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Clark Orders Probe On Increased Prices

Attorney General Plans 'Get-Tough' Campaign Against Conspiracies To Raise Food, Clothing And Housing Costs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 —(U.P.)—Attorney General Tom C. Clark today ordered a new "get-tough" campaign against conspiracies to increase food, clothing and housing prices.

His order for criminal prosecutions came with government reports that incomes and the cost-of-living have reached new post-war highs.

As Clark ordered the justice department's anti-trust division into action, the CIO called for special sessions of congress to put price ceilings and rationing back on scarce goods.

CIO Vice President Emil Rieve said failure to bring down the cost of living would leave his organization "with no other alternative but to move for further wage increases."

Demand Jail Sentence

Clark announced that government lawyers would demand jail sentences and stiff fines whenever they get convictions in the new drive against illegal price boosts. Price rises are not illegal, however, unless they are the result of collusion.

Latest statistics from the commerce and labor departments show that prices and incomes are continuing to rise.

The labor department's wholesale market price index rose one-half of one per cent in the week ended Aug. 2, with steel and building materials leading the way.

The price of farm products fell during the week, but food and all other commodities continued to increase.

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Seeks Greek Red Blockade

JOHNSON TELLS SECURITY COUNCIL AMERICA WILL NOT "STAND IDLY BY"

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Aug. 12. —(U.P.)—The United States warned bluntly today that continued Russian vetoes might force the western countries to act outside the United Nations in blocking the establishment of a Communist government in Greece.

Herschel V. Johnson, Deputy American delegate, told the UN Security Council in a gloves-off speech that the United States did not intend to "sit idly by" while Greek independence was threatened by the Communist-controlled countries of Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

"The continued failure of the Security Council to take effective action in this case because of the Soviet veto cannot in the opinion of the United States government preclude individual or collective action by states willing to act, so long as they act in accordance with the general purposes and principles of the United Nations," Johnson said.

First To Suggest

The first big power to suggest action outside the peace-keeping machinery — but within the framework of the charter — of the two-year-old world organization in order to maintain international peace and security.

Johnson's speech was so strong and repercussions in the New York Stock Exchange. Buying was improved and some stocks advanced fractionally to more than a point.

"It is the view of the United States government," Johnson said, "that Greece is in grave peril. This peril results from the guerrilla warfare being waged against the Greek government by Communist-led bands actively supported by Albania, Bulgaria, and Yugoslavia, and by the Communist party of Greece. It is perfectly clear that the governments of the three northern countries are working in close conjunction with the Greek Communists with a common objective: the establishment in Greece of a minority totalitarian government which would be subservient to the communist-controlled countries."

"We do not consider," Johnson said, "that our obligations or the obligations of the United Nations in this regard are ended merely because the Soviet Union sees fit to use her veto to block the passage of constructive proposals desired by nine out of 11 members of the Security Council which would have afforded Greece the protection the charter guarantees."

Johnson offered a second American resolution, this time branding the Balkan situation a "threat to the peace" and calling on the three northern neighbors to cease provocations against Greece, and directing the UN's subsidiary group in the Balkans to stay there and report to the council on the way Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia carry out the order.



THEY ARE OFF—Pictured above is Wilmington's own Ted Williams, the city's contestant for national honors in the Soap Box Derby race to be held in Akron, Ohio Sunday. With young Williams, right to left are W. A. Raney, of the Raney Chevrollet company, co-sponsor with the Star-News of young Williams, Councilman J. E. L. Wade, who wishes Williams much success in the race, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams. The party, with the exception of Raney and Wade, left the Coast Line station at 7:45 last night. They will spend today in Washington sight-seeing and will continue on to Akron Thursday morning where Ted will give his car a trial run Friday. (Staff Photo by Maynard)

British Push 'Crisis' Bill

Final Passage On Measure Slated Today; Grim Austerity Seen

LONDON, Aug. 12 —(U.P.)—The Labor Government pushed its emergency powers bill to meet the economic crisis through its first two stages in the House of Lords late today. Commons had finally passed it, 178 to 63, in an all-night session.

It was expected that the Lords would give the bill final passage tomorrow, committing Great Britain to months of grim austerity hardly matched in the war.

Commons debated the bill bitterly for more than 17 hours before passing it and adjourning at 8:17 a. m.

The Lords passed it through its first and second readings within a record vote and decided to take up the third and final reading tomorrow.

Denounces Bill

Conservative Leader Winston Churchill, who denounced the bill unmercifully in Commons as an enslaving measure, is to speak again Sunday night in a 20-minute broadcast.

When Commons meets again this afternoon, after a few hours' recess, Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton hinted that the United States and Britain might discuss a compromise to the 75 per cent crisis tax which the government clamped down on American movie earnings.

Asked whether the government would discuss a compromise during the conference to be held in Washington in 10 days or two weeks on the possibility of easing the terms of the American loan agreement, Dalton said:

"No doubt this will be one of the matters on which the United States may wish to express their views just as there are many on which we shall express our views."

But Dalton added that Britain must restrict "severely and drastically" the flow of dollars to the United States for films.

Dalton said the movie tax became effective last Thursday and that the government must get parliamentary approval of it within 28 sitting days. But Commons is to adjourn tomorrow until Oct. 21 and its 28th sitting day from now will come late in November or early in December.

More Films?

Referring to the decision of American movie men to seek more films to Britain because of the tax Dalton said:

"Owing to the decision of the United States not to send further films at present to this country, the tax although it is legally in operation is not operating on any United States films at the present time."

HOME SECRETARY ASSUMES DUTIES

Miss Rita Jordan Takes Office As Red Cross Service Officer

Miss Rita Jordan of Hattiesburg, Miss., arrived in Wilmington yesterday to assume her duties as secretary of the Home Service Committee of the American Red Cross, it was announced by H. Edmund Rodgers, chairman of the local chapter.

COAL CONFERENCE AGREES ON POLICY

Anglo - American Ruhr Parley To Discuss German Production

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 —(U.P.)—The important Anglo - American Ruhr coal conference opened today and both sides agreed to include on the agenda a general discussion of basic German policy matters, including a British proposal to socialize the Ruhr mines.

Willard Thorp, assistant secretary of state for economic affairs and chief American negotiator, said after a preliminary 30-minute meeting today that the parley would discuss "any problem which has a direct bearing on coal production in the Ruhr."

Sir William Strang, head of the British group, said he agreed completely with Thorp's statement.

Thorp acknowledged that such questions as the present 50-50 financial agreement between the two countries on occupation costs in Germany and Britain's grave financial crisis might come up, provided they relate to the Ruhr mines. Ultimate solution of the Ruhr's coal problems, he said, obviously is "related to a great many more broad problems."

TRIAL OF MRS. MILLER SCHEDULED FOR TODAY

LUMBERTON, Aug. 12 —(U.P.)—A forgiving young husband who took his wife on a second honeymoon after he recovered from wounds she allegedly hired a Negro to infiltrate was ready today to ask the state to give his spouse another chance—but not to have him shot.

David Miller, 26, Rowland, storekeeper, will take the stand to plead for his wife's acquittal if the prosecution asks him to, his attorney said today.

The attorney, F. L. Adams, said Miller would do "anything to bring out the truth in the case." Miller contended that the shooting resulted from a misunderstanding which had been cleared up privately.

The case comes up in court here tomorrow. Before Mrs. Miller goes on trial, the state will try Fred Wiggins, Negro hand on Mrs. Miller's farm who allegedly was hired to do the shooting.

Along The Cape Fear

OLD LANDMARKS—Many old landmarks — some still standing and others only a memory with a site of ground left by which to recall them—are points of interest in Wilmington and New Hanover county.

A few steps from the present Market street dock on the northern side of the thoroughfare once stood an old structure upon the site of which now stands the new Customs building. For many years that old structure was a tobacco shop and can be remembered well by some of the living old-timers.

It was a brick building. But scores of years before that, it was the dwelling of a colonial governor, William Tryon, who was closely identified with the Cape Fear section during the Revolutionary war period, lived there for many years.

The winter quarters of British General Lord Cornwallis at Third and Market streets, is well known by all residents of Wilmington.

Across the street from the Cornwallis quarters for many years there stood facing Market street a few steps west of Third street, an ancient dwelling of the De-

Indonesians Charge Dutch With Cease-Fire Violation

STAG BALLENTINE TO CROWN QUEEN

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Violent Fighting Breaks Out Between Hindus, Moslems In Lahore

BATAVIA, Java, Aug. 12 —(U.P.)—The Indonesian Republic charged tonight that the Dutch were conducting full-scale warfare in Western Java and asked the United Nations Security Council to "take notice" of violations of its cease-fire order.

As part of the operations, the Republicans asserted, the Dutch captured Garoet, a strategically important town 30 miles southeast of Bandoeng, in a two-pronged attack led by paratroopers and inflicted heavy casualties on civilians.

A communique broadcast from Jogjakarta, the Indonesian capital, described Dutch operations extending from Aug. 6—two days after the cease-fire order went into effect—through yesterday.

Fighting was said to be in progress, with the Dutch using artillery and planes as well as infantry and paratroops, over a 50-mile stretch of the Batavia-Jogjakarta highway.

PHYSICIAN TAKES STAND IN TRIAL

Blanche Britt Davis Seeking \$15,350 In Personal Injury Suit Here

Dr. W. C. Mebane, Jr., testified until after 6 p. m., yesterday as a defense witness in the \$15,350 personal injury suit of Blanche Britt Davis against Edward Robbins of Whiteville before a jury in Superior Court here.

The unusual procedure of placing the physician on the stand for the defense, before the plaintiff had completed its case, was done to accommodate the witness who said the court he would be unable to appear later.

The physician was not allowed to testify until after lengthy arguments by attorneys for both the plaintiff and the defendant on the stand.

Hughes Leaves Capital, But Says 'I'll Be Back'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 —(U.P.)—With a light-hearted "I'll be back" Howard Hughes took off for California in his private airplane today while senate investigators debated the future of his suddenly interrupted probe of the multi-million-dollar war contracts.

The lanky bachelor-movie-producer no longer "behind the eight ball," as he put it—left National airport in his converted army bomber at 12:52 p. m. EDT.

He planned an overnight stop somewhere in the mid-west — he didn't know exactly where—before going on to his Culver City, Calif. base.

Hughes is under orders to be on hand at 10 a. m., EDT, Nov. 17, in the hearing room of the senate war investigating sub-committee headed by Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich. The senators took a surprise three-month recess yesterday in their inquiry into \$40,000,000 worth of Hughes' wartime government aircraft deals.

Although Hughes predicted—and some senators were inclined to

Growers Selling Weed Below Support Prices

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TOBACCO SALES REPORTED LIGHT

Border Belt Prices Advance On Better Grades Of Offerings

Although prices for most grades advanced from \$1 to \$7 per hundred pounds, sales were extremely light on tobacco markets of the Border Belt of North and South Carolina yesterday the Federal-State Departments of Agriculture reported.

On some of the markets farmers brought in such a small amount of leaf that sales lasted only one hour of the allotted four, the agricultural agencies reported.

Cutters and most better quality offerings were steady to \$2 a hundred higher while medium and lower qualities were up from \$1 to \$7 with the greatest advance, Fair orange cutters dropped \$3. Orange primings were off \$1 to \$2 and nondescript dropped .50 to \$4.25.

On Monday a total of 2,688,746 See TOBACCO on Page Two

The Weather

North Carolina — Partly cloudy with little change in temperature Wednesday, widely scattered thunderstorms in afternoon.

South Carolina—Considerable cloudiness and not much change in temperature Wednesday, scattered thunderstorms in afternoon.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURES
1:30 a. m. 72; 7:30 a. m. 74; 1:30 p. m. 82; 7:30 p. m. 80. Maximum 86; Minimum 70. Mean 78; Normal 78.

HUMIDITY
1:30 a. m. 85; 7:30 a. m. 82; 1:30 p. m. 87; 7:30 p. m. 79.

PRECIPITATION
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0 inches.

WIND
Since the first of the month 118 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
Wilmington — 6:35 a. m. 1:44 a. m.
7:35 a. m. 12:44 a. m.
2:35 a. m. 10:42 a. m.
4:35 a. m. 11:37 p. m.
Sunrise 5:32; Sunset 7:01; Moonrise 11:34; Moonset 5:07.
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. missing one foot.

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Hedrick Says Tobacco Farmers On Border Belt Losing Money

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Hedrick said a survey of sales in the Border markets showed a large amount of tobacco being sold below support prices.

I saw pile after pile going from \$1 to \$5 per hundred pounds below the support price," he reported, "and in some cases farmers were letting their tobacco go from \$10 to \$15 per hundred below."

"Prices are beginning to level off at just above support figures by grade, and it is becoming increasingly important that the grower check every pile as his tobacco is being sold."

Hedrick says farmers should follow the sale of their tobacco, and when a buyer bids a price and then a buyer bids a price, call a warehouseman and have the sale nullified and the tobacco switched to the Stabilization Corporation.

It is the farmer's responsibility to check bid prices against support prices and get the highest figure for his tobacco, Hedrick said.

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EAST - WEST AIR ROUTE TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 5-10

Wilmington's new east-west air route to Cincinnati will be inaugurated between September 5 and 10. It was announced last night by H. K. Saunders, chief pilot of the Piedmont Aviation, Inc., Winston-Salem, who visited here on an inspection tour with seven other officials of the firm which will operate into their city.

Saunders said that the announcement came direct from Thomas Davis, company president.

Following an inspection of Blue-teenthall airport, officials expressed themselves as pleased with the setup.

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LABOR LEADERS ENDORSE STATE BONUS FOR VETS

Resolutions urging a state bonus for World War II veterans and authorizing a retail clerks membership drive were passed yesterday at the 40th annual North Carolina American Federation of Labor convention.

At the same time, officers to be elected at today's session were nominated, with C. A. Fink, incumbent, a certainty for another year as president. He was nominated without opposition.

Named to run for the office of vice-president were J. A. Scoggins of Charlotte, incumbent, and J. L. Dew of Wilmington. Put up for secretary-treasurer were H. G. Fisher of Salisbury and A. Linton Sams of Asheville.

P. T. Siler of Greensboro was nominated for sergeant-at-arms; A. E. Brown for chaplain and P.

Youthful Bandit Gang Led By Strip Teaser

Biloxi, Miss., admitted taking part in the series of robberies and FBI agents announced the arrest of Bob Tall, handsome 19-year-old army deserter from Keesler Field, Mississippi, who was implicated in the "triggerman" who killed Peter Rabbit, 48, a drive-in restaurant operator in a holdup attempt more than a week ago.

Anglada said the girl had three narcotic kits each containing 12 capsules of morphine, several hypodermic needles and a number of sedative tablets in her possession when arrested. He said she struggled.

Beauty College Students In Wilmington Really Are Good Students

The authority for that is Joseph Delaney, operator of such an establishment here but formerly a shipbuilding foreman in Texas.

"Only two girls who ever entered the college in Wilmington ever failed," he told members of the Rotary club at its weekly luncheon yesterday.

"One was a run-of-the-mill other stayed out late at night," he said.