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Many OPA Controls To Continue Until Late '46, Early '47

Congress Is Told Price Rules Will Be Around Awhile

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The House Appropriations Committee told Congress today there will be long delays in lifting many of OPA's price controls.

It made public, in approving a deficiency appropriations bill for OPA, this revised summary and timetable submitted by OPA Ross Chester Bowles:

Rents: Instead of dropping controls in 69 areas by the first of this year as planned earlier, OPA moved out only 30 small areas, meanwhile adding 17 to its original list.

Food Controls Continue.

Food: Suspension of controls on milk, cream, ice cream, and manufactured dairy products not likely until the spring of 1947; a few varieties of fish may be de-controlled by May 1946; no suspension of controls on processed fruits and vegetables likely until January 1, 1947; controls on major meat items probably will be kept until July 1947.

Consumer Goods: No suspension on textile or apparel items appears probable before the spring of '47.

Services: Removal of controls on laundering, dry cleaning, and similar services, originally scheduled for late spring of this year, now indefinitely postponed. Control of restaurants, expected to continue "at least until autumn" instead of being removed early this year.

Industrial: No major de-controls in prospect during the present fiscal year in the field of construction and building materials; no removal of restrictions on automobiles and parts in sight before July 1, 1947.

Aussie To Fight To Make Frisco UNO Interim Site

London, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Australia was expected to make a last-ditch stand today to put the United Nations headquarters in San Francisco until the peace agency opens its permanent home.

Australian Delegates R. W. Hodgson indicated he would open his fight for San Francisco before the general assembly headquarters committee meeting to take up the question of an interim site.

The committee voted by 22 to 17 that the permanent home of UNO should be located in the region of Westchester county, N. Y., and Fairfield, Conn.

The committee's action, taken after a lengthy debate shifted the question of a UNO home to the general assembly, where observers said debate probably would be resumed because of the closeness of the vote. A two-thirds vote is necessary for final approval.

The Australian delegate said he would "fight for San Francisco" as interim headquarters and that he would carry to the assembly his opposition to the New England area as permanent headquarters.

Fund Diversion Issue Involved In Current Controversy Over Bad Roads

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Chairman A. H. Graham of the State Highway and Public Works Commission reported today the State had received some new highway equipment, including four rollers ordered in 1941. He characterized the new equipment as a "mere trickle" when compared with the high department's great need for road machinery.

By LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—Attention centered on improvement of rural roads is bringing to the front again the old question of whether or not any gasoline tax money should be allowed to be diverted from road work to general fund purposes.

Although it is clear to all persons having any familiarity with present conditions that money is one of the most plentiful items in the highway program, there is fear that such a situation might not continue and advocates of better farm roads are looking to the future as much as at present mudholes.

The diversion item came to the front with a bang when copies of some newspapers showed up carrying a story from Charlotte to the effect that the Mecklenburg Rural

Actor Weds Model



GREEN STAR Alan Curtis and his bride, Sandra Lucas, former New York model, are shown after their marriage in the Little Church of the West in Las Vegas, Nev. Both have been wed before. (International)

Government Working On Wage Policy

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—President Truman's economic high command renewed efforts today to complete the final draft of a new government wage-price policy for the reconversion period.

Progress was reviewed by Mr. Truman in a lengthy conference with his closest White House aides last night. Particular attention was paid to the economic situation behind the strikes in steel, electrical manufacturing and other industries.

Vinson At Parley.

This latest in a series of meetings was marked by the presence of Secretary of the Treasury Fred Vinson who has handled knotty economic problems in his previous posts as director of war mobilization and reconversion and director of economic stabilization.

Other key figures at the meeting included Reconversion Director John Snyder, OPA Chief Chester Bowles, Secretary of Labor W. W. Sullivan, and Economic Stabilization Director John Collet.

VISIT FORT BRAGG.

Fort Bragg, Feb. 12.—Brig. Gen. Floriano de Abreu, the Surgeon General of the Brazilian Army, will inspect various medical installations at Fort Bragg February 12th through 14th.

Racketeers, Tax Cheats Face Probes

Treasury and Post Office Make Plans For Big Crackdown

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A \$1,635,556,910 Treasury-Post Office supply bill containing funds for a crack-down on tax evaders and postal racketeers won House Appropriations Committee approval today.

Sent to the House floor for debate starting tomorrow, it finances operations of the Treasury and Post Office departments for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The actual cash provided is \$29,660,250 below budget estimates and represents only about ten percent of the total funds handled by the two agencies.

Over \$11,000,000,000.

Permanent and indefinite annual appropriations, including \$1,570,000,000 for tax refunds and \$5,000,000,000 for interest on the national debt runs the actual total to over \$11,000,000,000. While Congress does not appropriate for these purposes each year, the departments renew and report on the expenditures annually.

The \$5,000,000,000 which the committee reported as the estimated cost of interest on the national debt next year is \$250,000,000 more than current funds for that purpose. But the tax refund item is \$1,104,000,000 below the amount appropriated for this year.

Of the actual new cash, \$1,275,661,440 was earmarked for the Post Office Department and \$325,495,550 for the Treasury.

German Testifies Finns Knew Plan Of Push On Reds

Nuernberg, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A German general testified at the war crimes trial of 22 top ranking Nazis today that Finland was a full partner of Germany in the joint attack on the Soviet Union.

The witness, Gen. Erich Buschenhagen, who commanded the German 52nd corps until his capture by the Russians in September 1944, said that details for joint cooperation were worked out by Germany and Finland months in advance of Germany's attack on June 22, 1941. He told the international military tribunal he flew to Finland and personally inspected the central and northern areas of that country from which an attack by German and Finnish troops was to be launched.

Churchill Leaves For Miami After Washington Talk

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill left by air at 11:50 a. m. today for Miami after a 41-hour stay in the nation's capital, during which he conferred with the President. In high spirits and good humor, Churchill remained silent to the last on the nature of his sudden trip to Washington and the topic of his discussions with Mr. Truman.

Will President Run In 1948? Hannegan Denies Sun Report

No Truth In News Report He Will Not

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Democratic Chairman Robert Hannegan said today there is "no truth" in a report that President Harry Truman told a group of advisors he will not be a candidate for the Presidency in 1948.

Hannegan issued a formal statement from the Democratic National Committee headquarters. It said:

"There is no truth in the report that President Truman told a group of White House advisors that he would not be a candidate for the presidency in 1948.

"The President has been so busy with foreign and domestic problems of overshadowing importance that he has had no time to consider the 1948 elections. I do not know the origin of the story appearing in the newspapers today. To my knowledge, no such meeting as was described was ever held."

Charles Ross, White House press secretary, replied "no comment" when asked about the report.

The story to which Hannegan referred was a Washington dispatch to The Chicago Sun. It told of a reported incident at the White House several weeks ago in which the President is reported to have told intimates he did not want to run in 1948.

But one Democratic lieutenant, who declined to be quoted by name, said he and others regarded Mr. Truman's reported statement as only a reiteration of the view that the President has entertained since he succeeded to the office last April.

U. S. And England Held War Talks Eight Years Ago

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Nearly four years before Pearl Harbor, Adm. Royal Ingersoll testified today, the United States and Britain held secret conversations about the possibility of becoming involved in war with Japan.

Ingersoll, who was assistant chief of naval operations when the war began, told the Pearl Harbor committee he conducted the conversations with his opposite number in the British admiralty while on a secret mission to London early in 1935.

The primary purpose of his mission, he said, was "to investigate and talk to British admiralty officials about what we could do if the United States and England were to find themselves at war with Japan."

A secondary reason for his trip, he added, was to discuss lifting the qualitative limitations on the construction of battleships laid down on the London naval treaty of 1936.

He made public the details of his mission during questioning by Rep. Gerhard (R-Calif.).

The admiral said he was chief of the navy's war plans division when sent on the mission by the late President Roosevelt. He arrived in London January 31, 1937.

He testified that the principal British spokesman was an Admiral Phillips, who had charge of war plans for the Admiralty. Phillips, he said, later was killed when the Prince of Wales was sunk by the Japanese.

Everybody knew that sooner or later we were going to be involved in war in the Pacific," Ingersoll said. He told Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) it would have been "indefensible and inexcusable" not to have conferred with the British in advance.

HOUSE TO RECEIVE HOME BILL IN WEEK

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Despite the pleas of Housing Boss Wilson Wyatt, the homes for veterans bill will go to the House floor next week minus the price ceilings President Truman wants on old houses.

A fight on party lines is probable on that issue, but Wyatt got Republican and Democratic leaders to agree to another key portion of Mr. Truman's two-year program for 22,700,000 new homes.

DISPLACED PERSONS' CAMPS ARE RAIDED

Bad Toelz, Germany, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The American army's new formed constabulary staged lightning raids on displaced persons' camps near Nuernberg and Munich Monday for the purpose of seizing evidence and breaking up attempts by Poles and Yugoslavs to form groups hostile to the present Warsaw and Belgrade governments.

DIONNE QUINTUPLETS OFFICIATE AT CORONATION



THE FAMOUS DIONNE QUINTUPLETS are shown as they officiated at the coronation of Frances Frair as "Snow Queen of the North" at North Bay's winter festival in North Bay, Ontario. Above is the highspot of the ceremony as one of the famous children placed the crown on the head of her majesty. They are (l. to r.): Emilie, Yvonne, Cecile (placing the crown), Annette and Marie. At lower right is Barbara White, one of the contestants for the royal title. Copyright 1946, King Features Syndicate, Inc. (International Soundphoto)

Pittsburgh Power Firm Workers Out

Company Go Out; Spread Is Feared

Pittsburgh, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A strike of power company employees, started in this industrial center today, but electrical current was still flowing several hours later to thousands of homes and buildings in the strike area in which 1,500,000 people reside.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A strike of power company employees today brought Pittsburgh's street railway service to a standstill and threatened gradually to black-out electrical service to many homes and public buildings.

A walkout by 2,400 employees of the Duquesne Light Company, serving an area of 817 square miles in a great industrial area, began at 4 a. m. this morning.

of power service would slowly throttle the flow of electricity to households, industries, public buildings and institutions. Schools were ordered closed.

An estimated 1,500,000 people live in the strike area.

The city mobilized its entire police and fire fighting forces to cope with any emergency. Approximately 2,000 policemen, including 1,000 regular officers and more than 900 auxiliary police, were ordered on duty an hour before the walk-out began. Firemen were ordered to report for continuous duty today.

Electrical current continued to pass through power lines on a limited basis after the strike began, and officials of the light company informed Mayor David L. Lawrence it would be able to keep hospitals and some refrigerator plants going "for awhile."

Stoppage of street car service was ordered as the strike began for the duration of the walkout, leaving many thousands to their own methods of getting to work.

The union—the Independent Association of Employees of the Duquesne Light Company and affiliated companies—demanded a 20 per cent wage increase. Management has offered seven and a half cents. Employees voted in favor of a strike, and a 30 day cooling off period expired last midnight.

Pittsburgh, in the grip of a steel strike which has idled some 277,000 workers in the district, braced for the new shutdown.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and warmer this afternoon followed by partly cloudy and not so cold tonight. Tomorrow mostly cloudy and mild with scattered showers.

New York Business Paralyzed As Mayor Orders Firms Closed

Commercial Establishments Closed As Tug-Strike-Caused Fuel Lack Worsens

New York, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Business, industrial and amusement activities in this world metropolis were at a standstill today following issuance of a drastic proclamation by Mayor William O'Dwyer shutting all places of public assembly in order to cope with a critical fuel shortage resulting from a nine-day tug boat strike.

The mayor's move was unprecedented in the peace-time history of the city.

With commercial establishments closed by the drastic order, only essential services such as hospitals, transit and communications services and restaurants deemed necessary to maintain the huge city's health and general welfare were in operation.

Meanwhile, tug boat operators were scheduled to meet again on a proposal to arbitrate the strike. The operators failed to reach a decision early this morning as to whether to submit the dispute to arbitration following an all night meeting.

Representatives of the 3,500 striking tug boat workers agreed yesterday to arbitration.

While the paralyzed city looked hopefully to today's meeting of the tug boat operators for a possible solution, Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallender announced that a disaster control board consisting of 22 city department heads now was the "governing body of the city as much as if we were in military circumstances and we were being governed by martial law."

Explaining the board's operations, Wallender said, "we make recommendations to the mayor and he issues the edicts either by himself or through Commissioner Ernest L. Stebbins of the health department."

He declared the duration of the shutdown order was indefinite, or "until the order of reconversion is issued by the mayor or our recommendation."

The basis of the O'Dwyer order was "the imminent and increasing peril to the public health of the people of New York City by reason of lack of fuel."

It exempted public utilities, transportation and communications services, grocery stores, news stands, restaurants, bakeries, meat fabricators, houses, milk plants, drug stores, gasoline filling stations and newspaper and press services.

State Continues Among Top Nine In Liquor Stills

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The South remains the strong-hold of the "moonshine" liquor industry. In nine Southern States the Federal alcohol tax unit seized 7,397 illicit distilleries in the 1945 fiscal year, compared with only 9497 in the other 39 states and Hawaii. There was an increase in each Southern state in the number of "stills" confiscated. The national total of 8,344 stills was an increase of 1,543 over 1944.

North Carolina was among the top nine States. In 1944, 1,073 stills were found. In 1945, there were 1,335, showing an increase of 312.

Large Number Of Men Needed For Work On Highways, Graham Says

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—The expanding road building program in the state is demanding large numbers of men for work in the various highway construction departments, Chairman A. H. Graham of the State Highway and Public Works Commission said today.

"Right now," he said, "there is an urgent need for immediate employment of levelmen, rodmen and chainmen to work in highway locating parties. Since this work can be regarded as employment of a permanent nature, this seems to me to be a good opportunity for veterans to get into a type of civilian employment with a future," he observed.

The pay? Taking the lowest back-of-first, chainmen are started out within a salary range of \$80.00 to \$100.00 per month, plus board and lodging. Rodmen are paid \$100.00 to \$135.00 per month, plus board and lodging, and levelmen \$125.00 to \$160.00 per month, plus board and lodging.