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HURLED AT OPA**Outburst Touches Off Tur-  
moil of Senators:(Continued From Page One)  
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 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 percent, 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 Vitrified Products Corp. and the Clay City Pipe Co.

A contract signed Saturday by operators in all three states guaranteed the workers an 18½-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**(Continued From Page One)  
"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 gangly Lincolnesque individual, slow of speech, who likes nothing better than to sum himself up on the front porch 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 handiwork of Whittler 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 glueing 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 just has 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," Whittler Beason said as he smoothed off a tuning peg.

**PASSENGER TRAIN  
COLLISION PROBED**

BOSTON, April 22 (U. P.)—An investigation was begun today to determine the cause of a head-on collision between two New Haven railroad passenger trains which killed at least one person and injured about 120 others.

The wreck occurred shortly after 10 o'clock last night in the Hyde Park section of Boston. The jar of the crash shook houses a quarter mile away from the scene. All available ambulances and doctors were summoned to the scene and scores of passengers were treated on the spot, illuminated by searchlights.

The lone victim was identified as Norman Goodwin, 37, fireman of East Braintree, Mass.; William B. Dean, 59, engineer, of Dorchester, Mass., was injured critically.

At least 75 persons were treated and about 50 were sent to hospitals. It was estimated about 45 others were shaken, but did not require treatment.

**LA FOLLETTE SPEAKS  
AT VALPARAISO**

Times Special

VALPARAISO, Ind., April 22—A broader base of ownership in industry and more farms operated by persons who own them were advocated by Rep. Charles M. LaFollette, candidate for the G. O. P. senatorial nomination, in a speech before the Rotary club here today.

"I propose the broadening base of ownership in mass production industry to allow the individual worker the same sense of participation and responsibility which the farmer who owns his own land demonstrates," he said.

"I advocate a high percentage of farms operated by those who own them, allowing the farmer who presently works for a wage to acquire capital interest in the farm he works. The result of these proposals would be to provide greater security and a greater amount of self-respect on the part of the wage earner."

**MOONSHOWER'S  
DEATH DETAILS****Inside Story of Double  
Shooting in Holdup.**(Continued From Page One)  
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 dead bandit, Mrs. Agnes Beatrice Miles, whom they are holding in \$10,000 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 jails 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.

**Register 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, a 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.

**MUST PROVIDE  
FOOD-TRUMAN****Nation-Wide Collection to  
Start May 12.**(Continued From Page One)  
to offset the slack 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.

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**COUNTY SCHOOLS**

Center Township—Richard Mahan, of the William H. Evans school, and Charles Miller, of the Walman school.

Deer Creek Township—John L. Warren, of the Warren school, and Richard Scott, of the Cedar Central school.

East Township—Jackie Maze, Aston school, and William Hicks, Bunker Hill school.

Fernwood Township—Donna Drage, Castleton school, and Mary L. Neff, of the L. M. L. school.

Glenwood Township—John L. L. Scott, of the Glenwood school, and Mary Katherine Bearden, both of University Heights school.

Hickory Township—John Hall and Hulda school.

Linton Township—Mary A. Main, of the Linton school, and Patricia Hardisty, of the Linton school.

Washington Township—William Frazier, of the Washington school, and Patricia Kaufman, of the Crooked Creek school.

Wayne Township—Barbara Timmons, of the Wayne school, and Betty Mitchell, of the Wayne school.

**Cabinet Resigns in Japan,  
Hint Premier May Keep Post**(Continued From Page One)  
suspects will be indicted on Wednesday, barring a possible slight mechanical delay. They will be tried by an allied tribunal.</