

25 SERVICE MEN DIE IN CRASH

In The Day's News

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IN the news today, there is a hint as to the senate's attitude toward OPA.

Barkley (administration leader in the senate) pleaded with his colleagues this morning to "stop loading the OPA bill with amendments that will make it ridiculous." Whereupon the senators present, by a vote of 42 to 34 an amendment to FORBID PRICE CONTROLS on cottonseed and soy beans. They had already adopted amendments forbidding price ceilings on meat, poultry and eggs.

(In Barkley's opinion, of course, such amendments would make a new OPA bill "ridiculous.")

THIS morning's Washington dispatches report on the 10th day of NO OPA. Barkley argued that speed is important if ANY price controls are to be restored.

("That could be interpreted as meaning that if OPA isn't restored pretty soon there may be no need for it.")

DUN and Bradstreet's weekly wholesale price index, covering wholesale prices on 31 food commodities, shows an UP of 7 1/2% in a week and 12% in two weeks.

These fancy price "indexes" are hard for our ordinary people to understand, and the ones issued by the government have been juggled so much for political purposes that we have lost confidence in them.

The Dun & Bradstreet index is at least not shaded for political purposes, as it is made up to help business men shape their plans.

AN up of 12% in food prices in two weeks is something to consider. It sounds worse, however, than it really is, for it includes the LOSS OF SUBSIDIES. This subsidy business enters intimately into the whole subject of price control.

IN the battle of the Roosevelts in Washington state, Jimmy seems to be coming out on top. In the primary election held yesterday, he had backed a congressional candidate named De Lacey and his sister Anna had backed a radio announcer aspirant by the name of Costigan for the same office.

Anna's horse is running far behind in the race.

ON the important, but recently confusing, world politics front, Russia is sparring to get all she can. On one day, the new Russian ambassador talks CONCILIATINGLY to us, asserting that Russia will NEVER start a war against America. The next day Russian newspapers (government controlled) cuss us out heartily.

Russia is out for ALL SHE CAN GET. We are learning that SECRET AGREEMENTS made at Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam give her a lot of ground to stand on. She seems to be standing firmly on ALL of it.

Our big hope is that Russia doesn't want to GO TO WAR—maybe it is in no condition to go to war. If that turns out to be true, some kind of troubled peace will come out of the snarled-up mess.

IT is becoming sadly obvious to all of us that the idealistically beautiful and inspiring Atlantic Charter was merely flypaper put out to catch flies. That was a great mistake. The world NEEDS ideals.

SO much for the heavy diet in the news of today. There are some lighter dishes on the menu. Up at Depoe Bay, on Oregon's north coast, Oscar, a performing seal, passed out yesterday and an autopsy disclosed that over a period of years he had swallowed (and retained in his stomach) 188 pennies, five dimes and four nickels—all tossed to him as kudos by admiring spectators.

As the years passed, this weight of metal became too much for poor Oscar.

THE lesson (this writer of late seems to be an irresponsible lesson chaser) is this: Money is good only to BUY THINGS WITH. Poor old Oscar demonstrates for us at the cost of his life that it can't be EATEN.

THERE'S another little dish in the news.

A family in Holland, recipient of donated American clothes, found in one of the pockets a motor car key and returned it by overseas mail to the donor with a nice little note expressing appreciation for the badly needed clothing and adding: "You might want this car key, so we're returning it."

People, you see, REALLY ARE human and decent, the world over. And understanding. And helpful. In Europe, the same as here in America. People are PEOPLE, no matter where they live.

(The vast majority of them, that is. There are ornery people everywhere, but they are hopelessly in the minority.)

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U.S. Agreeable To 40-Year Pact On Reich Arms

PARIS, July 10 (AP)—The United States is willing to extend its proposed disarmament treaty for Germany from 25 to 40 years in meeting Russian assertions that the original plan is inadequate, it was officially disclosed today.

The disclosure came as U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov aired their dispute over the American proposal by publishing the texts of their statements to the four-power foreign ministers' council yesterday.

The Russian delegation released the text of Molotov's lengthy statement following last night's session. The American delegation followed suit just before the ministers were to assemble today to continue discussion of German problems.

Vocational School Plan Wins Favor

Klamath's \$6,500,000 military installation, the Marine Barracks, today hurdled the first step toward becoming a vocational education school. Oscar I. Paulson, state director of vocational education, this morning inspected the barracks and indicated that he believes the installation can be readily converted into such a school.

Paulson must give the war assets administration in Portland an answer on the feasibility of the trade school plan by 5 p. m. tomorrow or the barracks goes on the market for sale.

In making his tour of inspection today, the state educator was accompanied by W. D. Purvine, state department of vocational education; Dr. E. J. Braun and T. P. Eslick, U. S. office of education in Washington, and Paul T. Jackson, former KUHS principal now located in Salem with the federal education service.

Suitable for Training
Paulson said that he found the barracks suitable for vocational training for commercial and home refrigeration, electrical, radio, auto mechanics, cabinet making and carpentry, mill (Continued on Page 3, Column 3)

Big Army Seen By Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told the house military committee today he could "see no possibility in the next 15 to 20 years" of reducing the army below a strength of 800,000 officers and enlisted men.

Urging prompt approval of legislation to permit the appointment of 25,000 additional regular army officers, the chief of staff visualized a peacetime army of 400,000 for the air forces and 400,000 for supporting forces.

The figure of 800,000, he said, will be reached through a gradual decline from the 1,070,000 scheduled to be in uniform on July 1, 1947.

To man such a peacetime army properly, Eisenhower said, 80,000 officers would be needed. Of these 30,000 would be regulars and 50,000 temporary officers on active duty. Existing law limits regular officer appointments to 25,000.

The additional officers, Eisenhower said, would come from the ROTC, officer candidate schools, and West Point, with inducements being offered to men in enlisted grades to win promotions to officer rank.

Elks Head



Charles E. Broughton, Sheboygan, Wis., newspaper publisher and editor and civic leader, was elected grand exalted ruler of the nation's 800,000 members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Tuesday at the 82nd convention of the order held in New York. Story on page 2.

For Some Of These—The Last Roundup



Range horses and mules, in a cloud of dust, thundered off the range at the Liskey Swan Lake ranch recently. Much of the stock will be shipped to European countries under UNRRA. Mules were turned back on the range for later shipment south.

Liskey Horses Go To Europe

One hundred head of stock, running on the 20,000-acre range of the Dave and Dan Liskey Swan Lake ranch, were on their way this week to Europe where they will be distributed by UNRRA to depleted farms in war torn countries.

The horses, along with a number of mules, were brought in during a two-day roundup last week by Jack Liskey, Gary Mitchell, Larry "Buck" Anderson and Newt Nelson. Of the 153 horses brought in from the hills, 53 were cut out as saddle stock and turned back on the range.

The 142 mules were also turned back and will be shipped later to work in the cotton fields of the deep south.

Some of the stock, now on their way to Europe, is from the original stock which the Liskeys put on the range some 30 years ago. Quite a few are broken, some are wild. For those that were designated for farm work in Europe, it was their last roundup. They will work in the fields of Belgium, Russia, France and Holland from now on.

Mrs. Dan Liskey said arrangements for shipping the horses from east coast ports were made through George Martin who has been buying for resell to UNRRA. Nearest shipping points are Baltimore, Md., and Norfolk, Va. Horses shipped to Europe will be used for both breeding and draft purposes and will replace the stock which was removed from occupied countries during the war. Mrs. Liskey said the domestic demand was meager but the demand from Europe was great.

Draft horses shipped overseas were mostly of Percheron stock, and the saddle stock left behind is a mixture of standard bred crossed with thoroughbred stallion.

D. C. Man Named For Legal Post

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—President Truman today nominated George T. Washington of the District of Columbia to be assistant solicitor general of the United States. He would succeed Harold W. Judson who has resigned.

Washington, a native of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, has served as acting solicitor general since the latter part of April when Judson left to direct a department of justice mission in Europe. Upon his return, Judson submitted his resignation to President Truman.

Washington is a graduate of Yale university and was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford university. He is a descendant of Col. Samuel Washington, brother of the first president. He represents George Washington in the society of Cincinnati as nearest living relative.

Hearing Scheduled On Telegram Hike

SALEM, July 10 (AP)—Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg today ordered a hearing here July 20 on the application by the Western Union Telegraph company to increase its rates within Oregon by 9.3 per cent.

The increase is similar to that granted on interstate messages by the federal communications commission. The company's request for the increase for its Oregon business was for the increase to take effect July 20. Flagg today postponed the effective date for 30 days pending the outcome of the hearing.

Portland Doctor Testifies On Redin Physical Check

SEATTLE, July 10 (AP)—A Portland, Ore., physician testified in the espionage and conspiracy trial of Nicolai G. Redin today that he gave the Russian naval lieutenant the same kind of physical examination he had given a number of American naval officers during his wartime service.

The physician, Dr. John M. Boyer, was called to the stand by the government under special agreement of counsel, and testified to answer Redin's testimony that he had been forcibly undressed and compelled to submit to personal indignities after his seizure last March 26.

"As a matter of fact, wasn't the examination to see if any evidence was concealed on his person?" asked Defense Attorney Irvin Goodman on cross-examination.

"I didn't understand it so," Dr. Boyer replied.

In answer to further questioning, Boyer said he "didn't understand exactly what the purpose was."

Redin had testified that he had been stripped to his shorts, forced to stand in his bare feet for an hour and been subjected to indignities.

Boyer said he was called to the federal courthouse building in Portland by the officer in charge of the federal bureau of investigation the evening of March 26 and the examination took "only about 15 minutes after we really got going."

He said he had examined American navy officers for a number of months and the examination given Redin was the same type given the American officers.

Redin's attractive wife, at his side since his trial began, remained to be called in the case's final stages.

Robbed Sailor Sailor Robber

PORTLAND, July 10 (AP)—A sailor who reported theft of a \$1,000 diamond ring and ruby-studded wrist watch was too persistent.

When he returned again and again to complain to police, the sailor's name revived the memory of Detective Leonard Shaffer. A check of police files proved him right.

The sailor was wanted in San Francisco for theft of the ring and the watch from a woman acquaintance.

U. S. Refuses To Recognize Russ Seizures In Austria

VIENNA, July 10 (AP)—The United States government announced today it would not recognize the Russian confiscation of German properties in the Soviet zone of Austria which fell into the category of forced transfers as defined at the London conference of January 1943.

At that conference, the allies agreed that they would not recognize the transfer of property to German ownership in German-occupied areas if such transfers were made forcibly, even if there was apparent willingness on the part of the former owners.

Gen. Mark W. Clark, U. S. commander in Austria, announced at the same time that the United States was prepared to turn over to Austrian trusteeship all German assets in the American zone pending negotiations of the allied powers on the U. S. proposal to renounce the American share in German assets in Austria.

Transport Plane Strikes Hillside In New England

HOLYOKE, Mass., July 10 (AP)—Twenty-five army, navy and coast guard men—the entire crew and passenger list of a converted Flying Fortress carrying the bombardment service men from Gander, Newfoundland—were killed last night when the plane crashed against 1200-foot Mount Tom.

Salvage crews summoned to the scene of New England's worst air disaster, labored today on the mist-shrouded hill that rises, abrupt and alone, above the Connecticut valley not far from Westover field in nearby Chicopee, where the plane was to have landed at 9:27 EST, last night.

The broken bodies of the occupants, whose names were withheld pending notification of next of kin, were scattered among the plane's wreckage along a 400-foot swath shown by the crashing B-17 through dense woods 200 feet from the hill-top.

Bodies Recovered
Army rescue forces who struggled up a steep, cobblestoned road, reported that by daybreak they had recovered

PALMER, Mass., July 10 (AP)—State police reported today that a C-47 army transport crashed in flames here and that eyewitnesses saw seven parachutes in the sky.

about 20 bodies and had taken them to Holyoke funeral homes. Five bodies were believed still in the smoking, charred wreckage that was spread in small pieces over the quarter-mile-square area.

During the morning, many hours after the crash, the woods still were smoking and occasional bursts of flame kept army guards busy with portable extinguishers. Engine nacelles and mangled parts of the fuselage still gave off an intense heat.

Army officers speculated that the pilot, possibly unfamiliar with the terrain, did not observe the mountain until it was too late.

Typical GI mementos of a happy homecoming—that became a grim tragedy—dotted the charred ground.

Effects Scattered
There were personal snapshots, obviously of parents, wives and sweethearts. A gold wrist watch, that somehow withstood the shattering crash, glittered among the ashes, its hands stopped at 10:20, the approximate time of the crash.

Music records of the V-disc type distributed to armed service men, were strewn among the wreckage. Charred and torn parachutes, unopened, lay in piles.

There also were navy pea jackets, burned shoes, wallets, blankets, and several letters.

Army officials said the letters were destined for the United States from the overseas service men.

Westover airfield officials said identification of the dead would be impossible for an indefinite period.

Most of the bodies were badly dismembered by the impact of the crash that hewed down trees a foot in diameter.

Senate Approves Compromise Bill

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—The senate approved today a conference report on a billion dollar rivers and harbors bill. The measure now goes to the White House.

Action came on a voice vote which isn't recorded. The house approved the report yesterday after conferees reduced a \$150,000,000 authorization for the Arkansas river to \$55,000,000.

Another billion dollar bill authorizing flood control projects moved nearer final congressional action with conference committee agreement yesterday on several projects added by the senate.

City Swelters Under Hot Sun

Klamath Falls experienced one of the hottest days of the year today, as thermometers rose to 93 degrees by 2:30. Indications were that the temperature was near its peak at that time, although there was a possibility of it going slightly higher. Wednesday's temperature was highest since September 13, 1945, when it was also 93.

Eighty-nine was the highest temperature recorded all year so far—on June 20, preceded by an 88-degree temperature on June 19.

Yesterday, Klamath was the second hottest spot in Oregon, according to official weather reports, with a temperature of 80 degrees. This rise followed a steady decline in heat for the past three days, hitting 70 July 8. A recent slight trace of moisture helped keep temperatures down until yesterday.

On July 8, in the valley, Medford was sweltering under a 94 degree heat, while Eugene remained a cool 77, and Portland registered 72.

Senate Cuts Dairy Curbs From OPA

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—The senate, rapidly loading down the OPA renewal bill with exemptions, voted today to prohibit price control of milk and dairy products.

The amendment was written into the one-year extension measure by a roll call vote of 51 to 27.

Earlier today, cottonseed and soy beans were exempted by a 42 to 34 vote.

The flood of special treatment amendments began yesterday with adoption of meat and poultry decontrol, 49 to 28.

Votes still appeared probable on other items, such as tobacco and petroleum.

Barkley Glum
Majority Leader Barkley, glumly aware of the trend even before the start of today's session, told reporters sardonically that he guessed he ought to offer an amendment to prevent price control of okra, broccoli and artichokes.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the republican whip, sponsored both the meat and dairy decontrols.

Earlier, Barkley had told his colleagues he would call a night session tonight if there seemed any chance the legislation to restore OPA and some of its powers could be shoved to a final vote tomorrow.

On the 10th day of no OPA operations, Barkley argued that speed is important if any price and rent controls are to be restored.

Milk Prices Go Up Here

Milk prices rose from 15 to 17 cents per quart here this morning. The price raise is necessary to take care of government subsidies which are no longer in effect, dairymen say.

The commercial or coffee cream price rose to 37 cents a pint and 7 1/2 a quart. Three months ago prices on the same product were 27 cents per pint and 60 per quart.

One Klamath dairymen explained the price hike in simple terms saying that the consumer is now paying the full price for his milk, absorbing the government subsidy which went off with the death of the OPA.

A maze of conflicting orders leaves the whipping cream situation in a state of confusion today. One local dairy here reports receiving a department of agriculture order to withhold sale of the cream as of July 1.

Following the order the dairy took whipping cream off the market until the OPA went out of existence and there was no enforcing agency left to handle the order. Today the dairy again had its whipping cream on the shelves of local stores.

Other local creameries say that they have never received such an order and have continued to sell whipping cream, which is on the markets at a retail price of 27 cents a half pint and 50 cents a pint.

New Born Rats Survive A-Bomb

KWAJALEIN, July 10 (AP)—A pig found swimming in Bikini lagoon after the atom bomb sank the Japanese cruiser Sakawa is still alive.

So are three rats, born on the battleship Pennsylvania the day the atomic bomb exploded.

Capt. Fitzhugh Lee, task force information officer who made these revelations today, refused to disclose any information on the condition of other surviving animals from target ships.