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Justice Department Plans Investigation Into Meat Shortage

Complaints About Fixing Of Prices, Death Received

Washington, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The Justice Department disclosed today that it is studying complaints of price fixing and artificial shortages in meat.

An official fully acquainted with the study said since OPA price controls on meat lapsed July 1, the department has received many reports of various illegal trade tactics from many sections of the country.

Some of the complaints have come from within the meat industry itself. This official told a reporter, emphasizing that many meat handlers have no part in the purportedly illicit operations.

The department's investigation is being made to determine whether anti-trust prosecutions should be undertaken.

In addition to reports of artificially created shortages and price fixing agreements, the official said the other complaints being reviewed include:

Tie-In Purchases.

1. Attempts to coerce retail meat dealers into making "tie-in purchases." Some dealers have said they are being forced to buy unwanted products in order to get fresh meat.

2. The assertedly large-scale entry of some meat wholesalers and packers into the retail business. The anti-trust division is studying to what extent this threatens the survival of independent meat retailers.

3. Withholding of hides from the market in an attempt to get higher prices. A Civilian Production Administration drive also is underway in this field in an effort to avert a threatened shutdown of shoe production.

In addition to the meat and hides inquiries, the department official said the agency is receiving "a large number" of complaints of private price fixing agreements involving other industries producing commodities no longer controlled by price ceilings. He declined to name these industries.

GINNING WORKERS EXEMPT FROM TAX

Washington, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The internal revenue collector, revoking a previous holding, ruled today that meat taxes because they perform exempt from federal employment taxes because they perform agricultural labor within the meaning of the social security act.

Lake Ships Tied-Up By NMU Strike

Large Majority Of Vessels Operating During Second Day

Cleveland, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The CIO-National Maritime Union had succeeded in freezing a portion of Great Lakes shipping today but the big majority of the vessels were still operating.

Whether the strike would spread throughout the 400 American flag cargo vessels on the five lakes and shut off huge movements of coal, iron ore, steel, grain and oil was still uncertain on the second day of the walkout.

The union is mainly demanding a shorter work week, and is calling on non-union crews to join in the struggle. Most crews on the lakes are non-union.

Latest developments were:

- 1.—Union President Joseph Curran and his aides were moving their strike headquarters to Detroit today.

Before leaving, a union spokesman said "well over 40" ships were strike bound. He said a more precise figure would be available later.

- 2.—The Lake Carriers Association announced that only seven of the 316 cargo vessels operated by its member companies were strike-bound last night after one whole day of the walkout. This association does not include the 35 oil tankers on the lakes. Curran told reporters that 16 of these tankers were idle.

- 3.—Bitterness between CIO and AFL seamen flared into fist fighting on a picket line at Detroit. But Curran's union claimed AFL support in some ports. A spokesman said AFL sailors walked off a passenger ship in Milwaukee and set up a picket line.

- 4.—Negotiations at the labor department in Washington broke down, at least temporarily. The participants scattered to various port cities.

The CIO union is demanding a reduction of the 56 hour week to 40 hours, also higher wages, improved over-time rates, and other concessions.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 39 cents a bale higher to 35 cents lower.

Now prices were \$1.10 to \$2.50 a bale, lower to \$3.65, December 35.75 and March 35.65.

Manchu Emperor On Stand

Henry Pu-yi Defends Acceptance, Blasts Inaction By Allies

Tokyo, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Henry Pu-yi today defended his acceptance of the puppet throne of Manchuria by attacking Allied inaction in the face of Japanese conquest.

Pu-yi, a nervous little man in a blue serge suit, was testifying at the trial of Japan's war leaders—some of whom gave him orders when he was the puppet emperor.

Recounting the 14-year-old intrigue that led him to the false throne of his forefathers' country, the last of the Manchu emperors interjected:

"At that time (1932-33) the democratic nations were not trying to resist Japanese militarists. I alone as an individual would hardly be able to resist them."

Had Fears For Life.

Animately, in contrast to his earlier calm, he said he accepted the Manchurian crown through fear of his life.

He snapped upright from his habitual slumped posture to address his remarks directly to the 11 justices. Speaking brusquely, he emphasized his statement by waving a thin ivory fan and gesturing with long, graceful fingers.

Then abruptly, he returned to his impassive verbal shuffling through the dead years to tell him one of the defendants, Seishiro Itagaki, then an army colonel, first offered him the crown throne in his Japanese-controlled refuge at Port Arthur. He said he at first refused, then accepted it in the face of threats for his life.

Pu-yi said Itagaki presented him as an aide to the late Field Marshal Shigeru Miyagi, then commander in chief of Japan's Kwantung army. He said he killed himself shortly after the U. S. occupation of Japan.

Market Leaders Take New Drop

New York, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Stock market leaders suffered further losses in today's market although a number of issues managed to contest the move with mild success.

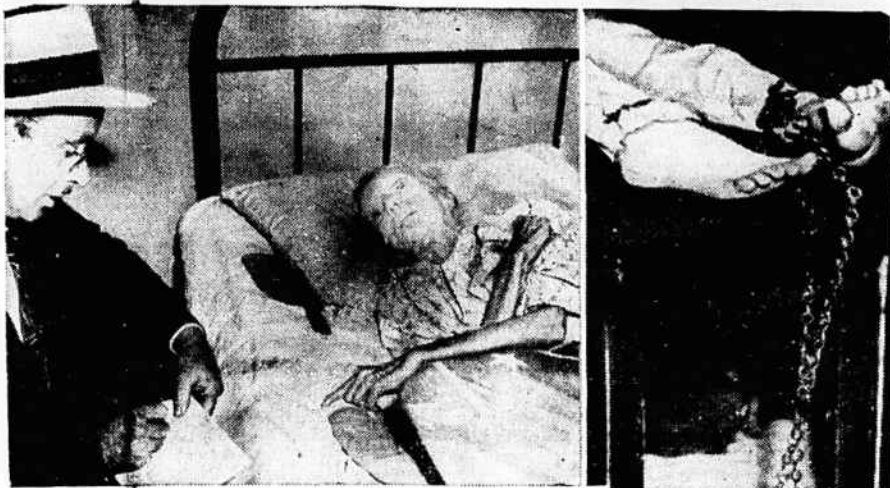
Backward were General Motors, Chrysler, Goodrich and Sears Roebuck.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy with moderate temperatures tonight and Saturday. Scattered showers in mountains tonight.

Groundwork Laid For New Rift Between East, West At Paris

POLICE CHECK EVIDENCE IN 'HOUSE OF HORRORS'



ONE OF THE AGED PATIENTS found in a nursing home operated in Indianapolis by Mrs. Margaret Colvin is interviewed (above) by an agent of Prosecutor Sherwood Blue, who refers to the place as the "House of Horrors." Blue said that several of the 20 patients were found shackled or chained and (right) is shown a typical shackle binding the feet of one inmate of the "nursing home." Following a raid on the place, Mrs. Colvin was held on assault and mayhem charges. (International Soundphoto)

Delegate From New Zealand Seeks Action

Paris, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The Russian delegation tossed the makings of a new fight between western and eastern powers into the peace conference today and New Zealand Delegate W. J. Jordan, in an outburst of temper denounced the Russians for "this blasted old role."

"Let's do something," Jordan shouted in exasperation at long speeches and delays after listening to an argument by Soviet Delegate Andrei Vishinsky.

"Here we sit listening to quack, quack, quack, hour after hour. We are sick of it," Jordan said.

Vishinsky insisted on an international meeting of the political and territorial commission on Romania that only nations actually at war with former enemy states should vote in the commissions drafting recommendations for the five peace treaties. The vote of France thus would be eliminated from the commission on Romania.

In a meeting of the commission on Finland, Soviet Delegate N. V. Novokov raised the same point, which would eliminate the vote of the United States and France.

Presumably the Russians planned to raise the same question in the commissions for Italy, Bulgaria and Hungary.

Despite Jordan's rebuff, Vishinsky insisted upon his point and the matter was left for future action. In the commission on Finland, Novokov drew a quick reply from Hector McNeil of Britain that "any government could not accept the Soviet view on this matter."

In the Finnish commission too, the Soviet declaration was noted in the minutes without further action. Vishinsky said he would ignore the "harsh words" of the "temperamental" delegate from New Zealand, but insisted "we shall never submit to angry words."

Household Items Go Up In Price

Washington, Aug. 16.—(AP)—OPA hung a price hike tag of "well over \$150,000,000 a year" on radios, stoves, washers, and many another household item today—and ground out still more bad news for consumers.

On top of price boosts ranging from 3 to 12 per cent on 20 groups of mainly home essentials, the agency announced:

- 1.—An immediate increase of 1 to 2 cents for draught and bottled beer served in bars, restaurants and hotels.
- 2.—New price ceilings for used automobiles made this year or in 1945.
- 3.—White side-wall tire ceilings of 12.5 per cent higher than maximum prices on other tires.
- 4.—Higher prices for stationery and book paper.

Truck Turns Over, Workers Run Over By Second Vehicle

Durham, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Seven Negroes were killed and at least six others were injured seriously on U. S. Highway 15 a few miles north of Durham, early today when the truck in which they were en route to work at a saw mill overturned, dumping them onto the highway. A large transport truck, which was heading in the opposite direction, ploughed through them before being able to stop.

State Patrolman J. P. Griffin said the bodies were in such a mangled condition that only four of the seven dead had been identified four hours after the accident.

Griffin said the transport truck involved in the wreck was owned by the Transport Corp. of Virginia and was driven by Alexander Norris of Durham. He said no charges had been filed in connection with the accident.

F. V. Oliver, white, of Durham, route 3, driver of the truck in which the Negroes were riding, was in a "fair" condition at the hospital.

Archaeologists Plan To Explore Lost Colony Area

Winston, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The U. S. Park Service plans archaeological explorations of the Fort Raleigh site to determine what has been hidden by the shifting sands of Dare county since the time of the British attempt to colonize the New World in the sixteenth century. Thomas J. Allen, regional director of the service, said during a visit here this week.

Further building at the site of Sir Walter Raleigh's "lost colony" will be determined by what the archaeologists discover, Allen said. Whatever is discovered, he said, will be protected and preserved on the site.

The Park Service assumed maintenance of the Fort Raleigh site in the summer of 1931, and now, for the first time since Pearl Harbor, the agency has an appropriation for such projects as will be undertaken here. However, Allen said he did not know when work would begin. The service will also send an architect and an engineer here to work with local officials in planning rain shelters and other improvements around the Waterside Theatre, where The Lost Colony is currently being presented in its six season.

Truman Will Ask Congress To Let Jews Enter U. S.

Washington, Aug. 16.—(AP)—President Truman today announced he is considering asking Congress for special legislation to permit entry of European refugees, including Jews, into the United States.

A White House statement said that the U. S. Government "has not presented any plan of its own for the solution of the problem of Palestine," although the President has been exchanging views with Prime Minister Clement Attlee of Britain, on the question.

Seven Negroes Die In Truck Wreck Few Miles From Durham

State Democrats Will Act On Organizational Changes

BY LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, Aug. 16.—In addition to electing a state chairman and vice chairman, the state Democratic executive committee at its August 23 meeting will consider and probably adopt a number of changes and amendments in the party plan of organization.

Call for committee to meet in the hall of the House of Representatives at eight o'clock Wednesday night, August 23, was issued by Chairman W. H. Brantley from Durham today. It is regarded as certain that Brantley will be re-elected state chairman, and no opposition has developed to continuing Mrs. H. B. Everett as vice chairman. Party rules require that the vice chairman be a woman. With respect to county and district committees, it is verified that either the chairman or vice chairman shall be a woman.

Rewriting of the plan of organization was authorized by the state committee last spring when the chairman was empowered to name a committee of five to do the work and present recommendations to the summer meeting. The committee was composed of Judge Jeff D. Johnson of Clinton, chairman; Charles A. Hines of Greensboro, E. C. Greene of Asheville, Mrs. Paul McNeill of Sanatorium and Mrs. E. H. Syrett of Calhoun. Due to illness "Denson" Greene did not sit with the committee, but it is understood he final draft of recommendations was approved by him.

Most significant changes were made in the composition of the various executive committees. It is made more clear that the state committee shall be equally divided "six

men and six women" from each congressional district. The old plan read "twelve members, six men and six women," but only a few districts observed the ratio. Omission of the "twelve members" will make mandatory the selection of an equal number of women.

The new plan will assure at least ten members on each congressional committee, since it provides for two members from each county except in districts with less than five counties, where the number shall be three. The sixth is the only district of less than five counties, and the larger membership will preclude possibility of four men nominating a congressman as was the case when Carl Durham was named on the ticket in lieu of Earl Toomey, who died after being nominated in the primary.

The same changes were noted in judicial and senatorial district committees, but senatorial committees are left with one member from each county.

The next most important recommended change is provision for nominating candidates in special elections to fill vacancies occurring in mid-term. Heretofore both the statute and the party plan have been silent on this point, but action has been taken by the executive committee to nominate candidates. The statute will be written into party law if the proposed change is adopted.

Indicating but prestige by the State Democrats is elimination of the state YDC president as an ex-officio member of the committee, and inclusion of the national YDC executive committee and county YDC chairman as voting members.

Gardner May Head Atomic Commission U.S. May Back Russian Move In Dardanelles

Washington, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The United States reportedly is ready today to advocate some special transit rights for Russia through the Dardanelles.

But this country is said to oppose outright current Soviet demands for a hand in the military control of that strategic waterway.

Diplomatic officials suggest that a possible step toward trying to work out the developing controversy may be a Turkish called conference of the nations now parties to the Montreux Treaty governing the straits.

As the State Department officials said there is no reason to believe there has been any change in United States policy as previously announced by Secretary of State James B. Byrnes. The main points of this policy in relation to Russia is that the waterway should be open at all times to the transit of warships of Black Sea powers. Under the Montreux convention Turkey has the right to close the straits in time of war or other danger.

Holy Land Jews Plan Protest Strikes

Jerusalem, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Eighteen defiant and singing young Jews were sentenced to death today for bombing the Haifa railroad shops in a night attack. Four Jewish women were given life terms.

Jerusalem, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The strife-torn Holy Land faced the threat today of a non-cooperation strike by Jews protesting the deportation of illegal refugees—a new factor in the already explosive situation in Palestine.

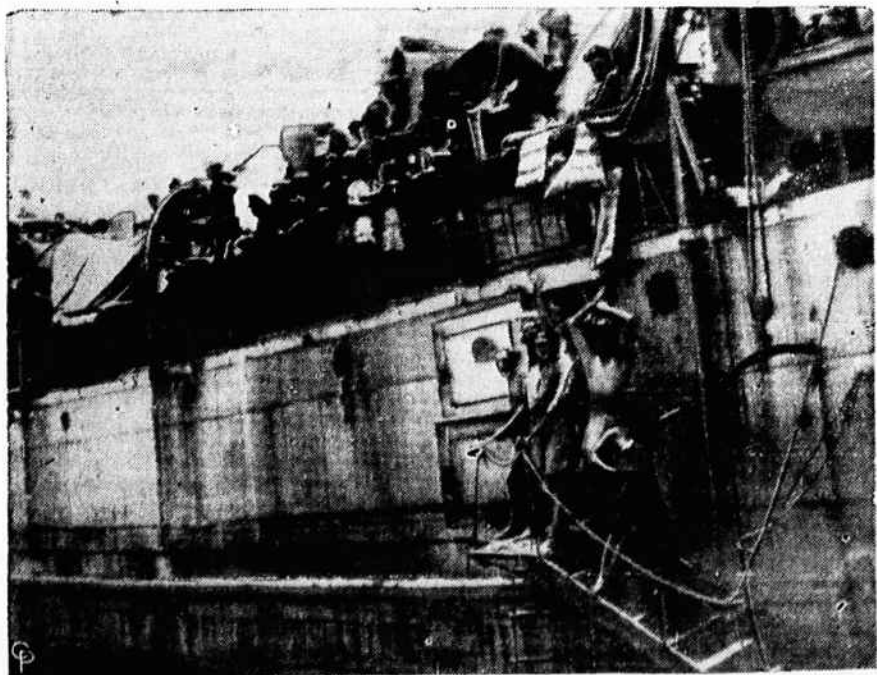
Vaad Leumi (the national council for Palestine Jews), announced that the first stage of its non-cooperation program would begin Sunday and stood pat on its decision to start the non-cooperation strike despite hints from the Jewish Agency that it had not been considered.

The British army, meanwhile, stood by in a full alert to meet the possibility of a general revolt of Jews as urged by the Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground organization, and military informants described the situation throughout Palestine as in a state "of dreadful hush."

There was much disappointment in Jewish quarters as reports circulated that President Truman had declined to approve U. S. participation in a plan to divide Palestine into federal zones. One qualified Jewish leader said the American President's position, if correctly stated, was a "shameful breach of faith and failure to discharge a moral obligation."

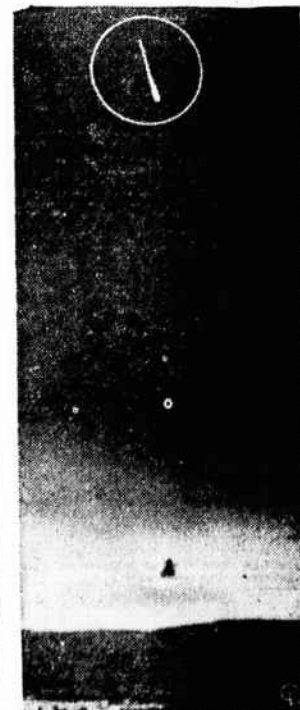
An Arab spokesman, on the other hand, commented: "His high time American realized she is not required to pull Britain's chestnuts out of the fire."

EXCLUSIVE PHOTO OF REFUGEE SHIP AT HAIFA



AT ANCHOR IN HAIFA HARBOR is one of the ships (believed to be the Henrietta Szold) crammed with Jewish refugees attempting to enter Palestine illegally. The refugees were taken from the ship and transferred to British transports which carried them in barbed wire cages to Cyprus. (International Exclusive Radiophoto)

'Ghost' Rocket



THIS PHOTO, just released by the Swedish military staff, shows one of the mysterious rocket bombs that have been streaking across Sweden's skies. Three fliers were killed when a Swedish military reconnaissance plane collided head-on with one of these "ghost" rocket bombs. Government authorities have started a nation-wide hunt for the rockets. (International)