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RENT CONTROL

Rent Control On Friday

WASHINGTON - A wide extension of rent ceilings, which included four North Carolina areas, was announced today by the OPA to take effect Nov. 1.

The maximum rent allowed in these areas are: For Gaston County, the Greenville rental area, including Henderson and Pitt Counties, the Hendersonville rental area, which is Henderson County, and the Salisbury rental area, including Davidson, Iredell and Rowan Counties.

The OPA announcement said that 98 rental units with a total population of more than 1,500,000 would be brought under rental ceilings Friday.

Eighty-one of these areas are being controlled for the first time. While rent ceilings are being revised in the remaining seven.

The agency said that the new additions bring the total rental areas up to 650 and that "few additional areas will require control because today's list covers those in which rent pressures have been mounting since war."

Government officials said they had been watching rents throughout the country since the end of the war and that the housing shortage "has been becoming more acute."

They said that action in many of the areas going under ceilings next month resulted from appeals or petitions for control in most areas, they said.

Increasing employment by local industry, return of veterans and their families have contributed to the housing shortage in most areas, they said.

Dies At Home Polio Fatal To Boy At Kansas City

A Charlotte News Report City And County Consolidation: How It Works

(Third in a series of articles on Charlotte and Mecklenburg governments, pointing out instances of waste and inefficiency in the dual system, and suggesting a remedy: city-county consolidation.)

By RUKKE DAVIS Charlotte News Staff Writer

YOU'D expect Scotch Mecklenburg, with all its Maes and Sandies holding the purse strings, to be tightly wound with the public dollar. Not so. It is content to send two dollars out to do the work of one in its double layer of overlapping, interlocking and conflicting government agencies.

There are few frills in local government here—and some services still are sadly neglected—but old neighborhood traditions bind us to outmoded and inefficient ways of governing ourselves.

Back in the early twenties we spurned the suggestion that Courthouse and City Hall be combined in one eighteen-story building, saving \$200,000 in salary and maintenance and complicating relations between check-to-check governments. As a result, we spent more money to build the twin headquarters, and pay pretty penny to keep them up.

This year the County will spend \$60,000 on upkeep of City Hall, and the County will spend \$100,000 on the City's 17 and the City 12 employees in this field could have been eliminated, and the total expense of \$70,000 would have been cut. This isn't just idle talk. We've already found that we could do with one building. For example, the County Jail could house all our sprawling departments.

Greece For Armament Reduction

NEW YORK — (AP) — Greece, in the first direct response to Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's sweeping demands for world arm limitations, told the United Nations Assembly today that she was prepared to support the Russian proposal with the reservation that international control and sanctions must be set up to safeguard peace.

Greek Delegate Thanassis Molotov's aide said he was stating Greece's position in response to Molotov's ultimatum. He spoke shortly after Australian Delegate Norman J. O. Martin, without making reference to Molotov's disarmament proposal, had urged the Assembly to start work on the whole question of arms limitation.

However, both disagreed bitterly with other phases of Russian policy laid down in the United Nations Assembly and by other Soviet spokesmen in recent months. The Greek delegation, however, safeguarded in connection with its offer of convention on disarmament.

1. International control with effective guarantees for local execution. 2. Sanctions against states which refuse to accept the provisions of the convention.

While offering to support the Soviet proposals, Agnidesides said the Greek delegation was not in favor of the "hostile attitude" toward Greece, which he said "received harsh treatment both at the Paris Conference and before the Security Council."

The persistence of this hostile attitude fills my countrymen with amazement and disappointment," he said. "They are shocked at the unbecomingly harsh and unjust attitude of the hour that is treated as an enemy, while favors are bestowed on unrestrained and recalcitrant enemies."

Cotton Developments President Works Means To Halt Futher Collapse

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Sparkman, Democrat, Alabama, quoted President Truman today as saying it is "the purpose of the Government to do everything possible to stabilize the cotton market."

Sparkman told reporters the President had authorized him to make the statement after the Alabama urged him to utilize "whatever powers necessary" to prevent further collapse in cotton prices.

The President told me he was working on means to stabilize the market and was conferring with Government advisers on plans for action, Sparkman said at the White House.

Sparkman said he suggested that the Agriculture Department be directed to take over cotton at the Government loan value of \$2 1/2 per lb. a floor under the price. Sparkman said he would be permitted to carry inventories to last for at least six months.

Under present regulations mills are prohibited from purchasing raw cotton in excess of 120 days supply.

"With the Government paying 25.67 cents per pound we would at least have a stabilized market with a floor under the price," Sparkman said.

Stock Mart Takes Drop

NEW YORK — (AP) — Stock prices declined 41 to 45 a share today as a result of an order to suspend trading in the market for a 24-hour period.

The halt in cotton trading, coupled with persistent concern over the management relations and their long-run effect on production and profits, were the main causes for the losses in share prices, sources added.

Stock trading slowed after a mid-day flurry of selling and individual issues showed signs of attempting a rally. Stocks did better than expected today.

Grains at Chicago tended upward. Livestock prices were unchanged to lower. Cotton was a half-cent lower.

Goering Suicide Letters Will Not Be Made Public

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Allied Control Council today announced that the three suicide letters written by Adolf Hitler to his family and his mistress, Eva Braun, would not be made public.

Shut Again In Wake Of \$50 A Bale Price Drop

NEW YORK — (AP) — The nation's principal cotton exchanges suddenly were slammed shut today for the third time in less than two weeks after the price of King Cotton had tumbled by an extreme of more than \$50 a bale.

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The liquidation of a single "long" contract in the New Orleans market was reported to have led to the liquidation of hundreds of thousands of contracts.

After all exchanges were closed on Saturday, Oct. 12, to arrange for the liquidation of the single long contract, the market was closed for several days.

Official or quotable reasons for the market's closure were not given by its absence. One reason advanced for this unusual absence was the investigation already was under way in Washington, at the instance of Sen. Thomas, Democrat, Ohio.

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Temperature at 3:30 today: 81. Wind from west at 14 hours: 11. Sun set last 4:40 hours: 5:11. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:43.

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