

FOOD HEADS CAN'T ACT OFFICIALLY ON PRICES

Acting U. S. Administrator Says Identity With Committees Must Be as Individuals

MUST WAIT ON CONGRESS

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN Members of the United States food administration cannot act in their former official capacity in the formation and conduct of fair-price committees. This is the information conveyed by Acting National Food Administrator Richard, who is performing the duties of Herbert Hoover while the latter is in Europe.

The information has been conveyed to county administrators by Howard Heinz, formerly state food administrator, who has requested that they place their experience at the service of the National Food Administrator Richard, as individuals, to aid the Department of Justice in organizing these fair-price committees in their respective districts.

From the above it appears that former Administrator Heinz was acting in his individual capacity as a patriotic citizen when he promised to co-operate in the organization of these committees through former administrators.

Define Administration Attitude The official telegrams are interesting in defining the attitude of the food administration in connection with the question of price-fixing committees and further work along that line.

When Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer two weeks ago wired state food administrators requesting their cooperation and assistance in the organization of price-fixing committees, Mr. Richard immediately sent the following telegram to all state administrators, including Howard Heinz at Pittsburgh:

"As you know, that while the food administration still exists theoretically until the ratification of peace as a government department, we are without an executive authority, and without the authority to act as a government organization your response to the attorney general will represent your own conviction of your duties and responsibilities."

Then Another Telegram Two days later Acting National Food Administrator Richard again wired all state food administrators as follows:

"A telegram from the attorney general states: 'Telegrams from various states indicate a general misunderstanding of your telegram to the state food administrators.' 'I am anxious to correct any misunderstanding of my former telegram to you which was intended to make clear that the record and the experience of the food administration are an asset of the nation, and as such are at the disposal of the attorney general.' 'Nothing was further from my mind than to suggest that any ties to the food administration would prevent you from acting for a personal matter with us. We are naturally anxious to co-operate in every effort of the government to cope with the food problem. It is a question of how far you feel under obligation to give the government the benefit of your experience secured while acting as a government official during the war.'"

It was following the receipt of this telegram that Howard Heinz notified the attorney general he would be glad to assist him in any way.

At the conference in this city on Tuesday last, while it was agreed that fair-price committees had no legal standing, Mr. Heinz personally placed his experience as food administrator at the service of the attorney general. He agreed to consider the formation of fair-price committees which should not function, however, until Congress passed a law giving them power to act. This was mutually agreed to and the proposition was accepted.

Attorney General Palmer was quoted in a special dispatch to a Pittsburgh newspaper as saying:

"Mr. Heinz has reinstated county food administrators and organized fair-price committees in several communities. The attorney general, I think, has been misquoted or misunderstood in the Pittsburgh interview. Mr. Heinz has agreed to co-operate with him as far as possible. He will place at the attorney general's disposal all of his experience as former food administrator, but it will be in his capacity as a private citizen. Once fair-price committees are named they will be compelled to remain inoperative until Congress enacts legislation that will give them legal standing. From that point on all their reports and findings must be transmitted to the Department of Justice in the person of United States District Attorney Kane. Mr. Heinz's voluntary services will end with the naming of the committee, or the selection of an individual or a body that will assume the task.

The food administration, as outlined by National Food Administrator Richard, cannot act as a government organization, and suggesting that in the present emergency, and acting in an individual and unofficial capacity, they place their experience at the disposal of the attorney general and aid the Department of Justice in the formation of these fair-price committees. It is well for the public to understand, therefore, that food administration officials who assist in forming fair-price committees are acting purely in their private capacity as patriotic citizens, willing to aid the attorney general and the Department of Justice in this crisis. In no sense, however, is this a reinstatement or re-establishment of the food administration, as Attorney General Palmer is quoted as having said.

LABOR FIGHTS H. C. OF L.

Federal Employees' Body Plans Country-Wide Attack Government workers in Philadelphia, members of the local branch of the National Association of Federal Employees, have received word that their central organization plans a country-wide investigation of labor costs, as part of the campaign against the high cost of living.

To make this investigation possible Representative William L. Cars, of Minnesota, a member of the House committee on labor, has introduced into Congress the following resolution: "Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the President of the United States be requested to furnish the House with such information as may now be in his possession of the Federal Trade Commission, which will identify or tend to identify the proportion that labor costs form in the total cost of production of coal, steel, copper, oil, cement, lumber, paper, cotton textiles, flour, meat, canned goods and other important commodities as to which it may have special information and which it may readily supply, together with explanation pertinent to the data furnished."

The resolution is aimed at what the federation calls "the vicious fallacy that labor costs represent the chief item in the increased cost of living."

PROTECTION OF EYES URGED Director Krusen Advises Education Against Industrial Accidents "Public education" is advocated by Doctor Krusen in his weekly health letter as a means of cutting down the number of industrial accidents resulting in blindness.

Doctor Krusen said in Pennsylvania alone there are reported 20,000 eye accidents annually, resulting in total blindness of 300 cases. He said fully one-half of all blindness can be prevented and the other half be made at least partially self-supporting through vocational training.

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STATE TO ARREST 50 FOOD VIOLATORS

Warrants Probably Will Be Served Today Charging Over-storage of Supplies

U. S. SALE IS TO CONTINUE

Fifty warrants for the arrest of persons who have food in storage beyond the legal limit and for others who have used alleged poisonous substances in food are expected to be served today.

The warrants are being prepared at the instigation of Robert M. Simmers, agent of the state food bureau, who has conducted a searching investigation into storage houses in this city and elsewhere throughout the state. The fifty warrants were issued in blank by the Harrisburg authorities.

District Attorney Kane declared today the government had nothing to do with the cases in which Mr. Simmers was engaged, as they came within the jurisdiction of the state and not the federal authorities.

Mr. Kane was reticent as to his plans for libeling offenders or prosecuting them. He expects to hold another conference with Mr. Simmers today for the mutual exchange of facts and a division of the cases.

State and U. S. Work Together "We are working together," said Mr. Kane, "and we want all the facts we can get concerning willful destruction."

Two cases of shipment of "tagged"



Miss Adie Weins, who lives not far from the City Hall, entered Strayer's Business College at 15 years of age and for some time past has been earning \$1,500 a year as a Private Secretary. Miss Weins is now 19—Adv.

foodstuffs to other states have been reported to Harrisburg, following the receipt by Mr. Simmers of the order from James Foust, of the state Food and Dairy Department, to report to him all such shipments. Movement for sale of such marked food to firms outside Pennsylvania is regarded as a sale of condemned foodstuffs, according to Mr. Foust's interpretation of the law, and will be prosecuted accordingly.

The parcel post sale of government foodstuffs in Philadelphia, originally announced for three days, but which has continued for six days already, will be continued indefinitely. No accurate figures have as yet been given the postal authorities to show how much Philadelphia's quota of the food is. Until this is determined, it was announced, the sale will continue, with the understanding that if the total volume of food ordered exceeds the Philadelphia quota the orders which were placed last will be canceled and the money refunded.

No Food at Station No foodstuffs have as yet been delivered to the parcel post station at Twenty-second and Market streets by Major Charles Jones, zone storage and surplus officer, in charge of the sale of government property at the quartermaster depot at Twenty-first street and Oregon avenue.

During the first five days of the sale 70,777 orders were placed, representing a cash value of \$103,722. The sales on individual days were as follows: Monday, 708 orders, amounting to \$553; Tuesday, 2,544 orders, amounting to \$33,606; Wednesday, 5,833 orders, amounting to \$41,474; Thursday, 14,377 orders, amounting to \$16,561; Friday, 12,000 orders, amounting to \$483.

"None of the food ordered through the parcel post has been delivered at our station at Twenty-second and Market streets," said Thomas P. Johnson, superintendent of the division of mail. "Major Jones may not have in his storehouse the variety of food ordered, or it may not be in the proper sizes. We had a man down there today, but he could not get any definite assurance. A great deal of this food is not in Philadelphia. It is coming to the local quartermaster depot from all parts of the country."

Another Evil of H. C. of L. Makes Man Refuse to Pay Car Fare, He Tells Judge

"The high cost of living made me do it, judge," explained John Males, of Clement, Delaware county, today, when arraigned for refusing to pay his carfare on a southbound Manayunk car.

"And I didn't have a nickel anyway," he told Magistrate Price in the Manayunk police station. Males, who described himself as a farmhand, tired of farm work, said he walked from Clement to Manayunk and wanted to get into the shopping district here.

Males was sentenced to five days in the county prison.

Plunge Kills Heat Victim Atlantic City, Aug. 25.—George Sears, of Cardiff, overheard through hiding a bicycle, stripped and plunged into a pond near that place yesterday. Two companions dragged him from the water unconscious, but he expired in a short time.

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