

Conferees On OPA Bill Are Reported Near Compromise

Soap Shortage Nearly Ruined Her Figurine Collection



A disappearing hobby... Carole Jacobs, 11, Franklin, uses a damp cloth to clean off the soap figurines in her collection.

LEADERS HOPE TO GET ACCORD BY TOMORROW

Possibility of Veto Is Eyed As Committee Debates High Price Check.

WASHINGTON, July 19 (U. P.).—Administration leaders in congress were reported confident today that senate-house conferees would reach agreement by tomorrow on a compromise bill to revive OPA.

The Democratic leadership, however, was said to be far from certain that the final version would prove acceptable to President Truman. They felt that would depend to a great extent on the question of price controls for major foods.

Administration sources declined to predict whether Mr. Truman would approve a compromise plan that would exempt specific foods from controls but provide for restoration of ceilings if prices go too high.

House conferees so far have refused to accept provisions in the senate-approved OPA bill which would keep price ceilings off meat, poultry and dairy products, wheat, tobacco and petroleum.

Senators George L. Radcliffe (D. Md.), Robert A. Taft (R. O.) and Charles W. Tobey (R. N. H.) were named to a special subcommittee to draw up a program acceptable to the conferees.

Mr. Radcliffe said the group may recommend that a special decontrol board receive authority to roll back prices on the exempted commodities if they get too far out of line.

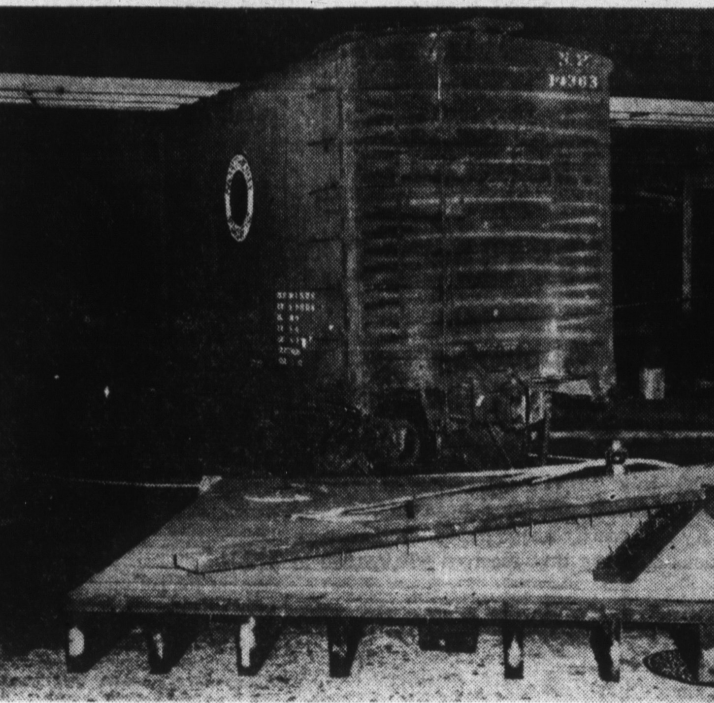
Re-establishment of price ceilings would be done by a decontrol board already provided for in the senate bill. Under the present legislation, however, the board would have only authority to remove ceilings when supply reaches demand.

"We would merely be expanding the jurisdiction of the board," Mr. Radcliffe said.

Mr. Radcliffe added that while "no one was committed to it," the proposal probably will be brought up today at the 14-man conference committee "so that we can have something concrete to work with."

Should the conferees reject the suggestion, both sides are expected to give up their present efforts to draft a compromise bill. They then would return to the house and senate for further instruction. That action would delay settlement of the price problem until next week at least.

Boxcar Jumps Tracks, Lands in Street



This boxcar literally flew last night as it jumped the tracks during switching operations at South and Delaware sts., and wound up in the middle of the street. No one was injured.

STUMPING PLAN DRAWS GOP FIRE

Republican Says Truman Favors 'Purge' Weapon.

WASHINGTON, July 19 (U. P.).—The Republican national committee charged today President Truman's decision to intervene in the Missouri primaries proved the administration still favors the political "purge" weapon "imported from Moscow."

Carroll Reece, G. O. P. national chairman, issued a formal statement to attack the President's announcement he would oppose the renomination of Rep. Roger C. Slaughter (D. Mo.) and that he might stump in behalf of other Democrats if they needed help for re-election.

Mr. Reece said it would be more advantageous if Mr. Truman stayed in Washington to try to bring "some degree of order out of the organized chaos which exists in the federal government."

But no matter what the President does, "it will be a waste of time," Mr. Reece said, because the people have decided that the "only way to restore sane and orderly government is to elect a Republican congress in November."

Mr. Truman's announcement also threatened a clash within the Democratic party. Conservative southern Democratic representatives warned a revival of the New Deal "purge campaign" would lead Mr. Truman to "the Waterloo that President Roosevelt met in 1938."

The southerners claimed the President's decision to support one of Rep. Slaughter's opponents for the Democratic nomination would split the entire party.

COUNTY GAME FARM BLAZE HITS 10 ACRES

A fire that damaged about 10 of 1039 acres at the Wells county game farm required assistance of firemen from nearby Bluffton before it could be extinguished yesterday.

Underbrush caught fire from power mowers being used to cut grass along the Wabash river, conservation officials said.

15 DIE IN BUS-TRAIN CRASH

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A letter to The Times reported that Carole has a collection, too, and one that she is mighty proud of. And she has a right to be pleased with her hobby. It certainly is a clean one. She, too, has statuesque all made of soap.

Shortage Scars Her The parallel of the two collectors goes even further. Donna won't let anyone touch her collection, let alone burn one of the candles should all the lights go out in the house.

As far as Carole is concerned, every member of the family can go without a bath before she would part with any piece of her collection.

But she had quite a scare during the soap shortage. Jokingly her mother and father would look seriously and longingly at her collection on the shelves of a bookcase and say:

"I guess we will have to use some of your collection, Carole."

40 Pieces in Collection She has been following her hobby for about two years and has some 40 pieces in the collection. She could have stored up a great many more except for the fact that she wants to be selective. She isn't interested in any old piece of soap.

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In fact, her first piece came from one of the camp post exchanges. Now she has them from as far away as Florida.

Included are figures of golden-haired girls, elephants, ducks, turtles, fish, lambs, chickens, bears, rabbits and even a rolling pin. Carole is getting domestic early.

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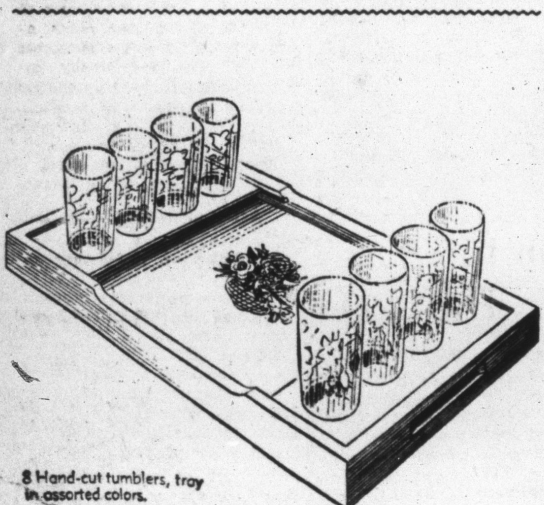
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Miracle of Regained Voice Is Attributed to New Saint

By JOHN R. HIGGINS, United Press Staff Correspondent CHICAGO, July 19.—Two sheaves of gladioli lay before the portrait of Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini today in the church that bears her name.

The flowers represented the gratitude of a 16-year-old boy for Mother Cabrini's first miracle since her elevation to sainthood.

Joseph Pellegrino knelt before the portrait and began a simple prayer: "I thank thee, Saint Francis Xavier, for giving me back my voice."

Joseph had been unable to speak above a whisper since he lost his voice during an attack of rheumatic fever a year ago.

"The doctors said my vocal chords were paralyzed, that I might never again speak normally," Joseph said.

Joseph shunned his playmates, who mocked and laughed at his lost voice. He went nowhere, except to the Blessed Mother Cabrini church to pray.

Mother Cabrini was canonized at least.

Conference "Good Thing" Senator Kenneth Wherry (R. Neb.), author of the meat, poultry and dairy price decontrol plan, called the conference "a good thing" if it would force the house to vote on each proposed exemption.

He expressed unwillingness to go along with any compromise until house sentiment has been tested.

In its simple measure to extend the old OPA law until July 20, the house side-stepped the question of decontrolling specific items. When the senate bill reached the house on Tuesday, it voted to send the measure directly to conference.

Yesterday's unproductive conference broke up in disunity when the senate members flatly refused to strike out the decontrol provisions or an amendment which would allow OPA discretionary powers over price increases for manufacturers and producers.

Fear Second Veto The senate majority contended that revision of the amendment, sponsored by Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley (Ky.), would result in a second Presidential veto of an OPA bill.

Proposed revisions would have the effect of restoring a cost increase plan offered by Mr. Taft and rejected on the senate floor by a 40-to-40 tie vote.

Meanwhile, government economists warned that numerous price increases on food items will hit retail stores in a few days.

Similar boosts in prices of clothing, washing machines, radios, refrigerators and other consumer items probably will not be felt until mid-September, they said.

A labor department survey showed that between mid-June and July 16 round steak and chuck roast prices jumped 48 per cent in Los Angeles, 39 per cent in Pittsburgh, 37 per cent in New York and Washington, and 35 per cent in Denver.

LAGUARDIA IN ATHENS ATHENS, July 19 (U. P.).—F. H. LaGuardia, director general of the UNRRA, was here today to investigate the distribution of UNRRA supplies in Greece. He arrived from Cairo.

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ASK PERMISSION TO ERECT RADIO TOWERS

In a letter posted to the Citizens Gas & Coke utility today, the safety board requested permission to erect police radio receivers and antennas atop the firm's gas holder at 21st st. and Northwestern ave.

Through Capt. Robert L. Batts, police radio supervisor, the board urged the company's compliance with a desire to obtain "the best police radio communication system possible."

Capt. Batts explained that erection of remote-control radio receivers and antennas atop the 400-foot high tank will enable "nearly perfect communications throughout the city and county."

He estimated that construction of a 400-foot tower to house the equipment would cost the city \$20,000 if the board request is denied.

Through a recent \$295,000 bond approval by city council, the latest radio equipment would be purchased and installed upon the holder by Sept. 1 if the utility grants permission, Capt. Batts said.

"It's absolutely marvelous," the priest said.

But Joseph had a better word for it. "It's a miracle," he shouted.

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