

# OPA Grants Price Raise On Clothing

WASHINGTON, July 30 (AP)—The OPA has granted a general 11 per cent retail price increase for men's shirts, shorts and pajamas.

It also has authorized an additional 10 per cent increase for men's and boys' dress shirts and boys' low priced sports shirts in cases where this does not raise prices beyond OPA maximums.

The agency's announcement last night said these maximums are about \$1.84 on men's dress shirts, \$1.04 on one type of boys' shirts and \$1.35 on another.

The increases were granted under a requirement of the old price law that industry earnings be maintained at the 1936-39 level. They will compensate manufacturers for rising labor and materials costs from August 18, 1945, the previous cut-off point, to June 30.

Some OPA officials have estimated forthcoming additional clothing increases, under the price control revival law, will run another 15 to 20 per cent.

## No. 1 Toastmaster



This is Joseph P. Rinnert, Los Angeles, new president of Toastmasters International.

## Toastmaster Lauds Papers

SEATTLE, July 30—At the first peacetime convention of Toastmasters International, held here for three days, 437 chapters, representing many foreign countries as well as the United States, elected Joseph P. Rinnert of Los Angeles, well-known champion of civil liberties, president for the coming year.

In assuming new post, Rinnert declared that American newspapers, in their battle to maintain a free press and the American way, have paralleled the thousands of individual Toastmasters all over the country in their efforts to maintain free speech. Rinnert stated that Toastmasters, as a group and individually, were cited by the government for their wartime efforts in speaking on behalf of government drives.

That Toastmasters have become a potent factor along with newspapers in helping to mould American opinion is indicated by the fact that installation of new Toastmaster International chapters is going forward at the rate of two new chapters per week, throughout the United States.

Rinnert, a prominent California attorney, is a member of the firm of L. R. Martineau Jr.

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## Steele Named To Vet Post

James P. Cooley, director of the 11th United States civil service region, announces the appointment of Leighton H. Steele as veterans federal employment representative for the region embracing the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and the territory of Alaska.

Steele was director of the training-within-industry service (a division of the war manpower commission) for the northwest region during the war years, and subsequently with the veterans administration as chief of registration and research division of the vocational rehabilitation and education service.

In order to promote comprehensive information data regarding all phases of the commission's veterans program, Steele will contact all veteran organizations and federal agencies throughout the region.

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## OPA Stand May Stop Alaskan Box Making

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, July 30 (AP)—Faced with office of price administration rejections of its two requests for ceiling increases on box lumber, the Ketchikan spruce mills informed the Ketchikan fish exchange yesterday it intended to stop the manufacture of boxes August 1.

The mills had asked an increase from \$50 to \$75 per thousand feet.

A halt in box manufacture probably would close the fish exchange, operators said.

## Diphtheria Outbreak Reported In Control

KODIAK, Alaska, July 30 (AP)—The outbreak of diphtheria at the quarantined Adak base is believed under control and none of the cases are critical, navy medical authorities reported yesterday.

Capt. C. F. Lowry, district medical officer who went to Adak after the epidemic started July 20, reported there were no cases at any other Aleutian base.

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