

# Assurance Of Fair OPA Needed To Save Agency

By J. W. DAVIS  
WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP) — Senator Morse (R-Ore.) said today assurances from President Truman of "fair and reasonable" OPA actions will be needed to save the price control agency in congress.

Morse told reporters he spoke as a friend of OPA who wants to continue "regulations necessary to the objectives of price control as a check against inflation." He added: "It is perfectly obvious that the president must take a hand in this matter and give some definite assurance that OPA is going to function in a fair and reasonable manner, in accordance with the facts rather than in accordance with some ideology of some subordinate official."

Given those assurances, Morse said, fighters of inflation "will be able to prevent emasculation of the OPA program."

**Bowles Recalled**  
The Oregon lawmaker spoke as the senate banking committee recalled Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles for further testimony on legislation to extend OPA a year beyond June 30.

Meanwhile, the house resumed debate on the bill after yesterday's opener produced such varied remarks as these: By Chairman Spence (D-Ky.) of the banking committee: to lose control over prices would mean that "a disaster that is indescribable would come upon our people."

By Rep. Taber (R-N.Y.): "OPA has done nothing but throttle production." Lending a new tone to the situation was the presence of a "house wives' lobby" led by Mrs. Leon Henderson, wife of the former OPA chief, and Mrs. Ernest K. Lindley, wife of a Washington newspaper man.

**Urges Extension**  
Mrs. Lindley estimated there were 1500 women in the group who came to Capitol Hill yesterday to urge a year's extension of price controls. She said they had a three-block long petition with 1,000,000 signatures.

Administration - o p p o s e d

## UNRRA Shipments 189,941 Long Tons

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP) — Shipment through California, Washington and Oregon ports in January and February by the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administrations totaled 189,941 long tons.

Senator Mitchell (D-Wash.) was advised of the weight today by Director General LaGuardia of UNRRA. The data showed 53,496 long tons were shipped through Seattle, Vancouver and Tacoma, 64,107 from Oregon, and 72,338 from California ports.

The shipments went to China, Poland and other ports and consisted of wheat, food, coal, seed and agricultural implements.

amendments, on which house voting will start tomorrow include:

1. To take farm products out of OPA's control.
2. To end the meat subsidy which the government now pays processors to keep down retail prices.
3. To require price ceilings high enough to assure a profit on every item of each manufacturer, rather than "fair and equitable" ceilings on an industry-wide basis.

## Murder Trial Of GI Begins

SEATTLE, April 16 (AP) — Charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of Mrs. Marjorie Johnson, 38, last Jan. 19, Einar Olson, 22, went on trial yesterday in superior court.

In his opening argument for the state, Prosecutor Lloyd Shortett told the jury, "on the couch immediately above where the body lay there was an Oak Leaf cluster."

The dead woman's nude and mutilated body was found sprawled on the floor of her home. In the courtroom, Olson's uniform glittered with campaign ribbons and other war decorations.

Shortett told the jury Mrs. Johnson had left a tavern with a soldier a few hours before her death. Olson's attorney has entered a special plea of innocence because of mental irresponsibility.

## 'Prevailing Wage' Amendment Okayed

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP) — The senate today wrote into long-range housing legislation by a 51 to 20 vote a union-demanded "prevailing wage" amendment.

Offered by Senator Murdock (D-Utah), the amendment requires payment of the locally prevailing wage scales on all projects constructed under terms of the bill.

## Alaska Argonauts



Balked of steamer passage from Seattle, three ex-servicemen and brothers (left to right), Fawn, Howard and Lyle McLaughlin, bought a 19-foot outboard motorboat in which to brave the tides and fogs of the famed "Inside Passage" to Alaska. They plan to homestead quarter-sections near Homer, Kenai peninsula. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McLaughlin of Windom, Minn.—AP wirephoto.

## Abernethy Exception To Rule On Lack Of Housing

CASCADE SUMMIT, Ore., April 15—With the cry going up from every city and hamlet for more houses for returning veterans as well as civilians, a condition exists at Abernethy, five miles from here, which would merit space in Ripley's "Believe it or not." The cry there is not for more houses but for people to occupy the nine living quarters provided for families by the Southern Pacific company, all but one of which are empty.

John O'Connell is the sole citizen of Abernethy now. The living quarters being empty, O'Connell, the sole inhabitant, says although the loneliness is rather boring he has not as yet learned to talk to himself. Neither is he thinking of having his city incorporated, although he stands a fair chance of being elected mayor.

The railroad company has renovated the quarters since the Mexicans left, having them painted and redecorated. The company also furnishes heat, water and light.

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## Names Of KUHS War 2 Dead Will Be Placed On Plaque

A plaque, on which will appear names of all graduates or former students of Klamath Union high school to lose their lives in World War 2, is being prepared by the Student Congress of KUHS. Records at school have been checked with the casualty list, kept during the war by The Herald and News, and the following names compiled:

- The Student Congress is anxious to have any additional names which should appear on the plaque. If anyone has information concerning students killed in this war and whose names do not appear here, they are asked to notify KUHS by calling the principal's office, 3414.
- Walter Joseph Ambrogotti, Harvey E. Baker, Floyd T. "Tom" Baldwin, Leo L. Beck Jr., Walter Bulik, Robert Bunnell, Bob Ray Burgess, Lawrence Burgess, Hugh B. Campbell Jr., Rollo B. Cheyne, Frank Arthur Cress, Jack Colein, Floyd Darnell, John W. DeMille, Dale Dunham, Donald Dunham, Glenn Fields, Norman Fykerud, Victor Hertager, Charles A. Hixon, Harry Johnson Jr., Thomas A. Johnston, Donald R. Kaitlin, Wesley E. Kangas, Ray Norman Karver, Robert Taber Leslie, William J. Murray, Richard Muskopf, Melvin J. Myers, Robert Nelson, Don Newsom, Robert K. Patterson, Walter "Bud" Pool, Charles E. "Tommy" Pritchard, James William Rogers, Walter Salisbury, Billie Sehorn, John

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The Cascade mountains, 600 miles long, average a mile high.  
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**Pappy Gordon's "Oregon Hill Billies"**

## What is your GUESS? on our profits...

SOMETIMES, although an idea is wrong, it does no harm. Like the idea that a square jaw is the sign of will power. That winters aren't as severe as they used to be, or that red hair denotes quick temper.

But there are other wrong ideas, which are definitely harmful to public confidence in and understanding of industry. One such idea is the current "guessing" about profits made by large business organizations.

Many people are apt to grossly exaggerate the money made by business. So Opinion Research Corporation (an independent organization) made a survey to learn just what the public thinks about profits. Compare these guesses and yours with the International Harvester profit figures given below.

Public guess on war profits . . . 30.0%  
I H four war year average profit . . . 4.9%

In this survey, the average of the guesses by the public of the wartime profits made by industry was . . . thirty per cent (30%).  
But in the four war years of 1942, 1943, 1944, and 1945, the profits of International Harvester Company averaged only . . . 4.9% on sales. Less than one sixth of what the general public "guessed" for all industry.

For this period, the year by year per cent of profits on sales was: 1942—7.34, 1943—5.59, 1944—3.95, 1945—3.93.

Public guess on peace profits 18.0%  
I H four pre-war year average profit . . . 7.17%

In the four peace years of 1938, 1939, 1940, and 1941, the profits of International Harvester Company averaged . . . 7.17%. This is well under half of what the public "guessed" for all industry.

Majority think fair profit in normal times is . . . 10%  
I H ten-year average is less than 7%

The survey indicates the public knows that in our economy profits are indispensable. And the majority regard 10% as a fair

Wages and materials consume nearly all of every dollar Harvester takes in from sales. A Government board has recommended and the Company has agreed to pay a general wage increase of 18 cents per hour for Harvester factory employees. The Government has also allowed price increases on raw materials which we purchase in large quantities. Steel has had an average increase of 8.2%.



There has been no general increase in our prices since they were frozen by the Government early in 1942.

So our situation today is that what we BUY costs us 1946 prices. We will be paying average hourly wages 56% above 1941. For what we SELL we get only 1942 prices. This condition cannot long be met out of our present low rate of profit.

**Future Prices on I H Products**  
It is plain that price relief will be needed to meet the increased wage and material costs which we must carry.

We regret this necessity. We prefer to lower prices, when possible, rather than raise them and we know our customers prefer to have us do that. We had hoped to be able to "hold the line," at least. But we do not see how we can avoid operating at a loss if our prices continue to remain at their present frozen levels. We will NOT "cut corners" on any of our products, because QUALITY IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR BUSINESS.

Our customers can be certain that we will seek no more than a moderate profit, both because of our policies and because we have approximately 300 competitors fighting us vigorously for your business. Our request for price relief will be no more than is necessary to insure continued service to our customers, continued work for our employees, and a reasonable return for our stockholders.

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