

...the only predictions you can believe are those made by the weatherman," says Eric Brandeis in his column today. He uses instruments. But for would-be experts on current events, the columnist has a suggestion. It's on Page 12-B.

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# OPS Moves To Set Ceiling Price On Raw Cotton REDS ATTACK IN NEW SECTOR

## Compromise Figure Is Discussed Would Encourage High Production

By STERLING F. GREEN  
WASHINGTON — Under hurry-up orders from Director Michael V. DiSalle, the Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) today prepared to put a ceiling on raw cotton high enough to appease Southern Senators but low enough to keep clothing prices within bounds.

DiSalle reportedly was convinced that a ceiling close to 45 cents a pound would be high enough to induce heavy cotton plantings even though far from the complete decontrol which cotton interests seek.

Sixteen cotton-state Senators Tuesday agreed to President Truman's proposed proposal, arguing that the removal of ceilings would stimulate production and thus shorten the market. The Government has asked for a 60 per cent increase in cotton output this year, to relieve the present shortage.

Trade sources report that OPS, Jan. 26 price order from some states as low as 40 cents and others as high as 47 cents, is said to favor giving ground on the lowest and rolling back the highest—but is definitely opposed to setting raw cotton ceilings entirely.

### EXCHANGES REVIVING

Meantime the country's commodity exchanges, many of which closed down after the big price freeze, showed signs of coming to life again, with some exchanges made effective by OPS today.

One of them, announced late yesterday, may set the pattern for the pending cotton order. It provides specific dollars-and-cents ceilings on cottonseed oil, soybean oil and corn oil.

The aim is to prevent further price boosts in margarine, salad oil and dressings and vegetable shortenings, for which the oils are the main raw material.

The ceiling fixed—22 1/2 cents a pound for cottonseed oil, 20 1/2 cents for crude soybean oil, and 24 1/2 cents for crude corn oil, a cent or two below the highest set earlier. It is a cent or two above the lowest.

"For the consumer, the net result will be the same prices," an OPS spokesman said. "For business, the ceilings will be a fair and equitable margin of profit."

Les certain were the results of several other OPS actions including:

1. Sugar was removed entirely from the price freeze, thus placing full reliance on the commodity on the Agriculture Department, which indirectly governs sugar prices by setting quotas on the amount of sugar which may be produced.

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## OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warm today, tonight and Wednesday. Sunrise, 7:11 A. M.; sunset, 6:44 P. M.

More Weather Data on Page 5-A

### THE LONG ROAD BACK

Right about now the thermometer is getting under way on its long uphill journey in most of the country. The cold front, which you can't notice it in—day weather, the average temperature is starting to creep slowly upward from its winter low point. It will continue to rise for the next five to six months, more rapidly in the Northern States than in the South. Even though there is still plenty of cold air about in large portions of the country, winter's back is broken, and each week brings warm weather a little nearer.

The physician also noted that the new type is bolder than the old, more energetic, and thus lessens the strain.

Another Charlotte oculist compared the new type with the old as soon as The News made the

### ANOTHER GRENADIER JOINS THE SUB PACK



The USS Grenadier, newest of the Navy's submarines with the snorkel breathing device, joins the fleet in commissioning ceremonies at the Boston Navy Yard. The original Grenadier was scuttled in the Indian Ocean after action with the Japanese. (Acme Telephoto.)

### Draft Boards Instructed

## Students Get Chance To Enlist

WASHINGTON — Selective

college students to enable them to have a chance to cover the

time in the service when they may cancel induction

orders for college and high school

students to attend and apply for the cancellation before school is out.

The students, in making a written application, must also

give written notice that they wish to be inducted into service of their choice.

Of Draft Director Lewis B. Hersey said the draft boards at the

time will grant a 30-day postponement period to students to commence at the end of the statutory postponement period, or on the last day of school.

Students now in high school or college have been given a blanketed postponement of induction until the end of the school term.

### SHOULD NOT DELAY

A Selective Service spokesman said students who have received notices to report for induction may apply for cancellation to order to enlist at any time, but would be wise not to wait until the very last day of the school term.

An order to report for induction may be issued to any such registrant who is found not to have entered active military service during the 30-day postponement period, Hersey said.

The instructions were contained in telegrams sent by Hersey to all state directors of Selective Service.

The telegrams summarized and explained the instructions previously issued regarding the privilege of students to enlist in the service at their school at the end of the current academic year.

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