

Wheat Lack May Force Flour Mill Shut-Down

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—Fast-dwindling wheat supplies at the mills threatened today to force a six-week holiday in the output of flour for domestic consumption.

This possibility arose as the house agriculture committee announced a comprehensive investigation of both the domestic and world food situations, with the first session set tomorrow.

Chairman Flannagan (D-Va.) said if evidence warranted the committee also would consider the necessity for renewed food rationing. Most lawmakers, however, apparently remained unconvinced that there is need for restoring such controls at this time.

The flour situation shaped up this way:

On May 1 mills were required to cut their stocks to a 21-day supply. Few if any have been able to obtain wheat in the meantime because the government is offering farmers a bonus of 30 cents a bushel above ceiling price—which is the top legitimate price millers may offer. And the 1946 wheat crop will not start moving to market until July.

Some mills already have shut down and a survey last night indicated many others either will close or curtail operations sharply.

This prospect posed two problems for the government:

1. Will flour stocks on hand be sufficient to supply consumers until the new wheat crop becomes available?

2. Should the government divert some of the famine-relief wheat it is buying to American mills in order to keep them operating until the new harvest?

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson is known to be studying these problems. Chester C. Davis, chairman of President Truman's famine emergency committee, told an interviewer that he believes supplies of flour now in distribution channels will be sufficient to meet domestic needs on the basis of consumption recommendations of his committee until new wheat becomes available.

Voluntary Cut Requested

The committee's consumption standard calls, however, for voluntary use of 40 per cent less wheat products than before the current food emergency arose. Davis said surveys indicate that about one out of three consumers is not attempting to comply with the "eat-less-bread" program.

Davis said he believes the government should divert the export wheat to the mills to keep them operating. He said, however, that all the flour milled from government wheat should be earmarked for relief overseas.

"I believe Secretary Anderson will adopt such a policy," Davis said.

The famine committee chairman, himself a former war food administrator, warmly approved a program announced by Anderson yesterday for controlling the use and distribution of the 1946 wheat crop. That program calls for continued limitations on domestic consumption of wheat products by both humans and livestock, as well as government requisitions of 250,000,000 bushels from commercial supplies to meet overseas needs.

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B-29 Shatters Record Again

TOKYO, May 15 (AP)—A B-29 piloted by Col. E. D. Reynolds, Beaumont, Tex., set a new world load-to-altitude record Monday at Guam when it carried a payload of 2000 kilograms (4400 pounds) to an altitude of 44,200 feet.

Reynolds' crew included Capt. Brian Tobson, Bellingham, Wash., co-pilot.

The announcement was made today by headquarters of the Pacific air command of the U. S. army (PACUSA).

It was the fourth load-altitude record established this month by B-29s of PACUSA.

The previous record in the 2000-kilogram load category was established in September, 1936, by Vladimir Kokinski of Russia at 36,105 feet.

The three other records set at Guam in PACUSA's marathon project, directed by Col. C. S. Irvine, are:

Capt. Arthur A. Pearson, Tucson, Ariz., took a B-29 to 39,360 feet with 10,000 kilograms May 8. Col. Beverly Warren, Plainview, Tex., piloted the same ship with a 15,000-kilogram load to 37,400 feet May 11.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Jap War Jailers Get 15-Year Jolts

YOKOHAMA, May 15 (AP)—Three former Japanese employees of the Fukuoka war prison camp were convicted today of mistreating American prisoners and sentenced by an eighth army tribunal to 15 years each in prison.

They were Yoshiyuki Ikeda, Yoshika Yagi and Tadashi Takano.

The prisoners they were charged with mistreating included Seaman Walter W. Cole, Ellensburg, Wash.

Salem Bus Strike Pact To Be Signed

SALEM, May 15 (AP)—Contracts settling the six-week-old Salem bus strike will be signed in Portland today by officials of Oregon Motor Stages and the Motor Coach Employees union. T. S. Beguin, Portland, acting business agent for the union, said.

Beguin said service could not be resumed before Friday, as the new contract would have to be submitted to the union drivers.

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Portland Women Ask Revival Of Symphony

PORTLAND, May 15 (AP)—A newly-organized Women's Symphony league announced today it would seek revival of the city's defunct symphonic orchestra.

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tra and advanced a five-point program which includes raising a \$1 million dollar endowment fund.
Mrs. Leah Lenaka, chairman of the group, announced the league would seek revision of the board of directors of the Portland Symphony society which ceased to function when the orchestra was suspended in 1938 with a \$20,000 deficit.
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B. C. Lumber Workers Strike

VICTORIA, B. C., May 15 (AP)—British Columbia logging and sawmill workers numbering 37,000 are scheduled to go on strike at 11 a. m. (PDT) today after a conference here yesterday between the International Woodworkers of America and the B. C. Lumber Operators failed to produce an agreement.

More than 80,000 workers in other industries in the province will be affected by the strike.

At yesterday's hearing the union agreed to call off the strike on condition that the operators agree to an 18-cent hourly wage increase and a 40-hour week. The operators refused to accede to these demands and would not enter into negotiations with the union leading to a compromise while the strike was pending.

Chief Justice Gordon Sloan who presided over the meeting, will probably recommend to Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell that provisions of P. C. 1003 be invoked, under which, mediation under wartime labor relations regulations and compulsory negotiation by the two parties could be affected.

Demands of the union originally had included a 40-hour week, 25-cents an hour wage increase, union shop and voluntary dues checkoff.

The operators had made a counter offer of 12½ cents an hour increase and a 44-hour week in a three-year contract with provisions that other demands be dropped.

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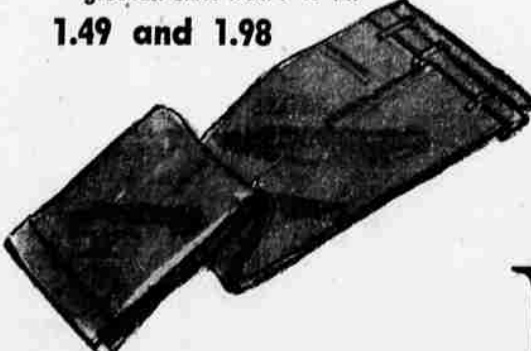
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