

# FTC Charges Illegal 'Fix' In Steel Price

### Alleges Industry Killed Competition

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (U. P.).—The government today launched its first concrete move against iron and steel prices by charging that the iron and steel industry, basis of the nation's whole economy, engaged in illegal collusive practices to raise, fix and maintain prices.

The government brought its charge against the American Iron and Steel Institute and its 130 odd members. They comprise virtually all of the industry.

The complaint issued by the federal trade commission charged that the institute, by working to fix identical prices among members, destroyed competition and was unfair and discriminatory to steel consumers. It also charged that the industry's pricing system prohibited members from cutting prices.

### Dominates Market

Evidence that the iron and steel producers dominated, controlled and manipulated the market collectively through the institute was shown, the government said, by the steel price rise in July.

"Producers collectively supported that increase through the officers of the institute," the complaint said. "Representative producers have announced that the increase aggregated hundreds of millions of dollars."

Noncompetitive prices are set, the FTC said, by a system which produces "matching" delivered price quotations to all purchasers "as though all mills were under one ownership and control."

The commission charged that these practices violated the federal trade commission act, which forbids unfair methods of competition. The justice department, which has begun an investigation to determine whether there is any conspiracy to maintain or raise prices, was not involved in this action.

# Gets 10-Year Term In \$3500 Theft

Jerry Jackson, 47, who escaped from the Marion county jail and was captured three months later in Tennessee, was sentenced to one to 10 years on a larceny charge in criminal court 2 today.

He pleaded guilty to the theft of a \$3500 diamond bracelet from the home of Mrs. George Dixon, 4302 Swanson dr., in January, 1946. Jackson was alleged to have sold the bracelet to Fruster Jones, notorious Indiana ave. character, now serving a prison term for manslaughter. A charge of receiving stolen goods is still pending against Jones.



CLIMBING TO FAME—Heading for the stars is pretty Joan Murray Harrison, N. Y., chosen "Miss Stardust of 1947" in a national beauty contest that drew more than 25,000 entries. Along with the title, she won a \$500 prize, a vacation in New York City and a modeling contract.

# Hope for Envoy To Japan Is Dim

### Gen. MacArthur Aide Believed Crash Victim

HONOLULU, Aug. 18 (U. P.).—Hope that George C. Atcheson Jr., Gen. Douglas MacArthur's political adviser and allied council chairman, was still alive dwindled to the "extremely remote" point today more than 24 hours after his B-17 plunged into the Pacific ocean.

Apparently 10 of the 13 men aboard perished when the converted bomber ran out of gasoline en route from Tokyo only a few minutes' flying time from Hawaii. Three survivors were brought to Pearl Harbor by naval rescuers.

One survivor said Mr. Atcheson gripped the sides of his seat a moment before the midnight crash and said quietly, "Well, it can't be helped."

Mr. Atcheson was flying to Washington in a plane from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters to discuss plans for a Japanese peace treaty.

Search units were ordered to watch for highly confidential documents he apparently was carrying.

Capt. Roy A. Gano, commanding the searching destroyers, said there was little likelihood that any of the missing men would be found alive.

Air transport command officials questioned the survivors in an unsuccessful effort to learn why the pilot did not refuel at Johnson island or allow his passengers to bail out over Kauai island.

Five shrouded bodies were brought ashore from the destroyer Rowan last night. A sixth body sank as coast guardsmen aboard the cutter Hermes tried to recover it.

High army and navy officials said that Mr. Atcheson's body had not been found. William Bayer, a Honolulu Advertiser reporter, identified one of the shrouded bodies taken from the destroyer as that of Mr. Atcheson. At the same time three crewmen of the Hermes asserted that the body which they saw sink was the diplomat's.

One of the recovered bodies was identified as that of Navy Capt. R. C. Boyer, Allied headquarters in Tokyo confirmed that Col. David Larr of the headquarters staff also died in the crash.

Hoosier Bather Killed By Speedboat Driver

HAMMOND, Ind., Aug. 18 (U. P.).—William Witten, 45, Chicago, driver of a speedboat which killed one swimmer and seriously injured another, told police today he was unable to see the men in the darkened water.

The accident occurred about 125 yards from shore when the men, Benjamin Viskas, 21, and Arthur Latrello, 22, were swimming early Sunday morning.

Mr. Viskas was killed and Mr. Latrello lost his left leg in the accident. Both were cut severely by the boat's propeller.



MIRACLE—Burned almost beyond recognition 22 months ago and given one chance in a million to live, Richard Jackson, 15, Rochester, N. Y., is reunited with his pets at his home here. Dick underwent 45 skin-grafting operations and was given 210 pints of blood and plasma after explosion in manhole he and two companions were exploring. One companion was killed and other escaped with less serious burns.

# List Photo Contest Prizes Wednesday

### Judges Swamped With Week's Entries

By ART WRIGHT  
Times Photo Contest judges, "snowed under" with entries for the second week's award, promised today that they would announce the winner in Wednesday's Times.

The best photo of the week earns \$5 for the amateur picture-snapper. Even if you don't win the top prize, your picture might be published in The Times as an honorable mention winner.

Contest Ends Friday  
Pictures now being received will be judged in the third week contest which closes at midnight Friday. Your entry must be brought to The Times or postmarked by that time. Entries received after that time will be eligible for the fourth week.

Your photograph may be of any subject. Why not try some unique poses of the children in the family in some "cute" antics. The unusual has the better chance to win. The pictures are judged for their eye-appeal. Ingenuity might even win out over photographic excellence.

There are no fees of any kind for entry. The only restriction is that the photographer must be an amateur. An amateur is one whose chief source of income is not derived from photographic work.

Rules for Prints  
Prints may be of any size, but they must be black and white. Entrants must write on the back of each picture this information: Address, telephone number, type camera and type film used, shutter speed, diaphragm opening, type lighting.

Mail or bring photos to Amateur Photo Contest, Indianapolis Times, 214 W. Maryland st., Indianapolis 3.

Blame Pranksters For Soviet Insult

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (U. P.).—"Pranksters" were blamed today for placing a trash-filled pushcart in front of the Soviet embassy here. Police were called yesterday to remove the pushcart, which was filled with bricks, mortar and debris. They said they believed it was put there by "pranksters" the night before.

It was the second time in recent weeks that the Soviet embassy has been subjected to indignities.

The state department announced last week it was seeking the prosecution of youthful followers of the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, head of the so-called Christian Mobilizers, who placed anti-Russian signs on the embassy's front lawn.

FARM POPULATION DOWN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (U. P.).—The nation's farm population declined by 2,966,911 persons between 1940 and 1947 and totaled 77,530,000 last Jan. 1, the census bureau reported tonight.

# New Fast Train Christened Here

### The Newly Christened "Tippecanoe" Streamlined Monon Passenger Train, Now Plies Between Indianapolis and Chicago

The Tippecanoe was christened yesterday as the first of a fleet of streamlined Monon passenger trains which will service Indiana towns.

The train will operate northbound from Indianapolis daily at 9 a. m. daily and arrive at Chicago at 1:15 p. m.

On the return trip, the new train will carry the name, "Hoosier," and follow a fast schedule of three hours and 45 minutes. It will leave the Dearborn station at 7:15 p. m. and arrive in Indianapolis Union station at 11 p. m.

Mrs. Emil Schram, Hoosier-born wife of Emil Schram, president of

# Urge UNRRA to End Shipments to China

### SHANGHAI, Aug. 18 (U. P.).—A majority of persons working for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation agency in China have asked UNRRA's central committee in Washington to halt relief shipments to Nationalist China immediately, it was learned today.

The UNRRA personnel asked to be removed from the "intolerable position of supporting one side in the civil war."

The New York Stock exchange, christened the Tippecanoe. Others who took part in the christening were Mr. Schram, Noble P. Hollister, executive director of the Indianapolis City Plan commission; J. Ralph Fenstermaker, vice president of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce; W. H. McKittrick, superintendent of the Indianapolis Union railway, and a group of Monon officials led by John W. Bar-riger, president.

# Local Option Act Cited in Protest

### Action on an application by Arthur Donovan to open a tavern at 2027 Prospect st. was postponed by the county liquor board today when neighbors filed notice of a protest under the new "local option" clause in the state liquor law.

Five neighbors appeared before the board declaring that the area around the proposed tavern site was more than 80 per cent residential, and announced they would obtain signatures from more than a majority of residents in that area against the tavern.

The state law provides for rejection of new taverns by a majority vote of residents living within a radius of 500 feet of the proposed tavern site.

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