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LEFT-HANDED FIDDLER

Johnny Long, Newell's gift to the music world, is wooping it up for his home state in New York, where his band is attracting wide interest. Earl Wilson, Broadway columnist, tells the story in an article on page 7-A.

Controls On Installment Buying To Expire Tomorrow

FOUR MEN DIE IN STATE GAS CHAMBER

Step Viewed With Fear By Truman And Others

President May Ask Revival

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Easier terms for many installment buyers are expected as controls over consumer credit follow price ceilings off the statute books at midnight tomorrow night.

The amount of down payments and the number of months to pay will be strictly up to the seller for the first time in over six years.

Some confusion prevailed at first over the precise timing of the expiration of the controls because of uncertainty over the meaning of the Congressional resolution calling for their end "after Nov. 1."

Federal Reserve officials first said that the resolution thus set midnight tonight as the deadline. After consultation, in the light of different interpretations by Federal Reserve banks, they said midnight tomorrow would be the final official position.

The expiring controls require in general one-third down and full payment within 15 months for automobiles, radios, refrigerators, washing machines, and other major household appliances.

What sellers and lenders do with their new freedom will be watched closely by officials here who, from the President on down, have expressed fear of fuel being added to the flames of inflation.

There is wide speculation that President Truman may ask Congress to revive credit controls when it meets Nov. 17 on his call to combat high prices and consider aid to Europe.

But many officials expressed belief that controls will not be restored unless easy terms promote a buying spree.

Warnings against sharp relaxation of terms or expansion of credit have been sounded not only by President Truman and the Federal Reserve Board but also by private associations.

The American Bankers Association has suggested that terms be held to this minimum:

On new cars, one third down and 24 months to pay; on 1946 or later used models, one third down and 18 months; on older models, 40 per cent and 15 months; on refrigerators, 20 per cent and 36 months; and on radios and phonographs, 25 per cent and 18 months.

Some Federal officials expressed apprehension that ending of controls might put a prop under high prices by causing sellers and lenders to put more emphasis on "painless" terms than on lower prices to keep sales rolling when signs of slackening appear.

The volume of installment credit, bounding at a rate of $170,000,000 a month throughout the last year despite the controls and the shortage of goods they affect, has passed the $5,200,000,000 mark and is nearing the $6,000,000,000 peak set in 1941.

Probe Deaths Of Three Men

HAMILTON, O.—(AP)—An investigation opened today to determine the source of the gas that asphyxiated three men and overcame four others while they relined a blast furnace "stove" at the American Rolling Mill Co.'s Hamilton division plant at nearby New Miami late yesterday.

Dr. Edward Cook, Butler County coroner, identified the victims as Stanley Fry, 57, of Oak Hill, O, John (Buck) McRoberts, 50, of Hamilton and Norbert P. Nolte, age unavailable, of Cincinnati.

J. C. Bowling, 37, of Hamilton and three nineteen-year-old men youths, Melvin Butler, Jack Avery and Joseph Thompson, were admitted to Mercy Hospital here after they were revived by the company's safety squad. All were expected to recover but were held in the hospital for observation.

All the men were employees of the William Solt Construction Co., of Cincinnati which had a contract to reline the "stove," a section of a blast furnace which pre-heats air and forces it into the furnace itself.

Dr. Cook, who began an immediate investigation to determine the source of the gas, said he believed it was carbon monoxide.

Highest Rate Of Return

Textile Manufacturing Tops U. S. Industry In Profits

PHILADELPHIA —(AP)— The financial position of American manufacturing corporations was "very strong" during the first three quarter of 1947 with manufacturers of textile mill products leading the field in profits.

These conclusions were reported today by the Securities & Exchange Commission and the Federal Trade Commission in a new statistical series dealing with the financial condition and operating results of the nation's manufacturing companies.

The survey — based upon resumption by the Federal Trade Commission of its pre-war financial reporting function and continuation of the SEC's responsibilities for collecting financial information — is intended to meet general needs of Government and the public for current reliable financial data, the agencies explained.

To get the picture of the financial condition of the country's 80,000 manufacturers with total assets of about $89,000,000,000, the agencies sampled reports of 5,468 representative firms having total assets of $42,000,000,000.

The textile manufacturers' rate of return in relation to its capital investment was 6.6 per cent. The paper and allied products group was next with a ratio of 6.4 per cent and third with 5.6 per cent was the apparel and finished textile group.

The lowest ratio was .7 per cent for the transportation equipment industry, other than motor vehicles, while the next lowest was 2.3 per cent for tobacco manufacturers, the report showed.

Average ratio return for all companies in 21 major industry groups was 4.1 per cent.

According to the report, the net income after taxes of all companies for the first quarter is estimated at $2,700,000,000. This reflected net sales of $25,000,000,000, costs and expenses of $21,300,000,000 and Federal income taxes of $1,000,000,000.

NOTE OF CAUTION

The SEC and FTC cautioned "it is not possible to determine whether the present situation will continue throughout the year."

All sizes of companies were represented in the survey from 583 reports collected by the SEC from companies with total assets of $27,000,000,000 and 4,905 reports collected by the FTC from companies with total assets of $15,000,000,000.

"Since the reports used in the sample were collected on a consolidated basis," the agencies explained, "a large number of companies were represented than is shown by the number of reports."

Four Unions Likely To Snub NLRB

Taft-Hartley Deadline Looms

By HAROLD W. WARD

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Four of the nation's most powerful labor unions give every sign of ignoring today's deadline for gaining legal status before the reorganized National Labor Relations Board.

The Taft-Hartley Act requires unions to submit financial reports as well as affidavits from officers disavowing Communism. And this under NLRB rules is the last day for compliance.

While many others rushed to get under the wire in time to save pending cases from dismissal, these four unions appeared to be cinch hold-outs:

John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers, Philip Murray's United Steelworkers, the United Auto Workers and the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers.

All but Lewis' AFL miners are CIO affiliates.

Lewis claims some 600,000 members, including 250,000 in the controversial UMW District 50. This collection of miscellaneous unions has been involved in almost constant jurisdictional conflict with other AFL affiliates as well as some CIO groups. Hence it could be hard hit by not having access to the NLRB for certification as a qualified collective bargaining agent.

Nevertheless, by allowing today's deadline to slip by, Lewis intentionally will force the NLRB to carry out its threat to dismiss pending cases of non-complying unions. District 50 has many of these. A. D. (Denny) Lewis, brother of the UMW chief and head of District 50, says there were about 200 District 50 cases on the board's docket when the Taft-Hartley Act became effective August 22.

Although like Lewis an outspoken opponent of Communism, Murray similarly refused to comply with the eligibility requirements on behalf of his far-flung steelworkers union. He, too, heads along with the entire CIO.

The steel workers executive board decided in July it would neither sign affidavits swearing its members were not Communists, nor submit to the Labor Department the financial and organizational data which the Taft-Hartley Act makes a prerequisite to use of the NLRB's protective machinery.

The United Auto Workers led by Walter P. Reuther, another anti-Communist, took similar action.

Murray has claimed 800,000 members spread throughout basic steel and the fabricating industries. Reuther's union is reported to have at least that many remaining from its wartime membership of more than 1,000,000.

The United Electrical Workers with some 600,000 members is classed among the CIO's left wing unions.

Prominent Man Dies

James Walker Is Dead At Age Of 69

James O. Walker, 69, former Mayor of Charlotte and former potentate of Oasis Temple of the Mystic Shrine, died suddenly at Mercy Hospital this morning after a long period of declining health.

A native of Huntersville and known throughout the two Carolinas in the automotive trade, life insurance and Masonic affairs, Mr. Walker became sick about a month ago and went to the hospital Saturday for treatment. He was responding favorably to treatment when he was stricken unexpectedly.

DRAFT OFFICIAL

During the World War II period, Mr. Walker was executive secretary of Charlotte's Selective Service (Draft) Board No. 5. After active drafting of military recruits ceased, Mr. Walker was named co-ordinator of the five draft

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MR. WALKER

Criminals Pay With Lives For Murders

Second Largest Number Executed

RALEIGH —(AP)—North Carolina gassed out the lives of four Negro murderers today in the second largest mass execution in its history.

There was little emotional display as the condemned entered the tiny glass-enclosed death chamber in pairs. They glanced briefly at the witnesses, among them a woman, Miss Billie Woodard of Rocky Mount and Raleigh. She said she always had wanted to see an execution. Bobby Wetrich, a Tarboro newspaperman, fainted as the first pair died.

The record was set Oct. 3 when three Negroes and two white men went to their deaths.

J. C. Brooks and Grady Brown, convicted in Henderson County of slaying Prison Guard George Bowman last March 27, were designated by Warden Hugh Wilson to be the first to die in the two-chair death chamber.

Near where Thurman Munn, who also participated in the guard slaying, and Lester Stanley of Tarboro, who cut his wife's throat with a razor blade and left her to die in bed.

Bowman was killed in a gravel pit. Testimony showed that Brooks seized another guard while Brooks stole his rifle. Brooks then shot Bowman. The court held there had been a conspiracy to escape and that all three were equally guilty of murder.

Stanley's was the only unclaimed body. It probably will be turned over to a medical school.

Brooks and Brown died in 11 1-2 minutes; Munn in ten and Stanley in nine.

Bottling Firm

Royal Crown Sale Announced Here

By MARTHA AZER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The Royal Crown Bottling Co., 2308 N. Tryon St., has been purchased for $100,000 from Harry Spencer of Charlotte and his associates of Asheville. The new owners are Paxton Link and his son, James Link, both of Paris, Ill.

The announcement of the purchase was made here today by Paxton Link, who said that the new management went into effect yesterday. All details of the sale have been completed.

IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

In making today's announcement, Mr. Link said that the purchase price does not include an additional $115,000 that he anticipates will be spent for new machinery and a new fleet of trucks. $75,000 of this amount will be spent for the additional equipment; and some $40,000 is to be spent on additions to the present fleet.

"The new equipment," said Mr. Link, "should triple the present output of Royal Crown."

Management of the Charlotte plant will be under the direction of James Link, who will make his permanent home in the city. His father will continue to visit the plant throughout its future operation.

Mr. Link, the Charlotte manager and co-owner, was recently discharged from the Navy. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois, and, prior to entering the service, was associated with his father in the Royal Crown Bottling Co. business. The Links are co-owners of two other RC plants, one in Houston, Texas, and the other in Nashville, Tenn.

STARTED 17 YEARS AGO

The Charlotte plant was established in 1930 by A. B. Fitzgerald and his brothers. It was subsequently sold to Mr. Spencer, and to Frank Morgan, Earl Carroll, Frank Weaver, Chester Brown Jr., Hugh Lamb, and Bill Morgan, all of Charlotte, who operated it before the Charlotte plant as manager.

(Both Mr and Mrs. Spencer were in a recent automobile collision in Jasper, Ga., and are now recuperating.

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Storm Hits Philippines

MANILA—(AP)—A typhoon which swept across the Central Philippines, leaving six dead and heavy damage in its wake, reached Manila to the south today and headed toward the China Sea.

At 7 P. M. (6 A. M. EST), the Philippine Weather Bureau placed the typhoon 30 miles south of Manila and said it was moving westnorthwest. Typhoon signal No. 10, indicating imminent danger, remained hoisted in Manila, however.

The lashing gale heavily damaged two cities, sank one ship and beached three others.

Reports from Iloilo, Panay Island, said five persons were drowned when the motor launch Alfonso II sank near the Gigantes Islands, off the eastern coast of the island, Thursday.

The first death caused by the typhoon was reported from Mindanao, where a woman passenger drowned in the sinking of the 270-ton Philippines freighter Pezpy. Two other passengers and the crew of 26 were rescued as the ship went down in Butuan Bay.

Six islands in the central part of the Archipelago already had felt the wrath of the storm, which showed little evidence of abating.

U. S. Navy weathermen warned 65-mile winds were expected in Manila Bay later in the day.

Relief agencies were ready to head south at the first opportunity.

Masbate, city of 24,000 population, 230 miles south southeast of Manila, sent a radio message for help, saying the city was badly damaged. The message did not include any mention of casualties.

Tacloban, city of 100,000 on Leyte Island, 240 miles southeast of Manila, reported houses unroofed, communication lines down, and the business district flooded.

The 7,196-ton Liberty ship Amelia Earhart with a cargo out of New Orleans was aground on Macian Shoal at the entrance to the port of Cebu. It hoped to be brought off by a tug when the high seas subside.

The 400-ton motor vessel Sibuyan Sea radioed she was beached on Canauay Island, northeast of Leyte.

Aground off Catbalogan, Samar, was the small combination passenger and freight vessel, Captain Pandoy.

The American President Lines' Pennsylvania Victory reported by radio it was pulling out of Sabang, on the southeast coast of Luzon where it had taken shelter. Another American President Lines ship was unreported, but company officials thought communications troubles might be to blame.

Wreckage Of Plane Found

KETCHIKAN, Alaska — (AP) — Wreckage of the Pan American World Airways clipper that crashed Sunday with eighteen persons aboard was sighted today on an Annette Island mountainside.

Wesley Monsen, son of Pilot Alf M. Monsen of the crashed airliner, said he flew over the wreckage and "apparently all had been killed instantly."

He said there was no question about the wrecked plane's identification. The plane was partially burned.

The crash was against 3,600-foot high Tamgas Mountain, highest point on the island off the rugged and irregular southeastern Alaska coast. It is six miles east of the Annette Island airfield. The crash was on the north side of the mountain.

It was over the Annette field that Pilot Monsen, a veteran of Northern flying, made his last report by radio Sunday. He said then that extreme turbulence turned him back from a scheduled landing on the field.

Two search parties were en route to the scene.

The CAA inspection party flew a seaplane to a small lake at the foot of the mountain, and planned to proceed afoot. Another group left from the beach.

The wreckage was first sighted about 8:45 A. M. (PST), the Coast Guard reported. Five planes flew over the scene, and pilots reported the tail structure of the PAA plane was plainly visible, within 200 feet of the peak.

The position of the wreckage on the north side of the mountain indicated that Monsen, on his northbound flight, had passed the lower end of Annette and swung back southward.

The plane has been the object of one of the widest co-ordinated searches ever conducted for a missing aircraft in the Northern territory. Weather has been generally unfavorable for the air search.

Planes of every branch of the American military service, from the Royal Canadian Air Force and the ships of airlines and private fliers were thrown into the intensive hunt.

Well-Planned Robbery

Bandits Bind Jeweler & Family, Loot Store

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(AP)—A gang of bandits leisurely looted a downtown store of jewelry valued at between $75,000 and $80,000 last night after binding and gagging a jeweler and his family in their home and taking his keys to open the store.

"They left the place as empty as an eggshell," said Louis W. Perry, the owner.

Detective Lt. O. L. Pierce described the daring and apparently minutely planned holdup as "one of the biggest jewelry robberies in the city's history."

The detective said the bandits, variously estimated as numbering between four and six, first went to the Perry home, bound the jeweler and his family and left them under guard while several went to the store.

When the looters returned, the entire group fled in the Perry automobile, which was found abandoned near the business district an hour later. The telephone line to the Perry home was severed.

The robbers were at the Perry home about two hours. Perry said they did not molest his wife or 15-year-old daughter, Mary, other than binding and gagging them.

The daughter broke loose from her bonds shortly after the bandits left and ran to a neighbor's house to give the alarm.

Perry said the loss was partially covered by insurance.

No Advance Seen

Price Controls On Sugar Expire

NEW YORK — (AP) — Sugar brokers here see no reason why the expiration of price controls at midnight tonight should cause much change in what a five-pound package will cost the housewife tomorrow.

They differ, however, as to price trends next year.

Some believe a world surplus of sugar is in store in 1948. They cite the expectations of a huge crop in Cuba, the rapid restoration of the war-damaged Philippine sugar industry, and the recovery of central European beet sugar areas.

Others think demand also will advance. They believe the Marshall Plan will cause large shipments to Europe, since the calorie value of sugar is high. They say sugar is cheaper for 100,000 calories than is wheat at present grain prices.

Dr. D. A. Fitzgerald, secretary-general of the International Emergency Food Council, predicts next year's world surplus may be 1,000,000 tons.

Daniel L. Dyer, partner of B. W. Dyer & Co., New York sugar brokers, says his company is banking on advancing sugar prices next year because of the indicated relief needs of Europe and other sections that are short of food.

Sugar brokers say the industry has been fearing a drop in prices when control ends at midnight tonight, but that this was prevented by housewives who started hoarding, thereby keeping supply closer to demand.

In Washington, Agriculture Department officials say supply is "very good." Since the Government bought up all the raw sugar and is selling it to American refiners at a fixed price, these officials anticipate no price advance.

In Chicago, Mrs. R. M. Kiefer, secretary-manager of the National Association of Retail Grocers, said refiners have assured the group that sugar prices will not advance, that supplies on hand are ample, and that no rush to buy is justified.

Soviet Bloc Hits At U. S.

NEW YORK —(AP)— The Soviet bloc demanded today that the United Nations Assembly reverse a decision of its full 57-member legal committee and approve a rejected Yugoslav proposal which in effect accuses the United States and Britain of shielding war criminals.

The United States promptly replied that the Yugoslav proposal was aimed at having the Western powers turn over "political dissidents" rather than war criminals and said that approval of this measure would be "a gross injustice."

The Yugoslav resolution recently was voted down 35 to 7, with eight abstentions, by the legal committee, which then went on to approve a British counter-proposal asserting that "trials of war criminals and traitors, like all other trials, should be governed by the principles, justice, law and evidence."

The Soviet bloc move to revive the Yugoslav proposal was launched by Dr. Stanoje Simic, Yugoslav Foreign Minister, and was supported by Polish Delegate Dr. Oscar Lange.

Simic asserted that non-surrender of war criminals and "quislings" allegedly held by the American and British authorities in Germany and Italy was "a crying outrage on the victims of the war."

Krug's Condition Is Satisfactory

PHOENIX—(AP)—The condition of Secretary of the Interior Julius A. Krug, stricken ill here while delivering a speech to the National Reclamation Association Convention, was reported today as "very satisfactory with no complications."

Carlton Skinner, Interior Department public relations official, who issued the statement, said that Krug would probably remain in Phoenix for several days on the advice of physicians.

Krug had talked for about four minutes at the convention's morning session yesterday when he raised his hand to his head and passed the manuscript to Association President Robert W. Sawyer who finished the reading.

The 39-year-old secretary then was helped to his hotel room.

William E. Warne, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, said the illness probably came from overwork.

Double Murder-Suicide

Man, Ex-Wife Figure In Bizarre Shootings

CINCINNATI —(AP)— John J. Enderle, 22, whose former wife Wednesday night was one of three witnesses to a murder-suicide, last night shot to death a taxi driver without apparent reason and then killed himself, night Police Chief George Pearcy reported.

The taxi driver was identified from his license as Max Wilson, 45, of Covington, Ky.

Mrs. Viola Enderle, 20, was walking with Mrs. Mary Jung 24 hours earlier when her husband, Jacob Jung, shot his estranged wife to death and then killed himself, the night police chief said.

Pearcy said this account of tonight's shooting was given officers by Chester Cates, who said he accompanied Enderle to nearby Newport, Ky., earlier in the evening:

They had several drinks in Newport and returned to Cincinnati in the taxi. The taxi driver waited at the curb while Enderle entered his home for money to pay the fare.

"He was gone only a minute or so. When he came downstairs he was carrying a gun. He didn't say anything. He raised the gun and fired one shot at the driver. The driver fell and John turned around and ran back into the house.

"Right near the door he shot himself.

"I don't know why he did it. There wasn't any argument with the driver."

Enderle had been "brooding" ever since his wife obtained a divorce Oct. 15, members of his family said.

Nobel Peace Prize Awarded

OSLO, Norway —(AP)— The Nobel Peace Prize for 1947 has been awarded to the London Service Council and the Philadelphia Service Committee of the Society of Friends (Quakers), the Nobel Committee announced tonight.

The Society of Friends was among five institutions which had been named as candidates for the award. Pope Pius XII and Mohandas K. Gandhi, the Hindu leader, were among the persons nominated for consideration.

Lady Gets Home By Pulling Alarm

OAKLAND, Calif. — (AP) — Mrs. Edith K. Hanlon got lost the other night on a dark street.

She saw a fire box and pulled the alarm.

Up roared fire trucks and Battalion Chief Frank Kisport, who had rolled out of a warm bed.

"I'm lost, and I don't know how to get home," said Mrs. Hanlon. "Besides the street is awfully dark."

A police patrol car took Mrs. Hanlon home.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy with little change in temperatures today through Sunday. Scattered showers Saturday afternoon or Saturday night.

Temperature at 2 P. M. today ... 67
High and low last 24 hours ... 67-49
Sunset today ... 5:30
Sunrise tomorrow ... 6:44

More Weather Data on page 12-A