

### Prices Soar, Consumers Sore, But Congress Just Loafed and Talked

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WASHINGTON—When the last of the three political conventions ended in Philadelphia, you could almost hear the cross-country sign of relief. "Well," it sighed, "thank goodness we don't have to go through that again for another four years."

You came wearily to Washington and what did you find. You found that all three national conventions had merely been moved to the Capitol, that's what you found.

So here you are stuck, with your vacation plans canceled, listening to the same old political speeches by the same old political hacks. The Republicans accuse the Democrats of "playing politics." Of course the Democrats are playing politics. Of course the Republicans are not playing politics. In a pig's eye, they're not.

Cockily confident they'll win the November election, the GOP leadership has openly embarked on a policy of delay and do-nothingism. The party line seems to be that everything is now just band-aid and the less that's done, the better Republican chances will be.

**Buncombe Exposed**  
House Majority Leader Charlie Halleck of Indiana gets on the air and says that the Republican tax cuts of this year reduced the price of everything we buy, "from a haircut to an automobile."

That was on the day your wife told you the price of round steak for grinding into hamburgers had gone up from \$1 a pound

to \$1.30. That was the day you went into a barber shop and they charged you \$1.25 for a haircut and 60 cents for a store shave, instead of the \$1.50 for the two, which was the standard price in Washington before Mr. Halleck's tax cut went into effect.

That was also the week in which General Motors announced it was raising the price of all automobiles eight per cent. Where do you get that stuff about your tax cut having reduced the price of everything from a haircut to an automobile, Mr. Halleck?

You would think that even a congressman could understand \$1.30 a pound hamburger and that something ought to be done about it. But no. When these masterminds get to considering the high cost of hamburger, they like to confuse it all up. So they say that the high cost of hamburger is not due to high-priced steers.

**Political Baloney**  
Instead, they start talking about stabilizing the dollar. They start talking about sterilizing the gold hoard and the debt. They talk about trade balances, export controls, and the need for having the United Kingdom revalue the pound sterling. They

### Breath of Life



(NEA Telephoto)  
Annastell Soule, nine-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Soule Jr. of San Francisco, is given oxygen by hospital attendants after her rescue from a flash fire which cost the life of her brother, Ward, 5. Parents had left the children with a baby sitter for the evening. Annastell and another brother, Peter, 2½, were rescued by firemen.

### Court Raps Brothel Madam, Mum On Names of Patrons

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Brenda Allen was ordered to jail yesterday but a judge refused to make public the contents of her "little black box" of patrons at her swank Hollywood Hills brothel. She's chic, red-headed and 30.

Said Municipal Judge Joseph L. Call of the card index, reported to contain the names of some 150 or more of Miss Allen's \$10-and-up customers: "I have found the names of many important screen and radio personalities and high business executives in this box. I believe it would be ruinous to them and their family lives if their names were made public." A policeman testified that Miss Allen, pert and modishly dressed, had told him she had been arrested 18 times "and never spent a day in jail."

**Tokyo Hit by Epidemic Of Sleeping Sickness**  
TOKYO, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Sleeping sickness cases in Tokyo almost doubled in the past 48 hours

with the total reaching 627 today. Eighty-one persons have died of the type B encephalitis sweeping the city. Approximately 200 cases outside of Tokyo have been reported. Allied headquarters at DDT squads to work in Tokyo.

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talk about controlling the volume and velocity of credit. And they start talking about raising the bank reserve and rediscount rates.

To the average hamburger consumer, if you take all these \$2 words and grind them up, what you get is not cheaper hamburger, but political baloney which, at \$2 a word, is pretty high.

But if the Republican leadership really thinks that changing the velocity of credit will bring down the price of hamburger, all right, why don't they pass 'em a new speed law to make it slow down? Everyone would be perfectly willing to give them full honors if such a law worked.

But, the way things look now, they aren't going to pass much of anything. Just talk. Talk politics. If that's all they do, they might as well go home now. And stay there. Good riddance. Don't come back. Let the voters elect a brand new bunch of congressmen in November and send them on to Washington next January, when it will be cool enough to think about changing the Federal Reserve rediscount rate, and trying to understand it without getting mad.

All that's wanted now is a simple little cut in the cost of hamburger, haircuts and automobiles. As for this crowd of congressmen who refuse to do anything about such matters now, phooey!

In reviewing cases of Navy and Marine Corps Personnel discharged during the war with less than honorable discharge, a Navy board has found that about one-third of those who requested a review are entitled to a better grade of discharge than they actually received. The Navy urges all with this type of discharge to request such reviews.

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