

(In the price-wage freeze order tonight)- a couple of things are to be noted. One -- that (there is no roll-back of prices.) These are frozen at top figures prevailing from December Nineteenth through January twenty-fifth. In other words, (the ceilings are set, in general, according to the figures of right now) Price Administrator Di Salle explained in Washington this evening that a roll-back, lowering the price levels, would have taken more time to arrange -- and it was thought better to act promptly by freezing the figures as they are. The latest - the freeze includes all prices of pork.

(In the matter of wages, the level is, in general, ten percent above the figures for January of last year.) But today's announcement, made by Wage Stabilizer Cyrus Ching, emphasizes the fact that the present wage freeze is largely tentative, and that adjustments will be made for greater flexibility - to tie wages to the price of living.

The price-wage order, was issued tonight

in the hurly-burly of an excited news conference -
with the reporters, cameramen, and what not, in a
scramble of get the news on the wire , and pictures on
film.

KOREA

(The American army swept forward today in Korea. All along the sixty miles of the West Korean front, there was a general advance, pushing north ten miles - and reaching a point within sixteen miles of the capital city of Seoul. There were flurries of heavy fighting in some places) but, for the most part, the state of affairs was illustrated by the capture of Suwon. That key city, now a devastated ruin, was occupied without resistance - and the same goes for a series of other places all along the line of advance.

Actually, it was a two-day offensive, beginning yesterday but concealed by military secrecy until today. General MacArthur's headquarters is careful to state that it's a push with "limited objectives." Not an all-out assault, intended to drive for a decision. (One purpose might well be to throw the Chinese Reds off balance, in their preparation for a massive offensive of their own - if that's what they intend.) Anyway, U.N. forces have occupied the broad strip of No Man's Land left empty by the Communists in their

which is
withdrawal *λ* still something of a mystery.

We now have an explanation of the naval bombardment of Inchon - so reminiscent of those Inchon landings, which shattered the Korean Reds last autumn. The bombardment of that west Korean harbor was an incident in the general advance along the whole Western land front.

COAL

An agreement, between the hard coal industry and the Miners' Union - signed today. John L. Lewis gains for the anthracite workers the same wage increase given to the soft coal miners last week. A hike of a dollar and sixty cents a day. In return, Lewis gives a no-strike pledge. A promise that there will be no tie up of the hard coal mines during this time of national emergency and armament.

The Companies declared immediately that the price of anthracite would be raised - if the Government agrees. But this may conflict with the price freeze just announced, and it remains to be seen how the wage increase will square with the ceiling on wages.

The Korean War has produced an ace of the air - Jet Pilot Lieutenant Jacob Kratt of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Other pilots have shot down enemy planes, but they have been mighty few. Lieutenant Kratt won two aerial victories on Tuesday, shooting down a couple of enemy jets. His third came this afternoon, when he downed a yak fighter. So he has a score of - three. Which is large for the Korean War.

Until recently, the Reds showed little air ~~was~~ activity - but it's different now. Large air battles have been fought in the past few days - but, even so, the Jets appear to be too fast for the old-fashioned ~~dogfights~~ dogfights. Which is in contrast to the sky battles in the Pacific during the Second World War. Take the one on October Twenty-third, Nineteen Forty-two -- over Guadalcanal. Marine Corps pilots clashed with twenty-four Japanese planes, and twenty-one of these were shot down in a single engagement on high.

U.N.

(The battle at the U.N. is in full diplomatic blast - with the American delegation pressing for the adoption of the U.S. resolution branding Red China as an aggressor.) There's plenty of objection - or rather, qualification. (Many delegations want the American resolution to be toned down - less drastic.) The chief mover for a compromise is British Delegate Sir Gladwyn Jebb, who is working busily behind the scenes.

The crux of the matter is not so much "aggression", as the question of what would follow the condemnation. The American resolution calls for a study of - "additional measures." Meaning that, having called Red China an aggressor, the U.N. would then try to figure out what to do. ~~Meaning~~ Sanctions, economic boycott, a blockade. Britain, and other Western countries too - are afraid that sanctions against Red China would mean a third world war. So they want to get that part of it out of the American resolution - and merely call Chinese Communists aggressors. Nothing more.

Which would make it a mere matter of words, a rebuke -
not going on to the business of action

(Meanwhile, the Indian-Arab group are working for
their own ~~xxxx~~ resolution - a proposal for negotiations.
They're pushing their plan for ^{the} a cease-fire - which Red China
is rumored ready to accept.)

BRITAIN

In London, Prime Minister Attlee made a powerful address to a Labor Party Convention today. Attlee is no flaming orator, but the statements he made had plenty of drive. He said that Soviet imperialism was worse than that of the czars - Stalin a more successful imperialist than any of the czars. The consequence for Britain being this: "Our way of life," said Attlee, "is in danger. Our happiness, and the happiness of the future of our children, are in danger. It is both our privilege and our duty to be ready to defend them. Defeat would destroy and obliterate them forever - make no mistake about that," the Prime Minister told the Labor Party Convention.

In Paris, an address of similar vigor was made by President Auriol. He declared that, if attacked, France will fight as a united country. He said that even most of the Communists would fight to prevent new aggression and a new occupation by a conqueror. In this, he presented a picture of a majority of the French Reds joining the forces of patriotism against Russia - rather than see Soviet ~~armies~~ armies overrun France.

SUN SPOTS

Here's a prediction that, if we ^(surmount) ~~surmount~~ the present war crisis, the world is likely to be at peace for ten years. The prophet arrived at this conclusion - by reading signs in the heavens.

It Sounds like astrology - but the prognosticator is a top ranking scientist. The Swedish astronomer, Professor Knut Lundmark, of Lund University. He figures the future, not by the conjunctions of planets and constellations, but by - sun spots. He says it's definite - the sun spots exert a powerful influence on mass human activities, such as big wars. A crisis of sun spot activity brings a huge lot of cosmic radiation - and that's the danger time.

He say we now are
~~We're~~ going into a period when there'll be a minimum of blotches on the glowing face of the solar orb - a minimum of cosmic rays. *That* ~~which~~ will continue for ten years - with probabilities of peace. The next crisis will come between

Nineteen Sixty and Nineteen Sixty-two. So, look out for ^{1960 to '62} ~~these~~ years - ~~the~~ ^{- if we} get over the present peril!

DRAFT

The Defense Department says that about eighty thousand 4-F's ought to be drafted. This cuts the previous figure in half. Yesterday, the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, told a Congressional Committee that one hundred and fifty thousand men deferred for physical and mental reasons could be inducted - without lowering the standards of the Armed Services. Today she changed the figure, after consulting with Selective Service Director Lewis Hershey. He said that eighty thousand is more like it.

We hear likewise that the Congressional Committee is interested in the possibility of revoking deferrments of men who have married since the Korean War began.

MUSICIANS

The Labor Relations Board has handed down an important decision, pertaining to such union practices as feather-bedding and stand-bys. The Board supports the Musicians Union, headed by James Petrillo - which frequently demands that theatres hire stand-by orchestras to protect musicians from the competition of amateurs and traveling bands. That's okay, if the union orchestra is willing to work - even though the employer does not need nor want it. ~~There~~ no violation of the Taft-Hartley Law, with its provision against - "featherbedding." So says the ruling issued today.

The case before the Board concerned the Palace Theatre of Akron, Ohio, which booked a traveling hillbilly band. ~~for~~ ~~four performances~~. The local union demanded that the theatre engage a local orchestra to play a number of engagements - or the hillbilly band would not be allowed to perform. That was the dispute, and the Labor Board points out that the union band actually wanted to work - not merely stand by, doing nothing, while the hillbilly band played. To which the

Board adds: "The Taft-Hartley Law was not intended to reach cases where labor organization seeks actual employment for its members."

WEATHER

The rage of winter hit the Dakotas today - a roaring blizzard bringing ten inches of snow. In the western part of North Dakota, the roads everywhere, tonight, are blocked by huge drifts. Highway travel tied up, airline traffic all but stopped - as the blinding blizzard made it - ceiling zero. The huge downpour of snow is being driven southeastward by gales up to thirty-five miles an hour, and is whirling across Minnesota tonight. Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, have all been warned. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ The storm of wind and snow will be followed by bitter cold - twenty-five below zero in North Dakota.

CONVICT

From Los Angeles, a strange story of a convict with a ferocious vendetta. They say that Prisoner Arthur Hansen at San Quentin Penitentiary plotted the murder of seven victims - including five judges and a former district attorney.

The story is that Hansen, while in prison, nursed a grudge against those involved in his trial and conviction, and in two failures of his to get a parole. So he determined to have his revenge, when he got out. Finally, his parole was granted - scheduled to go free this week. Whereupon he approached another convict, also about to be paroled, and enlisted him to ~~the same task as Hansen~~ ~~to kill two of the victims, while Hansen disposed of the five others.~~ But the fellow convict informed the authorities, told them all about the plot.

So today the word is that Hansen's parole has been revoked - while an investigation is made ^{into} ~~the~~ the scheme of seven-fold ^{(revenge,} ~~revenge)~~ including five judges and a former district attorney.

GAMBLING

A sad story is told of what happened to the former Mayor of Rolla, Missouri. Today he brought charges against two men - saying that, in card games, they took him for thirty-four thousand dollars.

His Ex-Honor is Rowe Carney, a hotel and theatre owner who served two terms as Mayor of Rolla. Last year he lost the election, stepped out of office, ^(Now) ~~and~~ it turns out, he lost more than the election.

One of the individuals he accuses is a home-town painter, whom he had known for years. The painter, he claims, introduced him to a gambler - who ^{(has} ~~was found to have~~ a number of aliases.

All of which resulted in a couple of card games - and they didn't make piker bets. In one session with the paste-boards, the former ~~pasteboards, the poor~~ Mayor lost twenty-five thousand dollars. The next time - nine thousand ^{more,} ~~dollars~~. After which His Ex-Honor began to suspect he had been victimized by his old friend - the painter. And his new friend - the gambler.

They claim their meetings with ^{(him}~~the former mayor~~ were only
in connection with - business deals.

Well, in losing thirty-four thousand dollars at cards,
there could be a number of - business deals. *They gave
the ex-mayor of Rolla the business.*

BAND

Dallas, Texas, tells of a hillbilly band that gave up rustic ditties - and turned to a career of crime. Today two wounded policemen identified a musical quartette from California, as the bandits who shot them down. One of the hillbilly singers tells how he joined the other three in California - to go on a tour of strumming guitars and caroling such classics as "The Little Brown Jug." But the serenading ~~show~~ didn't go so well, apparently, and, they took to crime, instead. Driving through Dallas, two policemen tried to stop them, were met by blasting pistol fire, and fell wounded. Later, the criminal hillbilly band was captured in Arkansas. Now back in Dallas - to face justice. Or would you say - to face the music? *Nelson?*

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