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Monthly Living Costs Show Fractional Rise

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government reported today that living costs went up fractionally in the 30 days ended Oct. 15. Its index inched up one-tenth of one point. The little change from Sept. 15 means that about one million workers in the automobile and aircraft industries will take a pay cut of one cent an hour effective Dec. 1, owing to living cost declines in August and September. A cost-of-living clause in their union contract calls for a wage re-

ADM. ROBISON DIES

GLENDAL, Calif. (AP)—Adm. Samuel Shelburn Robison, 85, former commander in chief of the United States Fleet, died Thursday of a heart attack.

FROM NINE TO FIVE



Is that a good color to wear when you're asking for a raise?

CAPTAIN EASY



CHRIS WELKIN



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



LI'L ABNER



ALLEY OOP



BLONDIE



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New Mexico Way

HORIZONTAL

1 Capital of New Mexico is — Fe
6 New Mexico's official flower is the yucca
11 Plumes
13 Biological reproductive bodies
14 Form a notion
15 Father or mother
16 Diminutive of Edgar
17 Organ of hearing
19 African fly (var.)
20 To cut
22 Priority (prefix)
23 Equal
24 Snare
26 Fondle
28 Aeriform fuel
30 Eastern state (ab.)
31 Ignited
32 Salt
33 Amphitheaters
36 Personal (ab.)
39 Eras
40 Disenumber
42 Tissue
44 War god
45 Three-part (comb. form)
46 President Coolidge
47 Dispassionate
50 New Mexico's population is largely Mexican

VERTICAL

1 Twirls
2 Ferid
3 Requirer
4 Beverage
5 Social insect
6 Health resort
7 Rocky
8 Rugged mountain crests
9 Tautens
10 Natural fa.
12 Percolate slowly
13 Scatters
18 Circle part
21 Birds of prey
23 Little ball
25 Ache
27 Harvest
29 Began
33 Conceder
34 Peruser
35 Courtesy title
37 Enumerate
38 Drool
39 Bridal path
41 Eat
43 Watchful
48 Exist
49 Scatter, as hay
51 Fourth
Arabian caliph
52 Light brown

Answer to Previous Puzzle

RED JANE PINK
AGE IVAN BRIE
TRA JEANANING
GUTER KAPES
HIS EVIL
BALA ALAS PIP
ALERTS PELINA
PAPER KENERGY
END NETS AVER
GOTH EYE
LEARN KERVER
EXCESSIVE TAN
SIKE OVEN EGO
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Gigantic Task Confronts New Sec. Of Defense

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON (AP)—Charles Erwin Wilson's comment about giving the defense secretary job the "darndest whirl it ever had" can work both ways.

The job has given four men a whirl in the last four years.

Wilson was named yesterday as President-elect Eisenhower's selection as the next secretary of defense. That the president of General Motors faces a tough assignment is shown by the fact that:

The first secretary resigned and, broken by the immense burden of his job, committed suicide.

The second one was fired.

The third one, a soldier by profession, dutifully served out his assignment for a year, then resigned.

Even the gigantic General Motors Corp., which Wilson heads and which, at Eisenhower's request he is leaving to come to Washington, is dwarfed by the proportions of the business he will manage as defense chief.

There is a noteworthy aspect to Wilson's job change: A much bigger job produces a much smaller pay check. The general impression is that his 1951 salary and bonuses totaled about \$626,300. He'll get \$22,500 from the federal government—and no bonus.

Of all the executive agencies of government, the Defense Department is the largest, the costliest, the most complex, the most technical. Decisions made by a defense secretary can be important in how a battle is fought and how men die.

The number of persons who work under the Defense Department and its armed forces approaches the five-million mark—3,600,000 of whom are in the armed forces, the others civilian employees in the farflung enterprises of the military establishment.



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