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China Leaf Restrictions Are Studied

Protests Given To State Department; Heey Talks Matter

Washington, April 17.—(AP)—A proposal of the Chinese government to restrict imports of American leaf tobacco is being studied by the State Department at a request of North Carolina members of Congress. The proposal is being studied by the State Department within a day or two. Rep. Byrnes (D) of North Carolina made public a letter in which Secretary of State Byrnes wrote him:

"I have received your letter in which you state the leaf tobacco industry is strongly opposed to the Chinese government's imposing restrictions on imports of leaf tobacco and requesting the department to endeavor to prevent such restrictions from being imposed. This matter is being studied and I shall send you a full reply as soon as possible."

F. S. Byrnes, of Henderson, N. C., president of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association wrote North Carolina congressmen that his association has adopted a resolution opposing the proposal and asking their help in stopping it.

Rep. Felzer (D) of North Carolina said that China's rate of exchange is such that its government must watch imports closely and in doing this is considering imported tobacco as a "luxury."

Daughter Of Jose Iturbi Takes Life

Beverly Hills, Calif., April 17.—(AP)—A revolver wound to the head brought to an end today the strife-ridden life of Maria Iturbi Heru, 23-year-old daughter of the concert pianist, Jose Iturbi.

She was found by her father, lying on the floor of his bedroom, her hair afire, a .32 caliber gun near her arm. She died two hours later in a hospital, as brain specialists admitted there was nothing they could do to save her.

Iturbi, near collapse, was at her bedside. Her two daughters, center of years of court battles with her father and her former husband, returned at home with her nurse.

Detective Sergeant Arthur H. McBain, calling the shooting "clearly a case of suicide," said Iturbi told him he returned home shortly before midnight and was playing the piano in his drawing room when he heard a shot.

Rushing up stairs, he found his daughter sprawled by a bed. Extinguishing the flames in her hair, he called an ambulance.

Britain Planning To Nationalize Steel Industry

London, April 17.—(A)—Britain's iron and steel industry is to be brought largely under public ownership, John Wilmot, minister of supply in the Labor Government, told the House of Commons today.

Wilmot said the Government reached its decision after studying a report by iron and steel industrialists who had outlined a five to seven year program of reorganization at an estimated cost of \$672,000,000.

MAKE BIKINI TEST WITH MODELS



USING MINIATURE MODELS, three U. S. commanders check up on plans for the atomic bomb operations to be staged in July at Bikini Atoll. Here Brig. Gen. T. S. Power, assistant Task Force director for air, points to a pigmy superfortress—a replica of a plane that actually will drop the bombs in "Operation Crossroads". Looking on (left) is Vice-Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, commander of the Army-Navy task force and Maj. Gen. W. K. Kepner, deputy commander for aviation. Other models simulate in detail the air operation. (International)

M'Arthur Tells Reds: Japan Is My Business

Tells 4-Power Allied Council His Past Actions None Of Their Affair

Tokyo, April 17.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur replied to Russian criticism by bluntly telling the four power Allied council today that consideration of his past actions in administering Japan was no part of its job.

And his military government officer asserted that Russia's questioning of Allied occupation policy, "whether in good faith or not is a warning that success of the operation is threatened."

MacArthur told the council in a written statement that its "responsibility, being exclusively advisory and consultative, does not involve a review heretofore taken in the administration of Japan."

His military government officer, Brig. Gen. Courtney Whitney, said the Japanese government was complying with the purge directive "as fast as consistent with occupation policies."

MacArthur also replied to a Russian request that a new election be held in an "undesirable diet" were chosen in last Wednesday's balloting. He indicated some successful candidates would be investigated and added:

"It is essential that the supreme command issue no statement and avoid any action which might seem to bring pressure for or against any particular party or group."

MacArthur also declined a request for drafts of material, receipts, government legislative acts and orders of the ministers at least 10 days prior to issuance. "To require such delay of the Japanese government of the Japanese government," he said, "would be cause practical suspension of its administrative functions."

Russian charges that certain undesirable persons were not being removed from office and that demoralization of Japan was thus endangered brought a bruck reply from Whitney before MacArthur's statement was read.

"So far as I know," Whitney declared, "neither the member from the USSR nor others have any knowledge of the manner of Japanese compliance with the purge directive, as they haven't sought this information" from Allied headquarters.

President Likes His Party Boss

Washington, April 17.—(AP)—President Truman expressed his personal friendship today for Chairman Robert E. Hannegan of the Democratic National Committee who has been under the fire of some southern Democrats.

At a news conference, Mr. Truman was asked in view of criticisms of Hannegan voiced by some Democratic congressmen, whether he was considering a new chairman for the national committee.

No, he replied. He added that selection of a chairman is a matter for the national committee.

For himself, he said, he likes the postmaster general.

New York Cotton

	Pv. Close	Open
May	27.60	27.58
July	27.68	27.69
October	27.64	27.66
December	27.59	27.62
May (1947)	27.53	27.56

House Votes OPA Nine Months Manchurian Fight Now Fierce

Capital Ringed



WITH ALL OF MANCHURIA again plunged into a general civil war, Chinese Communist troops were reported circling the capital at Changchun (indicated by arrow). American-equipped Chinese National forces were said to have been driven back 20 miles. Circle on the map shows where heaviest fighting is raging. (International)

Truman Says Most People Eat Too Much

Washington, April 17.—(AP)—President Truman said today most Americans eat too much and it might be a good idea if their food consumption was reduced to low European standards for two days a week during the world crisis.

Asked at a news conference about a proposal that Americans try living on the European ration one day a week, he replied that he personally liked the suggestion. He added that he didn't know why they couldn't adopt the diet two days a week.

Not only do most Americans eat too much, Mr. Truman said, but they also waste enough food to prevent people in war ravage areas from starving.

He added that they should do everything they can to save the hungry abroad until the food situation eases.

Loan Debate Is Launched

Washington, April 17.—(AP)—Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.) said today Congress has the choice of approving the proposed \$3,750,000,000 British loan as it stands or "extending no financial help to the United Kingdom this year."

As the Senate prepared to start what may be a week's bitter debate, Barkley told a report he will fight all amendments because any congressional alteration of terms would force renegotiation of the credit agreement.

"If that happens," he said, "we won't be able to pass any authorization legislation in this session of Congress and crucial time would be lost."

Barkley planned to open arguments for the bill with a review of the trade and currency stabilization features which he contended would open to American exporters world markets that otherwise would be blocked tightly by existing war time Sterling restrictions.

U. S. Meat Supply Drops To Levels Of Ration Period

Washington, April 17.—(AP)—The nation's meat supply is sagging to war-time ration levels and may stay there until early fall.

This situation was disclosed by the Agriculture Department in a statement on how it will divide declining supplies during the April-June quarter among civilians, the armed forces, and ready areas abroad.

The per capita civilian meat supply, at least until July 1, is expected to be at an annual average rate of 132 pounds, as compared with the 147 pound annual rate available during the first three months of the year. In 1943, when war time meat rationing was begun, the average for civilian supplies was 136 pounds annually.

Reds Capture Rail Station In Changchun

By TOM MASTERSON.

Changchun, April 17.—(AP)—Chinese Communists today captured Changchun's only railway station from an inferior force of Chinese government troops.

That moved the fighting within 100 yards of two main groups of Americans — one of five correspondents and the other Major Robert B. Rigg, Chicago, U. S. assistant military attache and his staff of four.

The Communists, who began an artillery assault on this Manchurian capital city Sunday night, two hours before withdrawal of the last of Russian troops, had stormed the station throughout the night.

Capture of the station will enable the Communists to reinforce and resupply by railroad from the north. They are estimated to have 40,000 troops in this area and the government only 4,000.

The battle for the station was fought from nearby streets and roof tops, in which were mounted machine-guns and mortars.

The Russian manager of the main hotel, The Yamato, 100 yards from the railroad depot, was not reachable by telephone this morning.

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(By The Associated Press.)

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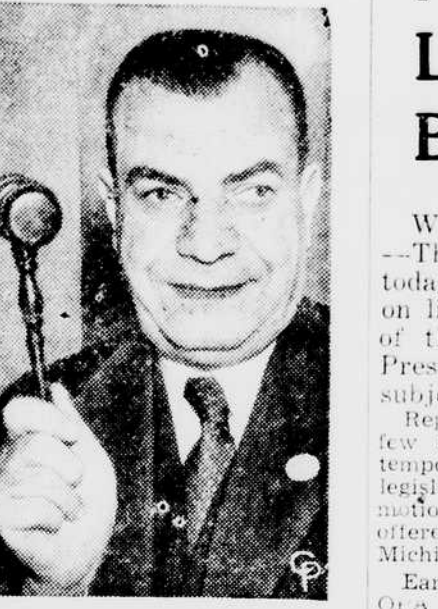
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In His Element



SMILING Lt. John C. Morgan of New York City, who holds the Medal of Honor, tries out the controls of a light commercial plane at the National Aviation Show in New York. Morgan won the country's top decoration for bringing his Flying Fortress back from a raid on Germany although he was badly wounded at the time. (International)

Presides at U. N.



EGYPT'S permanent delegate to the U. N. Security Council, Dr. Hafez Illin Pasha, poses for the cameramen as he assumes the chairmanship of the United Nations Security Council session at Hunter College, the Bronx, N. Y. He takes the place of Dr. Quo Tai-chi, of China, as Council chairman. (International)

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New Ambassador To Iran Named

Washington, April 17.—(AP)—President Truman today named George V. Allen, State Department expert on the Middle East and the Russo-Iranian dispute, to be ambassador to Iran, one of the world's diplomatic hot spots.

Mr. Truman also announced at a news conference that he had chosen 43-year-old Edwin F. Stanton, now an assignment as consul general at Vancouver, B. C., Canada, to be minister to Siam, one of the key countries in the future development of southern Asia.

Allen, 42, and a native of Durham, N. C., will leave Washington, "as soon as possible," the State Department said, to replace Ambassador Wallace Murray, at Teheran, Murray, who is ill, is scheduled to leave Teheran tomorrow with his wife.

Stocks Register Additional Gains

New York, April 17.—(AP)—Additional gains were registered by a number of leading stocks in today's market but the move was hesitant as 15 year peaks were neared.

Higher were Douglas Aircraft, Bethlehem, U. S. Steel, Republic Steel, U. S. Rubber, Southern Pacific, Southern Railway, Great Northern, Montgomery Ward and Paramount.

New Lease On Life Limited By 171 To 144

Washington, April 17.—(AP)—The house voted 171 to 144 today to limit OPA's new lease on life to nine months, instead of the full year requested by President Truman. The vote is subject to a formal roll call.

Republicans, with the help of a few Democrats, took control temporarily — of the price control legislation on the House floor. The motion to limit OPA's life span was offered by Rep. Wolcott (R) of Michigan.

Earlier the House refused to kill OPA on June 30, defeating 176 to 34 a motion by Rep. Fankin (D) of Mississippi to strike out the enactment clause of the OPA extension bill.

Communists, Says Rankin.

Rankin shouted to the House, "if you want to destroy the confidence of the American people in their government, just continue this communist OPA."

Scores of other amendments proposing far reaching revision of OPA still are pending.

On the teller vote, on Rankin's motion, reporters counted only 32 Republicans and two Democrats for it.

The House then proceeded toward action on various proposals for the OPA law.

'Economic Bender' Feared By Porter

Washington, April 17.—(AP)—Price Administrator Paul Porter said today breakdown of the present price control system can panic the nation's consumers into a stampede of costly spending.

The breakdown danger, he said, "is a real and frightening possibility."

Spreading belief among businessmen, Porter said in testimony before the Senate Banking Committee, that Congress "will either scuttie price control completely or take action which will compel OPA to raise prices drastically."

Should that belief spread to the consuming public, he added, "the stampede will be on."

Porter testified in the Senate wing of the Capitol as the House called for votes on what to do about the price agency. Congressional friends of President Truman were alarmed over the outcome.

Year More Sought.

The administration has been seeking a full year extension beyond June 30 with present controls left intact.

The OPA chief told the senators that "if this country, with \$225,000,000,000 bulging in its pockets, goes on an economic bender, there won't be just a comfortable little readjustment in prices."

"A climb of 30, 40 or 50 per cent above the present level for the first year of the boom seems to me to be a conservative forecast."

Porter boiled down his inflation fears to terms of an "average family," now spending \$2,400 a year. Twelve months of 40 per cent inflation, he said, would boost their expense to \$3,450 for food, clothing, rent and other regular items.

Discussing the effects of inflation on war bonds and other investments, he described:

"If a witness were to appear at this hearing with the proposal of a capital levy of 50 per cent on all the savings accounts, life insurance policies, bonds and mortgages, and university and hospital endowments, which a generation of thrift and self-denial has amassed, he would certainly be denounced as a crackpot or a communist — or both."

Easter Monday Holiday Decided For The Stores

Easter Monday will be observed as a full holiday next Monday by all stores of Henderson, it was announced today by H. C. Bowie, chairman of the mercantile affairs committee of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce. The Easter Monday closing has been traditional in Henderson for many years, and merchants will observe the custom this year as usual.