

OPMS Moves To Set Ceiling Price On Raw Cotton

Compromise Figure Is Discussed

Would Encourage High Production

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON (AP)—Under hurry-up orders from Director Michael V. Disalle, the Office of Price Stabilization (OPMS) today prepared to put a ceiling on raw cotton high enough to appease Southern States but low enough to keep clothing prices within bounds.

Disalle reportedly was convinced that a ceiling close to 45 cents per pound would be liberal enough to induce heavy cotton plantings even though far from the complete decontrol which cotton producers want.

Sixteen cotton-state Senators last Tuesday carried to President Truman the decontrol proposal, arguing that the removal of ceilings would stimulate production and thus stabilize the market. The Government has asked for a 30 per cent increase in cotton output this year, to relieve the present shortage.

Trade sources report that OPMS Jan. 26 price order froze some cotton at as low as 42 cents and others as high as 47. Disalle is said to favor a ceiling of 45 cents, the lowest and rolling back the highest—but is definitely opposed to a two-tier price ceiling entirely.

EXCHANGES REVIVING

Magnifying the country's commodity shortages, the ceiling has closed down after the big price freeze, showed signs of coming to life as a result of new orders made effective by OPMS.

One of them, announced late yesterday, may set the pattern for the pending cotton order. It provides specific dollar-and-cent ceilings on cottonseed oil, soybean oil and corn oil.

The ceiling fixed—23 1/2 cents a pound for crude soybean oil, and 24 1/2 cents for crude corn oil—are a cent or two below the highest "freedom" price, and a cent or two above the lowest.

"For the consumer, the net result will be the same prices," an OPMS spokesman said. "For businessmen, the ceiling will be a fair and equitable margin of profit."

The instructions were the result of several other OPMS actions including:

1. Sugar was removed entirely from the OPMS list.
2. Full reliance for this commodity on the Agriculture Department, which indirectly governs sugar prices by setting quotas on the amount of sugar which may be imported.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warm today, tonight and Wednesday. High 71; low 41. Wind, 6-14 P.M.

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THE LONG ROAD BACK

Right about now the thermometer is getting under way on its long uphill journey to the rest of the country. Although you can't see it today - or today - or today - the average temperature in the Northern States than in the South. Even though there is still plenty of cold weather ahead for large portions of the country, winter's back is broken, and each week brings warm weather a little nearer.

ANOTHER GRENADIER JOINS THE SUB PACK



The USS Grenadier, newest of the Navy's submarines with the snorkel breathing device, joins the fleet in commissioning ceremonies at the Boston Navy Yard. The original Grenadier was scuttled in the Indian Ocean after action with the Japanese. (Acme Telephoto).

Draft Boards Instructed

Students Get Chance To Enlist

WASHINGTON (AP)—Selective Service officials today told college students they may cancel induction orders for college and high school students intended to enlist and apply for the cancellation before school is out.

The students, in making their choice, must also have written application, must also have given written notice that they wish to enlist in the branch of service of their choice.

Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey said the draft boards at the same time will grant a 30-day postponement period for such students, to commence at the end of the statutory postponement period.

The instructions were contained in telegrams sent by Hershey to all state directors of Selective Service.

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Temperatures Plunge Far Below Zero In Midwest

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
A surge of cold air from Canada drove the mercury to 37 below zero in Northern Minnesota today and fanned out to the South and East.

Sleet and freezing rain coated highways with ice from Southern Michigan across Indiana, Northern and Central Illinois and into Missouri.

Benjamin, Minn., was the nation's coldest, with the 37 temperature reading. Bismarck, N. D., had 26 and Glasgow, Mont., 30.

The cold spread into the central and southern plains, and upper Mississippi valley. However, temperatures were expected to start rising again in Minnesota and the Dakotas tomorrow.

One to two inches of snow was falling over most of Iowa, South-Central Wisconsin and Lower Michigan. There were fresh falls of snow in a wide belt from the Great Lakes region southwestward to the Southern Plains and Central and Northern states. Rain and freezing rain pelted the southern edge of the snow belt from Lake Erie to Northern Missouri.

Comparatively mild weather was reported over most of the Eastern and Southern states, in the far Southwest and most of the Pacific Coast.

But colder weather brought relief to the flood-plagued Pacific Northwest, and swollen rivers continued to recede. The flood waters over Western Washington and the British Columbia coast of British Columbia made thousands homeless. Homes, farms and industrial plants in the Pacific Northwest were expected to run into the millions.

Meanwhile, a fleet of tank trucks shuttled thousands of gallons of water into the flooded community of Columbia, Pa. The "Operation Waterlift" is to be kept going until the clock as long as the "dire emergency" continues.

New Type Easier On The Eyes, Doctors Say

A leading eye specialist said today that many more persons will be able to keep up with the news and other papers has no time or energy to read the news. The new type is called the "Corona" type.

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Conference Of Big Four To Be Talked

Deputies Schedule Meeting In Paris

PARIS (AP)—Big Four deputies will meet in Paris between March 10 and 15 to arrange for a meeting of the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union. A French Government official said today.

This source said the deputies would discuss the terms, place, and date for the meeting.

Such a meeting would have as its main purpose the working out of the agenda for the Big Four conference.

The deputies, it was reported, will be special representatives named for the occasion. Alexandre Parodi, director-general of the French Foreign Office, is expected to be the French delegate.

Some sources here said Philip C. Jessup, U. S. Ambassador-at-Large, might represent the United States. Jessup has been meeting with the British and French ambassadors in Washington on Western policy toward a Big Four meeting.

The exchange of notes between the East and West on the proposed Big Four meeting has been going on since the Soviet Union invited the Western powers to meet in Moscow last September.

The Western powers agreed to a conference on condition that all the world's critical problems would be discussed. Russia has agreed that she was willing to participate in such talks but she still clung to the contention that Germany should have top priority in any meeting.

Russia said the deputies in their Paris meeting must be restricted to framing agreements for the Big Four statesmen, with no preliminary talks on policy matters.

There were speculations that the Soviet Union's deputy for the preliminary meeting would be Andrei Gromyko, Foreign Minister. Gromyko and former Soviet chief of U. S. delegate, or Alexander E. Bogomolov, also deputy Foreign Minister, were former ambassadors to Paris.

Alexei Pavlov, present Russian ambassador to France, was mentioned as a possible Soviet representative at the deputies' meeting.

RED BLOWS ENDANGER UN DRIVE



Black arrows locate the areas where Chinese and Korean Red forces have struck back at U.N. forces. On the central front (A), the Reds have rammed a dangerously deep wedge into Allied lines. One Communist column southwest of Hoengsong threatens the Wijuju rail. In the west, Red defenses in Seoul (B) forced U.N. patrols to withdraw from the outer edges of the city. On the coast, South Korean command drove toward Yangju, just north of the 38th parallel. The broken line represents the approximate front prior to Red attacks. (AP Wirephoto Map).

Lower Voting Age Measure Defeated

RALEIGH (AP)—The Senate voted 28 to 15 today against lowering the voting age from 21 to 18. The roll-call vote came after lengthy debate and after the upper chamber defeated an effort by Sen. William C. Cramer, D-Tenn., to amend the Constitution to allow 18-year-olds to vote.

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Avalanches Kill Seven In Italy

MILAN, Italy (AP)—Seven persons were believed killed and 27 others injured in Italy in avalanches last night or accidents due to the weather.

A snowslide crashed into the village of Cana Val Formosa, near the Italian-Swiss frontier. The body of an old man was recovered. Two women and three children were believed to be buried under the mass of snow.

A sixth victim was struck and killed by a landslide.

Calls For Progress In State

ASHEVILLE (AP)—Gov. W. Kerr Scott today let fly a blast at his critics in the General Assembly who accuse him of inaction.

He held members of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation responsible for the lack of progress here, that the future has always been uncertain, and the future will always be uncertain.

And he added: "Man has never solved a problem by standing still."

"In the first six weeks of this session of the General Assembly, I have been appalled by the lack of progress of those who refuse to meet the State's responsibilities, he said.

Referring to the uncertainties of the future—peace or war—Scott declared that "we must not let these uncertainties sap our courage and paralyze us into inaction."

ASKS CO-OPERATION
"By working together we can balance a budget not alone in dollars but also in terms of needs of the people. I sincerely believe we can consolidate our gains with our common sense."

Scott reiterated much of what he said at the opening of the General Assembly and said "we must keep public services current with clearly demonstrated needs."

He recommended the Advisory Budget Commission's biennium budget recommendation as good as far as it goes, but said it does not provide some essential services which are necessary to keep the State going forward.

Primary among these is failure to include bringing teachers' salaries up to the \$2,200-\$3,100 scale accomplished in the biennium on a contingency basis, according to the Governor.

"To establish teachers' salaries at this level, on the basis of present teacher load, would require additional money to be estimated at \$1,621,657 for the next biennium. It is as imperative that we bring our teacher pay scale up to at least the \$2,200-\$3,100 bracket without attaching contingency appropriations strings to it."

"We cannot neglect our responsibilities without directly regarding our children and the State," he said, adding that education is of critical importance in these times.

The budget appropriations bill also does not provide for salary increments for State employees.

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Drive Aimed At Splitting Allied Line

MacArthur Visits Western Front

By OLEN CLEMENTS
TOKYO (AP)—Chinese Communists shifted the direction of their massive attack in central Korea today and headed down mountain corridors in an effort to split the Allied lines between Wiju and Yaju.

General MacArthur visited the western front and warned on his return to Tokyo that the enemy still has plenty of manpower and supplies.

Other first Red onslaughts dented Allied lines as much as eighteen miles and swept United Nations forces out of the road center of Hoengsong, ten miles north of Wiju; and 50 air miles east of Seoul.

But this apparently was only the eastern wing of a heavier attack now gathering momentum. Leadoff columns of at least seven Chinese divisions massed in the area west of Hoengsong and north of Chipyong, a truck highway valleys toward the Wiju-Yaju road.

Other Chinese divisions surrounded Chipyong and Tamsui. Night launched an attack on the town. South of Chipyong, the mountain west while artillery and mortars were firing from the northeast.

Other attacks came from the north and east.

Mortar fire was falling inside the Chinese lines.

The Chinese were moving in bands numbering up to 1,000 men. They ran into a force of Allied air strikes.

Allied Air Force, Marine and Navy planes combined in low-level strikes to break the main east-west road in northern South Korea.

Once in possession of the road, the Reds would be in position to

38th Crossing Talk 'Academic'

By RUSSELL BRINES
TOKYO (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today said that the edge of Seoul today and said that of a drive north of the 38th parallel in Korea is "purely academic."

Patrols may cross the parallel, he said, but "we must materially reduce the existing superiority of the Chinese Communist enemy."

Before we can seriously consider conducting a major operation, we must first reduce the Communist superiority in North Korea.

EVALUATES U.S. PUSH
The United Nations commander also said that the offensive had scored only tactical successes.

He warned against evaluating the offensive as decisively leading to the enemy's defeat.

MacArthur stood near the Thuring Han River in Korea, today while the first allied line was smashed at Seoul—the high point of the western advance in that offensive.

The Chinese, he said in a statement issued after his return here.

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