

Truman Refuses To Reveal When Wage Ceilings Will End

OPA DRAWS UP BIG DECONTROL LIST FOR NOV. 1

Most Foods, All Cosmetics Already Returned to Free Market.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (U. P.).—President Truman today refused to say definitely when wage controls would be removed.

He was asked at his news conference if he planned to issue a wage decontrol order by Nov. 1.

Read the meat speech, he said, and you will get your answer.

In that speech on Oct. 14, Mr. Truman said price and wage controls are largely dependent on each other.

He said in the speech: "As we speed up the removal of price controls, the removal of wage controls will also be accelerated; in this way we shall move steadily and as quickly as we safely can toward a free economy and free collective bargaining."

Backing Into Wage Decontrol?

His reference to the meat speech raised the possibility that the administration planned to back into wage decontrol through the increasing removal of price curbs. Removal of price controls automatically removes wages from controls in the affected industries.

Officials have pointed out that removal of ceilings on food, beverages and restaurant meals automatically washed out all curbs on wages in the affected industries.

Another Decontrol Order Due

Another sweeping decontrol order was prepared for about Nov. 1.

Today, for the first time since 1943, housewives found price ceilings gone from all foods except sugar, syrups, molasses and rice.

Controls also were removed from food and beverages sold by restaurants and other eating places.

Along with food, countless miscellaneous items were decontrolled today, including cosmetics, drug sundries and some lumber.

Soap Ingredients Still Controlled

Because of the soap and paint shortages, OPA retained controls over linsed oil and 16 other ingredients used in making soap and paint.

OPA made cosmetics 100 per cent decontrolled by freeing powder, rouge and sponge rubber make-up puffs, the only items remaining under controls until today.

The Nov. 1 "master decontrol" order will complete the job of returning all but highly essential cost-of-living items to free pricing.

These essentials include building materials, rents, clothing, machinery, textiles, consumer durable goods and metals.

A Little Rough For Homecoming

FREE SWINGING Butler fraternity men became embroiled in a pre-homecoming fist fight last night.

The battle started over who had the biggest pile of wood for the home-coming bonfire tomorrow night at the Butler practice field.

Contenders were members of Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Delta Theta.

The Lambda Chis had rented a truck to haul some wood. They were driving their truck down the Boulevard pl. hill by the football stadium. Serenity prevailed.

As the Lambda Chis were about to turn into the practice field a car full of Phi Delta's wheeled in front of them. Eight Phi Deltas piled out, subdued the Lambda Chis and drove off in the truck.

This made the Lambda Chis mad. They acted on a hunch and went to the Phi Delta house where they found their attackers in the act of unloading lumber from the truck. Fists flew. The Lambda Chis took their truck home.

EX-MAYOR'S MOTHER DIES AT MITCHELL

REDFORD, Ind., Oct. 24.—Mrs. Della E. Pruitt, mother of Frank Pierce, former mayor of Mitchell, is dead at her home in Mitchell.

Services are being delayed pending word from relatives living in California. Other survivors include a son, daughter and a sister. She was 72.

Career of Bigamist Comes To Abrupt Halt—In Jail

GREENSBURG, Pa., Oct. 24 (U. P.).—John Andrew Udvari, 32, described by police as a honey-tongued romantic who talked four women into marrying him and then talked one of his fathers-in-law out of \$4000, was in jail today.

He was held on charges of bigamy, larceny, impersonating an officer and fraudulent conversion.

State police said Udvari, the son of a Cairnbrook, Pa., coal miner, posed as: An aide to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, an army officer on terminal leave, an army flier who was wounded over Japan, and claimed that Rep. Clare Boothe Luce got him an appointment to West Point where he was graduated after three years "because I was so brilliant."

Police also said he married four women, three of them in Pennsylvania, without bothering with divorces.

Udvari claimed his first wife died in Newark, N. J. His second wife was reported living in Central City, Pa.

Police said he took his third wife,

Can't Live on Love



Sylvia, 21, and Jimmy Pratt, 22, Houston, Tex., honeymoon couple found they couldn't live on love. After three days fasting and sleeping out at New Orleans, police took them to the Charity hospital. Mr. Pratt, an ex-marine, married Sylvia in Houston Oct. 12, after a penny-arcade romance.

LANDLORDS ASK FIVE REFORMS

Denver and San Francisco Don't Back 'Strike.'

SEATTLE, Oct. 24 (U. P.).—Seattle apartment house owners urged a nationwide landlords' strike today unless a five-point rent relief program is adopted.

However, a report that landlords in Denver, Colo., had joined the strike, met denials by both the OPA and apartment owners.

In San Francisco, Hugh McKevitt, president of the Apartment House Owners' and Managers' association, termed the Seattle strike a "millionaire's gesture," and said there was little likelihood of it spreading there.

Harry T. Williams, secretary-treasurer of the Seattle Apartment Operators' association, announced that the program will be presented in the form of a resolution to the National Apartment House Owners' association convention at Oklahoma City, Nov. 18 and 19.

"Prices go up, laborers strike, farmers hold out their cattle and everybody gains consideration except property owners, who are getting madder and madder at these OPA injustices," Mr. Williams said.

Mr. Williams said he would ask the national association "to focus public opinion on the justice of our demands by withholding from the rental market all units as they become vacant until the requested relief is granted."

Mr. Williams said the landlords recognize the need for continued rent controls. They will ask, however, that they be allowed to raise rents in certain instances "without going through the office of price administration red tape method."

Urges Immediate Adjustment

He listed the five points as:

ONE: Local rent directors must be given powers to adjust obvious injustices or inequities immediately, instead of waiting "six months or more."

TWO: Rental adjustments must be made where necessary to offset increased costs of operation and increased taxes.

THREE: The right of the property owner to seek relief in state courts must be restored. Mr. Williams charged that landlords, as such, are barred from "any court in the land except in the role of defendant."

Wants Only Rents Controlled

FOUR: Control of apartments must be restored to the owner in every particular excepting ceiling rents.

FIVE: Rent increases for improvements in furnishing vacated units or increased services must be immediately effective upon filing of a petition with proper authorities, "instead of waiting from five to 18 months for an OPA decision."

A "landlords' strike" was instituted in Seattle Tuesday by two groups of owners who control 21,200 apartments. The move had the support of other property owners in Portland and Salem, Ore., Tacoma, Spokane and Olympia, Wash., and Louisville, Ky.

Mary Short, Pittsburgh, last April when he was posing as an army officer on terminal leave while attending the University of Pittsburgh.

A few months after that, police said he donned his army uniform, told his bride he had been called back to duty to "work on the atom bomb," and left.

Then he went to Latrobe, Pa., where he took a room and two months later married Veronica Ballock, his landlord's daughter. After that he allegedly talked his bride's father-out of \$4000, using \$2700 of the loan to purchase a new car.

His two-year adventure ended when the Ballocks were shown a newspaper clipping describing his marriage to Miss Short.

When told of the charges against him, one of his sisters-in-law commented: "He had a way of looking you in the eye and making you believe black was white."

HOWARD HUGHES HAS ANOTHER CLOSE CALL

PALM SPRINGS, Cal., Oct. 24 (U. P.).—Millionaire Movie Producer Howard Hughes, injured seriously in a plane crash two months ago, landed a converted bomber on an abandoned airfield here under "spectacular circumstances," it was disclosed today.

The field where he landed the gaint twin-motored B-23 had been abandoned by the army for more than three months. There were no flood lights to illuminate the runway. Actress Ava Gardner and Actor Van Heflin were among five passengers in the plane.

Police said they received a message that Mr. Hughes intended to land last Saturday night and rounded up 20 automobiles whose drivers agreed to light up the runways. Mr. Hughes landed safely.

Powder Bowl Teams Throw Mean Curves, Get Wolf Calls

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 24 (U. P.).—South Carolina's varsity football team, bulging with muscles and power, takes the field against Clemson today in a traditional battle. But it appeared highly improbable they would take the eye as did last night's Powder Bowl teams.

The Powder Bowl contestants didn't exactly bulge, and it wasn't muscles. "Curve" would be a better word than bulge, but the word most frequently used was "awoowe . . . a wolf-call anywhere."

There were 10,000 satisfied customers, most of them male. They saw great numbers of pretty girls wearing shorts and sweaters—and they even saw some fairly good football as the Pi Beta Phi sorority defeated the Delta Delta Delta sorority, both from the University of South Carolina, 20-6.

RUSSIANS TRY NEW ANTI-CANCER DRUG

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (U. P.).—A high ranking Russian medical authority has reported "good results" from experimental treatment of some types of cancer in human beings with a new drug known as K-R.

Dr. Vassily V. Parin, secretary general of the Soviet academy of medical sciences, described the Russian experiments but warned they do not mean "the problem of cancer is solved."

About 40 or 50 persons who did not respond to conventional cancer treatment have been given injections of K-R in recent months, he said.

These experiments have shown good results in some cases of breast and skin cancer, he said, but disappointing results in cases of internal cancer.

Testimonial Banquet Ends With Argument Over Franco

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Oct. 24 (U. P.).—Like testimonial banquets the world over, the dinner of 200 townsmen in nearby Orto began in a flurry of platitudes and praise for the local rowing team, champion oarsmen of northern Spain.

It ended in tumult, arrival of a police riot squad and a stand-up vote on the popularity of Generalissimo Francisco Franco. Franco won.

A speaker from the Orto city hall astounded the banquet with a fiery defense of Basque nationalism and separatism. The oar-pullers were forgotten in the subsequent shouting.

Councilman Mugaburi of San Sebastian rose in reply. "As far as the Orto oarsmen are concerned, there is only one real champion of Spain. That is Generalissimo Franco."

He instructed those for Franco to stand, those against him to remain seated. Eleven guests, including a priest, stayed in their seats.

The police arrived, preventing a fist fight. Nine of the 11 opposition voters, guided by the provincial deputy, offered excuses for their action sufficiently convincing to free them of anti-Franco charges.

The other two refused. They were escorted to San Sebastian and summoned before the civil government. One of them, Councilman Olazagasti, formerly a political prisoner, was fined 5000 pesetas. Another man named Echevarria was fined 2000 pesetas.

Walls of local buildings have been plastered nightly with posters reading, "Democracy, democracy, democracy! Wait patiently; The hour is near."

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