

CRISIS

For the second day in succession prices have been going down on all the exchanges. On the New York stock exchange shares dropped to their lowest point since June tenth. In fact, utility shares reached their lowest in almost three years. There are also drops in wholesale food prices. For instance, livestock in the middle west declined sharply. Wheat dropped twenty cents a bushel, which means forty cents a bushel altogether -- since its highest point in January. Cotton dropped two dollars a bale. And, prices of cocoa, coffee, sugar and wool fell. Economists say the upward spiral in prices has finally come to an end.

INFLATION

President Truman today dared the Republicans to cut his budget as they propose, ~~to do.~~ When the newsmen asked what he thought about the idea of slicing ^{off} two-and-a-half billions, ~~off it,~~ the President replied that the lawmakers would be better occupied passing laws to deal with inflation and not waste their time on futile budget cuts.

He pressed heavily on the inflation theme, saying that we will be up against an economic crash -- that's the way he put it -- if Congress doesn't get busy at once to do something to stop the upward spiral. The President had a price chart in front of him --- a chart ~~is~~ prepared by his budget bureau, a chart showing that goods, clothing and rents have gone up since he asked for special controls on November 17th.

Reporters then asked him what about the price slump on the stock exchange, and in the commodity markets? ~~Even some government officials wonder whether~~
Whether this is temporary or whether it means a real end

to postwar inflation. In answer to that, no comment.

He merely ~~repeated~~ repeated that the only logical end to the present price trend is an economic crash.

Therefore he insists that he must have the special powers for which he has asked. Powers which the Republicans say he shall not have.

~~After listening to Mr. Truman's remarks the newsmen went to see Senator Taft -- get his reaction. The Ohio Senator declined to become excited, merely remarked that Mr. LTruman ought to get together with his Secretary of the Treasury on this inflation business. That at present they appear to be in complete disagreement~~

~~if Other Republicans say they'll slash more than those two-and-a-half-billions from the President's budget.~~

It began to look today as though a ~~n~~ cut in income taxes might become a reality. Early in the week Democrats scoffed at it, saying the President would surely veto the Knutsen Bill. But now even loyal

Truman supporters admit there's a chance of the veto being overridden. Senator Barkley of Kentucky, minority leader, saying it's quite possible that two thirds of the Senate would vote to support a cut in taxes. ~~On this Senator George of Georgia agreed, providing the Senators cut no more than four billions from the budget.~~

Correspondents described ^{Mr. Truman} ~~him~~ as in a rare good humor. He didn't seem at all perturbed over the loud wails from Southern Congressmen and Southern Governors who are bitter about the Truman demand for anti-lynch laws and the repeal of Jim Crow legislation.

Although the Southern Democrats are getting some attention because of their threats to bolt the Party, seasoned observers don't take any of

that at all seriously. ^{Southerners have} ~~They~~ acted that way before, ^{they say.}

The trouble is they have no place to bolt; since none in their wildest dreams would think of going over to Henry Wallace's Party, and the South still is reluctant to vote Republican.

NEXT WEEK UNCLE SAM'S ARMY WILL HAVE A NEW CHIEF OF STAFF. GENERAL EISENHOWER WILL SAY GOODBYE AT NOON SATURDAY. ^{So} ~~THAT'S WHAT~~ HE TOLD NEWSPAPERMEN AT A LUNCHEON AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB. HE ALSO REPEATED WHAT HE SAID LAST WEEK WHEN HE TOOK HIMSELF OUT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE. THAT GOES FOR NINETEEN-FIFTY-TWO AS WELL AS FOR THIS YEAR, ^{he said.} AT THE SAME TIME HE ~~SAYS~~ ^{added that} HIS REFUSAL TO RUN SHOULD NOT ^{in any way} ~~BE INTERPRETED~~ ^{be a} ~~AS ANY~~ REFLECTION ON GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, AS A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE.

"I'M NOT ANYBODY ELSE'S KEEPER," SAID THE CHIEF OF STAFF. AND HE ADDED, "IF SOMEBODY ELSE FEELS THE COMPULSION OF HIS OWN CONSCIENCE TO RUN FOR POLITICAL OFFICE, HIS CONSCIENCE MUST BE HIS GUIDE." HE ALSO SAID, "I WORKED NINE YEARS FOR GENERAL MACARTHUR, AND I HOPE HE FEELS THE SAME FRIENDSHIP FOR ME THAT I FEEL FOR HIM."

~~OUR POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN WASHINGTON ARE POINTING OUT THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR'S CHANCES HAVE BECOME EVEN DIMMER THAN THEY WERE SINCE BILL COSTELLO CBS CORRESPONDENT AT TOKYO, REPORTED MACARTHUR'S RECENT ACTIVITIES AGAINST NEWSPAPERMEN WHOSE REPORTS HE DID NOT LIKE. HIS LATEST~~

GUIDED MISSILE SHIPS

There will be no guided missile ships in the U.S. Navy's five year, two-hundred-and-thirty million dollars construction program. ~~The plans for the two guided missile ships previously mooted, definitely out.~~

So says Navy Secretary ~~John D.~~ Sullivan, in Washington. Sullivan says the Navy will build high speed submarines. Six new experimental vessels and ~~the~~ ^a gigantic aircraft carrier. -- ~~from six to eighty thousand tons.~~ The guided ~~missile~~ ^{missile} ships that Navy men have been talking about for some time, have been dropped, says our Navy Secretary, because the Navy appropriation bill sent up to Congress contains no funds for such construction. ~~no funds for new ship building.~~

The guided-missile-project was to have cost three-hundred-and-eighty-million dollars. ^{TP} ~~Sullivan~~ ^{He} tells us that our guided-missile-development has not progressed as fast as ~~was~~ anticipated -- German V - ^{were} ~~being~~ two rockets ^{launched} in ^a North Atlantic ~~test~~ test, but not to every one's satisfaction. ^{So we will concentrate on} ~~As so it is~~ high-speed-submarines, new type experimental ships and ^{one} ~~the~~ mighty aircraft carrier

-- a flush deck model one fourth larger than ^{any} ~~the~~ Navy's ~~biggest~~ ships afloat today, ~~as new armament for Uncle Sam's Navy.~~

Meanwhile at Annapolis, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, John Nicholas Brown told an audience that in any future war the "initial blows" will be struck by ~~the~~ Navy carrier-based-planes -- not by the Air Force. Brown said that the joint chiefs of staff have assigned the Navy the job of capturing and protecting advanced bases, until the Air Force is able to move in with its heavy and complex equipment." That's how he puts it -- the Navy to strike and hold and then the Air Force to ~~move up.~~ ^{TP} The strategic pattern of tomorrows defense ~~outlined~~ outlined by ~~the~~ Navy experts, tying in with the construction of ~~the~~ ⁺ biggest aircraft carrier, ~~ever dreamed of.~~ A floating airfield of eighty thousand tons.

COMMUNIST PARTY

Whatever we do let's not outlaw the Communist Party, says Attorney General Clark. The un-American activities Committee of the House has been considering ways to control the American Reds and the Attorney General appeared today as a witness.

~~One thing he said was that he is against doing anything that might make martyrs of them -- says say by driving them underground.~~ But he would like a law compelling all Communists to register as Agents of a foreign government, ~~and he wants Congress to put teeth in laws having to do with all subversive activities.~~ He says that present laws are not enough help to the Department of Justice and the F.B.I.

He also went on to say that he would like to see all aliens who support subversive ideas ~~over here~~ over here -- he would like to see them deported; and, all who have subversive ideas, he wants them fired from Uncle Sam's payroll. Above all, he says Congress, Press and radio should cooperate in educating the public on all this.

RUSSIA...

NEWS FROM RUSSIA, NO LESS. A CABINET MINISTER ~~HAS BEEN~~

FIRE^d! THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, ~~N. N. RYCHKOV, HE WAS~~

~~GIVEN THE NOSE FOR INEFFICIENCY. THE RUSSIAN ^{Press, we hear} NEWSPAPERS~~

~~HAVE~~ ^{has} BEEN HOUNDING HIM FOR SEVERAL MONTHS BECAUSE HIS OFFICE

HAS NOT PROSECUTED MORE OFFICIALS FOR INCOMPETENT ^{handling} OPERATION

OF THE HOUSING PROGRAM. ALSO ~~HAS NOT BROUGHT~~ ENOUGH PROSECUTIONS

FOR GRAFT, ~~AND OTHER OFFICIAL OFFENSES.~~

^{And} THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ALSO REMOVED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARTS

COMMITTEE; FIRED HIM BECAUSE HE ^{failed to bear down} ~~DID NOT DIRECT THE ARTS COMMITTEE~~

~~PROPERLY. ONE MAY ASSUME THAT THIS MEANS THE ARTS COMMITTEE~~

^{and see to it} ~~DID NOT INSIST SUFFICIENTLY STRONGLY~~ THAT EVERY PLAY AND NOVEL

~~MUST~~ BE WRITTEN, EVERY PICTURE PAINTED, EVERY PIECE OF MUSIC

COMPOSED, WITH A COMMUNIST ANGLE.

THE SUPREME SOVIET, THE PARLIAMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION, ~~APPROVED~~

^{also today} ~~THESE ACTS AND ALSO~~ APPROVED A DECREE FORBIDDING ANY MORE

MARRIAGES BETWEEN RUSSIANS AND FOREIGNERS.

CHINA

China
(It looks as though the Chinese Communists will soon have all of Manchuria.) They have its capital isolated, and the ~~most~~ latest is that they have taken Liaoyang, a key point on the railroad between Dairen and Mukden.

(They also are reported along the road to Peiping.

Chiang Kai-Shek's people admit all this)-- that the Communists have penetrated into Liaoyang from three sides, right to the center of the city.

According to another dispatch a Communist Force is pushing into Mukden.

GERMANY

More food strikes in Germany soon. Trouble looms in the cities, both in the American and in the British Zone -- because the farmers refuse to cooperate. ~~Which is what always happens when any government tries to ration food.~~

There is talk in Germany now of using troops to get the food from the farms. The British Military Governor announces that he'll put his troops at the disposal of the German State Governments. But, we hear there are not enough Tommies to do the job.

One British General remarked: - "Tommy Atkins milk cows for the starving Germans!! I say, hardly!"

A special committee of the ~~House of~~ Lower House, in Washington, urges the establishment of self government for a free Germany at the earliest possible moment. Meanwhile the Germans to be governed, not by Uncle Sam's Army, but by a civilian agency independent of the Army.

What the House Committee proposes is that Congress establish an advisory committee to cooperate with legislative bodies in the various German states, and as quickly as possible erect a workable system of Representative ~~German~~ Government for that country.

The Congressional Committee is convinced there can be neither prosperity nor security -- not only in Germany -- but in ~~the~~ the world, so long as other countries have to feed the German people.

GENERALS...

ONE OF HITLER'S GENERALS TODAY COMMITTED SUICIDE ^{rather} ~~SOONER~~ THAN
STAND TRIAL AT NUREMBURG FOR CRIMES AGAINST PEACE AND HUMANITY.

~~HE WAS~~ GENERAL JOHANNES BLASKOWITZ, ONCE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

OF THE GERMAN FORCES IN NETHERLANDS. ^{TP} JUST TWO HOURS BEFORE

THE TRIAL WAS TO BEGIN, HE JUMPED FROM THE ~~GALLERY ON THE~~

THIRD STORY ^{Gallery} OF THE PRISON IN WHICH HE WAS CONFINED, ~~CLIMBED~~

~~OVER A BARRIER OF WIRE SEVEN FEET HIGH WHICH HAD BEEN PUT~~

~~THERE JUST TO PREVENT THAT SORT OF THING.~~

THIRTEEN OTHER ^S MEN STOOD IN THE DOCK AT NUREMBURG TODAY,

FIELD MARSHALS, GENERALS; AND AN ADMIRAL. THE PROSECUTOR

OPENED HIS CASE BY SAYING THAT MILLIONS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS

WERE WANTONLY SLAUGHTERED ^{by the defendants,} ~~UNDER THE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF~~

~~THE DEFENDANTS, NOT IN THE PURSUIT OF ANY POLITICAL OR~~

~~MILITARY OBJECTIVE, BUT IN THE FURTHERANCE OF NAZI RACIAL~~

~~AND SOCIAL MYTHS.~~

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AUSTRIA

A group of five of Uncle Sam's G.I.'s were walking through the streets of Vienna. As they approached the Grand Hotel, in the International Zone, a hotel filled with Russian officers, they saw one of the Russian officers, a Muscovite in civilian clothes, slip on the icy sidewalk and fall flat on his puss -- always a somewhat humorous situation -- to the spectator, I mean. Anyhow, the five Americans laughed aloud. All of which the Russian sentry on duty at the door of the hotel didn't like.

He rushed at the Americans, upbraiding them in German:-- "How dare they make fun of a Soviet officer? Then another Russian soldier rushed up and the two tried to arrest the five American G.I.'s. Three got away, leaving two of their buddies in the clutches of the Russkies.

They were detained for hours, and when finally released the Soviet authorities filed a formal complaint to the effect that laughing at a Soviet officer

is no laughing matter.

The U.S. Provost Marshal replied that it's not so easy to identify an individual as a Russian officer when he's in civilian clothes. How do they do that?

INSERT_OLYMPICS

Button skated figures that had never been seen on Olympic Ice. The experts at St. Moritz say his performance was without doubt the greatest ever seen in the Olympic games.

As a matter of fact, the United States placed not only first but also fourth and sixth in the figure skating, all lads in their teens. Dick Button is only eighteen; Jack Lettengarber of St. Paul, who finished fourth is eighteen; and Johnny Grogan of Oakland in sixth place, only sixteen.

OLYMPICS

Our boys and girls, nephews and nieces of Uncle Sam never never have won anything important in the Winter Olympics --- except the bob-sledders. That is, until today. As expected Dick Button, the slender lad who skates came in an easy first in the g figure competition. His performance in the free skating events is described by the U.P. correspondent as nother short of magnificent.

est → So, he's bringing home an Olympic Gold Medal. ~~But that's~~
TP still Gold medal
~~not all.~~ *^* Another *^* was won today by an attractive young matron in blonde pigtails -- *From* Vancouver, Washington, Gretchen Fraser. Down an icy course thru a complicated series of gates and flushes, Gretchen won the women's slalom. So, according to the story just in on my press wire she'll be bringing home the first skiing championship ever won by an American. Her time 59.7 seconds, on the first run and 57.5 on the second.

The men's slalom went to Ede Reinalter of Switzerland.

In the Olym. Games the U.S.A.
~~As for outcome of the one-man ~~bob~~ bob-sled~~
has risen suddenly from
~~race down the historic Cresta Run, there were many who~~
17th. to 3rd.!

TIME

Residents of Northern ^{California} ~~California~~ today are mostly happy about the end of the drought -- the rains have come, and in plenty. -- But, they are worrying about something else. A ~~strange~~ strange phenomenon. Why was everyone late for work this morning? Everyone who has an ~~electric~~ electric clock that is. And why did the radio programs go haywire? Why? For the same reasons that the ~~adding~~ adding machines ~~it~~ wouldn't add and a basket ball game ~~ran~~ ran twenty seconds over time without anyone being aware of the fact. ~~Father Time~~ ~~Father Electric Time~~ all behind, that was the reason.

~~It all stems from the drought.~~ On Monday the Pacific Gas and Electric Company which depends on ~~water~~ water power ~~for its precious just juice~~ decided something had to be done to save power, so an engineer touched a button which reduced, the current going to the domestic users, ~~by just a half a cycle~~ which meant ~~a saving of forty~~ ^{to save} forty thousand kilowatts of electricity a day.

~~But it also made all the electric clocks out~~

KLAN

In Georgia they are laughing at the Ku Klux Klan. It ~~has~~ seems that the wearers of the white-hood started a feud with one Walter Boland, football coach at Lakeview, Georgia High School, formerly one of Uncle Sam's leathernecks.

We ~~has~~ hear that everybody else in the county is scared stiff of the K K K, --- all except Walter Boland and Mrs. Boland, who defied eighteen of them. It started when a young tough, a former student at the High School, swore at the coach in the gym. Coach Boland knocked him down, there was talk of prosecuting. But, the boy's father acknowledged the Coach was right and they shook hands over it.

Then, while Boland was out of town with the basketball team, eighteen masked and hooded heroes went to his house. Only Mrs. Boland was there. In her back yard they bravely burned a fiery cross. A call for help was telephoned to the Sheriff. But, the sheriff wasn't having any of it. He frankly admitted that he was scared of the Klan. However Mrs. Boland wasn't. She literally

kicked the firey cross out of the yard and defied the Hooded Klansmen.

When the Coach returned home he found his wife sitting on the steps with a shotgun, with her eye on a crowd in the vacant lot next door. The Coach chased them in a hurry. The ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{Coach's} students offered to provide him with a guard around his house, at night. But he declined. Instead he laid in a supply of arms:- three shotguns, an automatic rifle, a black-jack, and plenty of ammunition. And now he's waiting for the next visit of the dashing Night Riders.

And we are waiting for you Nelson!

believed that ~~g~~ Jack Heaton of New Haven, Connecticut might win. But he lost, ~~was~~ to one Nio Bibbia; I don't know where Nio Bibbia is from --- Italy I presume.

On the hockey rink our AHA team took a ~~spectacular~~ shellacking from the Canadians, who trounced the Americans by a score of twelve to three. Canada, tonight is tied with Czechoslovakia and Switzerland. All three ~~is~~ having won five games.

~~TP In the Olympic Games~~
The U.S.A. now has risen from seventh place to Third. Quite a jump.