

Stassen Proposes Price Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—Declining comment on Harold E. Stassen's assertion that democratic "insiders" speculated in foodstuffs, President Truman said today he knows nothing about any such activities.

Mr. Truman added, in response to the news conference questions, that he had not read Stassen's speech in Doylestown, Pa. last night.

The republican presidential aspirant called in his address for "a major investigation" of the administration's handling of rising food costs and presented a seven-point program to "level off and bring down prices."

The candidate for the republican presidential nomination told the organization of Pennsylvania republican women last night that he is "disgusted" with President Truman's "petty politics" in trying to shift the blame to the republican party.

Blaming the president and democratic "insiders" for the price spirals, Stassen called for this program:

1. A prompt, thorough investigation of all food market operations of the government and of all officials and insiders of the government.
2. The enactment of a law prohibiting the buying and selling of commodities for their personal account by an official or employee of the state, war, commerce, agriculture, or executive departments, and providing for penalties for its violation.
3. The extension of export controls and placing them in the hands of a new American agency for the handling of the entire Marshall plan.
4. A new inventory control power to be given the government to use against hoarding and profiteering and monopolies of scarce items, and requiring the return of excess inventories held by government or by private companies to the market place.
5. The reinstatement of consumer credit controls to slow up installment and credit buying.
6. Temporary restrictions on the commodity exchanges.
7. Encouragement of buyer resistance, conservation and savings.

Influenza Gains Over State

PORTLAND, Dec. 11 (AP)—Influenza continued to become more prevalent in Oregon last week, with 25 cases recorded, the state board of health said today.

So far this year, Oregon has reported 1449 influenza cases, compared with 731 cases in the same period of 1946. Four cases of infantile paralysis—two in Benton county, one in Malheur and one in Multnomah county—occurred last week.

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More Guard Units Get Recognition

SALEM, Dec. 11 (AP)—Two more National Guard units were inspected for federal recognition Tuesday night, bringing to 40 the number of new units activated since the end of the war, Acting Adjutant General Raymond F. Olson said today.

The new units are a battery and medical detachment, 218th field artillery battalion, Portland, and company D, 162nd infantry, Oregon City.

WTC Develops New Barker

LONGVIEW, Wash., Dec. 11 (AP)—An air-powered compressing and shearing wheel takes bark from logs without cutting into the outer sapwood was reported today by Weyerhaeuser Timber company.

The new equipment for the first time makes possible clean removal of the bark and full conversion of 100 percent of the wood from the log along with the bark. The speed is about the same in either process, averaging one and three-quarter minutes for an eight-foot log of 40-inch diameter.

Heritage said the new barker, conceived by engineers of the firm's development department, is based on the simpler principle that less force is required to crush bark than wood. When the proper force is applied, the bark separates automatically.

Earth May Go Through Comet Tail

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 11 (AP)—Dr. Richard Woolley, director of the commonwealth observatory in Canberra, said today it was possible that the earth would pass through the 40-million-mile tail of a strange comet which has flamed across the southern skies for the past two nights.

"Observations in the next few days will show if and when this can be expected," Woolley said. "If it occurs, there will be a harmless but spectacular shower of meteorites."

"The earth passed through the tail of the great comet of 1861, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, but no phenomenon was noticeable 'beyond the diffused glare'."

He said he was convinced that the comet was one which had never before been recorded.

Classified Ads Bring Results

Oil Shipment Caution Urged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—President Truman waits congress to think it over carefully before taking any action to prohibit shipments of oil abroad.

Mr. Truman gave this advice to Chairman Welch (R-Calif.) of the house public lands committee, in a letter made public by Welch today. Welch and Chairman Butler (R-Neb.) of the senate public lands committee joined last week in asking the president to ban oil exports as a means of conserving petroleum reserves at home. In giving reports, a copy of Mr. Truman's reply, Welch said the letter "does not answer the problem." Mr. Truman wrote:

"Situations such as these have to

be approached with extreme caution, as you know, and as the house committee discovered when they began raising a fuss about \$22,000,000 worth of goods being shipped to Russia before they know that we bought \$36,000,000 worth of goods from Russia which were indispensable to us."

"I think you will find the interchange of oil products is practically in the same class, and I'd suggest you give the matter a thorough look before you start to take action for which the country may suffer."

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Faster Train Schedule Urged

SEATTLE, Dec. 11 (AP)—Civic representatives of Seattle, Tacoma and Portland decided at a conference with Mayor William F. Devin here yesterday to press for speedier Seattle-San Francisco railway service.

They decided to prepare briefs to the Union Pacific, Northern Pacific and Great Northern for a speed-up on the Seattle-Portland run.

The officials recommended that the Union Pacific's old streamliner, City of Portland, non-operative since before the war, be returned to service on the Seattle-Portland line.

They also decided to ask smaller communities along the line to relax speed limitations of the trains.

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