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Merchants Face Bankruptcy

Hundreds of thousands of retailers in all lines of trade face certain bankruptcy if a general "price freeze" is imposed. That warning was recently telegraphed to Price Administrator Leon Henderson by the National Association of Retail Grocers, an organization which speaks for more than 250,000 independent food stores.

The story behind that warning should be understood by every citizen. Long before this country became an active belligerent in the war, government officials requested retail merchandising to do everything in its power to hold prices down. Retail merchandising immediately responded. As part of their vital contribution to the anti-inflation drive, retailers generally priced their goods on the basis of original cost, not replacement cost. That is the reason why retail price increases have been substantially less than wholesale price increases. At the present time, there is actually a 12-point lag between wholesale and retail prices.

A theoretical example can be used to explain this clearly. Suppose a retailer has a stock of articles for which he paid 4 cents each. Due to wholesale price increases, they will cost him 5½ cents each when that stock is sold and must be replaced. But, in conformity with the government's request, he bases his mark-up on original cost and sells the articles for 5 cents. Therefore, if prices are "frozen solid" as of some arbitrary date, the merchant will be legally bound to sell his new stock at a price which is less than the price he must pay for it. A child can see that the inevitable result of this would be ruin.

It has been suggested that retailers "cut out frills" in order to reduce their over head expense. But the plain fact is that up-to-date merchants are already operating with maximum economy and efficiency. It would, of course, be possible for them to eliminate advertising. But advertising is an integral part of the American business system. It is not a luxury. In the long run, advertising definitely reduces prices, by stimulating consumer interest and demand, and so making possible mass production and sale of goods.

What this all boils down to is that we have approached the price problem timidly and indecisively. The government has been unwilling to take any effective steps to control the extreme and inflationary increase which have taken place in wages and in farm prices. As the New York Times put it, "For want of adequate fiscal measures and for want of straightforward courage to put reasonable restraints upon two important factors of inflation that are running away—farm prices and wages—it is now proposed to penalize, and perhaps paralyze, the entire business system of the country by 'freezing everything.' If Congress and the Administration cannot bring themselves to restrain farm prices and wages except by blanket ceilings on everything, that course may become necessary. But it should be clearly understood that the reasons are not economic; they are political."

There is the issue in a nutshell. It is an issue which affects the very existence of tens of thousands of businesses, most of them small, in this country. Retailers have voluntarily sacrificed profits in order to help consumers—and Leon Henderson himself has warmly praised them for that.

If the "freeze everything" order goes through, many of those merchants will, in effect, be condemned to economic death by the very government with which they have been cooperating so well. The terrible economic reprecussions would be felt in every village no less than in every city. The life of retail business is literally at stake.

NOT TOO HOT — NOT TOO COLD

PROFITEERING

Congress is moving to take profiteering out of war contracts, and their action should tend to a more healthy atmosphere. The members of the two houses are doing the kind of work we hired them for.

We expect to pay a fair price for whatever labor and materials are necessary in prosecuting this war, but no more. Anyone making such profits upon a Government contract, for instance, that he finds it convenient to pay his stenographer $39,000 a year (no stenographer is worth quite that much) while our loyal sons go to the front and receive $360 a year doesn't set any too well with us common people; and it doesn't jibe with the slogan, "One for all and all for one."

"Were out to lick Hitler and Tojo, who got it into their heads that they could enslave us, and we're not going to tolerate much preying upon us at home while we fight. If the Government can't prevent such unfair profiteers must be made to disgorge by way of the tax route.

Our Soldiers and Sailors Ought To Know How to Swim

It is said that Japanese soldiers are not considered trained until they can swim a hundred yards, using the breaststroke, and can carry a gun and a pack.

At Hongkong seveal hundred soldiers effected a beachhead by swimming to the objctive. In advancing upon Singapore and through Burma these soldiers left the roads and infiltratedthrough the lines by fording and swimming rivers and tropical streams. There was no fear of the jungle.

Swimming should be a requirement of all soldiers and sailors trainees. College boys and senior high-school boys should be compelled to learn to swim. There could be no better exercise. After in duction there is too little time to teach freedom from fear of water and ability to swim. Most of our soldiers will be transported via waterways. Often the ability to keep afloat a few minutes is the margin of life or death. . . .

A boy on a transport feels a lot securer if he knows he can swim and has no fear of water. It is more needful to teach swimming than baseball tennis or alot of other sport to our young men.

Proposing That We Call This The War For Freedom

The President wants a name for this war. On April 14 he put forth the suggestion of "The Survival War." So far there has been no burst of approval of that name, probably because "survival" is a negative term denoting a defensive attitude. It is not in tune with the American spirit.

The Poles have known the right name for this war from the start. The Czecho-Sloviakins know that it is. The Yugoslavs know it and are still fighting for it The Greeks know it. They have paid the full price for it. The people of France know it—now. The Belgians know it. The Dutch know it and are fighting in every way they can for it. The Danes know it. The Norwegians know it and are beginning to fight like the Dutch for it. The Chinese have known it for years. The Australians are learning it fast. It's time we recognized it and started fighting for it.

It is "The War for Freedom." What we are fighting for is freedom for all mankind. . . . To fight for freedom is the role of the United States. Born in the travail of seven years of such fighting, we later fought to free the world of the Barbary pirates, fought again to maintain the Union and free the slaves, fought Spain to free Cuba. That fight brought about the gift of freedom to the Philippines.

This is "The War for Freedom." Our slogan: "Fight for Freedom."

Notes on Eating Dandelion Greens

Upon reading about the experience of the high-school girls who rtied for the first time to eat dandelion greens I am moved to correct their "lion tamer," although I do so humbly and somewhat timidly. Dandelion greens are never good after the bud and bloom appear. The time to gather them for eating is when they are very young, and the time for drinking their potent wine is when in bloom or, more clearly stated, they bcome bitter after the bloom stalk appears, so are only fit then to use for wine after they are in full bloom.

Now I do not know how they were served, but there are two time-honored ways to prepare young, tender dandelion greens. The first and simplest way is to save ham broth and simply boil them in it. The way I ate them in New York was also very good. Cut home-cured ham fat or bacon in cakes and brown until some of the fat is rendred. Fill a saucepan with young dandelion greens, carefully washed, and cover with a couple of cups full of water to which salt has been added, boil until tender, then add fat cubes and fat, about a tablespoon or two of vinegar and enough sugar to make broth palatable. Never drown the "slaw" for such it is called. It is pretty garnished with hard-boiled egg slices. And, girls, please note, it is not bitter. . . .

High School Graduates are Eligible

High School Graduates may now enlist as Aviation Cadets for Flight Training in Class V-5 of the Naval Reserve.

Age limits from 18 to 26 inclusive. Written consent of parents is required for boys under 21.

Further details may be obtained at the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, Room 208, Post Office Building Salisbury, Maryland. Phone Salisbury 1586.

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Scientist Brings Out Carrot for Common Cold

The common head cold, a baneful puzzle to doctors as long as the medical profession has existed, may join the list of conquered diseases, and through the agency of the humble carrot.

After seven years of research, a group of scientists believe—guardedly—that they have developed a specific remedy for the malady which annually takes a greater toll of man-hours in industry than any other ailment, which costs the American people millions of dollars each year, and which, incidentally, is a miserable thing to suffer from.

The answer, they believe, is carotene, a creamy white derivatvie of the common carrot. Or rather, its a new substance, pro-vitamin A, factor 3, extracted from carotene. And you don't swallow it, or have it injected into you—you just rub in on yourself.

The material was developed by the Llewellyn Biological Institute of West Los Angeles, of which Dr. R. L. Cunningham is director. Already it has been tried on 150 patients with what he describes as effective results.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

SARAH BUCHANAN, Plaintiff,
versus
M. JUNIOUS BUCHANAN, Defendant
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, IN EQUITY.
CHANCERY No. 3313

The object of this suit is to procure a Decree of Divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii by the Plaintiff, Sarah Buchanan, from the Defendant, M. Junious Buchanan .

The Bill of Complaint recites that the parties were married on or about October 3rd, 1921, in Philadelphia, Pa., that they lived together at Philadelphia, Pa., until on or about the first day of May, 1927; that though the conduct of the Plaintiff towards her husband, M. Junious Buchanan ,has always been kind, affectionate and above reproach, M. Junious Buchanan, on or about the first day of May, 1927, without just cause or reason, abandoned and deserted the Plaintiff at Philadelphia, Pa., and that such abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for at least eighteen months, to wit, from about the first day of May, 1927, to the present time, and is deliberate and final and the separation beyond any unreasonabble expectation of reconciliation; that no children were born as a result of this marriage; that the Plaintiff is a resident of Queen Anne's County, Maryland, where she has resided since November 3rd, 1939; that the Defendant is a non-resident of the State of Maryland, and upon dilligent inquiry the Plaintiff has been informed that the Defendant's last known address is 1312 Master street, Philadelphia, Pa.; and that the Plaintiff prays the Court that she be divorced A Vinculo Matrimonii from the Defendant, and that she have such other and further relief as her case may require.

It is thereupon Ordered by the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, in Equity, on this 11th day of April, 1942, that the Plaintiff, Sarah Buchanan, by causing a copy of this Order to be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in said Queen Anne's County, Maryland, once in each of four successive weeks before the 16th day of May, 1942, next, give notice to the said absent Defendant, M. Junious Buchanan, of the object and substance of this Bill of Complaint, warning him to be and appear in this Court, in person or by Solicitor, on or before the last day of June, 1942, next, to show cause, if any he has, why a Decree should not be passed as prayed.

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Filed April 11th, 1942.

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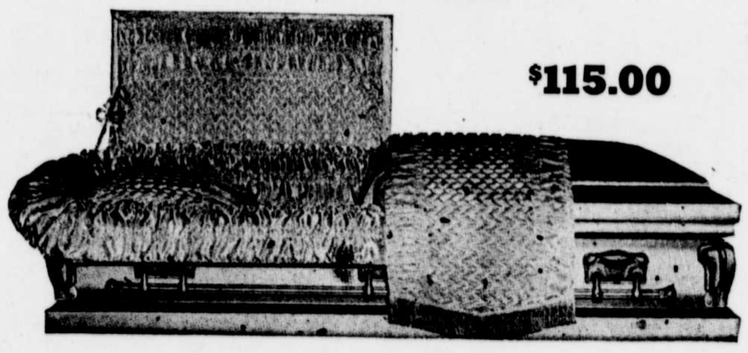

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