

Landlords Here Join Demand For Rent Ceiling Increase

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Rent Administrator Ivan D. Carson are to appear before the house committee later this week in opposition to the demands for rent increases. They plan also to oppose hotel owners' appeal for a 15 per cent boost in room rate ceilings. Rents of between 14,000,000 and 15,000,000 tenants are now projected by "freeze" orders. With a single exception, controls are now in operation in every urban area of 50,000 or more population. More than 70 per cent of the urban population is included in the 475 control areas.

A 15 per cent increase, it is estimated, would add in excess of \$60,000,000 a month to the nation's rent bill if applied to all units under OPA control.

Opposition to a general increase appeared to predominate in the house committee and some members viewed the demands as bargaining grounds for other concessions being sought by the owners' organizations.

The real estate boards are seeking legalization of the present advisory committee on rent control, liberalization of the act's provisions governing "hardship" cases, recognition of deferred maintenance and

accelerated depreciation in computing operating costs and leeway for the equalization of rents in an apartment building.

Food Up 45 Per Cent

The boards withheld their demand while the OPA bill was before the senate banking committee, explaining that they did not wish to distract controls until after V-E day. OPA, said President James C. Downs of Chicago, has "ignored the purposes" of eight liberalizing amendments written into the price act last year.

The Apartment House Owners' Association justified its proposal for a general 15 per cent increase on the grounds that rents have lagged behind the economic trend. While building prices have advanced more than 30 per cent, rents have increased only 3 per cent since 1939 and actually are under their 1942 level, the association asserted.

Since 1939, the association added, food has advanced 45 per cent, clothing 41 per cent, house furnishings 39 per cent and weekly earnings 75 per cent.

The organization told the committee that OPA has resorted to "half-truth propaganda" in quoting net operating figures to support its claim that "the vast majority of landlords have prospered under rent control."

U. S. REFUSES RED ARMY MOVE

Russ Kept Out of Czech Area Held by Yanks.

(Continued From Page One) back to the west bank of the Mulde river.

The Russians moving in behind them yesterday took over about 320 square miles.

The occupation shift around Chemnitz went off without a hitch. But a 12th army group staff officer disclosed that if the allies had agreed on just how much American-held territory the Russians were to occupy, the word had not been down to this level yet.

Moved to Take Over

The lack of understanding apparently accounted for the situation in western Czechoslovakia.

The Russians made a move to take over the area held by the Americans, but which is expected to be allocated to the Red Army.

The Americans refused to permit them to send a trainload of troops to the western border of Czechoslovakia after Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's supreme headquarters denied the request and ordered the United States forces to continue the occupation of this sector.

The area in question is a relatively narrow corridor running north and south just inside Czechoslovakia.

Gen. George S. Patton's 3d army forces occupied it in the closing days of the European war.

Just how far the Russians are scheduled to move is unknown. There has been no definite announcement.

German civilians have been predicting that the Russians will take over most of central Germany, including Leipzig, Weimar, Erfurt and as far west as Kassel.

But the 12th army group staff officer said today there was absolutely no agreement known at this group level as to just how much the Russians will occupy.

In accordance with pre-arranged occupational plans, the Russians took over the area east of the Mulde yesterday. Spokesmen said no further occupation of American-held territory would take place immediately pending definite agreements between Russia and the United States.

Both the Russians and Americans have indicated they were ready to move in or out as the case might be, in keeping with government agreements. But until yesterday, both sides had kept still for lack of orders and liaison.

The 12th army group staff officer said it was impossible to speculate on how long it would take the Russians to complete the occupation of their assigned territory because "we just haven't any idea here as to what the area will consist of."

IKE VISITS QUEEN MARY

LONDON, June 13 (U. P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower visited Queen Mother Mary at Marlborough house following his trip to Buckingham palace, it was announced today. He was her first official visitor since her return to London from the country.

PLANE STRIKES TREE, MARION MAN INJURED

CONNERSVILLE, Ind., June 13 (U. P.)—A forced landing on a golf course yesterday resulted in minor injuries to Everett Rider, 38, Marion, when his plane crashed into some trees.

Rider, a member of the Marion Aviation Club, was on a flight alone when engine trouble forced him to make a crash landing.

JUDGE BRILL DIES IN DANVILLE HOME

DANVILLE, Ind., June 13 (U. P.)—Former Circuit Judge George W. Brill, 85, widely known Democratic jurist and attorney, died in his home last night.

Brill, who retired 18 years ago because of ill health, served as fifth judicial circuit judge from 1913 to 1919.

He was born in Hendricks county Dec. 15, 1859, and was educated in public schools and Central Normal college.

In 1890, he formed a law partnership with the late George C. Harvey. He gave up an \$18,000 yearly law practice to become circuit judge.

Survivors include the widow, two sisters and a granddaughter, Maj. Louise Bain, former aide to Gen. James Doolittle with the 8th air force in England.

Funeral services will be held Friday.

JUDGE HAMMILL WILL ADDRESS G. O. P. CLUB

Judge Ralph Hammill of Marion county superior court will speak on "The American Way of Life" at 8 p. m. today at the monthly meeting of the Warren Township Republican club.

A moving picture of scenes from European battlefields will be shown.

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EIGHT INDUCED INTO SERVICE BY BOARD 3

Eight more registrants have been inducted into the armed forces through the county selective service board three. Seven entered the army and one was accepted for navy duty.

Taken into the army were Jay Valentine Schilling, 5835 N. Keystone ave.; Wallace Orison Lee Jr., 4829 Central ave.; Sidney William Maurer, 2931 N. Delaware st.; Charles Francis Deardorff, 3946 Cornelius ave.; Lawrence R. Hubbard, 3137 N. Park ave.; and Dean Thomas Burns Jr., 3635 N. Pennsylvania st.

Theodore Ralph LeMaster, 3254 Park ave., entered the navy.

U. S. SQUEEZES OKINAWA JAPS

Frantic Suicide Charge of Foe Smashed.

(Continued From Page One) the Cagayan valley north of Bagabag.

The air forces gave the attacking 37th division close and effective support, plastering enemy positions with 322 tons of bombs.

Liberators Join

B-24 Liberators joined in the attacks on Japan's homeland for the first time. They feasted with navy privates for raids on the island of Koza, 100 miles south of Tokyo, and on ships in surrounding waters.

The Japanese took a look at the general picture and said they'd have to fight harder. Premier Kantaro Suzuki promised a "drastic intensification" of the war effort after the diet gave the government dictatorial powers.

The Nippon Times, quoted by Radio Tokyo, said there could be "no thought of such a thing as unconditional surrender" — indicating again they certainly wished there was some alternative way of making peace.

Bulldozers Blaze Path

The type of fighting now raging in Okinawa was unlike Borneo, where the Australians still had to meet any kind of organized resistance. Bulldozers were blazing a path through the jungle toward Brunei town, and it was slow work.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur visited the front line on the mainland yesterday — a front in a garden setting of lush, tropical vegetation.

The sultan of little Brunei was reported hiding in the interior hills with his harem, awaiting the favorable moment to return to his reign.

Smallest in Unit

They practiced at the old Masonic hall at Capitol ave. and Washington sts. Mr. Merritt was nicknamed "Runt" because he was the smallest man in the entire unit. "That was the West Point of Indiana," reminisced Mr. Merritt, biting off a chaw of rough-cut.

"We've got only 40 out of 100 left. Not more than a dozen show up at our reunions anymore. They're scattered all over the country."

The boys are meeting for a basket dinner at 1 p. m. Sunday at the home of Fred Rubins, 5825 Oak ave. Roll call will be at 2 p. m., then a get-together featuring "talk of the Gay 90's."

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war in 1898, the Indianapolis light infantry enlisted as a unit. But they never saw action

VETERAN OF '98 RECALLS JAPS

They Were Sneaks in Our War Then, He Says.

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on Panay. Nothing much happened. A few "bushwhacking" skirmishes flared between guerrillas and what former Sgt. Merritt chose to call "detachments sent out into the woods."

Occasionally, a sniper shot at Panay. The lieutenant was Jay Valentine Schilling, 5835 N. Keystone ave.; Wallace Orison Lee Jr., 4829 Central ave.; Sidney William Maurer, 2931 N. Delaware st.; Charles Francis Deardorff, 3946 Cornelius ave.; Lawrence R. Hubbard, 3137 N. Park ave.; and Dean Thomas Burns Jr., 3635 N. Pennsylvania st.

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in that conflict. The outfit didn't click.

It was drilled painstakingly for 21 years, but it sweated around the Spanish-American war guarding Tennessee peaches in a Southern training camp at Chickamauga.

It took a couple of months to return to the states, he remembered, because the ship "fooled" around from island to island.

When mustered out, most of the men returned to civilian life, but about 25 re-enlisted for the Philip- pin war.

Mr. Merritt was one of these. The Panay occupation wasn't particularly boring, he said. Officers were lenient and fraternizing.

"They'd play poker and shoot

Sydney Girls Are Clever, Yanks Are Never Lonely

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about and determined to cook him a wild duck dinner.

Wild duck is rare here now and when they sat down to dinner my astonished friend asked where she had got it.

With only a slight blush she confessed she had lured it from the royal botanical gardens with bread crumbs.

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THE LAST SUPPER SAFE
GLENDALE, Cal., June 13 (U. P.)—Leonardo Da Vinci's famed painting of "The Last Supper" escaped damage from bombs which fell about it at Milan, Italy, Forest Lawn Memorial park officials learned today.

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