

Public Asked To Rally Behind Blanket Price-Fixing Plan

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WASHINGTON, April 9.—The entire American public will be enlisted in the enforcement of commodity price ceilings under tentative plans being drafted here for an across-the-board governmental freezing of prices, wages and rents.

It is likely that President Roosevelt himself will take the lead in soliciting the people's co-operation.

Officials recognize that no policing agency could be large enough to assure compliance with price controls, and that without such enforcement there may spring up "black markets" providing scarce commodities to those able to pay premium prices.

HENCE THE PUBLIC will be appealed to, not alone on the basis of self-interest, but on the patriotic ground that a controlled price structure will mean an economically stronger America, better able to fight a war and to sustain the peace that will follow.

The plans now being discussed—which are believed to require legislation insofar as they concern wage controls—call for a campaign emblem after the pattern of the Blue Eagle of NRA days, it is understood.

The administration's concern with the dangers of runaway prices was indicated by the conference yesterday between President Roosevelt and Price Administrator Leon Henderson.

SUBSEQUENT TO this meeting there were reports that the president might soon send to congress a special message citing the need for new action to stop the inflationary spiral.

The danger of the present situation was conceded by Mr. Henderson in a comment that the general level of prices was "of a highly explosive character but has not been touched off." He said the price situation had been discussed in general terms, and commented that he was fairly satisfied with the levels of prices "that we can get to"—meaning those selected prices which OPA has fixed.

Persons familiar with the plans being developed here say that the need is to "get to" more commodities than can be reached under a selective system—that there must be over-all price control.

RETAILERS, whose profits would be severely limited or perhaps eliminated in many instances, contend that, if blanket price control comes, a freeing of wages must come at the same time. Labor has indicated opposition to wage freezing, however.

The bureau of labor statistics reported today that living costs advanced 11.7 per cent in the year ending Feb. 15. Food in that period advanced 19.3 per cent, clothing 18.2 per cent and rents 3.3 per cent. Food has advanced 3.3 per cent and clothing 4.3 per cent since just before Pearl Harbor.

C. I. O. President Philip Murray, in a letter to Mr. Henderson this week urging broad price controls, estimated that living costs had risen 15 per cent to 20 per cent in the last year.

G. O. P. LEADERS TALK STRATEGY

Consider Approving Unit To Draw Up Platform; Congressmen Here.

A platform advisory committee to formulate campaign plans for next fall's general election was scheduled to receive the approval of the Republican state committee at a conference with Hoosier G. O. P. congressmen here today.

This group, recommended by State Chairman Ralph Cates, is expected to draw up a brief platform with emphasis on economy to be presented to the state convention later this spring. The full state committee, in session at the Claypool hotel today, was expected to discuss the various issues.

Study Convention Date

A state convention date also was to be selected today, and party leaders indicated that it probably would be held in June, with the fair grounds close as a possible site.

Discussion of primary filings and a survey of the political situation district by district also were on the program, with six congressmen and Senator Raymond E. Willis attending.

The committee also was to select the sites for district conventions May 12, at which district officers, members of the state committee, will be selected.

Name Leaders May 13

The state committee will meet May 13 here to elect a chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer.

Only two of the Indiana G. O. P. congressional delegation were absent today—Earl Wilson of the ninth district and Robert A. Grant of the third. State officials and other party leaders also were on hand for the conference and indicated that the session was one of the most important held in several months.

WOMEN FACE VITAL TASKS, OSTROM SAYS

Political and civic responsibilities will fall more and more upon women and their growing influence "will be sure to have a wholesome effect upon our government affairs," Henry E. Ostrom told fourth ward Republicans yesterday.

"The place of women in our community is vastly more important than ever before in our history," the candidate for the G. O. P. mayor nomination said at Ostrom's address to voters, pointing out that women voters soon may exceed the number of men voters.

Referring to the many social and economic changes in recent times, Mr. Ostrom said that "the women of our nation have a rare opportunity this year of bringing about those orderly changes which make a democracy strong and assure the continuance of our present form of government and the effectiveness of the two-party system."

SULLIVAN SHERIFF CLUB CHIEF NAMED

Dr. Leo Kommisske, former county dentist, today was named president of the Tommy Sullivan for Sheriff Club, and announced that captains will be named for every ward in the county this week.

Dr. Kommisske, who lives at 1446 Reister, has been active in 1940 ward politics for some time. Roscoe Hardwick, United Cab Co. president, is club treasurer. Headquarters will be opened next week, the officials said. Mr. Sullivan has served as a deputy sheriff for seven years and now is on a 30-day leave of absence.

JAMES DENIES CHARGES GREENCASTLE, Ind., April 9 (U. P.).—Mayor W. D. James today denied impeachment charges filed against him alleging he put city employees, funds and equipment to personal use.

Eagle Scout



Herbert Strong... Eagle Scout

BRONZE PALMS GIVEN 2 OTHERS

City Wide Court of Honor Held at Madison Avenue Branch Library.

A city wide court of honor was held for Indianapolis scouts last night at the Madison Avenue Branch library. Herbert Strong of troop 72 was awarded Eagle ranking.

Other scouts who were honored were Richard Finley, troop 60, and Roland Swingle, troop 91, who were given bronze palms.

Three scouts who qualified for life rank were James Voorhis and Ralph Wooden, troop 21, and Irving Ball, troop 72.

Star scout ranking was conferred on William Meyer, troop 9; Robert Richards, troop 13; Allen Glass, troop 55; Robert Merriman, troop 61; Jack Albertson, troop 73; George Saba and Joseph Saba, troop 83; Bill Schumann, troop 51, and John Peale, troop 138.

Guests of Wilmett

Boy Scouts of troop 83, holding Star ranking or above, were guests of Delbert O. Wilmett, troop committee chairman, at a dinner at the Scottish Rite cathedral last night.

Mr. Wilmett is past commander of Hayward-Barcus post 55, American Legion, sponsoring organization of the troop which meets every Thursday evening at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Among Scouts who attended and became charter members of the newly formed "Scout's Council of Troop 83" were: Lois Frost, Angelo Audia, George Saba, Carl Cook, Joseph Wright, William Mitchell, Robert Taylor, Willis Brinson, William Ritchey, Ronald Reeder, William Green, Joseph Saba and Albert Ritchey.

DR. KUEBLER TO TALK TO MEN OF ST. PAUL'S

The men of St. Paul's Episcopal church will have Dr. Clark G. Kuebler of Chicago as guest speaker for their get-together dinner tomorrow at 6:30 p. m. in the Indianapolis Athletic club. Dr. Kuebler is in the department of classical languages of Northwestern university.

The Rev. William Burrows is church rector and Omar S. Hunt, senior warden, will preside. C. Raymond Miller of the Eli Lilly Co. chairman of arrangements, may be reached for reservations at Ma. 9311.

MARSHALL DEPRESSED

LONDON, April 9 (U. P.).—Gen. George C. Marshall was advised of the apparent fall of the American defenses of Bataan today and well-informed quarters said that, while he did not comment, he appeared depressed.

It was added that he was watching developments closely.

DO DOUBLE DUTY IN BOND SURVEY

MacArthur Week Callers Also to Explain Meaning of Civilian Defense.

Canvassing for war savings bond pledges, April 27 through May 2, is to be combined with a house-to-house educational canvass of the civilian defense council in Indianapolis and Marion county.

Minute men and minute women canvassers during "MacArthur week" will have a variety of duties when they call at city and county homes.

First they will obtain pledges to buy bonds or make notations that bonds already are being purchased, after which they will leave patriotic window stickers.

Give Other Assistance

Then they will explain what civilian defense means. The canvassers will point out where to register for volunteer service, give instruction on the care of electrical appliances, discuss housing problems and care of evacuees in the event of an emergency and will outline to housewives the need for conservation, stressing the OGD's slogan "buy what is needed and save what is already owned."

Mrs. H. H. Arnholter, director of volunteer participation in the county and city defense organization, will be chairman of the combined drive. Mr. Arnholter estimates that it will require 10 to 20 minutes for one of the minute men or women canvassers to make a call at a home.

Two Programs Similar

All civilian defense workers assigned to specific duties in the county, will meet at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday in the War Memorial to receive instructions for the "MacArthur week" drive. Mrs. Arnholter and Eugene C. Pulliam, state executive chairman of the war savings staff, will speak.

Mrs. Arnholter explained, "There isn't much difference in the two programs and the combined drive will prevent too frequent solicitation."

G. O. P. CANDIDATES INVITED TO MEETING

All G. O. P. candidates for primary nominations will be invited to the regular April meeting of the Washington Township Republican club next Monday, president Mark W. Rhoads said today.

The invitation is in accordance with a 16-year custom.

William F. Elliot, first vice president, will introduce each candidate who will be permitted to speak briefly. Two of the club's officers are candidates—Mr. Rhoads for juvenile court judge and Mrs. Georgia B. Shideler, secretary, for township trustee.

Ralph Hamill, former Irvington Republican club president and candidate for judge of superior court 5, will provide the musical entertainment for the meeting at club headquarters, 61st st. and College ave.

ALL MUST AID IN WAR EFFORT, LEWIS SAYS

"Our institutions, our two-party system of government, our way of life must be preserved and the only manner by which this objective can be attained is for every citizen to do his full share in the war effort," David M. Lewis, candidate for the Democratic nomination as probate court judge, told a series of political rallies last night.

"All of us as Americans must put aside all private interests, all personal ambitions for the duration. Perhaps the most important institution of government is the judicial system. It affects all of us at some time during our lifetime, directly or indirectly," he added.

OBEY THAT IMPULSE— IT MAY SAVE A LIFE!

You have heard about the Red Cross blood donor campaign. And you've said, "that's a great thing... I'd like to do my bit," but with one thing and another these days you've never found the time to make an appointment for a blood donation. Don't forget:

Our boys are giving everything. Won't you give a little?

Well, here's a simple way to obey that impulse. Just fill out this coupon and mail it to:

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR CENTER,
Suite 508, Chamber of Commerce building,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Last Name	First Name
Address	
Telephone	
I would prefer an appointment:	
Any Time... Morning... Afternoon... Evening... Day of Week...	

(Donors limited to those between the ages of 21 and 60)

The War and You

Needless Building Halted.

WASHINGTON, April 9 (U. P.).—Put away those well-thumbed blueprints of your dream house and forget those plans for remodeling the old homestead.

The war production board shattered those hopes today by ordering virtually all non-essential construction halted for the duration. Materials, labor and equipment must be devoted to the war effort, it decided.

The federal housing administration will help administer the order. Under a licensing setup, construction will be authorized only when the design and specifications conform with standards set for the minimum use of critical materials, the WPB said.

Local FHA officers will decide whether a project is eligible for recommendation to the WPB. Exceptions for individual buildings are expected to be limited to places where there is an extreme shortage of housing for war workers.

Specifically exempted are military and government construction, and projects to restore or rebuild structures damaged by "acts of God" and the public enemy. Most of the buildings and homes now under construction can be completed, but unless exceptions are granted, the order prohibits the beginning of any new building in the following classes:

Residential Construction—Cannot be started without authorization if the estimated cost is more than \$500. That would permit the addition of a bathroom or a garage (if you can get the materials) but would make impossible an addition of sizeable proportions or extensive remodeling.

Agricultural Construction—Cannot be started if the cost is estimated at \$1000 or more for the particular building or project involved.

Other Construction—Cannot be started without permission if the project costs \$5000 or more. This category includes commercial, industrial, recreational, institutional, highway, roadway, sub-surface and utilities construction, whether privately or publicly financed.

The WPB emphasized that the order does not affect ordinary maintenance and repair work to return a structure to sound working condition without a change of design.

Less Gasoline

The war production board today cut gasoline deliveries to filling stations and other bulk consumers in the east and west coast curtailment areas from the present 80 per cent to 66 per cent of the average amounts they received in December, January and February. The order is effective April 16.

The curtailment areas include the 17 Eastern seaboard states, the District of Columbia and the states of Washington and Oregon.

Canadian Aluminum

War production board officials have scheduled a meeting for tomorrow to discuss the advisability of buying more Canadian aluminum for United States war industries.

Officials said that Canada would have to increase her output of aluminum in order to meet any further U. S. demands and would have to draw upon the newsprint and wood pulp industry for the necessary additional power.

It is estimated that about 10 per cent of the newsprint and wood pulp industry power would have to be diverted to aluminum mills to meet the American purchasing program now under study.

Canada now produces about 43 per cent of all the aluminum manufactured on the American continent. It also is the chief source of American newsprint supplies.

More Sugar

The war production board today granted higher sugar allotments for April to more than 40 defense areas which have had population increases of 10 per cent or more during the past year.

CONGRESSMEN LOSE TOUCH, MEYER SAYS

Many of the shortcomings of congress may be traced to the fact that too many of its members do not live close enough to the people in their districts. Howard M. Meyer, candidate for the Republican nomination as representative from the 11th district, charged last night.

Mr. Meyer addressed the Warren Township Republican club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard L. Curry, 6797 E. 10th st. More than 30 other candidates for various offices also spoke.

"It is not sufficient that a congressman only act when he is told what to do by someone back home," said Mr. Meyer. "He should know the problems of his district and this knowledge can come best from long-continued association with the problems in his district."

Samuel Montgomery, Warren township chairman, introduced the speakers. The next meeting of the club will be April 29.

PLEDGES DANISH LIBERTY

LONDON, April 9 (U. P.).—The day is coming when Denmark will be free of the axis grip, Prime Minister Winston Churchill said today when he accepted a check for the war effort from the Free Danes on the second anniversary of Germany's invasion of Denmark.

GEISEL QUILTS SHERIFF RACE

Withdraws Because He Will Be Umpiring Ball Games During Campaign.

Harry Geisel, famous big league baseball umpire, today announced his withdrawal from the Republican primary race for county sheriff because he can not personally supervise his campaign.

He will leave early next week for an American league city where he will begin his 18th year as an umpire and will be absent from Indianapolis throughout the spring and summer.

"The man whom I had selected to represent me has accepted a place in our war effort," Mr. Geisel explained, "and will not be able to handle my campaign. Since I will not be here, I feel that in all fairness to my friends, I should announce that I am not a candidate."

"I want to thank my many friends and all the others who received my candidacy with such good favor and offered their help and advice."

Mr. Geisel's name will appear on the ballot, since the deadline for officially withdrawing has passed.

230,000 Cigaretts Please O'Hare

HICKSVILLE, N. Y., April 9 (U. P.).—Lieut. Edward O'Hare, U. S. N., 28, of Chicago, who was sent 230,000 cigarettes by employees of Grumman Aircraft Co. after he had downed six Japanese bombers in one engagement near the Gilbert Islands on Feb. 20, has cabled his thanks for the gift, it was announced today.

Cadet From Here Directs Recruits

In charge of new recruits at the personnel office, R. E. Wallace is a cadet now in the air corps mechanics' school at Shepherd Field, Tex.

He is the son of Mrs. Florence Kearney, 712 E. Ninth st., who returned recently from a week's visit with him at the field.

Cadet Wallace is 27 and a graduate of school 8 and Technical high school. He is the holder of an expert machine gunner's medal, having served with the national guard, Co. M, 151st Infantry.

His enlistment in the guard expired shortly before that branch of the service was called to active duty. He enlisted in the army Jan. 3.

Before joining he was an inspector in the condenser department of the P. R. Mallory Co.

Home Defense Bulletin

From Marion county and Indianapolis offices of civilian defense, War Relocation Authority, N. M. Riders.

Every factory and office building is organized for YOUR defense against enemy attacks. If you do not know who has organized your floor or department, make it a point to find out NOW.

Someone is being trained to help.

Co-operate and help them by learning just what to do to help yourself.

Don't wait until it is too late.

VIGILANCE OVER WEIGHTS URGED

Consumers Must Receive Correct Measures, Inspectors Told.

Greater vigilance on the part of Indiana weights and measures inspectors was urged today to protect the consumers' money in time of war.

This action was urged by Rollin E. Meek, president of the Indiana Association of Weights and Measures Inspectors, who opened the 29th annual convention of the inspectors in the Claypool hotel.

"With rising prices, that 'ounce of air' which some unscrupulous dealers sell is worth more than it used to be," he said. "It is greatly important to protect the incomes of consumers. Rationing and priorities have made it hard to replace old worn out scales and measures."

Scale Check Urged

"These old scales and measures must be checked more often to assure their proper operation," he continued. "Higher taxes and reduced profits will encourage unscrupulous dealers to take advantage of customers through faulty weights and measures."

The convention will continue through Saturday. More than 250 members of the association had registered this morning.

New officers for the year will be elected Saturday afternoon and the session will close Saturday night with the annual banquet in the Riley room. Governor Schricker and Mayor Sullivan will speak at the banquet. Secretary of State Tucker will be the toastmaster.

STRAUSS SAYS:



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BRUXTON WHITE SHIRTS—\$2

COLORED BRUXTON SHIRTS Good Looking Stripes 1.65 and 2.00

They have a special fused "Everfirm" collar (wrinkle free). Soft—yet starched-looking.

This is a great Shirt—but perhaps you know THAT! We've put thousands of them into service—and they are giving a good account of themselves because

- (1) The Bruxton is Shaped to the body.
- (2) It has deep cut arm holes for greater comfort.
- (3) The Natural Shoulders—and the chest fullness mean fit—and ease!
- (4) The Shirts are Shrink Proof.

The Bruxton—brings you fine shirtmaking—into the medium priced field—\$2. Sizes 14-17. Mail Orders Filled.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS—MEETINGS—VITAL STATISTICS

Here is the Traffic Record

FATALITIES	County	City	Total
1941	23	24	47
1942	12	23	35

—April 8—

Accidents... 28 Arrests... 176 Injuries... 12 Dead... 0

WEDNESDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases	Convicted	Fines	Trials	Thons	Paid
Speeding	28	24	24	\$180	
Reckless driving	4	4	4		
Failure to stop at through street	4	1	0		
Failure to stop at signals	0	0	0		
Drunk driving	3	1	1	20	
All others	13	11	12		
Total	53	41	41	\$233	

MEETINGS TODAY

Indiana Association of Inspectors of Weights and Measures, convention, Claypool hotel, all day.
Indiana Women's Club, convention, Claypool hotel, all day.
Women of the Moose, dinner meeting, Claypool hotel, 8:15 p. m.

Indianapolis Day Nursery Board, meeting, nursery, 10 a. m.
Republican State Committee, meeting to select 1942 convention date, Claypool hotel, all day.
Defense Meeting of Homemakers at home of Mrs. Walter Davis, Lawrence, 1 p. m.
Indianapolis Real Estate Board, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.
Cassava Club, luncheon, Murat temple, noon.
Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, 1 p. m.
Delta Theta Phi, luncheon, Canary cottage, noon.
Sigma Nu, luncheon, Columbia club, noon.
Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association, luncheon, Russell cafeteria, noon.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indianapolis Council of Church Women, spring luncheon, Governor Schricker talk, Central Avenue Methodist church, noon.
Indiana Rehabilitation League, Inc., meeting, 3001 N. New Jersey st., 7:45 p. m.
Brevard Community Center, defense meeting, 8 p. m.
Women and the Art Alliance of Indiana, cancer benefit artists' demonstration, 115 E. 24th st.
South Side Civic Club, meeting, club, 8 p. m.
State H. V. Council, meeting, Y. M. C. A. and Butler university, all day.
Indiana Association of Inspectors of Weights and Measures, convention, Claypool hotel, all day.
Indianapolis Country Club, annual beef-steak dinner, club, 4:30 p. m.
Pat Pat Delta Delta Delta, luncheon, 608 Hampton drive, 1 p. m.
Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter, D.A.R., luncheon, 1000 N. Meridian, 1 p. m.
Beta Tau Alpha, English Province, convention, Columbia club, all day.

Defense Meeting of Castleton F. T. A., Castleton school, 8:30 p. m.
Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative Association, meeting, 8:30 p. m.
Exchange Club, luncheon, Severin hotel, noon.
Photographers' Union, meeting, Severin hotel, 8 p. m.
Indianapolis Pressmen's Union No. 11, meeting, Severin hotel, 7:30 p. m.
Air Conditioning Council, dinner meeting, Athenaeum, 8:30 p. m.
Optimist Club, luncheon, Columbia club, noon.
Sigma Chi, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.
Delta Theta, luncheon, Canary cottage, noon.
Sigma Sigma, luncheon, Canary cottage, noon.

BIRTHS

Wilson, Helen Lavin, at Methodist.
Warren, Marie Wilma, at Methodist.
Omer, Catherine Birt, at Methodist.
Allice, Clementine Worley, at Methodist.
Glen, Martha Carroll, at Methodist.
Paul, Geraldine Thompson, at Methodist.
Robert, Marjorie Hall, at Methodist.
Lawson, Mildred Clark, at Methodist.
Ford, Audrey Emily, at St. Vincent's.
James, Dorothy Joseph, at City.
Donald, Rose Sharon, at St. Vincent's.
William, Elizabeth Larkin, at St. Vincent's.

DEATHS

Carl J. Klein, 55, at St. Vincent's, myocardial.
Nelle Lucille Moon, 25, at 143 E. Ohio, acute cardiac dilatation.
Nannie Brin, 62, at City, arteriosclerosis.
Della Petrie, 43, at City, cirrhosis of liver.
Thomas Patrick Reidy, 38, at City, lobar pneumonia.
Charles E. Marksbury, 62, at City, lobar pneumonia.
Della G. Grimm, 57, at St. Vincent's, lobar pneumonia.
Diana Ray Carr, 6 m., at 2000 W. 18th, bronchopneumonia.

Francis, Eldora Symes, at St. Vincent's.
Marion, Josephine Quatrocci, at St. Vincent's.
B. C. Allen Winegardner, at St. Vincent's.
Donald, Pascal Bruce, at St. Vincent's.
Arthur, Faustina Dudley, at St. Vincent's.
Levin, Anna Catherine, at St. Vincent's.
William, Elizabeth Scherrer, at St. Vincent's.
Thelma, Marion Henderson, at St. Vincent's.
Merrill Peter Arthur, at 1841 Carrollton.
Muriel Fern Bean, at 2821 Southeastern.

DEATHS

Roland, Virginia Pohl, at St. Vincent's.
Patricia, Mary Caroline, at St. Vincent's.
Leo, Betty Reed, at Methodist.
Dorothy, Catherine Grimes, at Methodist.
Russell, Anna Miller, at Methodist.
Levin, Anna Catherine, at Methodist.
Rubin, Clara Vest, at Coleman.
John, Treva Varno, at City.
William, Louis Camp, at 1918 Cornell.
Laurie, Clara Fox, at 1220 N. Grant.
John, Annie Tarver, at 1008 E. 18th.
William, Georgia Conway, at 1615 Mill.

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