

OPA BILL VETOED

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN this morning vetoed the compromise OPA bill that had finally got through both houses of congress. The house of representatives votes almost immediately to sustain his veto.

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ONE way out would be a simple resolution continuing OPA on a temporary basis while congress wrestles again with the problem of what to do about price control.

Jap Bomb May Bring Indemnity

Investigators were understood to be in Klamath Falls and Bly today preparatory to making final reports in connection with a bill introduced in the United States house of representatives by Rep. William Lempke of North Dakota, in which financial aid is sought for families of the victims of the Japanese bomb explosion in the Gearhart mountain country May 5, 1945.

Five children and a minister's wife were victims of the blast which occurred during war time and first word of the tragedy eliminated the information that the six deaths were attributed to a Japanese bomb which landed in the mountain country.

Killed in the explosion which occurred while the party was on an outing, were Mrs. Elsie Mitchell, wife of Rev. Archie Mitchell of Bly, lone survivor of the tragedy; Jay Gifford, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Gifford; Eddie Engen, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Einar Engen; Sherman Shoemaker, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shoemaker; Joan, 11, and Dick, 13, children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patzke. All were from Bly.

On Fishing Trip
Rev. Mitchell said at the time that he and his wife had taken the children to a creek on the Bly-Dairy creek road to fish and he drove the car for a distance while the others walked in the woods. When the bomb was sighted, the others called to Rev. Mitchell but when he was about 40 feet from the group, the explosion occurred.

Rep. Lempke's bill is HB 6188 and is for relief of Frank J. Patzke, Archie Mitchell, J. L. Shoemaker, Einar Engen and N. L. Gifford. It has now been referred to the committee on claims. Patzke will be awarded \$10,000 for the death of his minor children, \$900 funeral and other expenses; Mitchell, \$7500 for wife and unborn child and \$1500 funeral expenses; Shoemaker, \$5000 for death of son and \$925 funeral expenses; N. L. Gifford, \$5000 for death of his son, Jay, and \$950 for funeral expenses.

As far as is known, the tragedy in the Gearhart mountain area is the only one in which death or injury occurred in connection with the barrage of bomb laden balloons released by the Japs during the war.

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THERE is of course the possibility of extending OPA under the war powers of the President, which are wide. (Officially, we are still in a state of war.)

Any way you look at it, however, it is a mess.

IN vetoing the bill, President Truman calls it a "sure formula for inflation." He says: "It would start prices and costs climbing. It would start the value of the dollar falling and keep it falling."

Commenting on the veto, Republican Senator Taft says: "The President's action is the most inflationary move which could be made."

The administration already, by the encouragement of wage increases and other costs, has brought about a series of price increases. All the (vetoed) bill does is to force the administration to recognize increased costs in fixing prices.

On both sides, you see, the pot is merely calling the kettle black.

IT looks very much as if Truman has been maneuvered into a tight corner. Even if he gets an extension of OPA before the deadline tomorrow night, either by joint resolution of congress or by use of his war powers, he will still be on the spot.

He can lead congress back to the price control trough and order it to drink. But will it? Both houses of congress, in the face of all the pressure the administration could bring to bear, have already defied his wishes as to OPA legislation.

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New Degnan Suspect Held

CHICAGO, June 29 (AP)—States Attorney William J. Touhy today said "at the present moment" he was "satisfied" a 17-year-old university student was "the man" in the kidnaping-deadly of six-year-old Suzanne Degnan but that he hadn't "deduced sufficient evidence to prove him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt."

Touhy made the statement after asserting "nine points of similarity" had been established between a fingerprint on the Degnan kidnap note and the fingerprint of William Heirens, husky University of Chicago student seized during a burglary investigation.

Capt. Emmett Evans, head of the police bureau of identification and fingerprinting, said on the basis of the comparisons: "I am convinced that the two prints were made by the same man."

Touhy said the fingerprint findings would be sent to the federal bureau of investigation in Washington for verification.

Corpse Found To Be Miner's

The body of a man found near Lake o the Woods late Thursday and brought to Ward's Friday afternoon, was identified as that of Dan H. Pederson, elderly miner, who had a cabin about three miles off the Dead Indian road.

Pederson was apparently in the act of closing his cabin last winter when he fell from a ladder and struck his head. The ladder was across his body. No relatives are in this area. State police aided a deputy coroner in bringing the body here. Identification was made through articles found on the man's body and in the cabin.

Klamath Falls Singer Signs Band Contract

Darlene Knowles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Knowles of Almont drive, has signed a contract as vocalist for the summer with Bob Gleason's dance band of Fresno, Calif. She left Saturday morning and will sing nightly except Mondays at Huntington lake and Shaver lake resorts north of Fresno.

Darlene is well known amongst the riders of Klamath Falls. Although she is only 15 years of age she has broken and trained her own horse and has won several events and races at the fairgrounds the past few years.

Another Load Of Logs Dumped By Swerving Truck

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Rodeo Parade Entries Swell

With entries for the 4th of July parade pouring in, a meeting of the parade committee has been called for 7:30 Monday night at Rodeo headquarters. Final plans will be laid for the formation and conduct of the parade.



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Dog Ordinance Off Tomorrow

City ordinance 3371, the local law which forbids dogs running at large in town during the gardening months, May and June, goes out of effect at midnight Sunday, June 30.

Drury R. McCurdy, 2263 S. 6th, and Joe Mora, 2221 Union, each paid \$5 yesterday for violations of the dog ordinance, bringing the total \$5 assessments paid during the two months to \$9. Ninety-nine stray dogs were picked up during the period.

Flyers Object To Field Rates

Commercial operators at the municipal airfield have moved to cease flying as of Monday, awaiting the outcome of a petition sent to the city council asking lower rates at the field.

The proposed rates, to go into effect on July 1, have been branded as too high by the operators who claim that approximately 12 per cent of their gross income will be taken under the suggested set-up.

Rates would include a \$1000 fee for licenses to operate schools, such as the GI schools now operating at the field, a 2 1/2 per cent tax on sales, and a \$300 fee for commercial planes.

The operators stop flying, which will include the GI schools now in progress, the only planes to leave the field will be privately owned ships flown for pleasure.

Operators have stated that if satisfactory rates are not established they will be forced to leave the field and seek other quarters. One operator states that he, and most of the others, are willing to pay a reasonable rental based on gross income, or will pay a flat rate in direct proportion to the rates now paid by Main street businesses for their businesses. A flat rate rental basis would be paid on the basis of paying for only the physical facilities needed by the operators.

Representatives of the group will go before the city council Monday night to ask a lower rate than that now proposed.

Baseball Scores

AMERICAN			
	R	H	E
Cleveland	2	8	1
Chicago	0	4	0
Feller and Hegan; Grove, Caldwell (8) and Tresh.			
PHILADELPHIA			
	R	H	E
Philadelphia	2	7	1
New York	0	6	1
Christopher, Flores (6) and Rosar; Ruffing, Gumpert (5), Queen (8) Murphy (8) and Robinson.			
WASHINGTON			
	R	H	E
Washington	8	14	1
Boston	12	12	1
Masterson, Lamacchia (3), Torres (3), Curtis (7) and Early; Hughson, Klinger (6) and H. Wagner.			

NATIONAL			
	R	H	E
New York	10	12	0
Philadelphia	8	16	0
Voiselle, Carpenter (2), Thompson (3), Fischer (3), Schumacher (8) and Lombardi; Stanceu, Humphries (3), Karl (4), Schanz (8), Raffensberger (8) and Hemmley.			
BOSTON			
	R	H	E
Boston	3	7	3
Brooklyn	12	12	1
Wright, Roser (5), Posedel (6), Singleton (8), Lee (7) and Masi, Padgett (7); Higbe and Edwards.			

Arriving In U. S.

By The Associated Press
Charles E. Smith, Klamath Falls, arrived on Enola Victory in New York June 28.
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Anti-Terror Drive Begun In Holy Land

JERUSALEM, June 29 (AP)—Britain began large scale military operations in Palestine in the Jewish Sabbath at dawn today in what one official called a drive to wipe out "a state of anarchy."

Troops and police occupied buildings in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv used by the Jewish agency, long recognized by the British and the Palestine government as the official representative of Jews in Palestine. The British clamped a curfew on wide areas of the troubled Holy Land.

Many, if not all, members of the Jewish agency's executive committee were arrested. Sir Alan Cunningham, British high commissioner, declared in a proclamation he had evidence the agency was cooperating in a recent reign of "violence against the government."

Raiding police and troops, protected overhead by low flying planes, conducted widespread search for arms in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and at least seven other communities. Haifa also was reported under curfew.

Load Of Logs Dumped Again

For the second time in a little over one week, a logging truck has dumped a load of logs within the city. Last night, shortly after 7 o'clock, eight 32-foot Ponderosa pine logs slipped from a trailer at the corner of 6th and Walnut, the heavy load landing partly on the sidewalk of the Link Mobile service station. Fortunately there were no pedestrians on the walk and the street was clear of moving traffic in that section as the ponderous load left the trailer.

The truck, an International K-7, was operated by Ervin Pool, 21, who was bringing the load from James Mayes' logging operations in the Bly mountain area to be dumped at Big Lakes pond. Pool said he was making a left hand turn off S. 6th on to Walnut when his trailer tongue broke, also breaking the air hose. The load crashed to the pavement but the chain held.

City police responded immediately and cleared Pool, saying it was purely accidental but Assistant Chief Leigh Ackerman remarked that "something would have to be done about this log hauling in the city." A similar accident occurred at Oregon and Birch a week ago Tuesday.

A crane was brought to the scene late last night and the logs removed to Big Lakes. Pool is an ex-army man and has been logging for two years, the past two months with Mayes.

Police Identify Escaped 'Cons'

Klamath Falls state police late yesterday identified two men held at Yreka as members of a trio which escaped June 25 from a prison gang at work near the Oregon state penitentiary annex east of Salem. The pair was arrested late Friday morning at Tulelake.

The two men are said to be Frederick E. Cleveland, 21, serving one year for larceny, from Linn county, and Alfred W. Strain, 26, serving three years for possession of stolen property, also from Linn.

Still at large is Lavern F. Keller, 21, serving three years from Jackson county for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Early this afternoon the two were transferred to the Siskiyou county jail at Yreka, California, jail but it is understood they have advised officers there that they will fight extradition.

Police said the two men were in Tulelake Friday morning and crews in the lagoon and on the islands of the atoll to make last-minute adjustments on instruments, cameras and recording equipment.

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Max. (June 28) 64 Min. 46
Precipitation last 24 hours .46
Stream year to date 12.91
Normal 11.87 Last year 13.25
Forecast: Little change in temperature and partly cloudy.

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Truman Signs New Draft Act

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP)—President Truman signed into law today legislation extending the draft act until next March 31 and prohibiting the induction of 18 year olds.

The new law does not change the existing requirement for 18-year olds to register; it simply prohibits their actual induction.

Major provisions of the new law, which replaces a stop-gap bill expiring at midnight June 30:

Ages of liability for induction: 19 through 44, both inclusive. Limit of compulsory service: 18 months for men inducted after October 1, 1946; men inducted prior to October 1 may obtain their release upon request upon completion of 18 months of service. A service period of longer than 18 months may be ordered by the president if congress declares that "the national interest is imperiled."

Statutory exemptions: All fathers, unless they volunteer. Fathers now in service may obtain their discharge upon request after August 1, 1946. In addition, local draft boards retain their power to grant occupational deferments as in the past.

Reduction: No man shall be inducted if he already has served in the armed forces abroad or at home for at least six months since September 16, 1940.

Size of the armed forces: By July 1, 1947—Army, 1,070,000; Navy, 558,000; Marine Corps, 108,000.

Bikini Readied For Bomb Drop

ABOARD USS APPALACHIAN AT BIKINI, June 29 (AP)—All hands concerned with "Operation Crossroads" made ready today to evacuate Bikini lagoon, leaving only a ghost fleet of 50 old warships as guinea pigs for the world's fourth atomic bomb explosion.

Vice Adm. W. H. Blandy, commander of the atomic task force, is expected to announce tomorrow morning whether the bomb will be dropped as scheduled after 9:30 a. m., Monday, Bikini time. That is 2:30 p. m., Sunday, PST.

Blandy told foreign and scientific observers today that "we can have the test any day when the sky is not more than half covered with clouds." He expressed confidence that conditions would be favorable either on Monday or "within the succeeding three or four days."

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Government Loses Redin Trial Point

SEATTLE, June 29 (P)—The government suffered a distinct setback during today's slow session of the espionage-conspiracy trial of Russian Naval Lt. Nicolai Gregorovich Redin, when Judge Lloyd L. Black rejected as evidence, a copy of naval regulations 76 and 77, defining confidential information and the way it should be handled by the navy.

Judge Black ruled it was immaterial to the case in which the 30-year-old former Soviet purchasing commission attaché is charged, in two indictments, with obtaining confidential data on the U. S. navy's new design destroyer tender, Yellowstone and with inducing Herbert Kennedy, 69-year-old Seattle shipyard trial engineer, to obtain the information for him.

Apparent intention of District Attorney Victor E. Anderson, of St. Paul, Minn., assisting the prosecution, was to use the naval regulation to define the meaning of the term "restricted," which appeared on the face of the government's contract with the Todd Pacific shipyards, covering the Yellowstone construction here.

The defense battled introduction of all evidence or testimony relating to the confidential nature of the ship data, on the ground that its secrecy is a matter of law for the jury to determine, not a matter of witnesses' or documentary terminology.

At one point during today's lethargic hearing, in which even the defendant frankly drowned, it appeared that the government might lose even the opportunity of placing the shipbuilding contract before the jury. This was when Judge Black observed that the contract on which the government stated it was basing its case was dated this past March —after the dates of the acts alleged against Redin.

This contract, containing long clauses relating to the confidential nature of the ship data, was one of a series of three, each replacing the earlier ones, and it finally was brought out the earlier ones—part of the same exhibit—were dated in July and October, 1944, sufficiently early to cover the case against the lieutenant.

"The government has the job of producing a contract in effect at the time these alleged acts transpired," Judge Black observed, in the jury's absence. "Nobody is going to go to jail on any 'as-of' arrangements."

Two Out Of Three Held At Yreka

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