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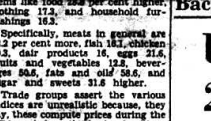
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OPA Death Anniversary

Living Costs Soar

CHICAGO (AP)—On this first anniversary of the end of Federal price controls, the dinner table costs 78 per cent more than it did a year ago, beef and veal 62 per cent more.

Other food, clothing, and living costs in general also have undergone sharp rises, trade and Government figures show. Within the "major price indexes," record highs topped the highs of the 919-90 post war period.



Market and retail supplies are higher in many lines, but farm supplies of livestock are lower than last year, and cold storage stocks of many foods are lower. Such commodities as steel and lumber, till lag far behind demand requirements.

Referring to meat prices, the American Meat Institute said in a statement:

"Ordinarily the present supply of meat would be reasonably adequate. However, an unprecedented demand operating by the average supply level inadequate."

With 1928 prices as a base average of 100, the Associated Press Wholesale Price Index today was 175.24, up 75 per cent from the 100 at the time OPA ended. This represents an increase of 43.8 per cent in the year. The highest price reached in March 25, 1947, was the highest in the history of the 11-year-old index. (AP Wirephoto Chart).

Back To Owners

U. S. Surrenders 2,500 Coal Mines

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Government lowered the American flags over more than 2,500 soft coal mines today and formally restored the pits to the private owners after 13 months of Federal operation.

2 Wounded By Gunfire

LEWISTON (AP)—Deputy Sheriff Thomas Joyner of Bertie County and Mark Walton, a Negro, were wounded here last night in an exchange of gunfire and the State Highway Patrol took the Negro into custody after a number of whites gathered on the street.

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Reluctant Message Is Sent To Congress

Called 'Lesser Of Two Evils'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman signed an extension of rent controls today but told Congress the new law is "plainly inadequate" and added:

"I will not have control at all. I have chosen the lesser of the two evils."

In a special message to the House and Senate announcing his decision, Mr. Truman also:

1. Asked action on a six-point long range program for enclosing home building, low rent housing and slum clearance.
2. Appealed to State Government to exert every effort to protect tenants from hardship, eviction or exploitation."
3. Urged a Congressional investigation of the rent act, saying: "This act has sought to achieve financial gains without regard to the damage done to them. It is intolerable that this lobby should be permitted to have control at all. I have chosen the lesser of the two evils."

Hold Critical Paris Talks

PARIS (AP)—The Foreign Ministers of France, Britain and Russia met late today in a critical third session which may decide whether Europe can organize economic cooperation and reconstruction differences.

The three convened at 4:15 P. M. (AP Wirephoto).

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