Earl Wilson
Author Dispatches Earl Wilson, who was on a visit to Hollywood, writes about Howard Hughes in his column for today. He was on the West Coast when the noted aircraft man was trying out new planes. You'll find his column on the back page.

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HOUSE GETS OPA REVIVAL BILL

Foundation Set Up To Boost N. C. Business

Hal Boyle

Workmen Turn Home Into Tower Of Babel

By HAL BOYLE

BERLIN — (AP) — Living in a bomb-damaged German house under repair is a real adventure in Babel.

MR. BOYLE

American wives waiting to come to Berlin have no idea what an agony of Katzenjammer house-cleaning their husbands are enduring to ready some kind of a home for them.

At present I am dwelling in a home in suburban Zehlendorf which Dick Kasischke, an Associated Press correspondent, is having fixed up for his wife and daughter.

I wasn't a bad foxhole at all when we moved in. The plumbing on opposite sides of the house worked on alternate days, the roof was okay and, although there weren't any window panes left in my room, the bed was comfortable and the rain didn't blow in very far.

Downstairs the dining room did look a little as if it had been used for a chicken coop, but this didn't matter because we were eating out anyway at an Army mess. Besides, the icebox worked well enough to keep the beer cool and the grand piano wasn't missing any important keys.

NO BISMARCK

We are very comfortable. It was a nice house. I liked it because it was the only house I ever saw in Germany that didn't have a picture of Bismarck on the wall. All we had was a statue of the first Kaiser Wilhelm.

Then the German housekeeper and the two elderly maids learned that "the American housfrau"—Mrs. Kasischke—would soon be here from Detroit. The storm struck.

Ziss house—no American woman live in it," said the housekeeper.

Since then we have been enveloped in a domestic whirlwind of dust, mops, pails, paint, cement, floor shaving and Teutonic arguments between the housekeeper and the battalion of German glaziers, plasterers, painters, gardeners, woodworkers, and plumbers supplied by the Army for "operation makeready."

We wake up sneezing and go to bed coughing and the place smells like a hardware store. It looks like a cross between a carpenter's ball and a circus grounds with the big tent just going up.

Each morning I awake to see half a dozen Kraut workmen leering through the bedroom door. I can't get into the bathroom because two plumbers are banging on the pipes. They tear out a pipe and cuss the Versailles Treaty. They put the pipe back in and complain about the four-power occupation.

They carefully scrape the floor clean. The plasterers arrive and work on the ceiling. That means the floor has to be done again.

The glazier says he has done a good job of restoring the glass in a big hinged window on the sun porch. The housekeeper says he hasn't put in enough wooden cross supports.

"Verdammt," says the old glazier. He triumphantly lifts up the window—and the whole pane falls out and showers around his ears in broken fragments. That settles that argument.

ROSES BLOOM

Every time a rose blooms outside, one of the gardeners come steaming in to report like the anchor man on a mile relay. He brings in half the garden on the shoes, and one of the maids takes a look at the rugs. And tells him what she would like to do to him.

After two weeks of already sawing and hammering and brush-slapping the old homestead is beginning to glisten like an ad in a homeowners' magazine, but I strike in still wearing that haunted look common to husbands at house-cleaning time.

"I am afraid," he says, looking around doubtfully, "my wife will still want one or two changes made."

That, I guess, is my signal to change foxholes.

Efforts To Save Buried Youth Fail

CHULA VISTA, Calif. — (AP) — An eighteen-year-old laborer, buried a second time by cave-ins in a thirteen-foot-deep sewage pit after rescuers had almost saved him, was finally brought up dead yesterday before a crowd of 600 people attracted by the grim struggle.

Two other men were seriously injured in the futile effort to save the young worker, John McGrath of San Diego.

George Lincicuo, owner of an ambulance company, received a broken leg and Bert Francis, a worker, internal injuries. They were carried into the pit with McGrath and partly buried by the second slide.

A mechanical digger was finally put into action before the youth's body was recovered.

Conditions Rejected

May Is Unable To Explain Actions, Committee Says

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Senate War Investigating Committee bluntly informed Representative May, Democrat, Kentucky, that it could find no alternative to the conclusion that he is "unable to explain or contradict facts" linking him to a munitions combine it is investigating.

In a strongly worded letter to the Chairman of the House Military Committee, the Senate Committee refused to accept the conditions he laid down for a personal appearance before the investigators.

"Stripped of 'ifs', 'ands', and 'buts', the plain and simple import of your (May's) letter is that you decline to appear before the Committee to face and explain the facts that have been presented," the letter said. "The Committee has sought to find an alternative to the conclusion that you admit those facts to be true, that you are unable to explain or contradict them. It cannot find any such alternative."

PUBLIC SERVANTS

The letter added:

"We are all public servants. The citizenry and its representative bodies, of which we are members, are entitled to an accounting of our stewardship of the public trust we have accepted.

"This should induce us to seek to account, frequently, fully and openly. No possession should be more precious than the confidence of the public in the integrity and devotion to duty of a representative of the people in a democracy.

"When wrongfully challenged, we should rush to defend that integrity."

May has been described by Army officer witnesses as being persistent in helping the war contract business of a group of companies in which the Garason brothers, Henry and Murray, were active.

The Congressman indicated yesterday he was willing to testify publicly, if allowed to have his own counsel and granted the right to cross-examine and recall witnesses.

Instead of the conditions demanded by May, the Committee informed him he would be given the "customary" treatment accorded witnesses who appear before his own House Committee.

House Action

Administration Wins Loan Test

WASHINGTON—(AP) — The Administration won a thumping victory on the first House test of the $3,750,000,000 British loan today when members on a standing vote of 180 to 19 rejected a motion by Representative Celler, Democrat, New York, to kill the ratification bill.

Celler had moved to strike out everything after the enacting clause in the legislation.

The House then moved toward a final showdown on the bill.

This test on the Celler motion came shortly after Speaker Rayburn, Democrat, Texas, personally appealed to the House to ratify the credit, lest England and Western Europe "be pushed into an ideology I despise."

As the House assembled to cast its crucial vote on the ratification legislation, already approved by the Senate, Rayburn arose and declared:

"World leadership is offered us today. Voices throughout the world are crying for a United democracy to lead. Will we seize that leadership or will we allow somebody else to seize it?

"If that happens, God pity us, and God pity the people of other nations."

TABER FOR BILL

Representative Taber of New York, senior Republican on the Appropriations Committee, announced his support to the loan, declaring:

"The United States must stand by the only ally standing by her in the negotiations for peace."

WASHINGTON.—(AP) — The House refused today by a voice vote to reduce the proposed loan to Britain from $3,750,000,000 to $1,250,000,000.

Immediately thereafter the members also rejected, by a 168 to 112 standing vote, an amendment to require collateral for funds granted.

U. S. Patrol Kills Slavs

GORIZIA, Italy—(AP)—The U. S. 88th Division announced today that an American Army patrol killed two Yugoslav soldiers in skirmishes yesterday after a Yugoslav patrol opened fire when it was caught west of the Morgan Line.

The line divides the British-American zone from the Yugoslav zone of occupation in disputed Venezia Giula. It extends north from Punta Grossa, a prominent headland four miles south of Trieste, to Gorizia, Caporetto and Ratece on the Italian-Yugoslav-Austrian border.

The 88th Division's Headquarters said the skirmishes developed after the Yugoslavs crossed the line near Aurisinia, in the Isonzo River Valley southeast of Caporetto, which is itself 22 miles north of Gorizia.

American troops in the zone were ordered on the alert.

Madeleine Carroll Weds In Paris

PARIS —(AP)— Le Monde said Madeleine Carroll, film star, and Henri Lavorel were married today "in Paris, in the strictest privacy."

The newspaper did not furnish further details nor did it identify Lavorel. Miss Carroll and Stirling Hayden, a Hollywood star, recently were divorced. Miss Carroll worked for the American Red Cross during the war.

Spread A-Bomb Rumor

Prisoner Helped Japs Decide To Surrender

WASHINGTON —(AP)— How a captured B-29 Superfortress pilot helped the Japanese make up their minds to surrender last August was disclosed today by the U. S. strategic bombing survey.

A rumor that an atomic bomb was to be dropped on Tokyo August 12 got started after questioning of the pilot, unidentified in the report.

Japan's first overture toward acceptance of the Potsdam surrender terms was cabled to the United States via Switzerland August 10.

The story, made public at the White House, said:

"Indubitably the Hiroshima bomb and the rumor derived from interrogation of an American prison... (B-29 pilot), who stated that an atom bomb attack on Tokyo was scheduled for August introduced urgency in the minds of the Government and magnified the pressure behind its moves to end the war."

The 20th Air Force, in charge of all B-29 operations, would not give out the pilot's name. Declining to comment on the truth or falsity of the story of a Tokyo bombing plan, Air Force officials said the question of whether the pilot gave information to the enemy was involved.

Organization Formed At University

Will Promote State Welfare

By BURKE DAVIS
Charlotte News Special Writer

CHAPEL HILL—The Business Foundation, a group of business, professional and industrial leaders from all sections of the state, was organized at a luncheon here today with the aim to speed up the postwar business and industrial development of North Carolina in partcular and the South in general.

The organizational meeting was attended by a large number of Foundation charter members, including several Charlotteans. The luncheon was held at the Carolina Inn. Chancellor Robert B. House of the University of North Carolina, welcomed the group.

ORGANIZATION'S PURPOSE

Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem, who was elected first president of the Foundation, told those attending the meeting that Business has always recognized its responsibility to the buying public and its stockholders, and emphasised that Business also has a responsibility to the institutions of the state. He pointed out that the Foundation should help improve business, conserve the state's resources and give financial help.

The meeting was attended by nearly 100 of the state's leaders, including former Governor J. Melville Broughton, W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture, S. Clay Williams of Winston-Salem, Clarence Poe of Raleigh, Julian Price of Greensboro, Herman Cone of Greensboro, and Harry McMullan of Raleigh.

Charter members from the Charlotte area are: John L. Morehead, Norman Cocke, Hanen Lassiter, M. F. Kincey, Frank Sherrill, R. S. Dickson, Julian Miller, B. B. Gossett, C. Dowd Jr., W. C. P. Street, Harry Dalton, Word Wood, Dave Clark, John J. Parker, all of Charlotte.

Arthur M. Dixon, Kay Dixon, W. B. Garrison, Gastonia; Henry A. Lineberger, Belmont; Stuart W. Cramer, Cramerton; Charles A. Cannon, Concord.

"The purpose of the foundation first of all is to try to promote new business in the State, and attracting industry from the outside, to build up the University's School of Commerce, one of the few in the South, to a stature comparable to that of Harvard's Business School, to conduct conferences and refresher courses for all kinds of business people, large and small, for realtors, insurance men, druggists, bankers, hotel men, department store managers.

"The foundation will have its home office here, and may open branches over the state. In the end it will command many million of dollars to try and build a sounder business economy for the State, and to bring the business men of the State closer to the University. There have been long strains in the past, but I know the most endless list of business leaders, many of them genuine tycoons, proves that the forces are joining or are about to join.

"The list includes the Greensboro Cones, the New York Richard-

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Chiang Will Move To Summer Home

NANKING—(AP) — Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek are expected to move about July 15 to the Chinese Government's Summer capital at Kuling in the cool mountain lake area east of Hankow to escape Nanking's severe heat.

Some Cabinet Ministers will accompany them. The Foreign Minister is remaining in Nanking. A house was prepared in Kuling for General Marshall's wife but President Truman's personal representative is undecided how much time he will be able to spend there. The Chinese Communist representatives are remaining in Nanking.

Early End To Match Strike Is Predicted

AKRON, O. —(AP)— An early end to a 12-week match-company strike which had idled some 5,500 employees in five states was predicted today.

F. B. Gerhart, president of the National Match Workers Council (AFL), said representatives of the Diamond Match Co. at Barberton, and the Ohio Match Co. at Wadsworth, agreed at an all-night negotiating session to grant the union's demands for a pay raise of 18 1/2 cents an hour.

HIGHEST BEEF ON RECORD—This 1,800-pound steer was sold on the Milwaukee livestock market for $23 per hundredweight—the highest price on record in the history of that market. Ray Steidl (kneeling) and Hig Murray, market employees, examine the costly beast which brought $414.00 on the hoof. (AP Wirephoto).

'Frightened Man'

Porter Warns Of Inflation Threat

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Declaring he is a "frightened man," OPA Administrator Paul Porter said today "we've had a taste—just a taste—of what can happen" without price and rent controls.

Porter, in a radio address, likened "inflation's chain reaction" to the aftermath of an atomic bomb blast. He said the reaction will be slow in getting started.

"But when it does start—when it begins to rumble all along the line—some of the price increases you've been seeing in the last two weeks may look like pretty small potatoes by comparison," Porter continued.

He added that it is "that chain reaction of inflation which has me worried and has me saying"—with the author of a book on atomic energy—"I'm a frightened man."

Elaborating on his chain reaction theme, Porter said:

"I am not thinking of 79 cent lamb chops, or butter at $1 a pound, or the thousands of unwarranted rent increases and evictions . . .

THINKING AHEAD

"I am thinking ahead to what may happen as a result of price increases that are being made in basic commodities and raw materials which for one reason or another haven't yet made themselves felt in your stores—at least not to the full effect they will be felt if controls are not restored promptly."

Noting that the Bureau of Labor Statistics' price index of 28 basic commodities had climbed 17 per cent during the first 11 days after controls expired July 1, Porter said prices measured by this index had risen "only about 13 per cent" between May 17, 1943, and last June 28.

On some items, price increases since controls expired have been due, at least in part, to elimination of Government subsidies. Among commodities on the BLS index which were subsidized are butter, hogs, cattle, sugar, coffee, copper, lead and zinc.

Porter said there is "an easily detected note of wishful thinking" in the statements of merchants, distributors and manufacturers who have "pledged they will do their best to hold the price line, with or without OPA."

He said the majority of them mean what they say, and that perhaps they can hold the line on goods they have in stock at present.

"But when those goods are gone," Porter continued, "what's going to

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New Council Talks Urged

PARIS—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes declared today he wanted another Foreign Minister Council to take place immediately after the impending peace conference adopts the peace treaties.

His intention to urge another Foreign Ministers session prior to the United Nations meeting in New York, tentatively set for Sept. 23, was disclosed at a press conference before he enplaned for Washington.

Reviewing the Council's work, Byrnes remarked that internationalization of Trieste would be a good experiment in international co-operation.

HAD TO COMPROMISE

Byrnes said he had not hesitated to accept compromises on the European peace treaties because "if we had not gotten a treaty we would have had a clash that nobody wants. Therefore we did not hesitate wherever there was any possibility to reach a reconciliation."

There were some indications that the adjournment of the conference last night marked a parting of the ways between Russia and the Western Allies on the administration and future of Germany.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov refused to support a United States plan for a central economic administration for Germany. This proposal was backed by French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, in a remarkable concession, when he agreed to go along with Byrnes if the coal-rich Saar was not included.

Molotov asked further time to study the condition—endorsed by Britain and the United States—that the Saar be placed under French supervision.

New Envoy Confirmed To Dominican Republic

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Senate confirmed early today the nomination of George H. Butler of Illinois to be American Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

Senate Passes Stripped-Down Price Measure

Bill Unlikely To Reach Conference Before Tuesday—May Be Rewritten

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The OPA revival bill, carrying a long list of price control exemptions, passed the Senate 62 to 15 early today and went to the House. There a three-day delay before further action is taken appeared likely.

The one-year extension measure apparently was amended far beyond the bounds which would permit its acceptance by President Truman.

Administration leaders said the parliamentary situation was such that the House probably could not even send the measure to a Senate-House-conference committee before Tuesday. Should that be the next step, Administration members hope to rewrite it from tip to roots.

Final passage came at 1:56 A. M. (EST), on the thirteenth day of OPA's lapse into a legal coma. Approval was obvious almost from the moment that the long roll call of weary Senators started, six minutes earlier.

Representative Wolcott of Michigan, top Republican of the Banking Committee, said an effort might be made to substitute for it the original extension bill President Truman vetoed June 29. Wolcott said the first bill appeared "stronger" than the latest Senate measure.

RENT CONTROL

As it floundered through a sleepy Senate, the new measure would revive OPA and restore price control ceilings as of June 30. It would reinstate rent controls, with the proviso that states take over in this field where they have adequate laws.

Price controls, however, would not be replaced on meat, poultry, eggs, butter, cheese, milk or other dairy products, cotton seed, soybeans, grain, livestock or poultry feed, nor on any form of tobacco. Petroleum would have no ceilings as long as supply meets domestic demand.

Reinstated were some of the provisions to which President Truman objected when he vetoed OPA extender bill No. 1 on June 29.

These included a section giving final say on the lifting of food controls to the Secretary of Agriculture instead of OPA, which Mr. Truman said was an "unsound split of authority." It contained also what he called "cost plus" amendments for automobile and appliance dealers and lacked an additional $250,000,000 in subsidies he asked.

In one major respect, however, it was more satisfactory to Administration leaders than bill No. 1. The Senate put in a provision requiring that producers, manufacturers and processors' ceilings be placed high enough to take care of the average increase in costs in their industry since 1940.

TAFT PROVISION OUT

This was substituted for a provision inserted in the original bill by Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, which Mr. Truman had jacked up the "most damaging" section of that measure.

The apparent Administration strategy was to take this measure direct to a Senate-House committee without further action by the House itself now. There it would be matched with a twenty-day extension of OPA's powers which the House previously and joined together under rules that would permit almost any sort of final compromise.

The Senate named Senators Wagner, Democrat, New York, Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky, Downey, Democrat, California.

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Fight Made By Hughes

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Howard Hughes continued his stubborn and dramatic battle for life today while pulling for him on the sidelines were countless friends and well-wishers, including President Truman who telegraphed: "I feel sure you will win this fight."

Hopes that the 40-year-old aircraft designer and movie producer might rally suffered a setback late last night when it was announced no bulletin would be issued then on his condition. This was taken to indicate the round-the-world flier, injured in an aircrash Sunday, had made little progress from a previously announced precarious condition.

This morning, a medical bulletin declared:

"We found Mr. Hughes asleep this morning and did not awaken him, but from the charts and the way he looks, it appears that his condition is unchanged.

"There is no operation necessary at the present time."

President Truman's message to Hughes read: "I am watching eagerly all the reports concerning you. I feel sure you will win this fight. With every good wish—Harry S. Truman."

Hundreds of other messages of hope have been received at the hospital where Hughes is confined, the senders including Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York; Mayor Edward Kelly, of Chicago; Eddie Rickenbacker; Lord Knollys, Chairman, British Overseas Airways, and high Army and Navy officers, as well as Congressmen and Senators.

Arabs Demand Trial Of Jews

JERUSALEM—(AP) — The arrest and trial of Jewish agency leaders and other Jews "responsible for the state of affairs in Palestine" was demanded yesterday by the Arab higher executive committee.

The committee, in a letter to Lt. Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, Palestine High Commissioner, said Jewish leaders were responsible for "the wave of murder, destruction, intimidation and incitement which has swept the country and resulted in a serious loss of Arab and non-Jewish life and property."

Dallas Man Slated To Head Optimists

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—(AP)—William H. Pierce, of Dallas, Tex., was slated to become president of Optimist International at the closing session of the organization's annual convention here today.

Pierce was nominated yesterday along with the slate of other nominations for vice-president: Lucien Renuart, Miami Beach, Fla.; H. L. Scott, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Charles Klapp, Louisville, Ky., and Charles Snyder, Detroit.

Numerous Exemptions

OPA Bill Has Many Provisions Not In Measure Truman Vetoed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The OPA revival bill passed early today by the Senate stacks up this way against the extension legislation President Truman vetoed June 29:

1. Provisions in the new bill, not contained in the old, would:

Exempt from price controls livestock, meat, poultry, eggs, milk, butter and dairy products, cottonseed, soybeans and their products, grain and livestock or poultry feed made from it, tobacco and its products.

Free petroleum and its products from control except when a decontrol board found the supply short of domestic demand.

Bar Federal rent ceilings in states having rent controls.

Forbid OPA to enforce price differentials between textile firms which handle cotton from raw to finished product and those which do not.

Forbid the Commodity Credit Corporation to pay more than 14½ cents a pound for imported sugar.

Give Southern pine used for pulp as high a ceiling as any other pine used for that purpose.

Allow at least current production costs on 90 per cent of logs, lumber and lumber products.

RETROACTIVE TO JUNE 30

Make the new measure effective as of last June 30, the date the old OPA act expired.

2. Identical provisions in both old and new bills would:

Continue OPA until next June 30.

Transfer price controls over farm commodities to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Establish an independent, three-man decontrol board which could approve higher price ceilings than those the Agriculture Secretary recommended.

Grant an additional $1,000,000,000 subsidies.

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Sales Resistance Shown To Higher Butter Prices

CHICAGO — (AP) — Sales resistance to wholesale butter prices is creating a more cautious attitude in wholesale markets, the Department of Agriculture reported today.

The Department said chain dairy stores in New York and Philadelphia retailing butter at 69 cents a pound reported demand was "very light" at prices of 65 to 69 cents, "apparently the effects of high prices."

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and not quite so warm today and tonight. Sunrise tomorrow 5:54, sunset today 7:35. Temperatures for last 24 hours: Highest yesterday 93, lowest today 72. Rainfall last 24 hours none. Total since first of month 1.35 inches. Normal for month 3.75 inches. Total since January 1, 28.61 inches. Normal for year 39.37 inches.