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'HOKUM' CHARGE HURLED AT OPA

Outburst Touches Off Turmoil of Senators.

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that, "despite washroom sources, we are not retreating."

Mr. Porter said he was confident congress would give OPA the necessary tools to "finish our job" and that living costs would be held "pretty much" to present levels.

Highest Point

He said even OPA's severest critics conceded that opposition "reached its highest point" last week when the House rammed through an amendment-riddled nine-month extension bill.

Mr. Porter said this legislation would wreck the price control program, if enacted in the house-approved form.

Administration officials were pinning their hopes on the senate passing OPA legislation virtually as it was introduced.

Earlier, Mr. Bowles predicted that congress would heed the "stream of telegrams and letters" from the public and extend OPA without crippling amendments.

Labeled 'The Horsemen'

"The out-and-out profiteers who are licking their chops in an anticipation of an orgy of speculative gains should know now that the American people have just begun to fight," Mr. Bowles said.

In his testimony, Mr. Besse labeled Mr. Bowles, Mr. Porter, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small and Wage Stabilization Director W. Willard Wirtz as "the horsemen."

"The horsemen ride again," he said. "What the group asks is that the OPA, badly 'crippled' by its own inefficiency, stubbornness and lack of realism, be continued 'as is' and allowed for another year to cripple industry and delay the attainment of higher production levels."

Mr. Besse said the wool textile industry sought three specific amendments to the price control act:

ONE: Discontinuance of the maximum average price program.

TWO: Price relief for individual items.

THREE: The same profit-over-cost allowances that prevailed in 1941.

Eliminate Meat Subsidies

The house bill would abolish the maximum average price plan and permit cost-plus-reasonable profit to manufacturers, distributors and retailers. It also would eliminate meat subsidies June 30, eliminate other food subsidies by the end of this year, and eliminate all controls on any commodity as soon as supply equals pre-war levels.

Administration leaders in the senate were not as confident as Mr. Bowles that the house bill, which virtually emasculates OPA, would be revitalized in the senate.

They were faced with the possibility it would be still further gutted by an angry coalition of Republicans and senators from farming and mining states.

Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.) recognized Republican leader on economic questions, said in an interview that he expected the senate to do "about the same as the house, but more logically."

Mr. Taft denounced charges that all of the house amendments were "crippling" to price control.

Disagrees With Bowles

"This whole outcry against them is based on Mr. Bowles' theory that if the cost of living goes up 10 per cent, price control will be dead," Senator Taft said. "It's just not so. There still will be price control and the government still will be holding prices much more closely than wages."

A major senate threat to the OPA was an amendment which would strip the agency immediately of everything except controls on rents and alcoholic beverages.

The amendment, introduced by Senator Elmer Thomas (D. Okla.), was frankly designed as a catch-all for votes.

Mr. Thomas predicted his amendment would easily get more than a majority vote when it comes up in the senate.

CLAY WORKERS END STRIKE AT BRAZIL

BRAZIL, Ind., April 22 (U. P.)—More than 230 workers were scheduled to return to work in two local clay plants today, ending an 11-week strike.

They were the Indiana representatives of 2500 clay workers idle for the past 11 weeks in Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Strikers in Indiana said they would resume their jobs today at the American Vitreous Products Corp. and the Clay City Pipe Co.

A contract signed Saturday by operators in all three states guaranteed the workers an 18 1/2-cent hourly increase and a 22 per cent increase for piece work.

The contract also guaranteed a Christmas bonus and insurance rights.

Who's Your Good Neighbor?
One Will Be Honored Here

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"Breakfast in Hollywood" will be given away.

Here's how the "good neighbor" honor guest will be selected:

If you know someone worthy of the honor write a letter today to the Good Neighbor Committee, Indianapolis Times, 214 W. Maryland st.

All letters postmarked by next Saturday midnight will be judged and the person most deserving the honor will be selected for the first week of the letter contest.

His or her name will be announced in The Times on Wednesday.

Carthage Man Turns Pastime Into Work of Art



The finishing touch . . . John Beason, 78-year-old whittler of Carthage smooths off one of his hand-carved violins.

Whittlin' John Beason Can Carve 'Just About Anything'

By VICTOR PETERSON

CARTHAGE, April 22.—Some 40 years ago John Beason, then a young man, got up from his sickbed and sat before the fireplace in his home which already was 100 years old.

He turned to Jennie, his wife of six years, and asked: "Mind if I whittle a mite?"

"I had no objection," Mrs. Beason said today. "All I asked John to do was to be sure and clean up any mess."

Today Mr. Beason is 78, a gangling Lincolnshire individual, slow of speech, who likes nothing better than to sun himself on the front steps of his home and do his "mite of whittlin'."

Uses Pocket Knife

That little bit of whittling has extended over all these years and his fame has spread from Louisville to the northern end of the state. In this area there is many a nimrod who can boast that his gunstock is the handwork of Whittlin' Beason.

But gunstocks are only a small part of the art that comes from Mr. Beason's agile hands. Working mostly with just a pocket knife, he will turn out anything that strikes his fancy.

Virtually all his pet livestock of the past years are preserved in wood carvings. It doesn't matter what kind of wood he lays his hands on . . . any old piece of kindling, a limb from a tree, a splinter from a train wreck, a portion of an old fence post . . . anything will do.

Can Whittle Anything

Then from one piece he will carve his subject. There is no guessing parts together for Mr. Beason.

"I reckon I can whittle just about anything that comes along if I put my mind to it," he said. "One time a fellow came along with a store-bought wooden leg that wouldn't work. He said, 'John, can you fix this dang thing up?'"

"Looks like I did a pretty fair job for when I last saw him he still was using it."

Like all woodcarvers, Mr. Beason has turned his hand to fashioning continuous chain links with a hook at one end set in a ball and socket swivel. These, too, are made from one piece of wood.

Carved Violins

Perhaps his proudest works are the seven, hand-carved violins he has created over the years. All of them are pieces of art and will carry the most delicate tones.

Here again he uses what wood is available. His latest pride, on which he has just put the finishing touches, is made from a mulberry fence post buried in his farm land since the turn of the century.

"I guess you would call this violin aged in the ground," Whittlin' Beason said as he smoothed off a tuning peg.

MUST PROVIDE FOOD-TRUMAN

Nation-Wide Collection to Start May 12.

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loaf to offset the slash in production.

Waste Charged

Meanwhile, the federal trade commission charged many bakeries were continuing to waste flour by disregarding the government ban on "consignment selling." This is the practice whereby retailers can return unsold bread to bakeries without charge.

In a report released by President Truman, the commission said countless loaves of day-old bread still were being sold as livestock feed or "thrown into the river" as result of the practice.

Nevertheless, the commission estimated the government prohibition succeeded in saving enough bread last year to give 10 loaves each to 46,467,000 persons. The savings could have been still greater, it said, if all bakeries co-operated.

The commission called on bakery officials, drivers and retailer to wipe out the practice to prevent needless waste in the current food emergency. It also suggested congress might look into the possibility of drafting legislation to make the prohibition permanent.

Liquor Board Maps Change in Policy

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coholic beverage commission that resulted in raids on several night clubs in Marion county recently.

No Comment Given

During the last two weeks several clubs where no liquor licenses have been issued, including the Castle Barn club on Pendleton pike, were raided by excise agents of the A. B. C.

"We have come to the conclusion we are the victims of political machinations of the state alcoholic beverage commission," the club operators' statement charged.

"We apparently didn't know the right people and consequently the excise men raided our clubs. Excise officers, without a warrant, maliciously walked into one club, using gestapo methods, and humiliated the patrons who were dining in an orderly manner."

Members of the alcoholic beverage commission declined to comment on the club operators' statement.

First Semi-Finals of Times Spelling Bees Set Tonight

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paring for The Times contest.

Some of those who earned their way to the semi-finals spelled down more than 150 pupils in their districts. More than 2000 public and parochial school pupils participated in the preliminary matches in the city and county.

Twenty to Finals

The Indianapolis champion will be determined the night of May 3 at Caleb Mills hall. The 20 finalists, selected in the two semi-finals, will make a bid for the honor that night.

The champion will go to Washington, D. C., with all expenses paid by The Indianapolis Times.

The local representative will compete with boys and girls from all over the United States for the national champion's title.

Valuable awards will be given at Washington and in the finals here.

Contestants Listed

Following is the official roster of those who will compete tonight and the city centers, county townships and schools they represent:

CITY EMINENCES

Brookside Community Center—Judy Calahan and Shirley Ann Heasler, both of Little Flower Catholic school.

Christian Community Center—Mary Jo Cullenper, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic school, and Beverly Hendrickson, School 25.

Culman Community Center—Joan Dezan and Joseph Dezan, both of Holy Trinity Catholic school.

Communal Building—Charles Drullinger, Sacred Heart Catholic school, and Marie Romero, Holy Rosary Catholic school.

Douglas Community Center—Mary McCord, School 35, and Eleanor Patterson, School 35.

Emerson Avenue Baptist Church—Thomson C. Cowan and Joseph Cowell, both of School 35.

Fairview Presbyterian Church—Dorothy Ann Jeffries, School 45, and Barbara

MOONSHOWER'S DEATH DETAILS

Inside Story of Double Shooting in Holdup.

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home. Burial will be at Athens, Ind.

The bandit was John Balpho Miles, 34, of Wilmington, Cal., who escaped from Los Angeles police March 4 when he was being taken from jail to court on kidnapping and robbery charges.

Wife Here Grilled

Police today continued to grill the wife of the bandit, Mrs. Agnes Beatrice Miles, whom they are holding in \$1000 bond. Her case was continued in court this morning.

As the blonde-haired wife continued to deny knowledge of the attempted hold-up, it was learned another woman also said to be Miles' wife is being held in Los Angeles on a charge of aiding his escape from the jail there March 4.

Fingerprints today revealed the woman being held here is not the "Mrs. Miles" whom Los Angeles police say smuggled in the gun which the bandit used in his escape from the jail as he was about to be tried on extortion and kidnapping charges.

Married in 1938

There he pulled a stunt similar to his earlier job at the Armitage firm. He forced a businessman into a car, drove him on a round of banks during which he compelled him to cash almost \$1000 in checks, and then released him after taking the money.

The woman held as Mrs. Miles here, says she was first married to the red-haired desperado in 1938, divorced him the following year.

In the six year interim during which Miles spent most of his time in and out of jail she was married and divorced twice.

On April 13 she re-married her former husband in Hernando, Miss. She said they spent four days in New Orleans, La., coming to Indianapolis Thursday.

Registered at Hotel

They registered as "Mr. and Mrs. James Claycomb Buchanan" at a downtown hotel. She last saw her husband Friday morning, she said, when he left her on Monument circle saying he was "going to see about a job with a man by the name of Moonshower."

She said she knew nothing of the crime until she read the papers Saturday. Detectives found her in her hotel room with a newspaper.

She also told detectives she knew nothing of his escape from Los Angeles police or of a "wife" being held there. She said she "had never been in California."

Police today also were seeking a man who ran from a doorway near the Hoosier Mint Co. as the shots rang out, to determine if Miles had an accomplice.

Career Began in 1930

The red-haired bandit's crime-checked career dates back as far as 1930. During his 16 years of crime, he used a number of aliases.

Between 1930 and 1934 he was sentenced to nine months for petit larceny in St. Louis; a year and a day for car theft in Danville, Ill.; two years at Jonesboro, Ark., for car theft, and four years at Atlanta, Ga., for car theft. He was paroled on the latter sentence.

In 1938 he was arrested in Chicago and returned to federal prison as a parole violator. While serving this sentence, he escaped May 29, 1939, and was re-arrested at Terre Haute and turned over to a U. S. marshal from Kansas City.

When he was arrested in Terre Haute, he carried a rifle, revolver, 19 cartridges, 42 shotgun shells, a shoulder holster and a rifle cleaner.

His name cropped up in police dockets again in 1939 when he was sentenced to six years at Atlanta, Ga., for transporting a stolen car across a state line, and counterfeiting. He escaped and was taken into custody again in May, 1939, and was returned to the penitentiary.

He was released at the expiration of his sentence July 7, 1945, and a few months later resumed his crime career in Los Angeles.

Cabinet Resigns in Japan, Hint Premier May Keep Post

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liably he did not see Gen. MacArthur.

A cabinet source said Yoshida had gone to see the emperor but it was believed more probable that he sought Gen. MacArthur's permission for the resignation since Japan is not an independent country.

The resignation followed an emergency session late today at Shidehara's official residence and ended two weeks of hectic political maneuvering that followed the elections.

There was widespread speculation in Japanese informed quarters that Emperor Hirohito would accept the cabinet resignation but that he would ask the aging prime minister to remain in office until the confused political situation could be clarified further.

Set To Jo Indictment

Shidehara became premier on Oct. 9, 1945, after the post-surrender government headed by Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni fell over its failure to carry out the directives of Gen. MacArthur.

It was learned, meanwhile, that former Premier Hideki Tojo and other major Japanese war criminals suspects will be indicted on Wednesday, barring a possible slight mechanical delay. They will be tried by an allied tribunal.

EVIDENCE UNCOVERED IN NAZI POISON PLOT

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here. A total of 207 Nazi prisoners have been hospitalized but there have been no fatalities and physicians said none is expected.

Counter-intelligence agents reported that two empty arsenic bottles were discovered under the bakery floor. No arrests have been made, according to Col. Samuel T. Williams, commander of the 1st division regiment charged with guarding the camp. However, all the bakery employees are being investigated.

According to investigators, each loaf of bread had been painted on the bottom with arsenic and therefore, Col. Williams said, it was necessary to take loaves individually from the stacked pile at the bakery and replace them.

The poisoned bread was delivered to the camp April 15. Col. Williams said bread ordinarily was issued to individual prisoners, a loaf at a time, and that the poisoned men had eaten most of their ration at one sitting.

The bakery also serves numerous other prison camps in a 60-mile radius of Nuernberg but no cases of poisoning were reported from other camps.

RUSS PLANES FIRE ON U. S. AIRCRAFT

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in the Soviet occupation zone.

This was reported to be the second time in two days that the Russians had fired on American planes.

The C-47 had no passengers, but carried a crew of six. It was not on a scheduled flight, but was a locally-based plane making a flight check.

The aviation division of U. S. headquarters in Austria protested to the Russians, who sent a liaison officer to the airport to investigate. He left without commenting.

WASHINGTON, April 22 (U. P.)—Senator Styles Bridges (R. N. H.) demanded angrily in the senate today that the United States halt attacks on American planes in Europe by Soviet pilots flying "lend-lease" aircraft.

The New Hampshire Republican shouted to the senate that "these instances, occurring one after the other, have got to stop!"

"It is up to the American government to take the necessary action to see that they do stop," he added.

NEWSPERSONS REPORTED SAFE IN CHANGCHUN

PEIPING, April 22 (U. P.)—The Chinese Daily reported today five American war correspondents who were in Changchun when the city was captured by the Chinese Communists, but are safe.

Among the correspondents was Reynolds Packard of the United Press.

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