

Food Cut Eyed

British Troops To Search German Farms For Food

FRANKFURT, Germany, May 15 (AP)—German officials proposed today a temporary slash in the official ration in the British and American zones as food experts of both zones met in emergency session on Western Germany's grave food crisis.

Government sources in London said British troops would seek to crush a large-scale black market which is held largely responsible for the critical situation. British troops will search farmsteads for hidden stocks which, the informants said, are hoarded for diversion into black market channels.

Reports reaching Berlin from the Soviet zone indicated that the Russians, too, were experiencing difficulty meeting ration scales in Eastern Germany, although the situation there was believed to be less acute.

Poker Held Health Threat

CHICAGO, May 15 (AP)—Playing poker and other card games, especially for cash stakes, is "a major contributing factor to coronary attacks," says Dr. Robert S. Berghoff, a heart specialist and retiring president of the Illinois State Medical society.

In an interview at the society's meeting yesterday, Dr. Berghoff said: "You come home from a poker game elated and excited because you have won. In reality, you have lost, for when you go to bed you are restless, your sleep is broken. Next day you are exhausted. Why? Excitement of that poker game threw a heavy load on your heart."

Snell To Return To State Friday

SALEM, Ore., May 15 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell will arrive in Portland by plane tomorrow morning from Washington, D. C., where he testified yesterday at a hearing of a senate appropriations sub-committee on funds for western reclamation and power projects.

Secretary of State Robert S. Farwell Jr. will remain acting governor until Snell returns.

JOINS AP

ONTARIO, Ore., May 15 (AP)—The Ontario Argus began receiving Associated Press service as a member today.

The Argus, which is entering the semi-weekly field, has been elected to membership with Bernard Mainwaring as the member. Don Lynch, formerly of the Baker Democrat-Herald, will be publisher.

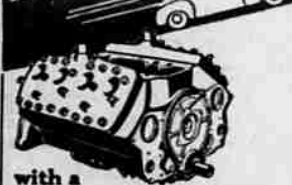
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Ambulance attendants remove the body of a man from trunk of an abandoned auto in San Francisco. Chief Homicide Inspector Frank Ahern identified the body as that of Nicholas (Nick) De John (right) of Chicago.

Appraisal Probe Made

An investigation of appraisal ceilings set by the Veterans administration in this area has been made by H. J. Hoffman, supervising loan guarantee officer out of the Seattle office of VA.

Hoffman spent a short period here in connection with a controversy that developed between Portland VA officials and Bob Oliver, local real estate man and builder. Oliver is constructing a number of houses for sale to veterans in the Summers lane area, and alleged that a ceiling placed by the VA on the houses was unfair.

Results of Hoffman's probe have not been announced.

Former OPA Man Held On Charge

PORTLAND, May 15 (AP)—Charles S. Kaufman, former Portland OPA aide, was held in Multnomah county jail today on \$1000 bail after his arrest by FBI agents on a Los Angeles federal court indictment.

Howard I. Bobbitt, FBI agent, said Kaufman was charged with falsifying a civil service application in which he claimed to be a licensed attorney.

The federal indictment was issued November 13, 1946, and Bobbitt said he could not explain why Kaufman had not been arrested earlier.

Milk Strikers Indicted

NEW ORLEANS, May 15 (AP)—Sixty-one men, including several AFL union officials, were indicted by the federal grand jury here today on charges of conspiracy to interfere with interstate commerce during the recent Louisiana milk strike.

The indictment charged the alleged conspiracy included the halting of trucks and trains carrying milk to New Orleans; seizure of milk from the trains; seizure of trucks; shooting at trucks which failed to stop for road blocks; and demands that milk distributors cease shipping through the strike area to New Orleans.

Those indicted today include 24 who were indicted on April 2 on charges of retarding the mail or larceny of goods in interstate commerce in connection with the strike. Maximum penalty for the violation charged today is 20 years' imprisonment, \$10,000 fine, or both, for each defendant.

Most of those named in both indictments are residents of the

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Last year these employees had an increase of 18½ cents an hour. This was their third major wage increase since 1939. Their average weekly pay has gone up 75%, as against a cost-of-living rise of 54%.

Since 1939, railroad wage and material costs have gone up more than three times as much as freight rates, and five times as much as passenger fares. That is why in

1946, with the largest peacetime traffic in history, the net income of railroads went down to the equivalent of only 2½% of the net property investment.

What About 1947?

Even with the recent freight rate increase, preliminary figures indicate that the railroads will make only about the same low return in 1947 as in 1946. This will be because:—the wage increase made in 1946 will be in effect for all of 1947;

—special payroll taxes on railroads have recently been increased;

—and passenger traffic has declined.

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Sale of Copco Stock Approved
PHILADELPHIA, May 9 (AP)—The securities and exchange commission Thursday approved a sale by California Oregon Power company of 60,000 shares of 18,000 cumulative preferred and 18,000 shares of \$20 par common.

Approval also included the sale by COPCO's parent Standard Gas and Electric, of 390,000 shares of the company's \$20 par common. The shares will be sold at competitive bidding and the commission granted the request of both companies to shorten to six days the usual ten-day period for inviting bids.

Standard will use proceeds from the sale of its holdings in COPCO to pay interest and principal on promissory notes.

COPCO will use proceeds from sale of its preferred and common to redeem at \$110 a share its outstanding 45,761 shares of six percent preferred, series 1927, and to reimburse its treasury for property improvement costs.

The shares to be sold are to be newly issued.

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