

End Oil Price Control, Asks Commission

Production In Balance With Consumption, Texans Wire Truman
AUSTIN, April 18 (AP)—The Texas railroad commission today wired President Truman that petroleum production is presently in balance with consumption demand and blamed OPA oil controls as working against national security.

The 700-word telegram, described as "a factual statement to which no answer was requested or expected," asked that OPA controls on petroleum and all its products be dropped immediately "in order that further wasteful overproduction of gasoline may be avoided."

All three commissioners signed the message.

"The navy's fuel oil shortage was brought on by OPA restrictions," the commissioners stated, adding:

"Refiners lost money on manufacturing fuel oil at the rate of about one cent a gallon so therefore they manufactured as much gasoline as they could out of a barrel of crude and correspondingly just as little fuel oil as possible."

The commissioners told the president that they felt they are being fully cooperative and have always been proud to do their part. "We therefore respectfully request that you call attention to the proper authorities that there should be no further hesitation in the prompt and immediate decontrol of petroleum and all of its products."

"We make this plea in the interests of supplying the navy's fuel oil requirements and in freeing independent operators and independent refiners from the shackles of control that is resulting in the oil industry fast coming into the hands of a few majors and driving the independent operator and refiner out of the field."

The commissioners stated they considered it "fundamental" that when any commodity is in production balance with consumption there is no need for further artificial controls.

"Here is a specific case where OPA artificial control too long continued in force is actually working against our national security in making unavailable fuel oil for the navy," the telegram stated.

"If decontrol is effected, the navy can readvertise for bids on its fuel oil needs and award the contracts to the lowest bidder as was the custom before controls."

Truman To View Navy Exercises

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—President Truman will go out into the Atlantic Monday to review maneuvers of a carrier task force of the Atlantic fleet.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross announced today that the president is leaving the White House Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock for a full week's cruise on his yacht, the "Williamsburg," to include a rendezvous with the Atlantic detachment.

The "Williamsburg" Ross said, will proceed to Norfolk where it will be due at 8 a. m. Monday.

Two hours later Mr. Truman will board the carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt and be taken somewhere in the Atlantic to join units of the task force.

The president will witness maneuvers until Tuesday noon, and then return to Hampton Roads aboard the carrier, and reboard the Williamsburg at 4 p. m. to resume his "vacation" cruise, Ross told a news conference.

Now Northern Demos Are Mad

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—An extraordinary "harmony" session of House Democrats failed today to dispel the discord that has plagued party ranks.

The latest burst of dissatisfaction with the way party affairs are going came after last night's caucus from lawmakers representing northern industrial districts.

One of these legislators, Rep. Hook of Michigan, said a "wide open split" now exists. "Heretofore, southern members of the House have been most vocal in their complaints of dissimilarity. Talking with newsmen after last night's meeting broke up shortly before midnight, the northerners contended their Dixie colleagues were allowed to control the 90-minute session."



DIES OF WOUND—Maria Iturbide (above), daughter of concert pianist Jose Iturbide, died in a hospital in Beverly Hills, Calif., April 17, after being critically wounded in the bedroom of her father's home. She was found by her father, who was playing the piano when he heard the sound of a shot. (AP Wirephoto.)

C. S. Blomshield Re-elected By Polio Chapter

C. S. Blomshield was re-elected chairman of the Howard County chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation in a meeting of the board Thursday morning.

Reports showed that the chapter had expended slightly over \$1,000 in meeting hospital and other obligations, including transportation, wheel chair, etc., as a result of last summer's poliomyelitis epidemic. At the same time, the March of Dimes campaign and other income netted the chapter \$742. Of this amount \$783 came from theater collections, \$100 from the Beta Sigma Phi.

Looking toward prevention of a repetition of an epidemic, the board went on record as strongly urging the public to combat the incubation and spread of flies through use of regulation garbage cans; named Mrs. Louise Horton, health unit nurse, as chapter field representative; urged quick quarantine in all polio cases; and authorized the chairman and treasurer to employ emergency powers in incurring expenses for treatment of any case.

Physicians who handled nine chapter-supported cases without fee, were commended for their work as were health unit officials, the public for clean-up cooperation, contributors and others who aided in curbing the polio incidence last year.

Other officials named were Joe Pickett, vice-chairman; Ira Thurman, treasurer; Edith Gay, secretary. Other board members attending were K. H. McGibbon, Mrs. Horton, B. J. McDaniel, Walker Bailey, D. D. Douglass and J. H. Greene.

Churches In Holy Week Services; Sunrise Devotional To Be Climax

Observances in commemoration of the death of Christ were beginning Thursday, and final plans were being completed for all Easter activities.

The Holy rites began Thursday morning at 7:30 with early communion at the St. Mary's Episcopal church, as Maundy Thursday observance. The Rev. Charles

Iran Case May Remain Before UN Council

Russia Reported The Loser In A Risk Battle

NEW YORK, April 18 (AP)—Soviet Russia was reported today to have lost a strenuous battle behind closed doors to have the United Nations Security Council's procedure experts rules against further consideration of the Iranian case.

As the council prepared to meet this afternoon the committee of experts on rules and procedure was said by informed quarters to be split eight to three, with the majority holding that the case could legally be kept on the agenda.

The council was expected to resume its debate on the controversial Spanish question at the opening of the session, while the experts completed drafting majority and minority reports, expressing the committee's split opinion on the Iranian question.

The lineup in the committee of experts was the same as that during the council debate earlier this week—Russia, Poland and France insisting that the question should be dropped.

The other eight members, led by US delegate Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., have argued that it is a case should be kept on the agenda until May 6.

Meanwhile, Sir Alexander Cadogan, British delegate, was scheduled to lead off in the Spanish debate with an assault on some of the arguments advanced yesterday by Polish delegate Oscar Lange in his plea that members of the United Nations break diplomatic relations with Franco Spain.

The British position was represented as being similar to that voiced yesterday by Stettinius. It is that Britain "wants to see the Spanish people themselves throw out the Franco regime and (2) that it wanted this to be done without starting another civil war."

HE'S ELIGIBLE UNDER GI BILL

GULFPORT, Miss., April 18 (AP)—Drew Hasty, 69, has been approved for radio schooling under the GI Bill of Rights, the American Legion Service Office here said, and pointed out he is certainly eligible.

Hasty is a veteran of three conflicts. He served with the Army in the Philippines Insurrection in 1901, joined the Navy in 1902, and served through World War I. Elected as chief commissary steward in 1930, he was recalled to duty April 2, 1942, and served until November 2, 1944.

16-Cent Increase For Trainmen Is Recommended
WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—An emergency fact-finding board today recommended to President Truman a 16-cent hourly wage increase and changes in working rules for more than 200,000 railroad engineers and trainmen.

The workers, members of the Brotherhood of Engineers and Trainmen, had asked for a 25 percent pay raise, figuring approximately 30 cents an hour.

The board's findings were made public at the White House in mid-afternoon after the three-man panel, headed by Lief Erickson, former Montana supreme court justice had submitted the recommendations to the president just before noon.

TERROR IN GREECE
LONDON, April 18 (AP)—The Moscow radio charged today that an "unprecedented terror" was taking place in Greece under the government organized following the Greek elections and said responsible government officials were being replaced by "German" servants.

SALAD FOR \$16.20 U. S. Housewife Finds Alaska Prices High

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, April 18 (AP)—A housewife newly arrived from the states ordered the ingredients for one standard sized salad today without asking the prices and wound up by paying \$16.20 for the dish.

With Alaskan ports closed to incoming produce by a longshoremen's strike for higher wages and retroactive pay, bananas cost 75 cents per pound, lettuce 75 cents per pound, tomatoes \$1.10 each and cucumbers the same.

OPA Stripped Of Price Control In Bill Completed By House

Marshall At Work To Bring End To Manchuria Battle

CHUNGKING, April 18 (AP)—The fate of an American officer and his pilot was hidden by the smoke of battle in Changchun today as Chinese communist forces captured the Yamato hotel, where the two had been staying.

Destroyed telephone communications made impossible a check into the fate of the two—Maj. Robert B. Rigg of Chicago, assistant military attache, and M-Sgt. Clayton Pond of Portland, Ore.

News of the capture of the hotel from government forces came in a fragmentary dispatch sent from the embattled city by Associated Press Correspondent Tom Masterson, cut off there with four other correspondents.

As General Marshall, special US envoy, flew here in a supreme effort to bring peace to Manchuria, gunfire roared through the streets of Changchun. Communist forces threatened to overwhelm completely the small national garrison fighting from sandbag defenses in the center of the city. Government planes dropped urgently-needed ammunition to the besieged force.

Marshall arrived in mid-afternoon and was greeted by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, Communist Gen. Chou En-Lai, and other leaders of both factions.

He told correspondents he was plunging "immediately" into the Manchurian and Chinese political problems "but I certainly won't be able to say anything about the situation until I have talked to all sides."

A government dispatch from Changchun said the Communists captured a great part of the city after 12 hours of severe fighting. Government forces were short of ammunition, but were receiving air support, the dispatch added. This was the first indication either side was employing aircraft.

The First Army is plodding slowly northward from Sze-ping-kai to try to assist government forces at Changchun, but observers here and at Peking doubt the capital can hold out until help arrives. Yesterday's dispatches placed the Army 80 miles south of Changchun.

Mishap Fatal To Knott Man

Robert Wilson Long of Knott died Thursday at 3:05 a. m. in a Roscoe hospital as the result of a traffic mishap Wednesday at 4 p. m. on the Roscoe streets.

Fatal injuries were sustained when the car in which Long, a son, Joe Long, and a grandchild, were riding in collision with another automobile. The bumpers of the cars locked, swinging the Long vehicle around sharply, throwing out the passengers. Other occupants of the car suffered slight injuries.

Long was born in Llano county on Dec. 11, 1877, and had been a resident of the Knott community since 1919. He was engaged in farming and ranching.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Maude Allen Long; sons, Ben L. Long, of Big Spring, Mike P. Long, of Rock Springs, Kim Long of Lenoir, Joe R. Long of Roscoe and Homer Long of Carlisle, N. M.; daughters, Mrs. Elsie Claire Allred and Mrs. Vera Lee Hughes of Knott and Mrs. Mattie Mae Palmer of Big Spring. There are 21 grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p. m. Friday in the Eberley-Curry chapel, conducted by Rev. P. D. O'Brien. Interment will be in the Big Spring cemetery.

Jewelry Window In Santone Burglarized

SAN ANTONIO, April 18 (AP)—Jewelry valued at between \$1,500 and \$2,000 by the police was taken from the window of a downtown jewelry store by thieves who threw a brick through the window here today.

Tom M. Scaperlanda, manager of the store, said the loot consisted of diamond engagement and wedding rings.



NEW ENVOY—George V. Allen (above), of the state department's Near East section, was named by President Truman as ambassador to Iran. The appointment took place in Washington. (AP Wirephoto.)

City Listed For Two Additional Feeder Airlines

Two additional airlines would serve Big Spring with feeder service if the recommendation of Examiner Thomas L. Wren is adopted by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

His recommendation includes: Extension of Essair, Inc. service from Abilene to Midland via Sweetwater and Big Spring, establishment of service by Texas-New Mexico Airlines between Amarillo and Big Spring via Canyon, Hereford, Texas, Clovis, Roswell, Artesia and Carlsbad, N. M., Pecos, Wink, Odessa and Midland, Texas.

Wren also recommended that the certificate of American Airlines for route No. 4 be amended to include Midland as an intermediate point between Big Spring and El Paso.

Another recommendation was that Midland be on the Houston-Amarillo route to be served on an alternate basis with Abilene on the Essair; that the same company be given an extension from San Angelo to Fort Worth-Dallas via Brownwood and Stephenville for three years.

Texas-New Mexico was recommended by Wren, among other routes, for service between Lubbock and Wink via Brownfield, Seagraves, and Hobbs, N. M.

Report of the examiner would increase to four the number of feeder lines, if two which have previously announced intentions, institute or continue service. They are Aviation Industries, now operating a Dallas-Odessa flight with a stop here, and Texas Air Lines, which announced it would soon begin a flight from Eagle Pass to Amarillo via San Angelo, Big Spring, and Lubbock. Both of these lines are intra-state and do not require CAB approval.

In addition, Big Spring is served by two trunk lines, American Airlines (east-west) and Continental Air Lines (north-south).

HOW TEXANS VOTED ON OPA

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP) Rep. Milton West of Brownsville cast the only negative vote of 17 Texas congressmen voting in the roll-call today by which the house passed a bill to extend OPA's nine months in a form which Stabilization Director Chester Bowles said would make price control "impossible."

Those voting for the measure were Representatives Beckworth, Combs, Gossett, Luther Johnson, Lyndon Johnson, Kilday, Latham, Lyle, Mahon, Patman, Pickett, Poage, Summers, Thomas, Thomason and Worley.

DEATH NOTICE: The League Of Nations, Age 26 Years, 3 Months

GENEVA, April 18 (AP)—The League of Nations expires at midnight tonight, 26 years, three months and eight days after its birth.

Truman Handed A Strong Reversal In Final Version

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—The house voted overwhelmingly today to continue OPA for nine months, but in a form OPA Administrator Paul Porter said would wreck price control. It was one of President Truman's worst legislative defeats since he entered the White House a year ago.

The roll-call vote on passage was 355 to 42. The house, meeting at 10 a. m., two hours earlier than usual, tossed the amendment-ridden bill over to the senate, where the White House said today that President Truman hopes for "much better results."

Asked at a news conference if the chief executive had any comment on the house amendments, Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters:

"Not for print." "Asked if the president was going to "do anything about it?" Ross replied: "He hopes for much better results in the senate." He did not elaborate.

A bloc of democrats, chiefly from the south, combined with republicans yesterday to so amend the bill that Chester Bowles, economic stabilizer, said the house had started "a joy ride toward economic disaster."

Earlier, the house refused on a 370 to 20 roll call vote to shelve the continuation bill, rejecting a motion by Rep. Rankin (D-Miss) to send it back to the banking committee.

Before the final vote was taken, Rep. Sabath (D-Ill), 80-year-old dean of the house, shouted to his colleagues: "You have murdered OPA!"

OPA Chief Porter estimated that if the agency collapses because of congressional amendments, consumer prices might skyrocket as much as 50 per cent over present levels.

On final passage by the house, 205 Democrats, 148 republicans and two minor party members voted for the bill. Opposing were 34 republicans and eight democrats.

Bowles termed the measure "impossible" after a 35-minute conference with the president.

Asked by White House reporters if he would resign in the event it passes both houses in its present form, he would not say. He did say, however, that he did not see "what could be done" to maintain price controls under it.

"Here's what the house has done to OPA—subject to senate concurrence: 1. Ordered scrapping of the government's \$2,000,000,000 annual subsidy program, used to hold down food costs. This amendment stipulates that such subsidies must stop by January 1 and OPA must allow price increases to compensate for reductions in subsidies. The \$75,000,000 meat subsidy was ordered stopped June 30, with an equivalent rise in meat prices. OPA estimates an end to the subsidies will boost food costs eight per cent.

2. Wrote in a "cost-plus" plan requiring OPA to fix prices so as to guarantee each manufacturer and distributor, including retailers, a "reasonable profit" on each item produced and handled.

3. Wrote in a forced-liquidation formula, whereby OPA would be required, with price ceilings on any commodities whose output attains a rate equivalent to 1941.

4. Repealed OPA's maximum average price order, by which the agency requires manufacturers to produce low cost clothing. OPA said this amendment, if it becomes law, would result in a 10 per cent increase in clothing costs.

5. Prohibited OPA from interfering with normal profit or discount margins of retailers and wholesalers on "reconversion items" such as automobiles, refrigerators and radios.



MIFFS HARRY—White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross named Rear Admiral A. S. Merrill (above), commandant of the Eighth Naval District at New Orleans as the man President Truman had in mind when he made his recent blast against navy lobbying. (AP Wirephoto.)

Hoover's Help Requested In Food Appeal

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—President Truman "suggested" to Herbert Hoover today that the former president return home to lay "forcibly and dramatically" before the American people the need for food in famine-stricken Europe.

Hoover has been touring Europe as honorary chairman of the famine emergency committee. He is now in Cairo and had been expected to go from there to India, China and Japan. Mr. Truman proposed in a telegram to Hoover that he return to the United States before proceeding to the Orient.

Mr. Truman and Hoover will go on the air tomorrow night at 6:15 p. m. CST to tell the entire world of hunger conditions in other lands. The White House said this apparently would be the first time a president and former president had appeared on the same radio program. Hoover will speak from overseas.

The president's telegram to Hoover went out as a British-Canadian deadlock over ways to ease the world food crisis held up an offer putting the United States on a diet of less bread and flour.

Mr. Truman also appealed to farmers, grain cooperatives and other handlers of wheat to help make the "wheat certificate plan" work and get the grain from farms to ships.

The plan will permit farmers to obtain certificates for delivery of grain but receive pay for it at some later date at the price then in effect.

Favorable Vote On British Loan Seen

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—A margin of 12 to 18 votes in favor of the \$3,750,000,000 British loan was claimed today by administration aides in the senate.

The claim was based on an informal and tentative count which indicated the 40 republican members would split about even on the proposal.

However, administration forces concede privately they may have a harder task in repelling several attempts to amend the bill.

Amarillo's Kids Incorporated Becomes A Thriving Business

AMARILLO, April 18 (AP)—Kids Incorporated does a thriving business in this city of 80,000 perched high on the Texas Panhandle. There's nothing commercial about it. All the money is going out, none coming in. But the investment is paying dividends in other ways. Amarillo civic leaders say it's worth a billion dollars.

Texans In Capital Plan Program For San Jacinto Day

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Texans in the nation's capital will observe Easter Sunday in a special way since it also is San Jacinto day.

Spearheading the activities will be the National Capital Texas A. and M. club, whose 140 members will celebrate their annual April 21 "muster" as a tribute to all ex-Aggies who died during the past year.

Hundreds of Texans were expected to gather in historic Fort Myer chapel across the Potomac River for a 45-minute program, then adjourn to the Unknown Soldier's tomb for a wreath-laying ceremony honoring the more than 700 former Aggie land men who lost their lives in World War II. The toll in World War I was 52.

While General Dwight D. Eisenhower is scheduled to attend the principal "muster" held on the A. and M. campus at College Station, many high ranking army officers will join in the occasion here.

The president of the local A. and M. ex-students' group is T. Lee Gaston, formerly of Galveston. A 1924 graduate, he is now with the Soil Conservation Service in the agriculture department.

Nylon Product May Be Leather Substitute

WILMINGTON, Del., April 18 (AP)—Solid nylon sheeting, a new plastic which may soon find use as a substitute for leather, is being produced in experimental lots by the Du Pont company.

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6:30 Sports Cast.
6:35 Texas News.
6:45 Dance Hour.
7:00 Blue Star Grocery.
7:15 Earl Godwin News.
7:30 Rogue's Gallery.
8:00 Gabriel Heatter.
8:15 Serenade for You.
8:30 Detect & Collect.
8:55 Chester Morrison.
9:00 Music for Dancing.
9:15 Casino Club.
9:30 Here's Morgan.
9:45 To Be Announced.
10:00 Tomorrow's Headlines.
10:15 Relax with Cal Tinney.
10:30 Sign Off.
Friday Morning
6:30 Bandwagon.
7:00 Your Exchange.
7:15 Songs by Gene Astry.
7:30 News.
7:45 Sons of Pioneers.
8:00 News Summary.
8:05 Breakfast Club.
8:30 My True Story.
8:35 News & Betty Crocker.
8:50 Hymns of All Churches.
9:45 Listening Post.
10:30 Home Edition.
10:45 Ted Malone.
11:00 Glamor Manor.
11:30 Vision Conservation.
11:35 Today's Top Tune.
11:40 Downtown Shopper.
Friday Afternoon
12:00 Man on the Street.
12:15 Bing Sings.
12:30 News.
12:45 Record Shop.
1:00 Cedric Foster.
1:15 Ethel & Albert.
1:30 Downtown Shopper.
1:45 Afternoon Devotional.
2:00 Morton Downey.
2:15 Friday Frolics.
2:30 Ladies Be Seated.
3:00 Erskine Johnson.
3:15 Bride & Groom.
3:45 Dance Orchestra.
4:00 Bandwagon.
4:15 Dick Tracy.
4:30 Tunes of Today.
4:45 Hop Harrigan.
5:00 Terry & the Pirates.
5:15 TSN News.
5:30 Captain Midnight.
5:45 Tom Mix.
Friday Evening
6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.
6:15 Raymond Swing.
6:30 Sports Cast.
6:35 Texas News.
6:45 Dance Hour.
7:00 Woody Herman Show.
7:30 This is Your F.B.I.
8:00 Gabriel Heatter.
8:15 Serenade for You.
8:30 The Sheriff.
8:55 Chester Morrison.
9:00 Fights.
10:00 Tomorrow's Headlines.
10:15 Relax with Cal Tinney.
10:30 Henry J. Taylor.
10:45 Sign Off.

German Gold Is Untouched

By FLORA LEWIS AP Newswriter
BASLE, Switzerland—A large sum of German money which the Allies have so far been unable to touch is on deposit in the Bank of International Settlements in Basle. The bank's general secretary, Raffaele Pilotti, refuses to say how much German gold and assets the bank now holds and Allied diplomats said they haven't been able to find out.

However, figures published in the bank's annual report indicate that it has as very minimum \$50,000,000 belonging to Germany and probably considerably more in accounts which the report does not specify according to countries. The bank holds a special, though somewhat precarious international position, under the 1930 Hague agreement which is up to facilitate World War reparations payments. It is immune from freezing regulations and outside officials interpret its charter as exempting it from being liable to confiscation of funds for reparations in the new post-war settlement.

Japan was an active member of the bank. The First National Bank of New York City is its American member.

Allied diplomats say the bank will have to be dissolved eventually because its functions are a large part duplicated by the Bretton Woods fund. They predict a tough international wrangle when liquidation begins.

At the last counting, the bank's gold holdings alone were about \$31,700,000.

Its president, during the war, was Thomas M. McKeltrick, an American, but the most influential of its directors was Walter Funk, Nazi finance minister. Funk was able to vote the shares of Austria, Denmark and other occupied lands. Apparently these shares as well as the accounts of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia have been untouched. Russia was a member, and it remains to be seen whether the Soviet Union will claim the assets of the Basle States.

Texas Onion Yield Setting A Record


SARASOTA, April 18. (AP)—Record shipments of Texas onions en route to market according to statistics of the US Department of Agriculture here. The USDA Marketing News Service reports a total of 2,230 carloads of Bermudas were shipped from April 1 to 15, compared to 688 carloads for the same 15-day period.

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Davis Renamed, Kenney Upped By Gas Firm

James A. Davis, formerly of Big Spring, was re-elected president and Pat Kenney, manager of the Big Spring district, was promoted to vice-president and general manager at a meeting of the Empire Southern Gas company board in Fort Worth Tuesday.

Davis, who entered the employ of the company when it was developing gas reserves in the Howard-Glasscock field and instituting service here in the oil boom days, recently emerged in a commanding position after a close proxy fight.

Harold Gray, Fort Worth, was elected secretary-treasurer by the new board. As a prelude to the proxy campaign, Gray had been ousted by Wilmington, Del., interests.

Combined with the new company, which was divorced from the Crescent holding group under an order from the Securities Exchange Commission, is the Empire Southern Service company, which heretofore served as the urban distribution system.

Attending the meeting from here were R. T. Piner and Dave Duncan, directors.

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House To Act On Terminal Leave Pay For GI's

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Hopes of terminal leave pay soared today for millions of GI's as a majority of house members signed on the dotted line in their behalf.

Unless the representatives change their minds, the house on May 13 will vote to give all enlisted personnel, including those already discharged, the same accrued leave pay consideration now given to officers.

On that day the legislation will come before the house automatically under so-called discharge procedure.

The 218th signature to a petition taking the legislation out of the hands of the military committee and putting it on the house business calendar was affixed yesterday.

The earliest the bill can be called up for a vote will be May 13.

Although a military subcommittee had approved the legislation, the full committee shelved it after the budget bureau reported it would conflict with the budget, which made no provision for such an expenditure estimated by the bureau at "several billions."

The fact that a majority of house members signed the discharge petition indicated that the budget bureau would be overruled. The legislation would be retroactive to all enlisted personnel who have served since the draft law was enacted before the war started. It stipulates that for all unused furlough time, they must be paid in cash.

Coal Strike A Blow To Public

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—The government carried its concern over the 18-day coal strike directly to the people today.

Civilian production chief, John D. Small declared sternly that every citizen in the nation "has a definite stake" in the bituminous shutdown because eventually the output of autos, houses, refrigerators and other scarce goods will be hit.

Simultaneously, Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug, in his capacity as solid fuels administrator, reported that 28,000,000 tons of soft coal have been lost since John L. Lewis called his 400,000 bituminous miners out of the pits April 1.

These assertions from two key agency heads were described by one official who asked not to be named as an effort to overcome the "apathy" with which he said the country has accepted the complete shutdown of its soft coal mines.

Two From Big Spring Enter Army Service

Marvin Lee Osteen and Merrill Johnson, both of Big Spring, have departed for military service after being processed through the US Army Recruiting office here.

Osteen enlisted for 18 months. Johnson volunteered for three years and chose the AAF as his branch of the service.

Penwell Rights Farmed Out By Cosden Corp.

Cosden Petroleum Corp. of Big Spring has farmed out deep rights on five tracts in the Penwell field of Ector county to E. E. Fogelson, Dallas.

Rights are below 5,000 feet. Fogelson is obligated to drill a test, his No. 1D-C University, 660 feet from the north and west lines of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 1-35, University. Scheduled depth is 9,500 feet with spudding due in 30 days from April 18. Location is a mile and three quarters southeast of the Phillips No. 1 Eidsion, section 25-15, PSL, Ellenburger discovery west of the north end of the Penwell field.

Cosden retained a quarter override in the working interests of the various tracts, ranging from five-sixths to seven-eighths with authorization of Fogelson's investment. Cosden's interest will increase to half. Another part of the contract is an agreement to start another well within 30 days of the completion of each well.

Involved in the deal are the south half of the northwest quarter of section 1-25, University; south half of northeast quarter, section 1-35, University; south half of northeast quarter, section 2-35, University; and west half of section 17-44-3a, T&P.

Cosden contemplates a gathering system in the Penwell area for its own oil and that which might be developed in the new program. If production reached 1,000 barrels daily, tank car movement might be replaced by a pipeline.

Other Organizations Listed For Parley On Civic Center

Names of two organizations due to participate in the civic building meeting April 25 were omitted erroneously in an account of the session call Wednesday.

They were the YMCA, one of the key units in the potential program, and the Junior chamber of commerce. Among others listed were the VFW and American Legion posts, Boy and Girl Scout groups, Red Cross, city and county officials, service clubs, chamber of commerce.

The meeting is for the purpose of ascertaining the feasibility of a civic center, which would house one or more of the organizations involved, in the development of a quarter of a block of property at W. 2nd and Scurry streets.

Weather Forecast

Dept. of Commerce Weather Bureau

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Fair, little change in temperature this afternoon, tonight and Friday. Expected high today 80, low tonight 55, high Friday 80.

WEST TEXAS: Partly cloudy with not much change in temperature this afternoon, tonight, and Friday.

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy and warmer this afternoon and tonight; Friday partly cloudy; Moderate easterly winds on the coast.

TEMPERATURES

City	Max.	Min.
Arlene	77	45
Amarillo	81	50
BIG SPRING	76	48
Chicago	69	53
Denver	79	46
El Paso	82	58
Fort Worth	72	51
Galveston	75	58
New York	56	40
St. Louis	70	48

Sunset today 7:18 p. m.; sunrise Friday 6:13 a. m.

Livestock

FORT WORTH, April 18 (AP)—(USDA)—Cattle 1600, calves 450, moderately active, generally steady; few lots medium and low good beef steers and yearlings 14.50-16.00, other grades scarce medium and good cows 11.00-13.50; odd head beef bulls upward to 14.25; god and choice killing calves 14.50-16.25; common and medium calves 11.00-14.00; good and choice stockers 15.00-16.25; common and medium 12.50-14.00. Hogs 500; active and steady; most barrows and gilts 14.65, the ceiling. Sows 13.90.

Sheep 16000; opening sales of shorn lambs fully steady, later trade dull with sales and bids 15-50 lower, other classes about steady; few choice spring lambs 15.50, good and choice springers mostly 14.00-15.00; common and medium springers 12.00-13.75; good and choice shorn lambs with No. 2 pelts 13.75-14.50; sales and bids on most medium and good shorn lambs 12.00-13.50.

Here 'n There

Stated for honorable discharge from the Personnel Center at Fort Sam Houston this week, is Richard L. Cauble, T. of Big Spring.

Among those expected home for the Easter holidays is Jack Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Graves. Jack is attending a refrigeration school in Fort Worth.

Miss Julia Cochran has succeeded Mrs. Jackie Talbot as the secretary of the US Army Recruiting office here.

Harold P. Steck is spending a ten-day vacation in Mineral Wells.

District Judge Cecil C. Collings is in Odessa today.

Paving committee of the chamber of commerce will meet at 7 p. m. Friday in room No. 4 at the hotel to consider a recommendation of its steering committee that the group urge a militant program of paving at most economical cost and pledge its support to the city commission in that direction.

Regular meeting of the American Legion post is scheduled for 8 p. m. today on the Settles mezzanine. T. A. Thigpen, commander, has announced.

Offices in the Big Spring city hall were scheduled to be closed from 3 to 5 p. m. today for funeral services of Mrs. F. W. Bettie.

Funeral Today For Mrs. F. W. Bettie

Funeral for Mrs. F. W. Bettie was to be held at 4 p. m. today at the First Baptist church, where she held membership for more than 30 years.

The Rev. F. D. O'Brien, pastor, was to officiate and the Order of Eastern Star, of which she also was a member, will conduct its services at the church. Burial was to be in the Masonic cemetery with J. H. Greene, Joe Pickle, Theo Andrews, Lee Porter, Robert Currie and Howard Crocker serving as pallbearers. Mrs. Bettie died suddenly at her home at 426 Dallas Wednesday of heart attack.

Woman Reports Being Beaten; Man Arrested

A woman identified as Billie Kiontz was carried to a local hospital for treatment at about 12:30 his morning after she told police she had been beaten by a man a short time earlier on West 3rd street.

A suspect has been arrested, and is being held in city jail, pending filing of formal charges. Medical attendants reported that the woman is suffering from a contusion, police said.

Sheppard Will Head Food Relief Drive

Capt. Olvey Sheppard has accepted the appointment as county chairman of an emergency food relief collection starting here May 12.

Notified of his appointment in a telegram from Henry A. Wallace, national chairman, Capt. Sheppard, head of the Salvation Army work here, accepted the assignment.

Plans will be developed for collection before the opening date, said Capt. Sheppard. Tentatively, the campaign has as its objective the contribution of canned goods or money for purchase of food for overseas relief. Shipments will be expedited to rush food overseas as quickly as possible.

4 Bodies Recovered From East Texas Lake

TYLER, April 18 (AP)—Searchers have recovered the bodies of four young people who drowned Tuesday night at 13 Club Lake, 10 miles southwest of Tyler.

The body of Mary A. Dean, 20, of Chandler, was found yesterday morning. Bodies of the three others, Marjorie Slayton, Lindale, Tex., and Harold G. Allen and James Earl Thompson, both of Tyler, were found last night.

The four had attended an outing at the lake Tuesday night.

MATTRESS BURNS

Firemen were called to a house on the year of a lot at 1111 West 3rd at 9:20 last night when a mattress caught fire. The mattress was destroyed and a wall damaged slightly before the flames were extinguished.

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Iran Puts On Censorship

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Iran's sudden resort to drastic news censorship sent the state department on an urgent two-way quest today to determine:

1. Whether the action was Russian inspired, and

2. What the United States might be able to do to get the iron lid lifted.

The possibility of a formal protest is being fully explored. Indications are that an explanation is being asked from the Iranian government of Premier Ahmed Quavam.

This is expected to show whether there is any connection between yesterday's dramatic imposition of "blind censorship and the increasing Soviet pressure on Quavam's government because of the still pending row over Iran in the United Nations Security Council.

The form which Iran chose for control over out-going news is one that was used in Russia from about March 1 or earlier until March 29 but they partially modified.

It is known both among newspapermen and within the state department as "blind censorship" because it denies correspondents the opportunity to learn what changes have been made in their censored dispatches.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18 (AP)—Fleet Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey, Jr. left the Philadelphia Naval Hospital today fully recovered from a respiratory infection for which he had been treated the past 10 days.

14-Year-Old Taken In Custody Fourth Time

A 14-year-old youngster who apparently thinks he lives too far from the bright lights to make the trip home every night.

He was picked up by Juvenile Officer Jake Bruton Wednesday evening when he was found wandering about the streets.

Bruton escorted him to the juvenile delinquency ward after the youth had adamantly refused to go home. It was his fourth trip to the bastle in five months, his second in a week.

Pleads Guilty To Disturbance Charge

John T. McGuire, who entered a plea of guilty to the charge of creating a disturbance, was fined \$1 and costs in justice court Wednesday afternoon.

McGuire allegedly kicked a window light from a local nightery Tuesday night.

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12 Reported Missing In Mine Explosion

RADFORD, Va., April 18 (AP)—Twelve men were reported missing today at the Great Valley Anthracite Corporation mine at McCoy in Montgomery county near Radford.

Clyde Martin, manager of the mine, said the 12 men were unaccounted for and were believed to be trapped in the mine. Rescue work is progressing slowly pending arrival of rescue squads from

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Mount Hope, W. Va., and Norton with equipment to enter the gas-filled chamber.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Mat Fisher versus Ed's Big Toe

Mat Fisher's our local weather man... and planning for the picnic of our town-improvement Club, Mat persuades us to postpone it until Tuesday—since it's going to rain for three days, starting Saturday the 8th.

But Ed Whortle claims he can feel rain in his big toe—and he says there isn't a drop in prospect for at least three days!

Well, it's bright and sunny on the 8th—and 9th—and 10th. But come the day of the picnic, it pours rain like Jupiter Pluvius—and we hold it in Ma Hoskins' parlor, drinking beer and roasting hot dogs.

Of course, Ed razzes Mat no end. But nobody's sore. In fact, they like Mat just a little better, being an expert and being wrong. (And from where I sit, a stormy day indoors before a fire makes a hot dog and a glass of beer extra appetizing.)

Joe Marsh

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11-28	4	51.45	9.20
11-36/9.00-36	4	38.95	10.60
12-36/10.00-36	4	67.10	12.85
13-24/11.25-24	4	59.55	9.45
13-36/11.25-36	6	86.20	12.85
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for FLAVOR

crusts and the driest cubes become temptingly tender and moist when juicy-sweet raisins, lemon apples and spice have lent their old-time savor to this dish.

The starfish is the chief natural enemy of the oyster, and one starfish can consume as many as five oysters in a day.

Easter Is Day Of Gala Foods, Gaily-Laid Tables

HAPPY EASTER EATING

Easter meals are three, no matter which one takes the spotlight. There's breakfast, after the egg hunt; dinner, following the Easter parade; supper, just when you've finished the last of the dinner dishes and settled back with a sigh of relief that you're through for the day!

EASTER BREAKFASTING. You can't get away with brunch (if a happy combination of breakfast and lunch which eliminates extra meal) when there are children, for up they rise, at the crack of dawn, for the long-anticipated egg hunt.

You might like to use for the centerpiece a rabbit "hole," with a furry rabbit peeping out of it. Use a good-sized fruit or vegetable juice can for the opening, build up a mound out of crumpled paper. Cover with moss or green shredded paper and tiny flowers.

OLD TIME DINNER. Young men, roasted to a turn, herb stuffing. Hard-cooked eggs sliced in the gravy. Mashed potatoes, a potato; wilted lettuce with a good bacon bits throughout. Hot homemade rolls, apricot jam. Golden layered cake with clouds of boiled frosting, and ice cream to finish off. There was the dinner of a youth. And well worth repeating for this Easter Day. It matches the table's and nature's color set idea of green and gold.

I YOU MUST EAT! Let the refrigerator do the work when there are crises for food as evening comes on. Plan on a large enough roast for Saturday night that there will be cold sliced meat for your supper. The morning's loaf of Easter eggs, minus their gay coats, become deviled eggs, an edible garnish for the jellied tomato salad you thoughtfully made yesterday. Toast the rolls left from dinner, make up a pot of hot potatoes to slip in front of the fire, which still seems mighty good, and there is the happy ending to a perfect Easter!

Checker Champ's Challenged For City Contest

Who's the checker champion of Big Spring? There's probably room for a argument on that score right now, but a challenge program has come forth so that the question can be settled officially.

Moral Laws Are Immutable, Says Pastor To Club

Moral laws of God are as immutable as the physical laws of nature. The Rev. J. E. McCoy, First Christian pastor, reminded the Lions club at their Wednesday luncheon.

Just as it would make no difference whether one attempted to defy the law of gravity in open air or in secret, so the result of sin is unchanged by the time or place of its commission, said McCoy.

He traced the drama of Ahab and Jezebel as a typical story of temptation, degradation, temporary enjoyment and destruction. "The result always is broken homes, broken lives, unhappiness and agony," declared the speaker.

Program was in charge of C. J. Staples, Jack Smith, president, announced a charter night affair for the Ackerly Lions club on April 25. The local club also fit to present the program for the Stanton club Monday evening.

TEXAS TODAY— WOODY WOULD PECK WOOD— UNTIL

By JACK RUTLEDGE Associated Press Staff Persistence is a lauded characteristic but Woody, the Amarillo woodpecker met his fate because of it.

For three weeks Woody knocked at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sherer to get in. And when he did, he didn't like it.

For three weeks he pecked, at the same spot, annoying the family who chased him away. Finally he cut through and made a dramatic entrance into the kitchen, circling the room.

Cal Brumley, who tells the story, said the electric light blinded Woody at first. Then he leveled an attack at Mr. Sherer. The onslaught was repelled by the combined efforts of the household.

Woody was cornered and put in a cardboard carton. A bicycle basket was placed over the carton, and it was a good thing. Woody quickly pecked through the cardboard, and if it hadn't been for the wire cage he would have been loose.

The Sherers then put him in a wooden box, but he drilled out of that in record time.

Repeating, the family decided to adopt him, and gave him the run of the house. He would sit on the mantle or perch on the handle of a basket.

But he moped. He wanted out. In sudden moments of frenzy he would hurl himself against windows.

Rather than see Woody pound himself to pieces, Brumley continued, the Sherers decided to give him his liberty.

Woody was taken outside and placed on the ground. He craned his neck and ground-tested his wings. But he timed his take-off an instant too late.

No one had reckoned with Snowball, the dog. Snowball with one lightning pounce struck Woody, and that was all.

But the persistent woodpecker left his footprints in the sand of time. The hole he drilled with his own bill is still in the side of the house.

No Cause Determined In Dallas Explosion

DALLAS, April 17. (AP)—An explosion which occurred shortly before 10:30 a. m. today in the heart of the downtown business district startled thousands of Dallas workers and shoppers, and baffled police.



Since 1878, when President Hayes started the fad of egg rolling on Easter, parents have planned egg hunts and Easter picnics for the children. The ALLEN GROCERY carries a complete line of fine assorted picnic foods and delicious goodies for that outing.

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NEW ARRIVALS OF EASTER FOODS section featuring a chick illustration and listing SEA FOOD items like CATFISH STEAKS, SALT MACKEREL, SALMON STEAKS, BONELESS FILLETS, SPICED HERRING, OYSTERS - SHRIMP.

Table listing prices for CIGARETTES, MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE, LIPTON'S TEA, CHB TOMATO CATSUP, POST TOASTIES.

LOW PRICES section listing DEER BRAND TOMATOES, CRYSTAL BUCK SPINACH, FAULTLESS HOMINY, VAN CAMPS BEANS with prices.

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"Hummers" And "Agates" Give War To Organized Athletics Of Today

By TOMMY HART

So popular was the sport of top spinning twenty years ago, there was hardly a store in Big Spring that didn't keep a supply on hand. And their turnover was enormous. They ranged in price, from a nickel — which certainly came without guarantee of durability — to the fancy-painted 50 cent ones, to the big brutes that made a whirring, industrious noise that always drew a crowd when whipped into action.

Some of the youngsters became expert at the sport and acquired a huge stable of the wooden toys by playing "for keeps." They developed their aim to such a remarkable degree they could strike a foe's top from a dozen feet away, oftentimes breaking it in twain.

They took special pride in their cords, which they wrapped around their "hummers" with loving care, and were ever alert to watch for wear and tear.

In many of the streets, cords were such a critical item they came almost as high as the tops. The boys who didn't go much for the top throwing sport or else never got very good at it usually could be found with pocket-fulls of marbles, or, wishing he owned some.

If he were expert, he could afford to be liberal and share his supply with his mates, for he always seemed to be winning from those friends.

Some of those delicately balanced instruments — especially the "agates" or the artist's favorite "law" — came surprisingly high on the market.

The captains of industry oftentimes held out for as much as a dollar on the "agate," which was sure to catch the adolescent's eye. If he didn't have the capital necessary to gain ownership, he usually solicited financial aid from a sympathetic parent.

Or, oftentimes, he bartered for it by offering something like a hundred "ememies" or two hundred "crookies" for the gem. And the price was always worth it.

Still another item of equipment was the "steelie," which was cum-

bersome and for that reason little in demand. The games flourished for years and then for some reason lost their popularity. The yo-yo came booming out of the Philippines to hold America's youth entranced. Then the boys and girls began to turn more and more to athletics, softball, baseball and touch football, and the tenure of the yo-yo waned.

Johnson Resignation As Solon May Affect Governor's Race

By PAUL BOLTON

AUSTIN, April 18. — The resignation of Congressman Luther Johnson to take a federal tax judgeship may conceivably change the pattern of the state's race for governor.

It so happens that two of the candidates for governor — one announced, one potential — live in Luther Johnson's district: Railroad Commissioner Beauford Jester of Corsicana, and Liber Robert Calvert of Hillsboro. It also is true that in times past, both have expressed interest in Washington. From this distance Jester's candidacy seems less likely than Calvert's, since Jester already has announced for one race. However, there would be no real reason why he could not change.

Incidentally, the announcement by a radio commentator (Drew Pearson) that Johnson would be appointed to the post was slightly

premature and caused a slight panic in the Washington office of the veteran Texas authority on international affairs.

The broadcast was on Sunday night. Early Monday morning, Mr. Johnson telephoned colleagues asking their advice. The appointment had been talked (it was reported two weeks ago in this column without positive identification of Johnson) but it had not been definitely made. They told him to deny himself to reports, so he wouldn't have to say whether it was or was not so. So the congressman spent the day in various other offices, most of the time in that of Tom Connally, his old friend.

Mr. Johnson's embarrassment explains why the appointment, as rushed through confirmation with almost record speed, although he doesn't take office until June.

T&P Achieves Sharp Cut In Funded Debt

The Texas and Pacific Railway company had a net income of \$7,361,808 in 1945, an increase of \$3,540,617 compared with 1944, according to the annual report to stockholders submitted by President W. G. Vollmer.

During the past year, operating revenues dropped off \$4,484,165 to \$75,518,581. Of the total, freight revenue accounted for approximately \$51,000,000 and passenger revenue nearly \$18,000,000. Operating expenses totaled \$44,085,849, a decrease of \$1,835,485 from 1944. Maintenance expenses amounted to \$19,806,648, amounting to 26.23 per cent, an increase due to decline of revenues although operating costs eased off. It required 10 millions for maintaining roadway and structures and \$9,640,000 for equipment.

Tax accruals were \$18,414,668 compared with \$24,957,935 for the previous year. Taxes were the equivalent of \$47.52 per share of the company's common stock. During the past year dividends of five per cent on preferred and \$2.50 on common stock were paid. Total debt reduction, through refinancing and retirements, amounted to \$3,186,000 for the year. Since Jan. 1, 1943, T&P has reduced the outstanding funded debt in hands of the public by \$12,183,000. A maintenance fund of \$6,240,000 in US Treasury notes has been built, and net current assets amount to \$17,178,000.

Some two million dollars was expended in betterment of roadway and structures, including almost 14 miles of new 130-pound rail and 60 miles of new 112-pound rail, tie plates and rail clips, bank widening, bridge improvements, added shop and machinery facilities at Texarkana, Marshall, Fort Worth and El Paso. Centralized control system was extended from Willow Springs to Big Sandy.

Orders were placed for four Diesel electric passenger locomotives, 43 lightweight passenger cars, two Diesel switching locomotives and 75 covered hopper cars, costing \$6,464,000 and slated for delivery this year. T&P had 2,504.9 miles of track as at the end of 1945, 1,568.9 miles of it in Texas. It owns 169 miles jointly and has trackage rights on 94 more. It had 7,867 pieces of rolling stock, including 233 locomotives, 8,682 freight cars, 161 passenger cars and 1,020 company service pieces.

Agricultural products hauled accounted for 16 per cent of freight revenues, those of the mines 24 (including 7.4 per cent sand, gravel and 8.7 crude oil). Passenger totals dropped off after the war's end, but journey lengths were extended.

Average number of employees last year was 10,305 and average annual wage was \$2,564. In his report Vollmer said: "It is with pride and gratitude that we acknowledge the loyal, efficient and extra services cheerfully rendered by all of our employees during the past four war years in handling the heaviest traffic in the company's history. They did a swell job."



PARISIAN GAINSBOROUGH — Mazy Rouff of Paris designed this multi-colored, flowered percale, called the Gainsborough because it is styled after that famous painter's work.

No Hamlet, Just Ham, Enough For Him, Says Bob Hope; Scorns Serious Stuff

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD. (AP) — No Hamlet for him, says Bob Hope just now.

The other day Bob bounded in to see Paramount executives. The bigwigs expected him to go the way of all comics and demand dramatic roles. But no. He told them he had no intention of going straight.

Interviewing Droop-Snoot is like trying to get a statement from a cement mixer, but I finally tracked him down on the set of "Where There's Life." I asked about the rumors of his going legit.

"Me?" he asked. "It would be absolutely ridiculous. If I appeared on the screen and started that stuff, the audience would throw their seats at the screen. Or they'd ask where they could get their money back."

His visit to the front office was for another purpose. "I just asked to play human roles," he said. "I'd like to change the routine of piling gags on gags."

Sometimes I can't even hear them because the audience is still laughing at the first one." Bob also told them he didn't want to play costume pictures, like the recent "Monsieur Beaucaire." He hates wigs.

The comedian kidded about his age and said he didn't want to keep chasing girls in all his pictures.

Just then Signe Hasso walked by. Hope was gone.

Students Win Holiday

AUSTIN, April 18. (AP) — University of Texas students have won in a bout with the faculty over Easter holidays.

The faculty council first rejected a request signed by 7,000 students for a Friday through Sunday holiday. Then the students held a mass meeting in protest, the council met again, voted to make the Easter holiday Saturday through Monday.

Self-Serve Laundry Has Come To Front By Helping Meet A Wartime Emergency

By TOMMY HART

An industry which got its foothold firmly during the war years and is now booming as never before is the "help-yourself" laundry, which played an indispensable if not dramatic role during an emergency.

There are now no less than four such establishments in Big Spring and, if their patronage can be employed as a gauge, none is feeling the effects of reconversion.

The need of maintaining a spic-and-span household is a serious one for the average staff, and operatives of the business make capital of the fact that no woman is completely satisfied with her work unless it is accomplished with the personal touch.

The demand for tanks, fighter planes and guns to fight our nation's wars pinched off the materials that usually went into the manufacture of washing machines — for how long no one seems to know. For a while — after the emergency began the domestic washers stood up, but irreplaceable parts began to wear out and the machines, one by one, went on the fritz.

The housewives were faced with a dilemma — that of either dispatching their clothes to laundries already hopelessly buried under business commitments, or cleaning their soiled linen by hand.

It was then the promoters of the "help-yourself" plan really came into their own. Somewhere, they added the machines and the equipment to keep their shops

going at full stride. Their business was landlocked from that time and it hasn't expanded perceptibly since.

Now the Big Spring housewife makes an appointment for use of the laundry's equipment, either that or stands in line until she can work her way to the top.

The establishments' price scale would have been considered to be just a few years ago. Now, their fees are regarded as quite minimal — at least their machines are always in demand.

How long the bonanza will last is difficult to judge. The women have long been promised washing machines will appear on the market again soon. There's no indication that the famine will be ended within the next few months, however. Besides, some women prefer the set up to a machine at home.

Whether it is destined to be a casualty of peacetime conversion or not, the "help-yourself" idea has played a monumental role in helping ease the drudgery of the missus, who once again found America's ingenuity coming to the fore in a crisis.

Iturbi Unable To Explain Suicide Of Daughter

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., April 18. (AP) — The impulse which led pianist Jose Iturbi's slim, dark-haired daughter, Maria, to her death remained unexplained today.

"I cannot understand it," as all Iturbi, near prostration in grief, could say of her fatal shooting in his bedroom early yesterday — a tragedy recorded by Beverly Hills police as suicide.

The maestro was returning home after a brief absence when he heard two shots. Rushing upstairs, he found his daughter, 8, unconscious, her hair afire from burning powder, a .38-caliber bullet in a hospital.

Funeral arrangements awaited the arrival from New York of her former husband, Stephen Hero.

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Use More Of Own Wealth

According to a recent news item which surveyed bank reports, Texas ranked sixth among states in total bank deposits for the year of 1945.

Total Texas deposits were listed at \$5,930,594,000. Total capital accounts were \$292,246,000. The state ranked second in the total of national banks, topped only by Pennsylvania, and the same order prevailed in total number of banks.

This is an encouraging financial picture for the state. A sobering fact, however, is contained in the same reports which show that the state's largest bank, The First National of Dallas, ranked 53rd among the 300 leaders of the nation with deposits of \$355,000,000 and the total resources of \$3,376,000,000.

Perhaps the wider distribution among many banks is better, but the fact that Chase National Bank of New York had \$5,742,150,000 in deposits at the end of last year is evidence of the fact that there is still a pretty good congregation of the wealth back East.

This does not warrant a philosophy of raising section against section, but it does point to the fact that capital and development are closely linked. In other words, Texas capital applied in Texas can go far toward increasing development and financial strength. A section which lacks the latter is apt to find it difficult to achieve the former.

To be sure, wealth in other sections may be made available to us. Such arrangements

have been highly beneficial to us, but it is possible that the use of our own money will enable us to reap the profits from it as well as the benefits of the development it stimulates.

And what applies to Texas might be made specifically applicable to our own community. It simply amounts to a reinvestment of wealth made here in the creation of still more wealth for still more people. Some of our neighboring cities have succeeded fairly well in this policy and in some cases have built much where there were few other natural reasons except a desire to build their own city and area.

Let's Stay Ahead Of Demand

Prospects are that we shall enjoy a respite from the problem which continually faces so many cities in Texas and the Southwest—that of water. In other words, the immediate outlook is good.

However, the fact that we do have respite is a good argument for attacking the problem lest someday growth and circumstances should find us again with backs to the wall. While the pressure is off would be a most opportune time to follow through on an orderly, far-sighted search for considerably more reserves of water. The testing of wells in the Edmondson area along the O'Barr lines is a step in this direction. We hope that others will follow because we believe the signs of development and expansion are unmistakable. The community which stays ahead on its water supply has a mighty big stick to use in its fight to maintain its pace.

The Nation Today—James Marlow

CIO Shapes New Political Goals

WASHINGTON, April 18. (AP)—The CIO is fostering a double drive with deeply important political and social goals.

The two drives will prove to be closely related. The CIO Political Action Committee will take a very active part in the congressional elections this year.

The CIO itself, beginning in May, will open a \$1,000,000 campaign to organize unorganized workers of the south into unions.

Take the CIO-PAC first: Organized in 1943, it was an active and effective force in the 1944 presidential - congressional elections.

Yesterday the CIO-PAC laid down a 17-point program for the 1946 congressional elections. The program backed the Roosevelt foreign and economic policies and then said:

"The coalition of poll-tax Democrats and reactionary Republicans thwarts the peoples' program."

Sidney Hillman, CIO - PAC chairman, said:

1. The national CIO-PAC will make no endorsements and has no blacklist.

2. The national PAC will supply the state and local PACs with

plenty of information on issues and the voting record of congressional candidates.

3. Then, with this information, it will be up to the state and local PACs to support the candidates they wish.

The PAC, Hillman said, is asking a contribution of \$1 on a voluntary basis from each member of the CIO, which claims 6,000,000.

He said the PAC hopes to be a factor "in at least 100 key congressional districts."

Then, in answer to a reporter's question, Hillman said:

"There's no doubt the local PAC organizations will try to defeat those Southern Democrats who have voted with Republicans in opposing the administration program."

Now take the CIO organizing drive in the South:

The CIO in May will send 200 organizers into the South, operating with a \$1,000,000 fund supplied by CIO unions.

CIO President Philip Murray recently called this organizing

drive a "crusade to emancipate x x x the economic serfs of the South where people are still persecuted and suffer much."

Then, making it plain that the CIO is thinking of the political importance of organized CIO workers in the South, Murray said:

"The organizers will go there to bring about the 'economic and political emancipation of millions of people here in the United States who are deprived of those opportunities today.'"

Just as the CIO-PAC program denounced "poll-tax Democrats, Murray is thinking of the poll tax in connection with the organizing drive. He said:

"We have been reading about many things in the South for many years—poll tax, low wage and the inability of the average poor wage earner to vote on election day. x x x"

"The CIO has got to go into the South to carry the message of America to the people down there."

Hal Boyle's Notebook

BORDER TOWN HAS ITS TROUBLE

By MEL MOST (For HAL BOYLE)

LIVIA, Franco-Spanish Border, April 17. (AP)—Livlia is in a dilemma. This tiny enclave of Spanish territory completely surrounded by France has become the forbidden village of the French border country since the closing of the frontier with Spain.

The three main groups of burghers are disturbed. Shopkeepers are deprived of a lucrative black market trade with France which has made Livlia Spain's most expensive non-resort village. Border smugglers no longer can bring in and take out goods. Both are pinching more than ever the farm hands, now unable to work on nearby French farms. Only the peasants don't care.

The one place on the main French-Spanish border that cannot be closed is the point where

the international road from Livlia to Puigcerda crosses it. Neither side can close it by the terms of a treaty dating from 1660.

The treaty allotted 33 villages of the Cerdagne valley to France. Livlia, capital of Cerdagne, being classed as a town, was allotted to Spain, provided that "in no case may the king of Spain forbid Livlia or any other place in said banwick."

"The king's highways and passages needed for faring from Livlia to Puigcerda and contrarily, or to fare from one village to another of those remaining in France, shall be free to the subjects of one or the other realm without their being molested," said the treaty, with many elaborate provisions.

Two French roads cut across a small international thoroughfare. At the crossings French customs officers now are reinforced by gendarmes. Spanish carabinieri posts at both ends of the road are reinforced by guards. Normally the road carries good stocks of provisions for the people of Livlia from Puigcerda, but these have dwindled to a trickle with a strict control over comings and goings that even falgants have a hard time getting permission to go from Spain.

PEACE WORK



Broadway—Jack O'Brian

HE PLANS BIGGEST NITECLUB YET

NEW YORK—Larry Finley, California millionaire impresario, who owns some of the biggest ballrooms, amusement parks and similar enterprises on the West Coast, will remain in New York for a year, maybe more—his latest braiding-out headquarters. . . . Finley intends to open what he says will be the nation's plushiest night club. He will buck the Stork - El Morocco - Twenty-One combination and with every bit of confidence that he can do it. . . . They say Louis Prima took a date at the Strand theatre as much to be near his horses at Jamaica racetrack as for the money he will earn. . . . Lily Pons and Andre Kostelanetz have a June 16 date with the London Symphony orchestra in Royal Albert Hall. . . . Taylor Caldwell is doing Broadway night clubs for the first time this week.

A little publication named "Disc Digest," put out by Columbia Records to chronicle the lives of its various talents, has a nice little bit of amiable abuse this issue by Bing Crosby. It's a little essay entitled "Frank, you're great," and it goes this way: "I'm a great admirer of Frankie Sinatra. Every time I hear him sing I have to marvel at the voice that comes from 'out of nowhere.' After all, a singer like my friend comes only once in a lifetime. WHY did it have to be in my lifetime? Now that the pencil with the fringes on top is making moves, too, I have been wondering if Hollywood is big enough to hold both of us, Nevada, here I come. However, as highly as I regard this lad, I am convinced that Sinatra will never replace the old-fashioned pipe cleaner around the house."

"I've often asked by people who haven't seen him in person if Frankie is really as skinny as he has been advertised. I am told that

HE PLANS BIGGEST NITECLUB YET

he weighed seven pounds at birth. He's been losing ever since.

"I remember one day he dropped around to visit me on the set at Paramount. The prop man gave him a Yo-Yo to amuse himself with while I was busy before the camera. When I came back to my dressing room I was mildly surprised to see the Yo-Yo standing still and Sinatra going up and down.

"I quietly conducted a little research into the story of the flagpole's fantastic following among bobby soxers. Every time I came across one of those kids wearing dad's shirts and baby's stockings I asked her if she liked Sinatra. Finally, when I was in Paris, I met two French bobby soxers who had never even heard of F. Sinatra. The reports of his popularity are greatly exaggerated, as this plain-spoken fellow told me.

"Well, regardless of what other people think of Sinatra. . . . But what has he got that I haven't? . . . Don't tell me. . . . I know, A DAUGHTER."

Wacs Back In Civvies

CAMP CARSON, Col. (UP)—When six Wacs left here with their discharge papers in their purses recently, they also carried a return ticket to the Army camp. As soon as they were officially mustered out of the Wac, the women signed up to return to their old Army office jobs as civil service employees.

Doesn't Hesitate

ALTOONA, Pa.—Imbro Djurevich became a US citizen in almost nothing flat. Judge George G. Patterson listened to an immigration examiner's testimony long enough to learn that the applicant fathered 12 children, five of whom were in service. "He's admitted," said Patterson.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS: 1. Winklike; 2. Woolly surface; 3. Youngsters; 4. East Indian; 5. Cereals; 6. Wreck; 7. Gen; 8. Pitelike; 9. Fall in a play; 10. South American; 11. Blessing; 12. Strong taste; 13. Light brown; 14. Genus of the maple tree; 15. South American; 16. Mistletoe; 17. Worship.

DOWN: 1. Sandrac tree; 2. Old; 3. Coming into prominence; 4. Near; 5. Constellation; 6. Individual; 7. California; 8. Journey; 9. Pronunciation; 10. Large bundle; 11. Vehicle for snow travel; 12. Thus; 13. Flag; 14. Extended; 15. Toward; 16. Record of a single event; 17. Artless; 18. Pedal digit; 19. Round and tapering; 20. One of the Muses; 21. Rent again; 22. Pronoun; 23. Manner; 24. Recent arrival; 25. Label; 26. Rubber; 27. Sweet solutions; 28. Exist; 29. Inclined; 30. On the side away from; 31. Silent; 32. Nibble; 33. Single thing; 34. Egyptian river; 35. Reason; 36. City in Paraguay.

Iran Wants To Protect Own Hide

WASHINGTON—American diplomats literally burnt up the wires between New York, Washington and Tehran to prevent Iran from withdrawing its dispute from the Security Council agenda. But they faced a tough customer and got nowhere.

US diplomats were interested in the all-important problem of strengthening the United Nations and building up machinery for world peace. Iran, on the other hand, was interested in escaping with its hide reasonably intact.

All last week, US diplomats tried to show Iranian officials that the issue was bigger than just a fracas in a dusty, desert country. First, the US charge d'affaires in Teheran called on Premier Ghanvam and urged that Iran keep its dispute before the United Nations until Russian troops were withdrawn May 8.

Premier Ghanvam, however, was quite frank in admitting he was ready to yield to the Russians. He said that if Iran didn't withdraw its case from the United Nations, all the good work Iran had done to soothe its Russian relations would be undone. He appealed to the United States to understand Iran's position in the matter. After some argument, however, he finally agreed that he would delay giving instructions to Ambassador Ala in New York until he received further words from Secretary of State James Byrnes.

Simultaneously, Ed Stettinius in New York talked to ambassador Ala in order to stiffen his backbone. Ala, however, needed no stiffening. His backbone—at that time—was like a ramrod against withdrawing Iran's case from the Security Council until Russian troops were withdrawn May 6.

He told Stettinius that he had explained to the Teheran state-ments that Iran was ready to withdraw its case. Ghanvam, he said, had described these as "just the report of the irresponsible press."

In the end, of course, Ghanvam did exactly what the "irresponsible press" reported him as ready to do, and ordered the Iranian case withdrawn from the United Nations agenda.

NOTE—Premier Ghanvam owns considerable property in the Russian sphere of influence along the Caspian sea, has become wealthy during the war partly through Russian favors.

British Policy on Franco

British delegate Sir Alexander Cadogan has issued a denial of this column's recent report that London had instructed British diplomats at the Security Council to postpone or complicate procedure on the Spanish issue until Franco could work out a compromise in Spain.

While this columnist naturally did not dream up the text of the British cables on Spain, we are delighted to carry Sir Alexander's denial, which follows in full: "That part of Dr. Drew Pearson's column purporting to quote from foreign office instructions sent to me on the Spanish case now before the Security Council is not only inaccurate; it has no foundation in fact whatsoever. I have received nothing remotely like the so-called instructions revealed in this column. It seems a pity that the American public should be so grievously misled."

It is interesting to note that just a few hours before Cadogan issued the above denial, he sent round to all British diplomats in New York and hastily called in the texts of the previously distributed cables. Instructions on Spain. It will also be interesting to watch future British policy on Spain and see whether the American public has really been so "grievously misled."

Bilbo On New York

A New York acquaintance encountered iron-tongued Senator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi bustling down the corridor from his office.

"Well, I see Life magazine has been giving you some free publicity," said the New Yorker.

"They can keep it," blustered the man. "That blankety-blank magazine is always attacking me. I wish those New Yorkers would stay the blankety-blank out of my affairs and Mississippi politics."

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You can't ignore New York. It's the greatest state in the Union. This was too much for the pint-sized senator.

"New York—Bah!" he raged. "Listen, why don't you get your two senators, Jim Mead and Bob Wagner, to introduce a resolution permitting New York to secede from the Union. There wouldn't be a shot fired against it!"

Chinese Jig-Saw

It was a tribute to Gen. George Marshall that both sides in the bitter Chinese struggle for power telegraphed Washington asking that Marshall come back immediately. That was the inside reason for the general's sudden departure for China.

You are going to hear a lot more about Chinese strife during the next few days and weeks. The job of putting the jumbled jig-saw of Chinese politics together looks almost impossible. During Marshall's absence from China, the American embassy in Chungking cabled the State Department urging that nothing more be done regarding the proposed \$500,000 loan to China, since this is about the only bargaining weapon which can be held over Chinese heads.

Both factions would benefit by the loan, and State Department strategy will be to hold it up until both sides can get together.

Capital Chaff

President Truman has received reports from many steel mills that because of the coal shortage they will have to shut down after next week. . . . Republicans aren't shouting about it, but they have raised \$2,000,000 to win Congress next November. That's more money than the Republicans have ever spent on any non-presidential election. . . . Some people are wondering how far the doors of Atlanta, Lewisburg and Alcatraz will be "paroled" open in the future, now that T. Weber Wilson, the Mississippi blarney expert, has become head of the Federal Prison Parole Board. . . . Looks like Texas will have several new congressmen. Bill McCraw, former law partner of Attorney General Tom Clark, will run for the vacant seat of Hattin W. Sumners. . . . Tommy Tyson of Corsicana

will run for the district left by Luther Johnson when Johnson went to the court of tax appeals.

Merry-Go-Round

Beautiful Congresswoman Clare Luce of Connecticut may exercise a woman's prerogative and change her mind about getting out of politics. Friends are urging her to run for Admiral Hart's seat in the Senate. . . . Certain big business firms, especially those having Nazi cartel arrangements before the war, have been pulling strings to curtail the budget of the Senate Kilgore committee. That committee has done more to prevent the rebuilding of a Nazi industrial war machine than any other agency in Washington. Yet for some strange reason, Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois, considered a good senator, has fallen for the wire-pulling and has cut the Kilgore committee's budget. . . . Penguin Press is turning out 1,000,000 copies of Lowell Mellett's "Handbook of Politics and Voter's Guide." It contains the records of senators and congressmen up for re-election. (Copyright, 1946, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

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Grocery Store Reopened To Serve Coleman Courts

For the convenience of his regular customers in Coleman Courts, and other residents in that area, L. E. Coleman has reopened his grocery store at 1206 East Third Street.

Now operated by Dewey Stump, the establishment has been closed for the duration of the war. Still closed is the hardware store, but Coleman has hopes of reopening it when hardware goods become more plentiful. The grocery store is a good place for housewives who reside in the courts to make purchases of staple groceries, and a handy place to go when the last slice of bread disappears unexpectedly.

The Coleman Courts now comprise 75 living units, and two others are under construction, but Coleman declared that he did not know when they would be completed since materials are still difficult to obtain.

The courts are still operating at capacity, but the owner reserves a few for road weary travelers. This summer the court should be a haven for vacationists. Many are expected since this is the first summer in four years that travelers have had free rein in choosing when and how far they wish to journey. Now with the end of gasoline rationing Americans will get back into the swing of summer trips, and Coleman courts are ready for them.

The units come in a variety of arrangements from one room to a small house with kitchen. Each unit is provided with a free parking space for each car.

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Norden Sight To Be Shown

The Norden bombsight, one of the most closely guarded combat devices during the war, will be on display on the courthouse lawn all day Wednesday, April 24.

On hand to explain it will be Lt. Eugene E. Myers and M. Sgt. Graves, Army Air Force recruiters, and members of the local recruiting staff.

The display is part of a campaign to interest young men in enlistment in the Army Air Forces. In addition to the Wednesday display, the Norden sight will be exhibited at the high school on Tuesday from 10 a. m. to noon.

The Norden sight is credited with having played an important role in precision bombing in European and Pacific areas. Devastated areas bear evidence to the accuracy with which it was employed, and much credit is given to it in the successful attack on the Japanese fleet in the Coral Sea.

Butane Service Widened, New Equipment Offered

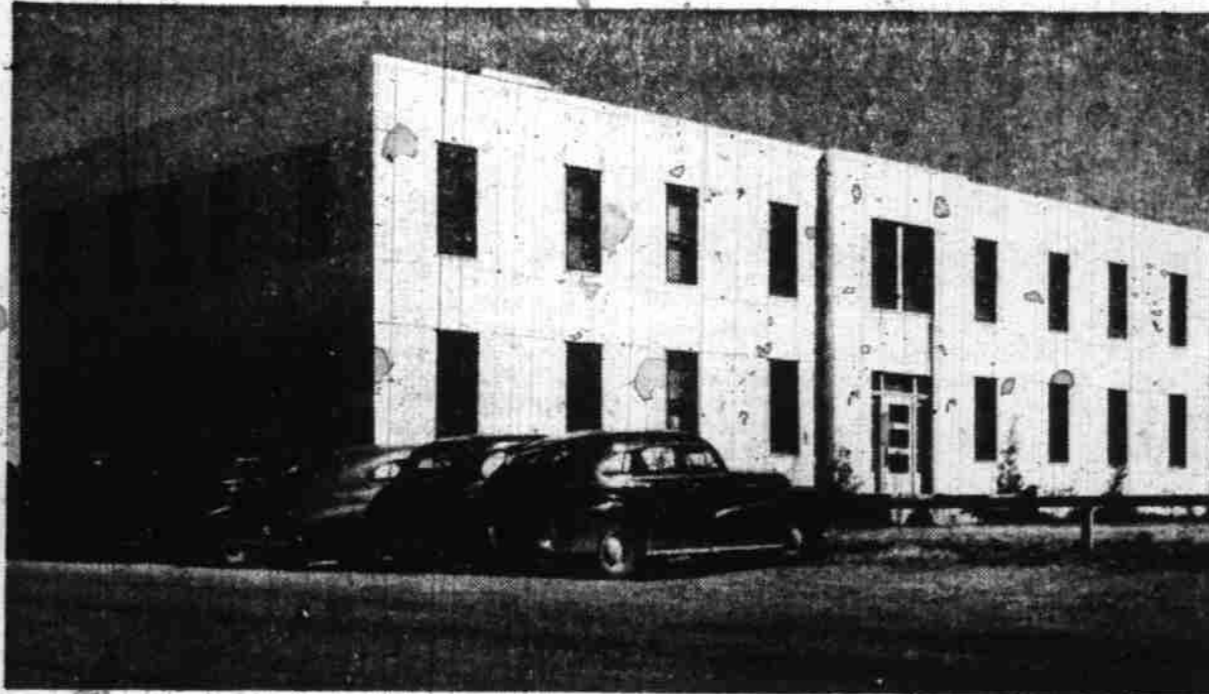
For the first time since the war, complete underground butane systems with all essential appliances for giving a home entire service are being installed by Fraley and Company.

Fraley's, located on the Lamesa Highway, now has plenty of underground equipment, hot water heaters, space heaters and a few Roper ranges. Heretofore the ranges have been particularly slow in arriving, and in most instances it has been necessary to install the systems and wait for various appliances to come one at a time. Shipments have speeded up recently, however, and the complete service is now available.

Fraley's butane also has been improved. A special refining process is used to make it more adaptable for this area, and the gas has no odor now. Some delivery trucks and other new service equipment have been added by the company to further facilitate their work.

In the personnel department two World War II veterans have joined the staff. They are Claude Mayes, who served 38 months and seven days in the South Pacific with the 41st Division and Robert Mitchell 23 months with the 145th Engineers in Europe.

Fraley's also reports that plenty of gas is available. The company offers both domestic and oil field service in a territory which includes Howard and surrounding counties.



HEART OF BIG INDUSTRY—Because all of the general offices of Cosden Petroleum Corp., located just east of Big Spring, are housed in the headquarters building, shown above, it is the veritable heart of the extensive operations of Cosden. Seventy of the more than 300 local employees of Cosden are on the headquarters staff under the direction of R. L. Tollett, president. All officials of the company maintain offices in the building and the direction of administration, accounting, production, sales and distribution are handled from headquarters. This includes 136 refinery employees as well as 32 others engaged in bulk plant, sales and distributive capacities. Besides these, there are an additional 60 employees outside of Big Spring who look to the Big Spring office in the conduct of operations. (Jack M. Haynes Photo).

Surplus Workers Show Increase

Big Spring's unemployment situation continued on a trend of increased surplus workers and a decrease in available jobs during the past week, according to the regular report of the local USES office.

The number of surplus workers in the area climbed to 744, an increase of 35 over the previous week. Of the total number seeking employment, 474 are veterans.

During the week 85 were referred to jobs and 49 were hired. However, job openings dropped to 29, as 309 workers and employers contacted the office.

Principal local demands for labor follow: one carpenter (weather stripping), one machinist, one millman apprentice, one hand presser, one stock clerk, one doughnut mixer helper, one shipping checker, six laborers, one practical nurse, six waitresses, one slicing machine operator and eight maids.

Navy Bidding For Former Reservists

The Navy Department has announced that former inductees and ex-members of the Naval Reserve are eligible to enlist in the Regular Navy with the ratings they held at the time of discharge, provided there is a vacancy in those ratings.

Previously, personnel returning to that branch of the service had to re-enlist within 90 days. A Navy recruiter is on duty in an office in the basement of the post office building every Wednesday morning for the purpose of making out applications of volunteers.

'Danger Age' 14-15

PUEBLO, Col. (UP)—Juvenile delinquency gets off to an early start, according to a survey here which showed that the "danger age" in the growth of young people is 14 years for boys and 15 years for girls.

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Record Players, Radios Shown At Hester's

A sign on a building at 114 East 3rd street gives the name of the firm there as Hester's Office Supplies and Sporting Goods, but don't be misled into thinking these and related items are all that is offered for sale there.

An inspection of the interior is like viewing an honest to goodness preview of the postwar world which has been promised so long, and which has been even longer becoming a reality.

They have record players for sale right now and of the most popular type. The machines are equipped with automatic changing devices with a capacity of 10 records. Radios by Howard, Clarion and Garod are on the list, and in addition to tubes and other accessories, a complete service for all types of sets is available.

Other electrical items include air conditioners, attic fans, fluorescent table lamps, hot plates, toasters and water fountains. And in the near future, Hester's is expecting the first shipment of some washing machines now on order.

Gift articles have a department of their own and everything from dolls to model airplanes and motors is represented.

For the first time in years, Hester's now have a stock of money safes on hand. They are the real, pre-war, combination type.

However, the new appliances and accessories are currently being given a heated contest for popularity by athletic equipment for the summer sports. They offer complete equipment for softball, archery, tennis, croquet and fishing tackle, and essentials for many other sports, such as golf balls, etc. Everything named above is in addition to a full-line of office supplies, with a stock that is never allowed to become depleted at Hester's.

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