

# CIO DEMANDS FULL PRICE PROBE

## In The Day's News

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BRITAIN'S new "crisis" bill is now LAW.

Note the capital letters. In this case, they are important. In British countries, a law, when finally adopted and put on the books, is regarded as something to GOVERN EVERYBODY. In this country, we're inclined to look upon statute law as a GESTURE. Those of us who don't like it then evade it or beat it, if we can.

The British are different. For one thing, they instinctively do as any policeman tells them to do—and work it out later if the policeman should happen to be wrong.

In this country, we instinctively resent it when any policeman tells us to do anything whatever. We just don't like to be TOLD.

THE new law empowers Britain's labor government to MUSTER ALL BRITISH RESOURCES and to GUIDE LABOR INTO ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES in efforts to achieve economic recovery—which is another way of saying that it is a new attempt to increase British production because increased production is the only way in which economic recovery can be achieved.

Note particularly that this new and more stringent law confirms the principle that in Britain the government can TELL both industry and labor what to do OR ELSE.

OUR natural thought is that it won't work.

This writer, for one, is convinced that it wouldn't work here. We resent being TOLD, and in our resentment we are apt to go so far as to refuse full co-operation. But the British are more willing to be told. Some of them even like it. Note that the LABOR GOVERNMENT there forces through this law to TELL LABOR where it must head in.

So maybe it will work in Britain. At least, we must hope that it does. As the world is now divided up, our fortunes and the fortunes of Britain are closely tied up together.

BRITAIN isn't as badly off in the way of production as the day-to-day news leads us to believe.

In June, British steel production was 4.27 per cent over 1938, the last full year of peace. It was 20 per cent over the rate at the end of the war. British automobile production is three per cent higher than in 1938, and truck production is up 71 per cent. Sulphuric acid, one of the most important of the industrial chemicals, showed a rise in May of 36 per cent over pre-war.

In shipbuilding, tremendously important to a country that lives by commerce, the British are going great guns. They are already building nearly two and a half times as much ship tonnage as in 1938, and the rate is steadily increasing. At the beginning of July of this year, Britain had under construction in her own yards MORE THAN HALF of all the merchant shipping being built in the world.

OUR anti-British demagogues like to tell us that in their intervals between beer-drinking and darts-throwing at the pubs the British twiddle their thumbs and live on our bounty under a glorified WPA system.

The figures here quoted make it quite plain that this isn't true. In many of their industries they are working efficiently and getting somewhere.

SINCE 1945, when the new socialist-slanted government came into power, the British have nationalized (taken over into government ownership) the coal mines, the Bank of England, atomic research, civil aviation, the railroads, all long distance motor transport, the canals (which in England are immensely important arteries of commerce), electrical supplies and real estate development.

Note that steel, automobiles and trucks, chemicals and shipbuilding

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**WEATHER**  
 Max. (Aug. 13) 87 Min. 51  
 Precipitation last 24 hours .00  
 Five-year year to date 11.15  
 Last year 12.54 Normal 14.42  
 Forecast: Fair today, Thursday.

# Herald and News

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## Hughes Hearing Still In Balance

### Freighters Collide In Fog Off Washington; One Sinks

PORT ANGELES, Aug. 13 (AP)—The richly-laden Alaska motorship Diamond Knot, bringing a \$3,000,000 salmon cargo south, collided with a coastal freighter in heavy fog and sank eight hours later as tug boats tried to tow it to the Washington shore. The 36 crew members were rescued.

### Lower Tax Rates Set For '47-'48

| Combined Millage Rates | 1947-'48 | 1946-'47 |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Klamath Falls          | 75.7     | 115.4    |
| Bonanza                | 61.7     | 66.2     |
| Chiloquin              | 56.2     | 65.3     |
| Main                   | 56.3     | 66.2     |
| Merrill                | 54.8     | 69       |
| General Rural          | 41.2     | 41       |
| General Suburban       | 40.9     | 54.6     |

General millage rates of taxation are in order for Klamath Falls and most tax units of the county for the 1947-48 fiscal period, but in the end some \$7,000 more money is to be collected by direct taxation this fiscal year than last.

An increase of almost 25 per cent in the assessed valuation of real property in the county accounts for the lower millage rate; excess funds voted for schools the higher tax cash figure.

The assessed value of all real property in Klamath Falls last year was \$9,684,572. This year it's \$12,785,794. The assessed figure for the county last year was \$31,402,923; this year it's \$39,280,772.97.

In the past few months the county undertook to readjust assessments upward 25 per cent on a more or less flat raise basis, with the raise about the amount.

### Girls Plan Europe Trip

SEATTLE, Aug. 13 (AP)—Two former Boeing girl employes, armed with bottles of vitamin pills and backed by their wartime earnings, were eastbound today for a European visit, planning to bicycle their way about the continent.

Miss Georgia Kennedy, 28, Corvallis, Ore., and Miss Phyllis Wildermuth, 25, Seattle, flew east yesterday to New York and will sail from there for Southampton on the Queen Elizabeth. They said they had each saved about \$2000.

"As winter comes along, we expect to travel farther south all the time," Miss Wildermuth said. "We'll stay until our money runs out, and we hope it will last eight months."

### Children She Will Adopt



Mrs. F. J. Schuster of Chico, Calif., meets two Norwegian children, Jane, 8 months old, and Arne, 4, upon their arrival at La Guardia field, N. Y., by Pan American clipper from London. The two children who will be adopted by Mrs. Schuster, came from Alesund, Norway, birthplace of Mrs. Schuster's father. —AP wirephoto.

### Rebels Flee Capital City

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 13 (AP)—An official Paraguayan source here said rebel forces were fleeing from their positions around Asuncion today after suffering a sharp defeat at the hands of loyal Paraguayan troops in the latest action of a five-months old civil war.

This informant said the loyalists were "tenaciously pursuing" the retreating insurgents in the direction of Piquete Cue and Villeta, north of the capital. An earlier official announcement last night said a loyalist relief column—pressing down from the north, where the rebel capital of Concepcion was captured on July 31—had reached a point only 12 miles from Asuncion.

The official source here said the message he received from Asuncion last night reported that insurgent forces around the threatened loyalist capital had been "destroyed."

He did not make plain, however, whether the insurgent troops mentioned constituted the entire rebel force concentrated there or a part of it.

### Korean Deal Asked By U.S.

WASHINGTON, August 13 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall proposed to Russia today that the United States and the Soviets re-examine by August 21 their stalemate efforts to agree on a unified provisional government for all Korea.

In a letter to Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, Marshall said that the failure of a joint Soviet-American commission to make progress was a "matter of great concern" to the United States.

"The United States government believes that, in justice to the Korean people whose hopes of independence have been so long postponed, there cannot be further delay," Marshall added.

"It is the desire therefore of this government that by August 21, 1947, the joint commission report the status of its deliberations so that each government may immediately consider what further steps may usefully be taken to achieve the aims of the Moscow agreement, namely the establishment of an independent, united Korea which can take its place among the United Nations."

### Falling Plaster Injures Four

AKRON, O., Aug. 13 (AP)—Four persons suffered minor injuries today when a 20-foot strip of plaster fell from a ceiling beam in a small movie theatre here.

Police estimated about 50 persons were in the theatre (State), which seats 400, and said there was no panic.

The plaster, which fell in chunks, one weighing an estimated 300 pounds, smashed about a dozen seats in the eighth and ninth center-section rows.

Police said the work of tearing down two nearby buildings might have loosened the plaster.

### U.S. Ports Watched For Meyer Exit

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—Chairman Ferguson (R-Mich.) said today it will be up to his war-investigating subcommittee to decide whether to probe deeper into the "side issue" feud between Howard Hughes and Senator Brewster (R-Me.).

But Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) declared that in his view the next step, if there is one, will have to be taken either by the full senate or the justice department.

The two ranking members of the subcommittee outlined their opinions in separate interviews as the customs bureau stepped into the picture in an effort to make certain that the main Hughes inquiry can get under way again November 17.

Stop Order  
Frank Dow, acting commissioner of customs, notified collectors at all ports yesterday to stop John W. Meyer, Hughes' free-spending publicity man, if he tries to leave the country.

Meyer's unexplained absence last Saturday after an earlier committee subpoena for him expired was one of the reasons Ferguson cited for ordering a postponement in the two-week-old investigation into Hughes' \$40,000,000 worth of wartime airplane contracts.

Meyer was reported to have been in New York yesterday.

Ferguson told a reporter he believes the next session of congress may consider establishing a permanent senate-house committee to conduct investigations.

### Canada Hits Red Atom Plan

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 13 (AP)—Canada declared today that Russia's plan for an international atomic control commission is not adequate as it stands now and suggested that the United Nations atomic delegates get on with their job of drafting their second report.

George Ignatieff, Canada, presented a resolution to that effect to the political committee of the United Nations atomic energy commission but the committee deferred action until Friday when the Soviet representative, Prof. Dmitri V. Skobeltsin, asked for delay.

Skobeltsin said that Andrei A. Gromyko, Soviet delegate, "unfortunately" could not be present and requested the committee not to decide anything until he could attend. He was referring to action on the Soviet proposals as well as on Canada's resolution.

### Lack Of Ace Loses Match

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (AP)—Because their opponents bid a grand slam without having the ace of trumps, a team captained by Charles H. Goren of Philadelphia early today won the final event of the 21st annual summer tournament of the American Contract Bridge league, the world master team-of-four championship.

The winners ended only 40 points ahead of the losing team, headed by Howard Schenken of New York city, a member of winning teams six times in the past.

Goren's team, trailing by 2,500 points three-quarters of the way through the 56-game series, won out on the final hand, when opponents bid the grand slam.

### Bas-Relief Of Pyle Unveiled

TOKYO, Aug. 13 (AP)—A life-size bas-relief of War Correspondent Ernie Pyle, killed on Ie Shima in the Ryukyus late in the war, will be unveiled Sunday in the lobby of the army theatre here which bears his name. Brig. Gen. C. A. Willoughby of G-2 will unveil the plaque, one of five made by Vincent Colby of Albuquerque, N. M.

### Bulletin

Commissioner Michael Straus of the bureau of reclamation notified reclamation officials here today of appointments to the examining board for the forthcoming Coppeck bay homestead openings.

To serve on the board are Nelson Reed, Klamath Falls; John S. Wynn, Newall, and E. L. Stephens, Klamath Falls. Both Reed and Stephens, a USBR official, were on the board in the first drawing. The number of members on the board was reduced from the five of the first drawing to three for the Coppeck drawing.

### In Trouble



Gerald O'Neill, 51, was arraigned in Los Angeles municipal court on bigamy charges brought by investigators who credited him with eight marriages and no divorces. According to a district attorney's office investigator, Walter J. Sullivan, O'Neill once served a prison term for bigamy. —AP wirephoto.

### Gas Lack Hits Detroit

DETROIT, Aug. 13 (AP)—Emergency supplies of gasoline were reported today to be promised the city of Detroit, which must halt its municipal vehicles tomorrow unless more fuel is obtained.

The city council, in a special meeting, was informed by Rankin Peck, president of the national congress of petroleum dealers, that extra rations would be granted to keep the motor city's police cars, fire trucks and municipally-operated buses on the move.

His statement came as Council President George Edwards told supplier representatives "we either get gas or we get around to taking spartan measures to meet the situation."

The "spartan measures," it was indicated, might mean limited filling stations to four hours operation daily and seizing unused fuel stocks.

At the request of Mayor Edward J. Jeffries and Michigan's Republican Senators Vandenberg and Ferguson, U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark in Washington ordered the anti-trust division of the department of justice to conduct an investigation into Detroit's gasoline problem to see if any laws have been violated.

### Child Hurt In Accident

THOMAS O'HARRA, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. O'Harra of 3325 Garden, is suffering from lacerations and abrasions as the result of an accident Tuesday afternoon when he was struck by a car while riding his bicycle.

The boy was riding his bicycle out of a driveway on S. 6th street when he went into the path of a car driven by Clyde R. Hartley, 19, of 417 McCourt. The boy and his bike was dragged an estimated 50 feet, according to investigating city police.

Police said that Hartley was not held and was traveling at the legal rate of speed when the accident occurred.

The Professional Ambulance service brought the boy to Klamath Valley hospital where he was treated for shock and a cut on his head. He was kept overnight for observation.

### Union Urges Three-Way Meeting

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—The CIO, contending the price situation demands further action than a justice department investigation, renewed today a request that President Truman call an industry-government-labor conference to seek voluntary price reductions.

Emil Rieve, chairman of the labor organization's full employment committee, said in a statement that the CIO welcomes a statement by Attorney General Clark's announcement that an investigation of high prices will be made.

"But many prices are set by large monopolies, and monopolies do not necessarily fall under the criminal law and Clark's investigation," he added.

### GM Control

"For example, in the automobile industry, General Motors controls probably 60 per cent of the business and therefore is able to dictate prices.

"So we feel that steps should be taken at once to carry out our proposal of yesterday, that President Truman summon a conference of industry, government and labor representatives to seek voluntary price reductions and that congress, immediately upon reconvening, should reestablish price and rationing controls."

On Capitol Hill, Rep. Crawford (R-Mich.), a leading congressional critic of OPA, labeled as "fantastic" Clark's order for an anti-trust investigation into food, clothing and price controls.

The lawmaker said it appears to him to be aimed at bringing about a depression at home to help foreign nations buy more goods here. He added that Clark ought to turn his attention to the administration's fiscal policies which, Crawford contended, are the cause of high prices.

### B-29's Make Cold Flight

PORT WORTH, Tex., Aug. 13 (AP)—With the frosty atmosphere of the North Polar region still fresh in their memory, pilots and crews of 16 B-29's of the 8th air force landed this morning at Fort Worth army air field, completing a flight from Anchorage, Alaska, in 11 hours and 30 minutes.

The command ship of the B-29's, occupied by Col. Alan D. Clark, commander of the 7th group, and of FWAAF, touched its wheels to the home runway at 8:08 a.m., more than an hour ahead of schedule.

The group flew 48 missions, or a total of 700 hours while in the polar region, and executed 16 sorties over the north polar cap, the first time any such flight has been made by the big bombers.

Lt. Col. James H. Thompson, group operations officer, said that he flew within 50 feet of the water at the north pole, with the temperature at freezing. During all of the polar operations, compasses 15 to 45 degrees because of proximity to the magnetic pole.

### Couple Crushed By Spilled Logs

MEDFORD, Aug. 13 (AP)—A man and a woman crushed in their automobile when logs spilled from a truck, were in a hospital here today with serious injuries.

John Houghland, 64, and Cordelia Houghland, 43, believed to be his wife, were taken from the car yesterday unconscious.

They were believed en route from Hermiston to Grants Pass.

Clayton F. Finch, Eagle Point, driver of the truck with which the Houghland car collided, was uninjured.

### Packs And Bedrolls Sorted As Reign Ends



Queens Guy Williamson (left) and Edna Matteson, assisted by Jim Matteson of their party, are pictured sorting camp equipment for the ride to Medford with John Ebinger who sponsored part of the queen's trip.



The 9 o'clock photographer had a low fire on his ear this morning, so he went to the nearest filling station and had Bob Steele put in a little of that "free air." At the same time he took his early morning picture.