

# Last Price Controls Removed by OPS

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—Price control ended today after two controversy-ridden years.

Six weeks ahead of President Eisenhower's target date for a free economy, the Office of Price Stabilization struck the ceiling from steel, machine tools, cans, and some chemicals and other defense materials—the last controlled commodities.

## A-Bomb—

(Continued from page one) wave from the explosion saved the open-window test cars.

Scientists seemed surprised at the duration and intensity of the earth shock, which oddly was not felt by other observers located five miles away.

Army Capt. Harold G. Kinne, of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Staff, blames the shock partly for the ruin of the first house. He thinks the mighty jar, reaching the white clapboard home, shook and twisted its frame, then the following air blast finished the job.

At 1500 yards observers saw wooden stakes charred by the radiant, flash heat of the explosion. Big cobblestones had been rolled or tossed about.

But close up to the blackened circle marking the edge of the fireball—only 300 yards from "Ground Zero"—an M-24 tank stood, with remarkably minor damage. However, a token of the awful power of the explosion was imprinted on the desert floor.

The 22-ton tank had been shoved 50 feet forward on its tracks.

Back at 1000 yards there was a pillbox. It looked like any soldiers who would have been inside would have been safe. A peek inside showed everything intact, although the earth covering had been partially blown away and sandbags were seared by heat.

An amphibious landing craft with a boat-like body but tractors like a tank had been torn into shreds and much of it fused or melted into mere scraps of metal. The landing craft had been spotted almost within shadow of the spire, 300-foot tower which had cradled the atomic device, detonated on split second schedule at 5:20 a.m. The tower itself had disappeared in the twinkling of an eye.

## House Group OK's New Cabinet Seat

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—President Eisenhower's first government reorganization plan, making a new cabinet-level Department of the Federal Security Agency, was approved by the House Government Operations committee today 17-12.

The close vote came as a surprise but committee members said the 12 Democratic "no" ballots were more of a protest against a speed-up feature than opposition to the reshuffle itself. One Democrat joined the 16 committee Republicans to put the measure through.

The controls came off the last consumer goods last week.

OPS figures buyers will pay \$3 billion more a year because of price rises in the items freed since the decontrol drive got underway in February. About \$1 billion is from the consumer's pocket directly. Another big chunk will be in taxes to pay for higher-cost munitions.

But today's big decontrol items, iron and steel, are not due to rise generally. OPS and industry spokesmen agree that booming output and growing competition will hold steel products in line.

**Helped Hold Rise**

The OPS order lifted from industry a regulatory harness that was imposed at a peak of panic buying on Jan. 26, 1951. That was after prices had zoomed 8 per cent in two bursts of buying, one when Korea was invaded seven months earlier, and another when Red China joined the assault.

The ceilings—which OPS called "flexible" and critics called "leaky"—helped hold the further rise to about 4 per cent on the consumer price index.

Gone also are wage ceilings, which ended on Feb. 6, four days after Eisenhower branded price and wage restraints as "unsatisfactory and unworkable"; and controls on consumer and real estate credit, lifted last summer.

**Through April 15**  
OPS Administrator Joseph H. Freehill told reporters today that all but 1035 OPS workers already have been fired or handed 30-day discharge notices. The agency once employed 12,000.

Because of the early clean-up of controls, OPS will return \$1½ million of unused funds to the Treasury, Freehill estimated. The agency will be virtually out of business by April 15 except for enforcement and pre-liquidation activity, he predicted, and will be defunct by June 30.

In Eisenhower's inaugural message he asked for an "orderly" decontrol to be completed by April 30, when present wage-price authority expires. OPS complied by lifting ceilings in seven successive weekly batches.

Generally, the inflationary impact has been slight.

## Westinghouse Workers Strike Over Layoff

PHILADELPHIA, March 17 (AP)—Some 3800 production and maintenance workers in the huge Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Corp. plant in suburban Lester, walked off their jobs today in a row over a dice game firing.

No work was being done on jet engines for the air force nor steam turbines. The workers are members of Local 107, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, Independent.

## All New York Turns Irish, Honors St. Pat

NEW YORK, March 17 (AP)—Ah, the wind it blew and the flags they flew for the Irish on parade, as they followed a line of green subline along Fifth Avenue.

Excitement grew as New York anew marked St. Patrick's holiday, and a marching throng stepped brisk along 'mid a sea of shamrocks true.

There were Monaghans, Corrigans, Murphys and Doyles, Duggans, Currans, Seahans and Boyles.

"Twas a day to wring the poetry—bad though it be—from an Irishman's soul as rank on rank they marched for six hours and 36 minutes until a sun that played peek-a-boo all day had already set.

The official police estimate of a roaring mass of spectators lined eight deep today along the 52-block line of march was 1,800,000—one of the greatest ever to pay homage to Erin's patron saint.

The sun was bright as a coleen's smile when the hours long parade started out from 44th Street at 12:04 p.m. (EST) into a man-made storm of green confetti. The avenue's center line had a special coat of green paint.

But the brightness vanished as quick as an Irishman's wages as the marchers leaned into a chill 15-mile an hour headwind for the 56-minute hike through the canyon of Fifth Avenue to 96th Street.

Massed bands sent wave upon wave of sound reverberating against the concrete cliffs of the avenue—"The Wearing of the Green," "McNamara's Band," "Harrigan," "Garryowen" and many another tune.

All New York turned Irish for a day and the city was a garden of green—green flags, green carnations and shamrocks, green ties, and even green beer where called for.

## Engineer--

(Continued from page two) work which may be done with the reactor are general neutron irradiation, experiments requiring beams of neutrons, the production of radio isotopes, and biological damage experiments. The reactor will make possible the use of short-life radio isotopes which cannot be brought to the College from Oak Ridge or Brookhaven.

Plans for construction of the nuclear reactor are now being completed. The reactor will be used for research and instruction.

# U.S. Bomber Returns Russian MIG Attack

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, March 17 (AP)—An Alaska-based United States Air Force plane on a routine weather mission was fired upon by a MIG15 jet fighter Sunday—and shot back—in the third international incident in a week involving Russian-type planes.

The Air Force, disclosing the air fight today, said a long-range B50 was intercepted by two MIGs over international waters 25 miles east of Kamchatka Peninsula, 2000 miles from its Eielson Air Force Base.

While one of the MIGs hovered overhead, the Air Force said in announcements at Anchorage and in Washington, the other fired upon the American plane.

The B50 "returned fire but there appeared to be no damage to either craft," the Air Force reported. The time of the fight was reported as 12:30 p.m., March 15.

The plane flew from Eielson field near here, the Air Force said. The scene of the action was located as about 100 miles east and slightly north of Petropavlovsk, Russian military base on the southern tip of Kamchatka Peninsula.

At Fairbanks, the officers and crew were not immediately available for interviews.

The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner said, however, that the plane was not a regular member of the 15th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, which does not fly B50s. The Air Force announcement said the plane was "on a routine weather reconnaissance flight."

Such weather reconnaissance flights over the Arctic and to the North Pole have been made for several years.

## Congressman Wants Probe Of Churchmen

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—Representative Jackson (R-Calif.) declared today "there are Communists in the church" and demanded a showdown on the move to oust Chairman Harold Velde (R-Ill.) of the House Un-American Activities Committee over the issue of investigating churchmen.

Velde himself joined in the applause and in urging a showdown. He issued a statement saying he concurs with Jackson and would like to know how members of the House "feel about my fitness" for the chairmanship.

While he was at it, Jackson delivered a free-swinging attack that also took in the Ford Foundation, radio and television, Red educators, and a pair of churchmen by name.

Methodist Bishop Bromley Oxnam of Washington, Jackson said, "has been to the Communist front what Man O' War was to thoroughbred racing."

The churchman, who has been a vigorous critic of the Un-American Activities Committee and especially of the methods it has pursued in its investigation of communism in education, hit back quickly with a statement.

He said, "Congressman Jackson should know that there is no congressional immunity from the Biblical injunction, 'Thou shalt not bear false witness.'"

"It is to be regretted that he should have used the floor of the House to broadcast a lie," Oxnam said.

## Envoy Post For Russia Under Fire

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles will give the Senate foreign relations committee tomorrow an "evaluation" of an FBI report on Charles (Chip) Bohlen, whose nomination as ambassador to Moscow is under fire for some Republicans.

Committee Chairman Wiley (R-Wis.) said Dulles will appear before the committee tomorrow to testify concerning the man President Eisenhower nominated for the key diplomatic post.

The announcement came a few hours after Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) said Dulles was making "a great mistake in pressing" for Senate confirmation of Bohlen. McCarthy and some others are fighting Bohlen on the ground that he was part of the "Dean Acheson machine" in the State Department.

McCarthy's statement omitted any criticism of Eisenhower, who sent the nomination to the Senate, and concentrated instead on what McCarthy called Dulles' "mistake."

Wiley gave no hint of what the FBI report might contain. The State Department has already certified that its files contain nothing of a derogatory nature about Bohlen.

In his blasts today, McCarthy challenged the 48-year-old Bohlen, a veteran of 24 years in the U.S. diplomatic service, to refuse the assignment to Moscow if he is "really interested in the welfare of the country."

## Red Leader Reported Sick

BERLIN, March 17 (AP)—Soviet zone President Wilhelm Pieck has pleural pneumonia, German sources said today.

The anti-Red "Fighting Group Against Inhumanity" reported the plump, white-haired Communist leader, 77, is a patient in an East Berlin hospital.

East German contacts relayed the information to the West Berlin underground, but no Soviet zone official would discuss it.

Pneumonia killed Communist Czechoslovakia's President Klement Gottwald Saturday, only five days after he attended the funeral of Prime Minister Stalin in Moscow's Red Square.

# Tito Meets Queen, Churchill

LONDON, March 17 (AP)—President Marshal Tito, wartime Communist guerrilla chieftain turned anti-Soviet dictator, lunched at Buckingham Palace today with Queen Elizabeth II. From that friendly meeting he went into a two-hour cold war strategy session with Prime Minister Churchill tonight.

The Tito-Churchill talks were attended by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Yugoslav Foreign Minister Koca Popovic.

Secrecy surrounded the meeting, but British sources have made it clear that Tito's five-day visit—his first to a Western nation—will include a full examination of Western defense strategy in the light of Stalin's death and the Kremlin's new set of rulers.

U.S. officials are being kept informed of developments. Informed American sources said the Yugoslav leader may be invited later to visit the United

States. The Western powers are anxious to strengthen their political links with Tito, who broke with Russia in 1948.

During the day Tito appeared once in a gray lounge suit, twice in resplendent military uniforms of his marshal's rank, once in diplomatic gray and finally in white tie and tails for a formal dinner late tonight with Eden and his wife at swank Carleton House Terrace.

Hundreds of Londoners turned out in warm sunshine to gape and applaud. Only once—at the gates to Buckingham Palace—did boos mingle with applause.

Police and secret service men, guarding Tito under unprecedented security precautions to prevent any attempts on his life by anti-Tito Communists and Fascists and Yugoslav monarchists, quickly closed in and ordered the boos to keep quiet. One man shouted, "Go home Tito, down with Tito." He was arrested and

finned five pounds (\$14).

Queen Elizabeth received Tito in one of the audience rooms on the ground floor of the palace overlooking the terrace. More than two dozen attended the luncheon party, including the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen's husband, Queen Mother Elizabeth, Princess Margaret and Churchill.

The stocky, tanned Yugoslav ruler smilingly posed for photographs with the royal family during his two-hour visit, leaving no doubt that he is now Britain's friend and ally—socially as well as politically.

Informed British sources said the Tito-Churchill strategy talk covered a wide range of cold war problems. Tomorrow or Thursday, Tito and British leaders are expected to consider in detail such specific questions as Balkan defense, economic and military aid for Yugoslavia and the future of Trieste.

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