

By FRANK JENKINS
Washington:
"White potato prices were rolled back five to 10 per cent today (Saturday) in the face of potato industry demands for higher ceilings.

"Plea for an extension of up to 29 days to permit potato growers to be heard in opposition to controls were rejected by Price Stabilizer Michael V. DiSalle."

"What happened to the potato? The answer is short, but not sweet. The potato became a POLITICAL FOOTBALL.

It came about in this way: There was a surplus, and potato prices went below cost of production. The growers appealed to Washington for (political) help. It came in the form of what is known as a crop support. The government bought potatoes to keep them off the open market.

The scheme worked to the extent that with the surplus taken off the market the price of potatoes to the consumer remained (relatively) high. Growers benefited (temporarily) from this situation.

At first, the government destroyed some potatoes in an effort to get rid of them. But this raised the hair on the back of a lot of American growers. We aren't yet far enough along on the road to socialism to see food destroyed without getting rolled about it.

So the (political) government changed its tactics. Instead of destroying potatoes outright, it restricted their use, or at least undesirable, for human consumption by dyeing them with a vegetable dye. These potatoes were then sold at a very low price (10 cents per hundredweight) about the average for a long time) for livestock feed.

For a while, that bridged the gap without too much of a ruckus being raised.

BUT—Two things, both of them perfectly logical, happened: 1. Finding the support price profitable, growers continued to produce a SURPLUS of potatoes.

2. Housewives, seeing potatoes sold at 10 cents per hundredweight for livestock feed while they paid often 50 TIMES THAT MUCH for potatoes for human consumption, became resentful.

Something else happened: It began to cost a whole of a lot of money to support the price of potatoes. The money is cost was TAXPAYER money. First housewives became resentful because of the price differential. Then taxpayers became resentful because it seemed that their money was being poured into a bottomless hole.

SO—The (political) government got scared, and ran for cover. It made an effort to get loose from a situation that was getting too hot to handle. It crawled out of the potato business altogether, withdrawing support from potato prices and saying to the growers: "You're on your own now. You'll have to sink or swim by your own efforts."

BUT—Against something happened. With the government out of it, the potato market righted itself and came back into an approximate balance. With supply reduced by withdrawal of the artificially guaranteed support, prices of potatoes rose in the open market.

That created another political situation. Consumers began to complain. Potato consumers FAR OUTNUMBER potato growers. The (political) government got scared (with an election coming up) and stepped back into the picture with a price freeze on potatoes.

The result of that move is very recent history and doesn't need to be gone into here.

What we have seen (in the case of the potato) is the COMPLETION of a vicious political circle. Here is what I believe: In the case of the potato, the vicious political circle has been completed.

EVENTUALLY, the vicious circle will be completed in the case of ALL THE OTHER subsidized beneficiaries of socialized government.

Why? Here's why: There is no such thing as something for nothing.

You can't lift yourself by your bootstraps. You can't vote EVERYBODY rich.

It will work for a while, but it won't work forever.

Guerrillas In Egypt Shift

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Egyptian guerrillas shifted their attacks to Port Said, northern terminus of the Suez Canal, Friday night for the first time in the three-month canal zone crisis.

No casualties were reported in a British communique describing fighting which broke out, the British said, after a British Methodist preacher and a British army captain were beaten up by "thugs."

The communique flatly denied Egyptian newspaper reports that the British cruiser Liverpool, which is stationed in the canal zone, had shelled Port Said during the fighting.

Two newspapers reported 41 British soldiers were killed during a heavy gun battle. A spokesman for the Egyptian interior ministry confirmed there had been "some shelling" at Port Said but reported only one Egyptian "civilian" killed.

Skating Rink To Be Open Tonight

Moore Park Caretaker Bert Stoll announced late this morning ice skating at the park rink would get underway at 2 p.m. today and would probably continue until 10 p.m. tonight.

City Recreation Director Bob Oney said that there had been great demand for the skating operation, but that the turn-out so far has not come up to demand.

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California Digging Out

Full Scale Probe Set For Ag Unit

By EDWIN B. HASKINSON
WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators Saturday predicted quick approval of a full-scale investigation of multi-million dollar activities in the Department of Agriculture.

"We should be able to make a little less tempting to people, either in government or dealing with the government," Senator Aiken (R-Vt.) told a reporter.

Chairman Ellender (D-La.) of the Senate Agriculture Committee which unanimously approved the investigation late Friday, said he expects quick Senate approval and \$50,000 to finance it.

"A lot of people have been accused of various things," Ellender said. "We hope to give them a chance to tell their story."

The committee acted after hearings on the activities of the National and Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren testify about several million dollars of shortages in government-owned grain and other commodities.

Ellender said the probe vote was not a decision for or against either Brannan or Warren.

In addition to approving the probe of grain storage and other department activities, the committee also listed these matters for investigation:

1. Reports a Kansas City, Mo., group made thousands of dollars of profits by leasing surplus Army buildings at Camp Grover, Mo., and then subleasing them to the Agriculture Department for grain storage.

2. Complaints department employees in the federal land bank and farm credit agencies in St. Louis, Mo., formed a pool to speculate in oil and gas leases on land formerly owned or controlled by the government.

It is estimated that between four and seven million dollars worth of government-owned grain has been sold by elevator and warehousemen, who are not agriculture or government employees.

This, Brannan said, "in effect amounts to stealing," but he added: "We have reason to hope that all except a million or less will be recovered from bonding companies and receivership act."

UN Turns Down Offer

PARIS (AP)—The United Nations General Assembly Saturday turned down new Russian terms for ending the war in Korea and sent the latest Soviet atomic proposals to the U.N. Disarmament Commission for study.

The Korean proposals called for an immediate cease-fire to be followed within 10 days by retreat from the 38th parallel by both sides plus withdrawal of foreign troops from the Korean peninsula within three months.

The vote on the cease-fire and retreat from the parallel was five in favor, 35 against and 10 abstentions. On the withdrawal of foreign troops the vote was seven in favor, 31 against and 11 abstentions.

The assembly sent Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky's atomic suggestions to the disarmament commission by a vote of 40 to five (Soviet bloc), with three abstentions.

It then went on to reject other phases of a catch-all Soviet peace plan in a series of votes.

British Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd said Vishinsky's Korean plan would "transfer the armistice negotiations from Korea to Paris."

He said Vishinsky's suggestions had already interfered with the progress of the talks at Panmunjom and said if Vishinsky really wants peace in Korea "let Soviet influence be brought to bear where it can be most effective—with the Chinese and the North Koreans."

Abstruse Expatiation Expert Stumbles On Multiloquence

By WILLIAM O. VARN
WASHINGTON (AP)—The man who hung the tag of "bafflegab" on complex governmental language got an award Friday for coining the word.

But in the doing he got tangled up in his own "gobbledeek" definition of his brain-child. He forgot two words in his 28-word explanation of what "bafflegab" language means.

The man who got the award was Milton A. Smith, assistant general counsel for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The donor of the award was the Bellingham, Wash., Herald. The man who presented it was Michael V. DiSalle, rotund Price Stabilizer.



SURPRISE — While Red Cross leaders yesterday were planning to start the annual membership-fund campaign, they were surprised to receive contributions from three individuals and one firm who wouldn't wait for the drive to start.

Listed as first Klamath members of the Red Cross for 1952 are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beane, Mrs. Kata Hirsche and F. W. Woolworth Company. Above, Red Cross Exec. Secy. Virginia Dixon hands the contributions to Drive Chairman R. H. Tisdale.

Red Cross Plans Kickoff In March For Short Drive

A short but hard-hitting drive, designed to put the Red Cross membership-fund drive over the top within two weeks, is being planned for the first half of March in Klamath County.

At a joint meeting of the Fund Planning and Fund Drive Committees yesterday, a kickoff breakfast was scheduled for Feb. 28 and the actual campaign is to start March 1.

Campaign directors say a full-blown drive will be put on this year because of the importance of assuring adequate funds for normal Red Cross services in addition to the now all-important blood collection activity.

Klamath County's goal this year is \$25,000, same as last year. But whereas last year's efforts netted only about \$17,000 of the quota, every attempt will be made to raise the full amount this year.

Campaign chiefs say this is particularly important in view of the added expense of blood collection. Blood being collected here and at other Red Cross centers throughout the nation, is being rushed to the Korean war front and also being used by hometown hospitals.

Heading the two general committees in Klamath this year are L. W. Rothenberger, Fund Planning, and R. H. Tisdale, assisted by George Dimbat, Fund Drive.

Members of the two committees who have been active thus far are: Fund Planning—Warren Bennett, Vern Spiers, Otto Smith, Mrs. W. A. Shannon and Charles Hahn; Fund Drive—Wes Lorenz (advant. gifts), Roy Murphy (business), O. K. Puckett (industrial), Herb Pollard (outlying districts), Mrs. George Clark (residential), Carroll Howe and John Heyden (special groups).

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Wives Offer Search Reward

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Women who offered the reward were wives of Capt. John O'Dell, 23, and Capt. Vernon Moe, 27. O'Dell was the pilot and Moe co-pilot of the missing plane.

Mrs. O'Dell and Mrs. Moe notified the Chamber of Commerce here by letter that they had deposited the reward money with the Bank of America in Vacaville, Calif., the O'Dells' home.

Six other service men beside O'Dell and Moe were aboard the plane.

The twin-motored ship was last heard from when it made a routine radio check with CAA at Municipal Airport here at 4:07 p.m., Dec. 26. At that time, the plane reported it was flying south at 10,000 feet on a flight from Spokane to Travis Field in the San Francisco Bay area. The plane was never heard from again.

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More Rain In Offing For South

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Flooded Southern California began digging out Saturday from its worst deluge in 14 years yet.

The continuing storm which dumped 7.37 inches of rain on Los Angeles in three days, left 19 known dead and sent damage estimates soaring into the millions.

It was the worst downpour since the disastrous flood of March, 1938, when 11.06 inches of rain fell in five days and caused 95 deaths. It was the worst January downpour since 1916, when 13.30 inches was recorded for the entire month.

The U. S. Weather Bureau said that many inches of rain fell because more rain, although not as much, is forecast for the weekend.

Hardest hit were the lowlands districts in Los Angeles and Orange Counties and the San Fernando Valley. Nearly 1,200 families, evacuated from their homes as floodwaters reached depths of three to four feet, returned to survey and repair the damage.

The water was receding Saturday. Crews were clearing debris-ridden streets. Main traffic arteries were reopening. In Los Angeles alone, 4,000 men and 300 machines were at work cleaning up.

Federal Forecaster A. K. Showalter said a new storm from Alaska should leave only an additional three quarters of an inch of rain here at the mercy of the weather.

For Northern Californians the outlook for the week-end was a cheery "mild and clear." The Weather Bureau said a new storm had threatened but was now left isolated by the High Sierra. Highway workers were fighting to clear a route to Loyalton, cut off since last Sunday. Radio messages from the town of 900 said rations were adequate.

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Train Nearly Free Of Snow

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The Southern Pacific said Saturday it expects to free the stalled streamliner City of San Francisco from the snowbound Sierra sometime Saturday night.

The 15 car, \$3 million train from Chicago got stuck 177 miles east of Oakland last Sunday, while descending the Donner Pass in a snowstorm. The 225 passengers and crew were carried to safety by rescue train late Wednesday, after spending more than three days aboard the heatless streamliner.

The first two or three cars of the City of San Francisco will be pulled out sometime during the day, the railroad said. The whole train should be out by night, provided no cars are derailed.

Rail Freight Rate Hike Okay

SALEM (AP)—Oregon railroads, operating within the state, can raise their freight rates 5 per cent. The increase was granted Friday by Charles H. Heltzel, public utilities commissioner. He said the increase was similar to one granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission last August which permitted railroads west of the Mississippi River to up their rates 5 per cent.

Reds Claim Assault By US Planes

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—The Communists charged Saturday that four American jet planes bombed and strafed a plainly marked armistice convoy on the highway between Kaesong and Pyongyang Friday afternoon, in violation of a joint agreement.

It was the fourth time this week the Reds have injected an "incident" into the deadlocked Panmunjom truce talks.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme U.N. commander, flew back to Tokyo after secret conferences with truce negotiators. There was speculation that he delivered new instructions which might set the armistice talks rolling again.

The Communists agreed in principle Saturday to a meeting of staff officers to draft safeguards for prisoner of war camps.

The U.N. command asked for such a meeting after the Reds charged that U.N. planes bombed a prison camp near Kangdong Monday, killing 20 Allied prisoners and injuring others.

The U.N. acknowledged that planes were bombing the Kangdong area Monday night and accused the Reds of failing to pinpoint the location of their prison camps.

The Communists also charged that U.N. planes flew over North-west China Sunday and bombed the Kaesong protected area Tuesday.

In the latest incident, the Reds said U.N. jets attacked two trucks and a jeep on the Kaesong Pyongyang highway about 20 miles north of Weseong.

Two men allegedly were injured. Brig. Gen. William E. Nuckolls, official U.N. spokesman, said an inquiry would be made.

The subcommittees working on truce supervision and prisoner exchange made no progress Saturday. Both agreed to meet again at 11 a.m. Sunday (6 p.m. Pst Saturday) in Panmunjom.

Weather Halts Rescue Try

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho (AP)—Bad weather has stalled efforts of an Air Force helicopter to bring an ailing woman and her two-year-old son out of a snowbound Idaho hamlet.

Capt. Russell Ullman, mission commander, said the helicopter will be kept in readiness at a Boise airport. However, the weather bureau forecast continued low clouds and poor visibility in the mountainous area.

Ullman said a weather flight will be sent over the Rocky Bar area to take a look at the low clouds, but expressed doubts that the helicopter would be able to complete the rescue mission Saturday.

The helicopter had been counted upon for the final leg of a week-long mission to rescue Mrs. Gene Jack and her son.

The two were waiting at an emergency landing field at Rocky Bar, in South Central Idaho 65 miles northeast of the air base here, headquarters of the Air Force rescue operations. They were hauled to the field on a toboggan from the mine where they lived.

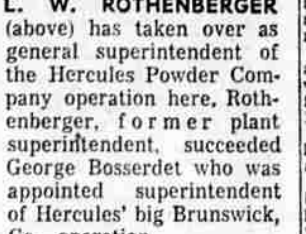
A two-man Air Force rescue crew helped bring the two to the emergency field. They had parachuted into the wilderness Wednesday, and they hauled their charges on a toboggan which was air-dropped from a C-82 Friday.

Warner Ski Area In Top Shape

Excellent ski conditions were reported from Warner Canyon ski area, north of Lakeview, by Fremont National Forest Supt. John MacDonald late yesterday.

The forester said highways between Klamath Falls and Lakeview were open.

Night skiing was scheduled for tonight between 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. as well as regular skiing scheduled for today and tomorrow. The tow will operate during scheduled ski sessions.



L. W. ROTHENBERGER (above) has taken over as general superintendent of the Hercules Powder Company operation here, Rothenberger, former plant superintendent, succeeded George Bosserdet who was appointed superintendent of Hercules' big Brunswick, Ga., operation.

French Tax On US Loan Brings Row

By B. L. LIVINGSTONE
WASHINGTON (AP)—A congressional committee Saturday demanded that France quit grabbing as taxes "about one dollar in five" of the money the United States gives for mutual defense construction in that country.

It said the tax on American procurement transactions in France amounts to more than the total the French themselves give to the defense program. The take, it said, might hit 100 million dollars.

Disclosure of French taxes on American defense works comes at a time when Congress is about to be asked for money to finance European defenses.

It appeared certain to stir up a storm among lawmakers who have already balked at President Truman's request for additional taxes.

In a toughly worded report, a special House committee charged that "fantastically" pyramided taxes now being applied on military construction by the French government constitute "a serious drain" on U.S. funds.

Directing the State and Defense Departments to "take steps immediately" to obtain relief, the committee said money sent abroad for mutual defense should be exempt from all taxes by the beneficiary nation.

Building To Be Remodeled

Purchase of the two story brick business building in the 400 block on Main Street built about 1912 by Al Melhase, was announced today by Harry Bolvin, local attorney, and Al Schneck, realtor. No consideration was given.

The building was once occupied by Roberts and Hanks Hardware, later by Roberts and Harvey Hardware, by Murphy's Seed Store and more recently was known as the Labor Temple.

A complete remodeling program is under way and the ground floor will be ready for occupancy by Feb. 10.

Schneck in announcing remodeling plans said the building will be converted into one of the most attractive fronts will be installed and interiors completely remodeled to accommodate two business establishments.

The two locations will be occupied by George Boudon, Electrical Contractor, now of 2226 So. 8th and the Shasta Sewing Center, Shasta Way.

The second story will also be remodeled later for use as offices. Don Hitchcock is foreman on the job.

Ship Hits In Ocean; 36 Missing

SANDESBIT AIRPORT, B. C. (AP)—A Fair East aircraft plane with 43 aboard crashed into the sea near this island airport Saturday and 36 persons were feared lost.

Seven were rescued soon after the crash and several hours later one body was recovered.

"It is the consensus that the bodies of the others are in the submerged fuselage," said the airport radio operator here.

Rescuers waited for low tide, about 12 noon to get into the plane, which rested on a gravel bar three-fourths of a mile offshore, in about 15 feet of water.

Boats stood by the wreckage as hope dwindled for the others aboard.

An official of the British Columbia transport department here said he understood none of the survivors was injured seriously.

Previously a Canadian official at Vancouver, B. C. said "it looks doubtful whether there are any more survivors."

The big plane, enroute from the Fair East airport at McChord, Wash., Air Force Base, carried 40 military passengers and a crew of three.

It splashed into the icy North Pacific at 1:35 a.m. trying for an emergency landing at an airport on Queen Charlotte Island.

Small boats sped to the scene three-fourths of a mile offshore, and one reported it picked up seven persons.

They dug out Labouchere joined the search as planes circled and dropped flares.

The Canadian spokesman, declining use of his name, gave his grim comment after rescuers had searched the area without finding additional persons.

The Coast Guard in Seattle reported the plane floated for a time; then went down in shallow water leaving only one wing and tail section afloat.

Planes rushed to the isolated airport from Canadian, Alaskan and United States bases. Some carried droppable boats.

An Air Force public relations officer here said he also said reports indicated there were only seven survivors but he added there still was hope others would be found.

The aircraft plane, attempting a three-engine landing, made a pass at the small field but missed and kept going.

"It seemed to be airborne again," a public relations officer said, "but it veered sharply to the left and shortly afterward shouts were heard from the water northeast of the airport."

"The wreckage was spotted and identified by another plane. Shouts from the water, asking help, were heard at 3:24 a.m., about two hours after the crash.

Then small boats reached the scene and the seven were rescued. They were to be taken to a nearby hospital.

The Air Force reported the aircraft was lifted north in Hecate Strait, between the islands and the British Columbia coast, after the crash. The surface temperature was 33 above, with light snow, and a 22-mile-an-hour wind was blowing parallel to shore.

Officers said this would make it difficult for survivors to reach shore unaided.

Several hours after the accident a portion of the plane still was showing above water, apparently held up by wing tanks.

The plane, chartered by the Military Air Transport Service and operated by a Northwest Airlines crew, was Northwest's flight 324 from Tokyo to Shemya in the Aleutian Islands, and Anchorage, Alaska.

McChord reported only that the plane was carrying military passengers. An officer said they might be Korean veterans military personnel from Japan or even civilian military employes aboard. The names of passengers feared lost will not be released until next of kin are notified.

The landing was attempted, is on the north coast of Moresby Island, the most southerly of the British Columbia Queen Charlotte chain. It is about 480 miles northwest of Vancouver, B. C.



BRUSHING UP on their traffic ticket writing technique at the City Police Station this morning were traffic patrolmen James Howard (left), 1803 Sargent St., and Paul Dillard, 1101 E. Main St.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Partly cloudy through tomorrow. Low tonight 15, high tomorrow 25. Low last night 15, high yesterday 17.

(Additional Weather on Page 10.)