

Consumer Incomes Higher First Half Of 1949 Than In Same Period Of Last Year

By CHARLES MOLONY
WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Incomes of consumers ran 2.6 percent higher in the first half of this year than in the same period of 1948, when the boom

was in full swing. Retail buying power thus was fattened by the flow of income to people—as distinguished from corporations—at an annual rate of \$213,400,000,000 in the first six months of this year, commerce department figures showed. That was a record high.

The stream of cash was on the increase at mid-year, too, according to revised data from the department. Personal incomes rose in total from April through June after having bumped down from last December's peak annual rate of \$217,000,000,000 to a trough of \$212,400,000,000 in March. By June, the rate was back to \$213,500,000,000.

The main cause of an increase in the annual note of personal incomes from May to June was higher farm receipts due to disposal of a larger volume of crops—either on the market or in loans from the government.

Possibly of greater significance was the first increase in factory payrolls since last September. The steady decline in that interim had resulted from worker layoffs, which in turn showed up in increased unemployment. In June, the department said, wages rose in the non-durable goods industries and "steadied" in the durable group.

Another Commerce department report showed that the book value of business inventories had been

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Autos Used By Welfare Clients To Be Discussed

SALEM, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Representative county welfare commissioners will be invited to the August 24 meeting of the State Welfare commission, to obtain their views on the question of ownership of cars by welfare recipients. Loa Howard, State administrator; Mrs. Lee Patterson, commission vice chairman, and Gov. Douglas McKay have agreed.

In conference with the governor here this week, Miss Howard explained that the commission currently permits welfare recipients to own an automobile when other transportation is not obtainable or feasible and transportation is necessary for employment, for school attendance, to obtain food, water, fuel or medical care.

Complaints from taxpayers because welfare recipients drive cars aren't the only objections, she said. The welfare clients complain because of the restrictions, and she added "we are between the frying pan and the fire."

The governor praised the commission's decision to attempt to guarantee a \$50 monthly minimum to Oregon's senior citizens, indicating his belief the commission was "acting in accord with the wishes of the people as expressed through their legislative representatives."

Payments For Unemployment Boosted In July

SALEM, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Lumbering, construction and food processing were the industries responsible for more than half the initial claims that helped increase unemployment payments in Oregon during July to the highest midsummer total yet recorded, with the exception of July, 1946, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission reported today.

In 1946, commission spokesmen pointed out, veterans and war workers were looking for peacetime jobs. State benefits in July of this year reached \$809,013, an increase of 18.3 percent over June and more than double those paid for July a year ago.

Most of the three industries ordinarily reach their peak employment in midsummer, but this year their employees accounted for 41 percent of the July benefit checks. Construction and lumbering workers alone have received more benefits this year than all unemployed were paid for the same period of 1948.

Claims for the state's new 1949-50 benefit year reached \$31,533 early in August, compared with \$16,590 a year ago.

Whale Pursues Smelt Into The Rogue River

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Groups of fishermen at the mouth of the Rogue river were startled Tuesday to see a 60-foot whale barging up the stream in pursuit of a school of smelt. One of the witnesses was Drew Pearson of "I Predict" radio fame.

Ike Smith, Gold Beach fisherman for 47 years, stated that it was the first time in his knowledge that a whale had invaded the Rogue.

cut back about \$1,000,000,000 in June—chiefly by manufacturers and retailers—to an estimated total of \$31,579,000,000.

Some economists have dubbed the business downturn this year an "inventory recession."

In still another report, the commerce department said that publicly reported cash dividends paid by corporations were 13 percent higher in June than in the same month last year.

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Atty. Gen. Clark Unsifted For Seat On Supreme Bench, Former Aide Declares

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(AP)—O. John Rogge, a former assistant attorney general under Tom Clark, said Tuesday his former boss "has neither the stature, integrity nor ability" demanded of a supreme court justice.

Rogge, whose legal activities since he left the government led to sharp questioning, appeared before the Senate Judiciary committee in behalf of Henry Wallace's Progressive party.

The committee is considering President Truman's nomination of Clark to the high tribunal. Rogge had been allotted 20 minutes to testify. But he remained on the stand for more than an hour after launching a bitter attack on Clark's part in carrying out the administration's loyalty program.

Rogge called the lists of subversive organizations which Clark has issued under that program unconstitutional "black lists," intended to imply "guilty by association."

He said Clark had conducted a "loyalty witch-hunt" among federal employes until many Americans are "afraid to think for themselves."

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) interrupted to ask Rogge how he would have protected government secrets and confidential matters against subversives and Communists.

Rogge said he would assume that most Americans were loyal. "You are not that gullible," Ferguson told Rogge.

Six witnesses—including spokesman for four organizations Clark has listed as subversive—were waiting to testify when the committee wound up its morning session.

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Air Force Member Held In Killing Of Mother

CLEVELAND, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Battling back an angry crowd of about 150 persons, police early Wednesday took a 24-year-old air force member into custody for questioning in the killing of his widowed mother.

William Bucarich, 24, home on leave from the air force, was covered with blood and in tears when police arrested him on the stairway leading to his second-floor apartment home.

Neighbors a short time before had found his mother, Mrs. Mary Bucarich, 49, dying of a revolver bullet wound near her heart.

Police Lt. Jack Dudek said Bucarich claimed his revolver went off accidentally while he was showing it to his mother. The neighbors told Dudek they heard the young man quarreling with the widow just before the shot was fired.

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