a federal fact-finding board recommended the same 18-cent hike for 30,000 CIO-Farm Equipment Workers on strike at 10 International Harvester company plants since January 21.

Degnan, at 5043 Kenmore avenue. The arms found today were located by Commonwealth Edison company workmen in a manhole in North Broadway, 100 feet north of Hollywood avenue.

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BOARD SAYS BARRACKS PLAN FEASIBLE; FUNDS NEEDED

PORTLAND, Feb. 19 (AP)—The state board of higher education declared today that use of the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks as an educational unit was feasible if sufficient funds could be obtained.

Willard L. Marks, chairman of the board, reported in a statement that emergency use of the Klamath Falls center was "practical from the standpoint of the physical plant and feasible educationally."

He added, however, that board funds were so limited that any "funds needed over and above the fee income will have to be supplied outside the board's present resources."

Members of the board who are able to do so will visit the Ma-

rine Barracks next Saturday "to get first hand information as to the situation," he said.

Governor Earl Snell, who first announced the possible use of the Klamath Barracks as an educational center for veterans, has indicated he will discuss the financing question with the state emergency board. It is expected that while the center will be primarily for veterans, others, especially those from this area, would be permitted to attend the state's institution here.

The board at Portland today studied a report prepared by a group of state and education officials who came to Klamath Falls recently to inspect the plant.

House Group Invites Ford II To Give Price Ceiling Views

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The house banking committee today invited Henry Ford, II, to appear personally for a presentation of his side of an argument with OPA on the pricing of new automobiles.

Chairman Spence (D-Ky.) announced Ford would be called, after Representative Crawford (R-Mich.) vigorously objected to an attack he said OPA had made upon young Ford, now directing head of the Ford Motor company.

Rep. Buffett (R-Neb.) said that the OPA had attempted "to browbeat Mr. Ford," in public statements, and challenged its authority to do so.

Chester Bowles, OPA chief and newly appointed economic stabilizer, shot back that he knew nothing in the law to prevent OPA from "correcting false or misleading statements."

Bowles, witness before the committee at the time on legislation to prolong OPA's life, had just testified that the Ford company last summer requested a 55 per cent increase for new cars over the prewar price of Ford automobiles.

Outrageous: "This was an outrageous increase to ask, much less to allow," Bowles said. "I have no idea what Ford would ask if there was no price control."

Representative Patman (D-Tex.) asked Bowles for a statement on young Ford's reported accusation that OPA was holding up production of automobiles, by its pricing policy. Patman said young Ford had stated his company was losing \$300 on each automobile produced.

Bowles told the committee "I don't think the request (for a price increase) is in line with the tradition of the Ford company. I am sorry young Ford seems to have departed from the tradition." He explained that heretofore the Ford company had been a leader in high wages and low prices.

probably can be eliminated next year, Rep. Wolcott (Mich.), ranking committee republican, said he favors a system that would provide for gradual but forced OPA liquidation.

This could be accomplished, Wolcott told reporters, by an amendment requiring removal of price ceilings in each industry when it is found that production has reached 75 per cent of normal output.

He would base the industry-by-industry decontrol on findings by OPA's own advisory committees, with any disputes to be settled by the emergency court of appeals.

Butter Expected To Grow Scarcer

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19 (AP)—Butter will be scarcer and government controls will remain longer, western butter and egg men are advised.

At the concluding session of the Pacific Coast Butter, Egg, Cheese and Poultry association, Paul McClure of Great Falls, Mont., declared "there's going to be less and less butter," and Joseph Danzansky, association Washington representative, advised producers to expect government control for a long time.

Klamath Housewives Raid Groceries Of White Flour

"Please pass the light bread," as they say down south. But the light bread will soon be dark as the March 1 deadline for manufacture of white flour approaches.

Housewives, scared once more of getting caught short, have raided shelves and warehouses and the white flour supply in Klamath Falls is practically nil. One grocer, when asked as to his flour supply this morning, chuckled and said "there ain't none."

New Orleans Blast Hurts 27 Persons

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19 (AP)—An explosion and fire wrecked a three-story brick apartment building here today, injuring more than 20 persons and possibly killing several others.

Rescuers could not explore all the wreckage pending the clearance of heavy beams but Police Captain James Cripps, head of one detail, said he thought the ruins contained several bodies.

Cripps added that 33 of the 55 persons listed as occupants of the 14-apartment house had been accounted for and that 27 of these were injured.

All Negroes: The building was a unit in the St. Bernard housing project. All the casualties were negroes. State Fire Marshal Campbell Paifrey said indications were the explosion resulted from an accumulation of gas on the first floor.

Army and navy ambulances were called into service to augment city ambulances in rescue work. Service men from the port of embarkation and the navy also aided police and firemen.

The building is a unit of a federal housing project. Smelled Gas: One person who escaped declared that "we smelled gas in the house and somebody struck a match." Another witness said the explosion made a thunderous noise and then the building burst into flames.

The explosion was heard for miles around and attracted thousands of spectators. Windows were shattered and furnishings were upset in houses over a considerable area.

State Fire Marshal Campbell Paifrey said an investigation would be made of the blast.

Phone Strike Authorized

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 19 (AP)—The National Federation of Telephone Workers assembly today granted the executive board the authority to call a coast-to-coast strike whenever "it considers proper and with due consideration to circumstances of the several affiliates."

NFTW officials announced that the assembly adopted a resolution embodying the authorization by an overwhelming majority.

The vote was 121,000 for the resolution; 30,000 against it and 2500 not voting.

Mob Tears U.S. Flag From Pole

BOMBAY, Feb. 19 (AP)—A mob of Indians, including a number wearing the uniform of the royal Indian navy, today tore the United States flag from the U. S. information service office here and burned the flag in the street.

Walter D. Shackleton, in charge of the office, said he had informed the American consulate and Ralph Block, principal public affairs officer of the USIS at New Delhi, and that he was awaiting instructions concerning filing an official protest to the Indian and British governments.

Shackleton said that about 300 demonstrators who were marching in the street suddenly swarmed up to the USIS office where the United States flag flew from a pole just over the door of the agency's library.

"One man climbed onto the shoulders of another man and tore down the flag," he said. "They ran around the corner with the flag and when they failed in their efforts to set it afire with matches they obtained a newspaper, lit the paper and used this as a torch to burn the flag," Shackleton said.

He said an unidentified sergeant, who had a jeep parked near the USIS headquarters, was hit on the shoulder with a shovel and clubs in the hands of some members of the mob, but he leaped into the vehicle and escaped, apparently without serious injury.

The mob stormed down Hornby road, stopping military trucks and other vehicles. Some of the demonstrators attacked several British and Indian officers with clubs, the British army public relations office said. The crowd carried congress party flags and shouted slogans.

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WEATHER (February 19) Max. (Feb. 18) ... 45. Min. ... 34 Precipitation last 24 hours ... 0.0 Stream year to date ... 7.0 Normal ... 7.90. Last year ... 6.85 Forecast: Showers Wednesday.