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OPA Is Re-Instated; Prices Are Boosted On Numerous Items

Too Young Now



BECAUSE he was too young, police refused to issue a permit to carry a gun to ex-Marine Henry J. Donigan, Jr. (above) of Arlington, Mass. As a result, Henry, who used guns for two years against the Japs at Guadalcanal, Peleliu, Guam, Saipan and China, lost out on a job with an armored car firm. (International)

Truman Might Ask Special Session If Measure Fails

Washington, July 26.—(AP)—Less than 24 hours after getting a new start in life, OPA today hiked June 30 prices on numerous items and set up controls from many others. All of the agency's actions had been planned weeks ago but had been held up by the 25-day price control coma which began with the lapse of OPA authority on July 1. On tap were a long list of other orders governing prices on hundreds of items. But none were in the works yet for the restoration of price ceilings on several major items in the family budget—including meat, dairy products, eggs, poultry, grain, tobacco and petroleum. These were exempt from price ceilings, at least until August 29, by the OPA revival law which President Truman "reluctantly" signed late yesterday. The price boosts authorized today are temporary and may be revised under standards set up by the new OPA law. Included were increases ranging from six to eight cents a ton on coal, coke, anthracite and similar solid fuels. Some retail shoe price ceilings were upped about eight per cent. Stripped from the controlled list were such items as household television sets, rubber floor mats, umbrella frames, and certain types of clocks. An increase of 19 per cent in manufacturers' ceilings on thermostats for domestic use and electric kitchen ranges was authorized. OPA said this price hike will not change the retail costs of stoves. Ceilings on rentals of so-called consumer durable goods whose sale price previously had been decontrolled were eliminated. OPA said that of several hundred of such items so far suspended from price control, only power lawn mowers, musical instruments and some sports equipment—which are frequently rented—are likely to be affected by this elimination action. An increase of 1-1/2 cents per pound of primary lead contained in each gallon of 100 per cent pure lead pigment paint was authorized. Meanwhile, as the war-born agency came back to life after 25 days of legal death, there were three developments: 1.—Mr. Truman, in a message to Congress explaining why he had signed the revival measure "with reluctance," cautioned that it "by no means guarantees that inflation can be avoided. Hence, he added, it does fail in that respect he will call a special session to strengthen it and probably hike taxes. 2.—Congressional leaders quickly said they saw no prospects whatever of boosting tax rates. And Senator Wherry (R) of Nebraska, a leading OPA critic, added to a reporter that a special session might result instead in complete abolition of the agency. 3.—President Robert Watson of the National Association of Manufacturers said in a statement in New York "NAM still opposes OPA because it restricts the freedom of the American people and substitutes the price judgment of a few super-bureaucrats for the judgment of 40,000,000 American housewives, who have given us a four week demonstration of their own ability to control prices." —The CIO United Auto Workers announced in Detroit they will continue their OPA holiday buy-strike because, as UAW President Walter Reuther put it, "This bill only pretends to restore price control. Actually it legalizes inflation."

4 Tar Heels Now Control U. S. Purse

James Webb, Oxford, Named By President As Budget Director

Washington, July 26.—(AP)—A quartet of North Carolinians hold strong grip on the government's purse strings today. Newest of the Tar Heels Federal finance rulers is 29-year-old James E. Webb, of Oxford, N. C., appointed director of the budget by President Truman yesterday. Webb is a war-time marine flier, lawyer, former business executive and one-time congressman's secretary who recently became a junior executive in the treasury. In his new post, he will hold perhaps the top "management" job in the government, short of the presidency. The post pays only \$10,000 a year, but all the government's departments and agencies will have to clear with Webb three multi-million dollar requests for funds which they submit annually to the President and Congress. Webb is expected to work closely with his friends and fellow Tar Heels—Undersecretary of the Treasury O. Max Gardner, Comptroller General and former North Carolina Congressman Lindsay C. Warren and Chairman Doughton, of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Atom Bomb Test Effects Are Studied

Would Have Killed All Crews On Decks Of Target Vessels

Aboard The U. S. S. Appalachia, July 26.—(AP)—The atomic bomb which has proved conclusively it is sure death to ships of all categories within a half mile radius, probably would have killed all men on deck had crews manned the target vessels in Bikini Lagoon for yesterday's underwater test. That is the calm, careful judgment of Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, commander of Operations Crossroads. "It is probable that personnel on deck would have been goner, if not immediately, at least later on," he said today in a post-blast assessment of the weapon which yesterday. Sank the 26,100 ton battleship Arkansas, and the 33,000 ton cruiser Saratoga. So grievously wounded the Japanese battleship Nagato that she still is developing a list. Left the destroyer Hughes in imminent danger of sinking. Sank some lighter craft. And spread so much radio-activity that 24 hours later 26-square miles of water are contaminated.

Leaf Prices Hold Strong

Valdosta, Ga., July 26.—(AP)—Despite heavy offerings, tobacco prices held up well on Georgia bright leaf markets today. The Adels market reported many lots of better grade leaf selling for from 48 to 52 cents per pound. Lower grades were also moving fast. Moultrie, where 635,142 pounds were sold yesterday at an average of 47.92 cents, reported offerings heavy and prices strong today. TWO AREAS IN N. C. UNDER RENT CONTROL

Washington, July 26.—(AP)—Two areas in North Carolina were among those brought under rent control for the first time today. OPA Rent Administrator Ivan Price announced that the Chapel Hill area, consisting of Orange county and the Hickory area, consisting of Catawba county would come under control August 1, with rents frozen at their March 1, 1945 levels.

PALESTINE PANIC
Jerusalem, July 26.—(AP)—Panic spread in the heart of jittery Jerusalem from a false bomb alarm today as British police continued measures against alleged thirtoists and rounded-up more than 200 Jews.

Test Baker: Water Fills Air At Bikini



Water, fire, and smoke fill the air as the atomic bomb in "Test Baker" is exploded beneath the water in Bikini Lagoon. As the water shoots skyward, a huge ball of mist forms on top of the rising smoke column at its base was said to have been 2,100 feet wide. The photo was taken from the flagship U. S. S. Mt. McKinley, which was located 11 miles from the blast center. U. S. Navy Radiophone, International Soundphote).

Russia Seeks Atom Plan Showdown

New York, July 26.—(AP)—Russia, in the face of overwhelming opposition, prepared today to seek a showdown on her proposal for an international convention outlawing the production and use of atomic weapons.

Russian Delegate Andrei Gromyko who two days ago rejected the key points of the U. S. atomic control plan, was scheduled to open debate on his own proposal before a committee of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission.

The Russian plan has been discussed both formally and informally by the 12 delegates and so far has been supported only by Poland.

It appears, therefore, that the proposal had little or no chance of approval.

A majority of the delegates, led by the U. S., have taken the position that a strong system of controls must be established before the U. S. could be expected to give up her advantage as the only nation known to have atomic bomb. Herbert Evatt, Australian minister for external affairs, and first chairman of the atomic commission recently described the Russian proposal as "impossible."

The Russian plan provides that atomic weapons should be outlawed by an international convention. Each nation should be responsible for seeing that the convention is not violated by production of atomic weapons within its borders.

The security council should be charged with the punishment of nations who violate the treaty provisions.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Considerable cloudiness, warm this afternoon becoming partly cloudy and slightly cooler to night. Saturday fair with moderate temperatures.

Jackson Demands Verdict Of Guilty

Allied Summation Starts At Nuernberg; Hess Is Absent As Prosecutors Speak

Nuernberg, July 26.—(AP)—Justice Robert H. Jackson demanded on behalf of the United States today that all 22 Nazi leaders on trial on war crimes charges before the international military tribunal be convicted as "conspirators to wage aggressive war."

Opening the prosecution's summation for the Allied nations against Herman Goering and 21 co-defendants after eight months of testimony and debate, Jackson declared: "Adolf Hitler's acts are their acts. His guilt is the guilt of the whole."

Military Men To Continue Atom Fight

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Senate Committee Seeks Tax Returns Of Munitions Makers

Rep. May's Illness: Real Or Imaginary? Committee Wonders

Washington, July 26.—(AP)—Senator Mead (D) of New York said today he has asked President Truman for authority to investigate income tax data on men involved in a Senate committee's inquiry into the Garsson munitions combine. Mead traveled to the White House during a recess of the committee, which he heads. Today it was to have heard Rep. Andrew J. May (D) of Kentucky on his activities on behalf of the munitions makers, but received word instead that he is seriously ill. The committee then sought a formal medical explanation.

Truman Approves Plan.

Mead told reporters he understood that the President had sent the tax data request on to the Department of Justice with his approval. While Mead would not name those whose returns would be investigated, he did say: "You can assume they will be involved with the Garsson munitions investigation, that they will include certain persons connected with the Garsson interests."

Replying to questions about May's illness, Mead said:

"I hope his recovery will be rapid and complete and that he will be able to resume his activities on the Hill shortly."

Doctor Is Willing.

Mead said that Dr. Henry Lowden, May's physician, would be asked to supply the committee with a medical certificate attesting the nature of the illness, and furnish additional details orally in a private session.

Counsel for May told the committee today that he received a telephone call from May's daughter last night informing him that the 71 year old chairman of the House Military Committee was "very ill, incapacitated, that he had suffered a heart attack."

The attorney said he had talked again with May's physician, Dr. Lowden, this morning, and said that the doctor was willing to appear in closed session to state why May is unable to appear now.

1,200 Furniture Workers Strike In State Plants

Thomasville, July 26.—(AP)—About 1,200 workers at six Thomasville Chair Co. plants went on strike today following a break-down in contract negotiations between the company and local 286 of the United Furniture Workers of America (CIO).

Pickets were set up in front of each of the plants and only office personnel remained on the job.

W. L. Gilbert, New England regional director of the union, who has been here for two weeks conducting negotiations with the company said, "the union will remain on strike until it wins its demands of the chair company which is considered by the union a key industry in the southern organizational drive."

Negotiations have been in progress since April, the company offering a five cent hourly increase. Union officials have said they want a 15 cent boost.

Evicted by Son



AFTER BEING served with an eviction notice by their son, James, W. L. Price helps his weeping wife as they leave the house of their son in Los Angeles. The son, James Price, ex-Navy seaman, and his wife, said they needed the house for themselves. (International)

Four Negroes Are Slain By Georgia Mob

Farmer, Colored Men are Waylaid By Mob On Road

Monroe, Ga., July 26.—(AP)—A band of armed white men waylaid a white farmer and four negroes on a secluded northeast Georgia road last yesterday. Sheriff E. S. Gordon said today, and while holding the white man at gun point, shot the negroes to death.

One of the negroes, Roger Maicom, 27, the sheriff said, had just been released from under \$600 bond on charges of stabbing his employer, Barney Hester, a farmer.

The sheriff identified the other victims as Malcolm's wife, and George Dorsey, and his wife. The negroes, riding in an automobile with Lloyd Harrison, a farmer, were enroute from Monroe to Harrison's farm. Harrison had just brought Dorsey's and Malcolm's wives with him to Monroe to furnish bond for Malcolm and was enroute home when the mob waylaid his automobile. Sheriff Gordon said.

Harrison, at a coroner's inquest, testified that he could not identify any member of the gang which waylaid him. The jury returned a verdict of death at the hands of unknown parties.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ORDERS INVESTIGATION

Washington, July 26.—(AP)—Attorney General Tom Clark's office announced today that he has ordered a "complete investigation" into the slaying of four negroes near Monroe, Ga.

The announcement said without further elaboration that the inquiry would be carried out by the civil rights section of the Department of Justice.

Reorganizaion Measure Includes New Pay Increase

Washington, July 26.—(AP)—Congress members who long have grumbled that they can not live in the style expected of them on \$10,000 a year, wrapped up a \$5,000 raise today in a measure overhauling legislative machinery. Action can't be taken yet. Leaders say it is certain, however. Still in dispute is the form of the pay increase. The Senate voted a straight salary boost of \$15,000. The House decided on a \$12,500 salary plus \$2,500 expense money. However, the expense allowance is tax free so that a member actually would net more money from the House bill than under the Senate version.

Army To Recall 1,125 Reserve And National Guard Officers

Washington, July 26.—The War Department has announced an increase in quotas for recall to active duty, of 1,000 National Guard and Reserve Officers, the full grades for service with the Civil Affairs Division, an additional 40 for service with the Intelligence Division, 35 for service with Foreign Liquidation Commission, and 50 additional for service with Finance Department.

This and previous authorizations make a total of 7,430 vacancies available to officers who have gone on inactive duty or terminal leave but who desire further active duty. War Department representatives indicated that this number may be increased in the near future. Although the War Department is authorized to recall officers to active duty without their consent during the emergency, it is desired to fill these vacancies with volunteers. Accordingly, quotas have been established to meet the needs of each of the branches of service whose personnel problems have been made acute by the rapid demobilization of the Army.

Volunteers under this program may elect to serve for an unlimited length of time or for a 12, 18, or 24 month period. The War Department