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MARKET IN METALS NOW NEARLY FREE

Military, Atomic Needs Still to Get Priority

By EDMOND LE BRETON WASHINGTON (U)—The market in steel, copper and aluminum was clear today to begin with...

The decontrol-plagued Eisenhower administration weakened allocation controls yesterday and promised to do away with them...

Price controls remain on the aluminum market, but all price controls are on the way out by no later than April 30.

The new order was warmly greeted by spokesmen for the automobile industry—now relieved of a 1 1/2 million limit per quarter on passenger car manufacture—and others.

But a big question was whether more steel could be found by manufacturers now free to go out and buy it.

One informed prediction was that not too much difference would be noted immediately, but that the buyers would find more of the metal on the free market during the second quarter...

A scramble was expected among civilian users to get orders on the "black" books for future delivery.

The controls machinery now disintegrating went into effect in January, 1951, a little over six months after Korea fighting began.

Government spokesmen said yesterday orders upon the market for three industrial materials this way.

The issuance of Controlled Materials Plan "black" books for steel, copper and aluminum...

And production cutbacks, like the one on automobiles, are expected.

The only limitation now will be that the government still will set annual military and atomic energy production goals...

Steel for the military and atomic energy needs, still to have preferred status, has been raised at least 10 to 15 per cent of total output.

Meanwhile, a rise in gasoline prices is expected to be the most likely result of earlier orders taking price ceilings off most petroleum products...

In San Francisco yesterday a 40-cent independent retail dealer boosted the price one cent a gallon and major oil companies indicated they would follow suit.

Explosion Kills 21 Japanese

TOKYO (U)—A fireworks factory near Tokyo exploded today and Japanese police reported 21 known dead, at least 23 injured, 150 damaged...

The victims—mostly women and girls—earlier had been working in the factory...

VERSATILE FIREMAN



A 31-year-old Cleveland fireman proved this week that men in his business must be versatile when he quickly tackled a youngster...

For Rosenberg Couple New Execution Date to Be Set

WASHINGTON (U)—Condemned atom spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg today faced the naming of a new execution date after a surprising development in their controversial case.

Roman Catholic sources at the Vatican said yesterday Pope Pius had intervened in behalf of the husband and wife, whom President Eisenhower has refused to spare from the electric chair.

In Washington the apostolic delegation said appeals for the Rosenbergs received by the Pope had been sent to the Justice Department without entering into the merits of the cases.

But White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said there was no official record of such a Vatican approach. He said, however, there could have been a personal contact with some Justice Department official before the Eisenhower administration took office.

In New York meanwhile U. S. Court of Appeals Judge Augustus N. Hand turned down a defense motion to stay the execution pending an application for Supreme Court review of the case.

The electrocution originally set for Jan. 14, had been postponed at the presidential appeal was pending.

M'Granery Says Pappal Delegation Saw Him

PALM BEACH Fla. (U)—Former U. S. Gen. James P. M'Granery today said he had seen a delegation of anti-Communist leaders in his home last December to discuss communications received from Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the convicted atom spies.

Infatuated With Crooner Pat Ward Suicide Attempt Story Told

NEW YORK (U)—A suicide attempt by call girl Pat Ward was reported by the defense in the Julie Jelic trial to be the result of infatuation for crooner Al Jolson. Dale who says he spurned all her offers for a date.

Mrs. Ward, 19, testifying at the trial of margarine heir Minot F. Jelle III this told of many men paying to date her. But yesterday's court session partly concerned Dale who says he spurned all her offers for a date.

Secretary's Pledge Caims Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP)—John Foster Dulles' assurance that the Eisenhower Administration will support Congress and America's allies before making any dramatic moves in the Pacific took the heat out of Democratic criticism today.

And Chairman H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) of the Senate Far Eastern affairs subcommittee for Dulles to talk over with the secretary of state the possibility of partly lifting the secrecy surrounding his consultations on Capitol Hill.

Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala) voiced the new feeling among congressional Democrats. He said he was satisfied the Republican administration "has slowed down what I was afraid was about to develop into a headlong rush into war."

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NORSE UNPOPOSED

By Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) was in no mood for such talk. He told the Senate yesterday the "liberals" must "stop talking about a honeymoon" with the new administration.

Morse said the fight already is on "between liberals that seek to protect the American people and reactionaries who seek to exploit the American people for the selfish interests of the few."

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Spain Reported Raising Price For U. S. Bases

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON (U)—Spain was reported today to have raised its price for an air and naval base agreement with the United States—apparently as a bargaining measure to find out how much the Eisenhower administration may be willing to give.

Agreements covering development and use of bases in Spain by American forces and providing for U. S. economic and military assistance to that country on a ten-year scale were originally completed last year under the Truman administration.

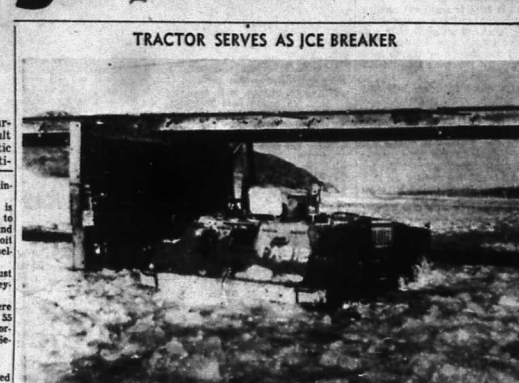
Toward the end of the year, however, negotiations lagged and final details were not worked out.

It is understood here the Spanish legislators are again pressing some demands that had been rejected earlier by the United States. Negotiations had continued meanwhile without these coming up.

Chinese Launch New Year Push

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN SEOUL (U)—Chinese Communists celebrated their New Year's Day in Korea today by starting a bitter, five-hour battle near Old Baldy Hill and temporarily cutting off Allied troops.

Tractor Serves as Ice Breaker



An amphibian tractor of the 1st Marine Div. breaks up the ice on frozen Dujin Inlet in Korea today, a first step toward unloading and crushing a U bridge used in the transportation of troops and supplies.

Trusty Opens Cells

Six Pull Monroe Jailbreak

MONROE — Police said a nineteen-year-old Negro prisoner, charged with breaking and entering, larceny and receiving, was the first to escape since Sheriff Wolfe took office two years ago last December.

The brick structure was erected in 1916, the sheriff said, with an addition made several years later. On the main floor there are three separate cell blocks, each block containing four cells.

On the top floor there are two cells, and two cells are in the basement. The sheriff's living quarters are in the front part of the main floor.

Lancaster Minister And Woman Commit Suicide

LANCASTER, S. C. (U)—The Rev. Charles Estlin Hill, 50, Lancaster County Methodist minister, shot and killed himself at his home yesterday, Sheriff C. R. Williams said.

Two hours after his body was found, Williams said, Mrs. Gertrude Howell Robertson, 31, a member of one of the minister's congregations, also shot and fatally wounded herself. This happened, the sheriff reported, after a visit with her husband to the Hill farm.

Coroner J. W. Watts said no inquests would be necessary. The Rev. Hill was a native of Cottageville in Colleton County. He was a graduate of Wofford College and had served churches at McEllenville, Bowman, Camero, Nichols and Lancaster. During World War II he was an Army Chaplain and saw 13 months combat duty in Europe.

Adlai Sets First Major Speech Since Election

NEW YORK (U)—Adlai E. Stevenson, the defeated Democratic candidate for president, makes his first major address since the campaign tonight.

The former governor of Illinois will be the principal speaker at the 500-plus Jackson-Jefferson Day dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to raise funds for the Democratic National Committee.

Stevenson will attend a conference of state chairmen and Democratic National Committee members of the 11 Eastern states from Maine to the District of Columbia today.

OUR WEATHER

Fair and warmer today and tonight, increasing cloudiness late tonight and probably tomorrow.

High temperature yesterday 53 degrees. Low temperature expected to day 34 degrees.

Low temperature this morning 26 degrees. High temperature expected to day 44 degrees.

Low temperature expected to day 44 degrees. High temperature expected to day 64 degrees.

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General Acts To Cut Air Force Accidents

WIESBADEN, Germany.—Gen. Lauris Norstad called today for "drastic reduction of aircraft accidents" in the U. S. Air Force.

Evening Prayer

Our Father, as the week draws to a close, we would thank you for many blessings, and give all praise to Thee for Thy loving kindness and tender mercies.

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