

Warplanes Held As Permanent Air Base

New Price Control Plan For Food Due

WASHINGTON—The Government was ready today to order a new system of price controls on about 60 per cent of the food in your grocery store.

After weeks of wrestling with problems involving the Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) has completed two retail food orders and one wholesale food order. Issuance was expected late today.

The changeover will give the American public some price roll-backs and some price increases within the next few weeks—and Price Director Michael V. D'Isella has predicted that the roll-backs will outnumber the increases.

The nation's approximately 500,000 grocery stores will be ordered to exceed certain "mark-up" percentages on about 40 categories of foods. The orders are charged to cover canned goods, baby foods, coffee, sugar, salt, butter, packaged cheese, cookies and crackers, breakfast cereals, shortening, flour, flavorings, peanut butter, jams and jellies, and many other items.

They are not expected to cover bread, milk, eggs, fresh meat, fresh fruits, or frozen fresh vegetables. In present, the retail and wholesale prices of most foods are even at the highest levels charged by each seller.

On Dec. 19 and Jan. 25—except that in the case of most foods, when farm prices rise, the food seller may raise his price to allow for this rise.

The new food orders will allow food sellers to use any increases in the cost of food items, and will require them to lower their prices whenever their own costs go down.

A food seller will use the tables of percentages in whatever regulation applies to him, to determine his ceiling prices. For example, a retail grocer receiving a can of beans at 10 cents and his ceiling price by adding the Government-ordered "mark up" percentage to that amount he has to pay for the beans.

OPS officials say that later—in a few months—when the change is seen as a permanent one.

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Bill To Cut Truck Weight Limit Loses

RALEIGH—Legislation to reduce truck weight limits to pre-1949 levels met apparent defeat at the hands of the Senate Roads Committee after a stiff fight today.

At the same time the committee approved a substitute measure to create a new system of truck weighing stations and stiffen penalties for overloading trucks.

The battle over truck weight limits resulted when a sub-committee recommended that gross truck weight limits be set at present levels, but that a present tolerance of 5 per cent be reduced to 3 and that the tolerance be eliminated altogether in figuring axle weights.

The committee's recommendations were in the form of a substitute for a bill by Senator Julian Albritton of Halifax which proposed that weight limits be rolled back to pre-1949 levels.

The original Albritton proposal would have reduced from 55,000 to 50,000 pounds the maximum weight of four-axle trucks, from 44,000 to 40,000 the weight of three-axle vehicles, and from 30,000 to 20,000 the weight of trucks having two axles. In addition, a 5 per cent tolerance now permitted would have been eliminated.

Truckers had protested that any lowering of gross weight limits would obsolete millions of dollars worth of equipment purchased since the present limits were adopted by the 1949 Legislature.

State Wage-Hour Bill Killed In Committee

WASHINGTON—Legislation to set a State minimum wage-maximum hour standard for Textile workers was thrown out after a 10-10 vote in the House Committee on Manufacturing & Labor today.

After a public hearing, the committee recommended passage of the legislation, which would set a minimum wage of \$2.00 an hour and a 40-hour week, and other business standards.

The hearing was conducted on a watered-down substitute bill after the committee killed without a vote the original bill.

The original, introduced by Representative Steve Duffell and R. G. Powell of Rockingham, called for a 75 cents an hour minimum wage and a 40-hour week with time-and-a-half for overtime.

Red Cops Fire On U.S. Tourists

BERLIN—An East German Communist police officer fired on American tourists in the town of Berlin. U.S. authorities demanded an immediate audience with the Russians for an explanation.

The Communist police fired three shots at a group of American tourists carrying American Army and civilian personnel on the regular Wednesday tour of Berlin sponsored by the Army's Special Services.

The buses were exactly on the bus route from the Soviet sector from the West.

Three of the shots hit one of the buses around the sun or moon, but none of the occupants was struck.

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy and warm with showers today, tonight and tomorrow. Clearing Thursday afternoon, clearing and cooler.

Summit, 6:16 A. M.; sunset, 6:41 P. M.

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CORONA AND HALO

Next time you see a colored ring around the sun or moon, notice how the colors are arranged, and you can tell if you're seeing a corona or a halo. In a halo, which is caused by the refraction of light by ice crystals, the rainbow colors are arranged with the red nearest the sun or moon.

In a corona, which is caused by the diffraction of light through tiny water droplets, has the opposite color sequence, with the red on the outside. A corona that grows smaller often means a storm is coming, because the droplets are growing larger.

Families Won't Have To Move 3 Other Sites In NC Studied

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The Air Force is seriously considering Morris Field as a site for a permanent base, but nearby 400 families have little reason to fear that they will lose their apartments in the World War II barracks.

Military officers have told the Chamber of Commerce that permanent barracks would be erected if the Air Force decides to determine a base here.

A survey team of ten officers will arrive in Charlotte tomorrow evening at 8:20 o'clock to make a study of the Morris Field area.

They said that at least one of the present runways would need to be extended some 2,000 feet to the purposes of the tactical command.

The tactical command is that part of the force which includes the speed jet fighters, plus some light and medium bombers.

They said that the Air Force is interested in the Morris Field area because of the fact that the base would be of the permanent type, possibly with brick buildings, and that it would be a permanent base.

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French Chief In Washington Report Work Begun By Crime Probers

WASHINGTON—President Vincent Auriol of France arrives today on an unprecedented visit of state, which promises to cause the biggest ceremonial stir the Capital has experienced in years.

President Truman, Auriol's host during the five-day stay in Washington, arranged a personal welcome at the Wilson Station. A military parade and other ceremonies were to follow. Government work was ordered discontinued only to swell the expected throng along Pennsylvania Avenue.

President Auriol's scheduled arrival time was 4:25 P. M. EST.

Along the route from Union Station to President Truman's residence at Blair House Auriol and his party will see the welcome in their own language—red, white and blue placards reading "Vive Le President Auriol."

Officials looked for possibly the biggest turnout since British King George and Queen Elizabeth came here in 1939.

It is the first formal visit of a French chief of state to this country and the primary purpose is to serve as a demonstration of unity and friendship between France and the U. S.

Attorney Urges Acquittal Of Accused Atomic Spies

NEW YORK—Defense attorneys in the atom spy trial today pleaded with a Federal jury not to convict their clients because of belief they are Communists or have injured the United States.

"If you convict because you don't like Communists, I may as well sit down there is no use talking," said Emanuel H. Bloch, "that is not the crime. The crime is conspiracy to commit espionage."

"If you cannot eliminate from the Fulbright record the names of the defendants are Communists and you convict on that, I say you are not convicting on the crime of espionage."

Bloch was summing up his case for the three defendants, Julius Rosenberg, 34, his sister, Ethel, 33, and Morton Sobell, 33, charged with conspiracy to transmit American atomic secrets to the Soviet Union.

"Although the statute reads it is a crime to transmit that information to another power," he said, "there is no statement here that it was done to the injury of the United States."

The case is to go to the jury today. A death sentence is possible. Bloch tried to discredit the testimony of the Government's leading witness, David Greenglass, 29, a former Army sergeant who testified that he and his brother, Julius, had confessed to relating atomic secrets through the Rosenbergs while stationed at Los Alamos, N. M.

He attacked Greenglass as a "self-confessed spy" a man who "violated his Army oath of loyalty, and had in that way disgraced the uniform of every soldier in the U. S. Army."

Bloch said he had searched the dictionary in vain for a word to describe Greenglass.

"What any man who will testify against his own blood and flesh, his own sister, is repulsive, revolting, is violating any code of civilization that ever existed. He is lower than the lowest animal I have ever seen," Bloch continued.

Yank Guns Poor Shells Into Enemy South Koreans Take Five Towns

TOKYO—An American artillery firing line from mid-mired positions today pounded Communist forces massed along the 38th Parallel in central Korea.

Field dispatches said the Reds were digging in the south of the border on both the Western and Central fronts.

Along the East Coast, South Korean troops moved more than six miles north of 38. They occupied four North Korean towns and a border village.

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Civilian Goods, Guns Promised

WASHINGTON—The Wilson House Appropriations Committee today will, if necessary, vote to fight an all-out war from the production line and at the same time supply more goods for the civilian economy.

Wilson appeared before the Senate Appropriations Committee today to discuss the program. He asked another \$1,000,000 in cash and another \$1,000,000 in in-kind contributions for the program for the next three months.

"Although the production program has been progressing fairly well, I cannot be quite as optimistic concerning our 'strategic trade-offs,'" he said.

Wilson said the January freeze on prices and wages had slowed down the military production since outbreak of the Korean war, but some changes must still be made.

"We are studying the entire problem of price controls and will recommend to you such legislation as we think will operate the best purchase efficiency stabilization," he said.

Recalling that organized labor had been protesting against production agencies in protest against a formula limiting wage increases, Wilson said:

"Although this is not the way to settle differences and work out an equitable program, it is now the only way to operate the best purchase efficiency stabilization."

The defense mobilizer said an effort now is under way to get labor leaders to return to the cross defense production agencies.

St. Louis Gambler In Trouble Carroll Charged With Tax Violations

KANSAS CITY—James J. Carroll, St. Louis betting commissioner, was charged today with failure to report payments totaling \$56,689.15 that he made in 1948 and 1949 to winning bettors and in commissions.

The informations were filed on instructions from Sam M. Wear, United States district attorney, under a little known and rarely enforced portion of the Internal Revenue law which requires reporting of payments made to other persons of all amounts of more than \$500 in each Federal tax year is not withheld.

Carroll was summoned before the Kefauver Senate committee today to answer questions.

Today's charges involve payments alleged to have been made to individuals and companies.

The section of the Internal Revenue code under which Carroll was charged requires that:

First, that all persons making payments to other persons of more than \$500—other than those in which taxes are withheld by employers—are required to report those payments individually to the Internal Revenue Department's processing division, which is located in Kansas City.

Second, that all such payments must be listed collectively and reported annually to the processing division. These provisions are found in Section 147 of the code.

The informations, filed under the authority of U. S. Attorney Sam M. Wear, cited Carroll as having paid the money to winning bettors and in the form of "commissions." All prosecutions under Section 147 of the code fall under the jurisdiction of the processing division.

Wear because of the location of the processing division, charges Carroll on 24 counts of failing to report individual payments of more than \$500 made by him during the two years. The second charges two counts of Carroll's having failed to file the big list one in 1948 and one in 1949.

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