

PRICE CONTROL BILL READY FOR SENATE ACTION

Washington — (AP) — A flexible wartime price control measure—designed to save the government billions of dollars and protect the public from soaring living costs—was ready for senate consideration.

Affecting virtually every phase of the nation's commercial life, the bill seemed sure of arousing as heated a controversy as did similar legislation which cleared the house last November 28.

Members of the senate banking committee worked until after dark last night to complete their draft of the bill, although the first session of the 77th congress already was ended.

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Ervin Miller Writes Japs Scouted Their Targets Like Coach

A football player talking football language explains the success of the treacherous Japanese raid on Hawaii's Pearl Harbor this way:

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That conclusion is reached by Ervin Miller, member of the Willamette university team of Salem, Ore., and former Lincoln high school gridiron star, who was in Honolulu with his university team on December 7 when the Japanese struck.

Miller and other members of the Willamette squad were immediately pressed into service as special guards and used in that capacity for 10 days.

In a letter to The Tribune after the squad, which had gone to Hawaii to play two football games with college teams there, had returned to the United States, Miller describes his experiences.

"It all started about 8 o'clock Sunday morning. We were eating breakfast at our hotel which was only about a half mile from the ships that were being bombed. We noticed high columns of water spouting into the air and one of the native waiters passed it off as whales 'just playing around.' About an hour later we could see and hear the anti-aircraft fire. All of us thought it probably was just another 'N' day and that the navy was putting on a show, but when we heard that one of our battleships had been sunk with about 1,400 boys on it and one of the hangars had been set on fire, we knew it wasn't play.

"Had Objects Scouted" "It seems to me and many of the natives of the islands that those yellow bellies had our military objects scouted better than any coach could have scouted an opposing team. They knew just which hangars had the most boys in. It was found that many of these Jap pilots who had been shot down wore rings and emblems they had gotten when they were educated on the islands."

Immediately after the first raid which lasted from 8 a. m. to 12 noon, the entire island of Oahu was placed under martial law, Miller says. The Willamette football squad was ordered to stand by to receive rifles and ammunition, and next day assigned as guards of a U. S. army engineers base.

"Had a Little Business" "The first couple of nights were very exciting and in fact we did have a little business," Miller relates. "Many of the boys had itchy trigger fingers. After 10 days of this duty we were suddenly informed that we would be leaving in two hours. It took us seven days and six nights to cross and we were escorted by one destroyer and a cruiser. About our second day out we got our first scare when our destroyer suddenly turned and steamed back towards the horizon. We could hear the depth charges they dropped, and later found out a sub had been tailing us.

"When about one day out of San Francisco, we were forced to wear our life belts at all times and they weren't the most comfortable things to sleep and eat in. We got into Fisco Christmas day and we learned upon arrival that a Jap sub had been sunk two hours before we arrived, and that evidently it had learned of our time of arrival and was waiting to torpedo us at the entrance of the harbor. When we were able to again walk upon good old U. S. A. there were many happy and smiling faces. Little did we dream a month ago when we embarked for Hawaii to play two football games that we would be dodging torpedoes instead of tacklers. I have this to say for the natives of the Hawaiian Islands: If all our supposedly good U. S. citizens were as good Americans as the true Hawaiian we wouldn't have had all the damn disorders our country has seen previous to this war.

No Doubt of Victory "To me there is no doubt but what America will win this war. I say this because I was able to talk and associate with the wounded boys that came back with us. Fellows that had been blown off their ships, some that were cut to pieces by schrapnel, and others that were badly burned—many of these fellows told me that they were just going back to get patched up and that they were anxious to get back and get another crack at those Japs.

"It's morale like this that can't be beaten"

School on Saturday for Pittsville Pupils

Pittsville, Wis.—This was an unusual day for students at Pittsville high and grade school, for it was Saturday, but reading, writing and arithmetic went on just the same.

The Saturday school routine was instituted by the school board as part of the U. S. victory effort. School on Saturdays, shortening of the Christmas vacation by one week and elimination of part of the Easter vacation was voted by the school board so that school would close May 1 instead of June 4.

That will please the students to become needed workers in agriculture in the Pittsville area, the school board decided. Members of the board are Mrs. S. E. Werner, S. H. Hatch and A. J. Ludewig.

Infant Son Dies

Marshfield, Wis.—Dale, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zaney, Milladore, died Friday at the St. Joseph's hospital here.

A complete obituary and funeral arrangements, which are in charge of Krohn and Berard's, Wisconsin Rapids, will be announced Monday.

Brothers' Deaths Only 36 Hours Apart

Milwaukee — (AP) — Lamar S. S. Perogy, 54, president of the Silver Steel Casting company, died yesterday, within 36 hours after the death of his only brother, Benton R., 59, a salesman.

Lamar also was vice-president of the Interstate Drop Forge company and was on the board of the Marshall and Ilesley bank and of the Messinger, Frey Corp.

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GRATEFUL — Pvt. Walter L. Bierman's home is in Maryland, but he is a "Wisconsin boy" now—a member of Battery E, 120th Field Artillery at Camp Livingston, La. And he writes to the people of the Tri-Cities, via The Tribune: "I am writing a few lines to the folks who have sent gifts to the men of Battery E. I have shared in the gifts you sent, as though I were from the other fellows' home town. I write these few words to express my appreciation for what you have done. We read in the paper where the folks were preparing to send gifts to the men of the battery, and we were all on the lookout. They were the most practical gifts a feller in the service could receive. You can always buy cigarettes and one is always buying sweets. The officers and men of this organization are all fine and I consider it a privilege to be associated with them."

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The company, which under the name of Fidelity Investment association sold annuity contracts in 27 states, filed its reorganization petition last June.

Attacked by Counsel The petition was attacked by counsel for several of the states. Among other things, it was contended that the securities involved were mostly held outside the southern West Virginia federal district and

that Judge Moore lacked jurisdiction of the hearing.

In granting the reorganization petition, Judge Moore in effect held his court had the right to hear the petition.

The reorganization was sought at West Virginia Auditor Edgar B. Sims obtained appointment in a state court of two receivers who were directed to attempt conversion of the company into a life insurance firm.

Judge Moore, after receiving the petition, appointed the Central Trust company of Charleston trustee. He directed that all state insurance commissioners turn over to the trustee any of the firm's securities held by them as protection for contract holders.

Order Assets "Frozen" That order later was rescinded and state agencies were directed to

"freeze" all assets pending outcome of the hearing.

States which were represented at the long jurisdictional hearing were West Virginia, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Maryland, Kansas, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

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DIARY of Democracy

Central Wisconsin's People and the Second World War

BOOKS, BOOKS—Our soldiers, sailors and marines need them by the millions, five to ten millions of books. . . Here, the T. B. Scott public library will act as the collection center for books to be donated to the men in the armed forces, a collection going forward on a nation-wide scale sponsored by the American Library association and the Wisconsin Library association. Miss Jessie Sanford, local librarian, announces that books of fiction, biography and travel, and also technical material may be left at either the library or the west side branch. Bring them or telephone the library or branch and they will be called for. No magazines are needed at this time.

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